



**COMMUNITY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Advisory Board Meeting and Public Hearing Minutes**  
**THURSDAY – October 5, 2017**  
**Lakewood City Hall Council Chambers**  
**6000 Main Street SW, Lakewood, WA**

**ATTENDANCE**

Board Members Present: Sharon Taylor, Edith Owen Wallace, Mumbi Ngari-Turner, Michael Lacadie, Kathleen Lind, and Laurie Maus

Board Members Excused: Paul Calta and DeeAnn Harris

Council Liaison Excused: Councilmember Marie Barth

Youth Council Excused: Natalee Cruz and Elisa Sagisi

City Staff Present: Jeff Gumm, Martha Larkin and Karmel Shields

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Chair Sharon Taylor called the Public Hearing to order at 6:02 p.m.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

All members of the Community Services Advisory Board and Staff introduced themselves.

Ms. Taylor, Chair of the Community Services Advisory Board (CSAB), explained the need for citizen input in developing funding strategies for the FY 2018 Annual Action Plan and 2018-19 Human Services funding allocations. She noted that each year the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development requires the City of Lakewood to prepare a One Year Action Plan to receive federal funding addressing housing, community and economic development, and human service's needs. She stated that citizen input will be used by the Lakewood City Council in drafting funding strategies for allocating CDBG and HOME funding that is to be used to benefit low and moderate income citizens of Lakewood. Additionally, input will be used as the CSAB and Council move forward with the development of 2019-2020 Human Services funding strategies.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dr. David Lar – Community Health Care (CHC)

Dr. Lar stated that the CHC provides healthcare and vaccines for economically challenged children and explained that they are seeing increased obesity, anxiety, need for mental health services and opioid addiction. He thanked the Board for their past support in providing solutions to these challenges. He asked for the City's continued support to make the city healthy, vibrant and successful.

Ms. Kim Taylor – Operations Director – Rebuilding Together South Sound (RTSS)

Ms. Taylor spoke about the importance of maintaining safe and healthy homes for all citizens. She said the programs RTSS offers were quite often the only assistance options for persons living in mobile homes and persons with little or no equity in their homes. Ms. Taylor stated that RTSS had served 85 low income Lakewood households. She asked that the City continue its support of their organization.

Russ Sondker – Community Health Care (CHC)

Mr. Sondker thanked the City for their continued support. He stated that CHC has served the community for 30 years. In Lakewood, through Project ACCESS, federal funds are used for mental health services and

also for dental services. The Lakewood clinic provides medical and dental for patients with or without insurance on a sliding scale, and that no one is turned away for inability to pay.

Diane Formoso – Caring for Kids

Ms. Formoso stated that 99% of their work is conducted in Lakewood where 9,100 kids receive free or reduced price lunches in school. Caring for Kids provided 1,650 backpacks to schools this year. In the first 3 days of school, they provided 151 kids with school supplies and filled 30 clothing bank orders. She went on to state the importance of continued funding of the program.

Tiffany Bass, DDS – Community Health Care (CHC)

Ms. Bass is a dentist at Community Health Care. She discussed barriers kids receiving health care and how CHC is working with the Health Department to conduct dental screenings in schools. She thanked the Board for supporting CHC.

Wally Roarke – Caring for Kids

Ms. Roarke expressed concern that the City of Lakewood is granting funds to Tacoma organizations and asked why there were cuts to Lakewood organizations. She asked Ms. Shields to provide the numbers of Lakewood citizens served to her and insisted on having a date/time when the information would be provided. Mr. Gumm offered to meet with Ms. Roarke and provide her with information regarding human services funding and outcomes achieved.

Helen McGovern-Pilant – Emergency Food Network (EFN)

Ms. McGovern-Pilant provided statistics on the numbers of visits and meals provided by Lakewood foodbanks. She read a letter of thanks from the Bread of Life food bank and stated that the need is increasing annually, with a 30% increase in seniors needing food. She discussed types of highly nutritious and ethnically diverse foods they provide, which now includes dairy and more recently, nopales (flat, oval shaped cactus stems).

Chris Barrans – Pierce County AIDS Foundation (PCAF)

Ms. Barrans stated that PCAF serves HIV/AIDS population with case management, access to insurance, medical care, and medicine. She thanked the City for its past support of the program.

Christie Flynn/Stella Kemper – Lakewood Computer Clubhouse

Ms. Flynn introduced Ms. Kemper, VISTA volunteer taking position of Clubhouse Coordinator. She stated that transportation is an issue for students and that in order to make it more convenient, they have re-opened the Lochburn clubhouse. She is also working to bring kids to Pierce College clubhouse on Fridays.

Rosealo Chavez – Tacoma Community House

Ms. Chavez stated that Tacoma Community House serves immigrants and refugees. Most of their staff is bilingual and they provide assistance in dealing with the welfare system. They partner with attorneys for immigration, civil cases (family law) and general assistance for mental health and well-being. She stated that 14% of their clients are Lakewood residents.

Sue Potter – Nourish (formerly FISH) Food Bank

Ms. Potter explained that they have been present in Lakewood for nearly 40 years. They provide consistent service and the funds they receive provide for a staff person to provide operating support. They have served more than 15,000 individuals this year. They track services by zip code and have experienced a growing population of homeless clients. She thanked the City for their past support.

Mr. Gomer Roseman – Director of Site Development & Construction – Tacoma-Pierce County Habitat for Humanity

Mr. Roseman discussed Habitat's construction progress in the Tillicum neighborhood. He said that Habitat has constructed 28 homes in Tillicum to date, has 8 homes under construction and 4 more will be started in spring. Mr. Roseman thanked the City for its support and partnership. He talked about a grant Habitat

received from Lowe's Home Improvement store. He described the real tangible impact their work has had on the neighborhood.

Janne Hutchins – Living Access Support Alliance (LASA)

Ms. Hutchins described how they used City funding to hire a part-time coordinator help with the fast growing homeless population. She thanked the Board for their continued support of LASA.

Karen Siegrist – Lindquist Dental Clinic

Ms. Siegrist stated that the clinic serves children age 0 – 20 yrs. regardless of their ability to pay, impacting lives through improving emotional health and self-esteem by fixing teeth. She thanked the City for their past support.

Ms. Rosemary Kaiser – Vice President, Board of Directors – Tillicum Community Center

Ms. Kaiser discussed the services the Center provides to the residents of the Tillicum and Woodbrook neighborhoods. She stated the Center is currently operating without an executive director. She discussed the Center's current operational schedule and the services the Center is attempting to maintain. Funding for the Center has been provided mainly through private donations and local support. Ms. Kaiser stated that the Center has a donation available to assist with IRS repayment. She asked what they would need to do in order to have City of Lakewood funding restored.

Michelle Woo - OASIS

OASIS Center serves the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning (LGBTQ) population. They will serve 900 youth (16% Lakewood) this year. The Center serves LGBTQ and HIV clients with a 24 hr. crisis line and center activities outside of school hours. Ms. Woo thanked the City for its support.

Leanne Noren – Community Health Care (CHC) ACCESS Program

CHC is the largest referrer to ACCESS. They make a medical "match" for low-income, uninsured patients. Ms. Noren thanked the Board for their support.

David O'Keefe – Communities in Schools Lakewood (CISL)

Mr. O'Keefe stated that CISL has site coordinators in high need Lakewood schools to work with kids. They mentor, tutor, and provide after-school programs. CISL collaborates with approximately 20 partners in order to maximize services.

Kevin Glackin-Coley – St. Leo's Food Connection

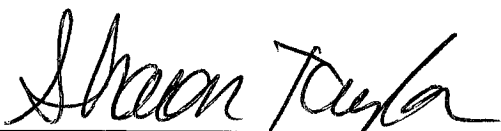
Mr. Glackin-Coley talked about the Springbrook Mobile Food Bank serving 125-150 households every Saturday. They feed kids all summer and also provide 2 days of food in backpacks for kids to take home on weekends. They also serve kids on JBLM. He said they are grateful for the support.

**OTHER**

The next meeting of the CDBG Citizens Advisory Board is scheduled for Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. – Mt. Rainier Conference Room – 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no one else who wished to speak, the Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.



Sharon Taylor, Chair



Date