

**CITY OF OLYMPIA
SPECIAL STUDY SESSION
Minutes
February 7, 2012**

PRESENT: Mayor Stephen Buxbaum, Councilmembers Steve Langer, Julie Hankins, Karen Rogers, Nathaniel Jones, and Jim Cooper. Mayor Pro Tem Jeannine Roe was excused.

UPDATE ON COUNTYWIDE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES PLANNING COMMITTEE

City Manager Steve Hall stated that purpose of the discussion was to update the Council on the work of the newly formed Thurston County Health and Human Services Planning Committee (HHSPC) and seek direction for the Council's representative and City Manager about the City's participation in the Committee.

Timeline

Mr. Hall stated that the Committee members include the City of Olympia, City of Lacey, City of Tumwater, and Thurston County. The mission of the committee is:

1. Replace the Human Services Review Council (HSRC)
2. Set priorities regionally
3. Simplify the application and funding processes
4. Coordinate funding sources
5. Centralize decision-making authority
6. Create better assessment and measurement tools

Mr. Hall then provided an overview of the timeline for the committee's work. He stated that the committee will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. They are planning to complete their work and make recommendations to member jurisdictions by June 30, 2012.

POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCES

Possible funding sources outlined by Mr. Hall included:

- Current member HSRC allocations
- County HOME funds
- County Recording Fee funds
- City of Olympia Entitlement Block Grant funds
- CDBG Competitive Grants
- Treatment Sales Tax Funds
- Veteran's Fund
- Private sources, such as United Way

Mr. Hall stated that these are just ideas at this point and will need further work and refinement through the Committee's Work Plan.

Work Plan

In terms of work plan, Mr. Hall stated that the Committee will review funding source options, history and constraints, identify common elements of funding sources, including alternatives for the coordination of funding, identify alternatives for priority setting, look at alternatives for soliciting proposals and awarding funds, and identifying alternatives for centralized monitoring and reporting.

Councilmember Cooper brought up the concept of how we are really talking about better coordination to support human potential. Getting better organized now in terms of clear priorities, efficient administration, and measurable outcomes could lead to a more formal organization such as LOTT in the future.

Council provided some preliminary guidance and thoughts on funding sources, alternative methods to consider, and essential outcomes.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.