

HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION
Minutes of Special Meeting
February 8, 2014

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Commissioners Present: Michael Winkler, Terilyn Rogers, Karen Roy Guglielmo, James Purnell, Bill Fox

Commissioners Absent: Bill Campbell

Staff Liaisons Present: Marina Rodriguez, VSS and Alan Slobodien, VYS

Agency Interviews were held as follows:

- Connecticut Legal Services

Joelen Gates, Esq. and Linda Spada, Comptroller, answered questions and addressed the concerns or issues that were raised. Discussion focused on funding sources and level of funding from Vernon and others, types and number of cases that it handles from Vernon, and agency identity. They emphatically explained that the Greater Hartford Legal Aid and New Haven Legal Assistance Association are not affiliated with them; those other agencies are separate entities and are not Connecticut Legal Services.

- Hockanum Valley Community Council

David Engelson, Chief Executive Officer, and David Fowler, Finance Officer, explained the programs included in the application, answered questions and addressed concerns. Discussion focused on funding sources and level of funding from Vernon and others, allocation remaining the same for years as operational costs have increased, increased demand for services, pursuing third party reimbursement (e.g. Medicaid, Medicare, private insurance) for mental health/counseling program, and potential reimbursement for services under the Affordable Health Care Act.

Review of Grant Applications and Funding Recommendations

The Mayor requested that the Commission hold the bottom line at a maximum limit of \$234,449. Commissioner Purnell moved to accept the Mayor's request to hold the total amount for Human Services at a maximum limit of \$234,449 for FY 2014-15; Commissioner Winkler seconded; motion passed unanimously. The Commission reviewed the grant applications in detail and deliberated on proposed allocations.

The Commission agreed on funding recommendations to the Mayor as follows:

• Community Child Guidance Clinic	\$5,500
• CT. Legal Services	\$2,000
• KidSafe	\$8,000
• Interval House	\$2,500
• HVCC	\$180,000
• Hockanum Valley School Readiness	\$4,000
• MARC	\$4,000
• NCRMHB	0
• Shelter Services	
Tri Town Shelter	\$2,500
Cornerstone	\$3,700
Family Placements	\$1,000
• Tri County ARC	\$7,000
• VNA	\$12,249
• YW Sexual Assault Services	\$2,000
 TOTAL	 \$234,449

Commissioner Winkler moved to approve the above recommendations to the Mayor; Commissioner Purnell seconded; motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by
Marina Rodriguez