CONVENE PUBLIC MEETING

The meeting began at 1:00 p.m.

Introduction/Attendees:

  Committee Members:
  John Hutchings, Chair
  Faith Trimble, Chair
  Joan Cathey, City of Tumwater
  Renata Rollins, City of Olympia
  John O’Callahan, City of Tenino
  Alan Vanell for Alan Carr, Town of Bucoda
  JW Foster, City of Yelm
  Chris Wells, United Way
  Ron Bruchet, United Way

  Other Attendees:
  Carolyn Cox, City of Lacey
  Paul Larsen, United Way

  Thurston County Staff:
  Gary Aden
  Tom Webster

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the May meeting were approved.

The agenda for the meeting was approved.
**Updates:**

There was no June Meeting.

Commission Hutchings talked about the follow up to the discussion from last year of the funding process and the route of housing dollars before it gets to the BoCC for eventual approval. Finalizing the process is still in discussion and further meetings are needed before the approved process for deciding how to allocate the housing dollars is announced.

Tom provided a status update of contracts and decisions made in May. By July 1, 2018, contract and contract amendments had been sent out to the 2018 CIP grantees. The multiyear grantees that have been renewed have contract amendments to extend contract for a year. Basic needs contracts have been sent out and are being returned and signed and begin July 1, 2018. Basic needs contracts from last year expired on June 30, 2018. We have requested all grantees from 2017 submit one year reports and they should be returned by the end of this week and ready for review at the August meeting.

The group responded to Alan’s question regarding the Together program funding and the basis for the decision to reduce its second year of funding. Alan recalled that the decision was related to Together’s slow spending in the first six-month period. Other members clarified that the funding decision was not directly tied to spending levels, but because Together had the largest grant. Gary pointed out the reports regarding the year end spend-down are not ready, but will bring them to the next meeting.

3) **Setting the Stage for 2019 Funding**

a) **What worked and didn’t work in 2018**

CIP is starting year three of a three-year multi-year grants cycle. Faith asked the group to reflect on the recently completed 2018 funding process and to consider what worked well or could be improved upon for future funding rounds.

Alan liked the ZoomGrants scoring process.

Faith shared that United Way has been reflecting with its internal board on their responsibility to donors and board. Their concerns are being able to be responsible to its donors, raise money and report to donors how that money is being spent. Faith laid the foundation for where United Way will go in the future and how it will stay sustainable, ushering in Results Based Accountability. She stated that United Way will be establishing a new funding and revenue infrastructure.

Paul described the Results Based Accountability (RBA) framework, which have two sub-
frameworks; population accountability and program accountability. Program Accountability is how different agencies will work towards the population accountability goal and the training that will happen community wide to teach the framework and improve the items in the community that we wish to change.

Chris laid out in more detail the vision of where United Way is heading. She stated that every United Way works to on the priorities of health, education, and financial stability. She also described ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) as a way of gathering data, identifying needs, and measuring change in a community. ALICE looks at the numbers of people working in the community who are employed, possibly have multiple jobs, are above federal poverty levels but are not able to survive in their community.

To meet its ambitious goals, United Way, under RBA, and using ALICE, is looking to “turn the curve” under its three priority areas. In order to do so, and to meet its fiduciary responsibility to its donors, United Way will be ramping up its own process for awarding and managing grant awards. United Way is committed to the multi-year grants and sees no change in the CIP process in 2019. However, it is developing a parallel ramp up for allocating United Way funds beginning in 2020. Although United Way will govern the allocation of its own resources, it will do so in collaboration with other funders.

Discussion ensued that clarified that United Way will not be co-mingling its funds with HHSC funds after the 2019 funding cycle. United Way is interested in sharing priorities with the HHSC and continuing priority discussions.

Faith also clarified that United Way is proposing that United Way will need and want to hold its own grant application and review process. United Way would invite the HHSC, if it is willing and interested, to participate in the United Way grant-cycle process. Discussion followed about how the HHSC could participate, the legality of municipalities and the county providing funds to the United Way, and other logistical options. Chris indicated that there are multiple options for how the HHSC could participate in the United Way process and it is up to the HHSC to decide how they want to proceed.

John indicated that the Prosecuting Attorney, Jon Tunheim, has indicated that his staff can examine any legal questions, when the HHSC is ready.

**b) Review proposed 2019 timeline**

Gary and Tom provided a tentative Timeline for the Funding Cycle for 2019:

The decision was made regarding the next meeting on August 8, 2018. The full CIP board and United Way will meet to review the 2018 12-month report (reports will be made available before the meeting); United Way will leave; HHSC will meet and discuss the agenda. Each portion will be allotted 30 minutes each. After the meeting, Joan and Chris will meet. The meeting after that will be in September and the agenda will be planned at a later time.
4) Funders Conference Update and Scheduling

Discussion took place regarding the Funders Conference that was cancelled and rescheduled for October 2018 and the planning needed to prepare.

Motion: John made a motion to change the date of the Funders Conference. Discussion took place and comments were heard from each member regarding the proposal. It was agreed with 2 in disagreement that the meeting will be held in 2019 and the board will continue the conversation on when to do it, who will host it and how to make it work to the best of their capabilities and make it successful.

ADJOURN:

The meeting adjourned at 3PM

Next CIP Meeting:
August 13, 2018
1:00pm to 3:00pm
Conference Room 280