CITY OF LIVERMORE
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

Tuesday, March 12, 2013
Meeting Minutes

Members Present	Members Excused	Staff Present
Tracy Scheihing, Chair	Rob Durrant	Jean Prasher, Human Services Manager
David George, Vice Chair		Sheryl Jenkins, Senior Clerk
Barbara Bianchi Kai		
Don Meeker		
Wendy Weathers		
Julie Schnitter		
Joanne Horgan		
Sherry Ramirez		

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1) CALL to ORDER and ROLL CALL

Chairperson Scheihing called the March 12, 2013 meeting of the Livermore Human Services Commission to order at 7:08 p.m.

2) APPROVAL of MINUTES

2.1 Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2013, Human Services Commission Meeting

ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BIANCHI KAI AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GEORGE TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 12, 2013, HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

VOTE:
AYES: **CHAIR SCHEIHING, COMMISSIONERS GEORGE, BIANCHI KAI, MEEKER, WEATHERS, HORGAN, AND SCHNITTER**
NOES: **NONE**
ABSTAIN: **COMMISSIONER RAMIREZ**
ABSENT: **COMMISSIONER DURRANT**

3) OPEN FORUM

None.

4) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

5) NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Housing and Human Services Grant Program Funding Recommendations to City Council.

Jean Prasher announced recent notification from Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that due to the sequester, the City's entitlement funding will be cut by 5% for FY 2013-14. Overall, the City's CDBG allocation has been reduced by 33% since FY2010-11. Ms. Prasher provided a chart to Commissioners and the audience reflecting the reduction of funding over the past four fiscal years as well as a chart showing Staff funding recommendations for FY 2013-14.

Staff funding recommendations was based on the scores provided by the Commissioners' along with how the agencies were spending down their FY 2012-13 funding. Ms. Prasher stated HUD encourages funding be diversely spread to cover the various needs throughout our community.

Chair Scheihing opened the floor to from the audience for brief presentations.

Penny Andersen and Kara Carnahan from Abode Services made a presentation to the Commission. Ms. Andersen spoke about the grant submittals for the Project Independence and Housing Scholarship programs. She commented they had a good bit of funds carried over from Project Independence due to the difficulty in finding affordable housing for transitional youth. She stated, at this time, there is only one apartment complex in Livermore who provides units under the fair market rate.

Ms. Andersen said Housing Scholarship has typically spent down the housing dollars over the past several years. She added no funding for case management is expected to be carried over this year, only subsidy funds. Ms. Andersen stated they will spend down $60,000 carryover of rental subsidy money by May. She added the recommended funding for FY 2013-14 is a bit under what is needed to fund both programs at the present rate.

Alison DeYoung, Deputy Director, Eden I&R, described the agency's information and referral services. Ms. DeYoung added two years ago the management team voluntarily took a 5% pay cut to avoid any staff layoffs. She added they are increasing some targeted outreach in the Tri-Valley, therefore anticipating a higher volume of calls. Ms. DeYoung urged the Commission and Staff to reconsider funding the 2-1-1 program.

Commissioner Weathers asked Ms. DeYoung when FY 2012-2013 funding will be spent down. Ms. DeYoung replied the funds would be spent down by end of this fiscal year.

Marlene Petersen, Senior Support Services of the Tri-Valley, was present and thanked Commissioners and Staff for their support over the years. She stated they are at 50% of spending down their funding.

Ms. Petersen added they will experience a large cutback of funding from the sequester for the Older Americans Act. She spoke of the ever-increasing need of seniors in the Tri-Valley as funds decrease but realizes everyone is affected by funding cutbacks.

Michael Galvan, Program Director, Community Resources for Independent Living (CRIL), was present and thanked the Commission and Staff for their support. Mr. Galvan shared how their program continues to expand services such as their new leadership training program, even though funds are contracting.

Mr. Galvan stated in response to the Tri-Valley Needs Assessment, they are expanding their work with the Hindu Temple in Livermore. The Health Fair at the Hindu Temple included CRIL, ECHO, along with providing flu shots, vouchers for dental care and many other services. Mr. Galvan said they hope to expand their services at the next Health Fair. He added another service they are working on is expanding transportation to the Tri-Valley for their clients. Mr. Galvan reported most of their clients are receiving SSI benefits and have a monthly income of $800-$1,000 per month.

Mr. Galvan stated they have cut back on staff through attrition, not layoffs. He added although they are not expanding their staff, they are increasing their volunteers.

Marjorie Rocha, Executive Director, Eden Council for Hope and Opportunity (ECHO), was present and thanked the City of Livermore for their moral and financial support in the past and present. Ms. Rocha spoke about the housing counseling services ECHO provides.

ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER GEORGE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MEEKER TO ACCEPT STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HUMAN SERVICES PUBLIC SERVICE AND CAPITAL FUNDING, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ABODE SERVICES, OPEN HEART KITCHEN, AND SPECTRUM, MEALS ON WHEELS.
VOTE:
AYES: CHAIR SCHEIHING, AND COMMISSIONERS MEEKER, GEORGE, WEATHERS, DURRANT, SCHNITTER, HORGAN, AND RAMIREZ
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER DURRANT

ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER GEORGE AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MEEKER TO ACCEPT STAFF RECOMMENDATION OF CAPITAL FUNDING FOR ABODE SERVICES, COMBINED TBRA PROGRAMS (PROJECT INDEPENDENCE AND HOUSING SCHOLARSHIP).

VOTE:
AYES: CHAIR SCHEIHING, COMMISSIONERS BIANCHI KAI, MEEKER, GEORGE, WEATHERS, HORGAN, AND RAMIREZ
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONER SCHNITTER
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER DURRANT

ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER GEORGE AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MEEKER TO ACCEPT STAFF RECOMMENDATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE FUNDING FOR OPEN HEART KITCHEN, MEAL PROGRAM.

VOTE:
AYES: CHAIR SCHEIHING, COMMISSIONERS BIANCHI KAI, MEEKER, GEORGE, WEATHERS, HORGAN, AND RAMIREZ
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONER SCHNITTER
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER DURRANT

ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER GEORGE AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BIACHI KAI TO ACCEPT STAFF RECOMMENDATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE FUNDING FOR SPECTRUM COMMUNITY SERVICES, MEALS ON WHEELS.

VOTE:
AYES: CHAIR SCHEIHING, COMMISSIONERS BIANCHI KAI, MEEKER, GEORGE, WEATHERS, SCHNITTER, AND RAMIREZ
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONER HORGAN
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER DURRANT

6) MATTERS INITIATED BY COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

Jean Prasher shared Axis Community Health is hosting a fundraising event, April Fools 5k Walk/Run, on April 7, 2013 at 9:00 am in Pleasanton. She invited the Commission to join Staff in forming a team to participate in the event.

Commissioner Weathers spoke about Assurance Wireless, a federal Lifeline Assistance program through Virgin Mobile. She added enrollment is available to individuals who qualify based on federal or state-specific eligibility criteria.

7) AGENDA BUILDING

None.

8) ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER GEORGE AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BIANCHI KAI TO ADJOURN THE HSC MEETING AT 8:35 P.M. TO THE APRIL 9, 2013 HUMAN SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE MULTI-SERVICE CENTER LOCATED AT 3311 PACIFIC AVENUE AT 7:00 P.M.

VOTE:
AYES: CHAIR SCHEIHING, COMMISSIONERS GEORGE, BIANCHI KAI, MEEKER, WEATHERS, HORGAN, SCHNITTER, AND RAMIREZ
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER DURRANT