

## **HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD**

### **MINUTES**

**April 17, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.**

**City Hall Council Chambers**

#### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Meeting was called to order at 4:58 p.m. by Chair Stephanie Sackett-Converse

#### **ATTENDANCE:**

HSAB members in attendance: Stephanie Sackett-Converse, Maria Reichert, Linda Rabb, Julia Ubbenga and Joel Nunn. Also in attendance: staff liaison Maureen Burwell and Police Officer Amanda Reeves.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. January 16, 2019

**NUNN MOVED TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 16, 2019, MEETING MINUTES. UBBENGA SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

#### **PRESENTATION:**

1. Amanda Reeves, Enumclaw Police Department's School Resource Officer  
Officer Reeves gave a brief overview of the new program, School Resource Officer (SRO), a partnership between Enumclaw Police Department and Enumclaw School District. She received training and shadowed the Puyallup SRO before she began the new position. She is responsible for Kindergarten through 12th grade: one high school, two middle schools and five grade schools. She spends most of her time at Enumclaw High School as that is where the most incidents occur and the need for her is greatest. She noted that her primary job is not to arrest students when they've committed a crime; her primary job is to educate and create a bridge between the students and the police. She has established a good rapport with many of the students, but it has taken some time.

Board members asked various questions regarding the students, the SRO position and the culture at the high school and middle schools. The discussion included:

- Depending on the specific situation, the SRO officer can be another resource for students in crisis. She can be an impromptu counselor/coach/teacher, and has different options available that can complement staff members of the district.
- She is able to share knowledge with students and teachers, such as that CPS will not automatically take a child from a home. They are tasked with keeping families together and will work toward a solution.
- Vaping is something common found in both the middle schools and the high school. She and the school administration are trying to address this by educating students and keeping the schools tobacco free.
- Mental health is a rising problem in the schools. Law enforcement has the option to involuntarily commit a person if they are suicidal, could harm themselves or others.
- Marijuana use is also a concern at the secondary schools; students take it for anxiety or as a recreational drug.
- There is an open campus at Enumclaw High School, which can provide opportunity for

truancy or violating traffic laws.

- There are no gangs in Enumclaw; some students have said they have ties, however, it was not verifiable.
- There have been bb guns and air soft guns at the schools.
- The SRO typically does not arrest students for criminal behavior; an officer on patrol in the City is called for this purpose. This allows the SRO to maintain a good rapport with the other students.
- Student fights and bullying are concerns, along with anger issues. Many students are simply testing their boundaries.

The Board also discussed homelessness; how Amanda is contacted for concerns of teachers or school staff members; IEPs (Individualized Education Plans); and the hypothesis of a correlation between marijuana use and suicide.

Stephanie thanked Amanda for taking the time to inform the Board of the SRO program; and noted that the passion she has for the job is apparent. Amanda, in turn, thanked the Board for inviting her.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Schedule for Human Service Funding Applications.

Maureen detailed last year's schedule:

- Mid-July – announcements on website and in Courier Herald
- August 8 – applications due
- Week prior to August 15 - PDFs of applications e-mailed to Board members
- August 21 – HSAB meeting to review applications
- September meeting cancelled as decisions on recommended funding were made at August meeting

There was Board consensus that the basic schedule will be similar to last year with the applications due a week later, by August 15, as this year's August meeting is Wednesday, 8/21.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 21, 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**REICHERT MOVED TO ADJOURN. RABB SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen J. Burwell  
Staff Liaison

Date Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_