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Subject: LCS Milestones

Mr. Loring Henderson  
Director  
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Dear Loring:

I am following up to my comments made last week in the City Commission meeting regarding establishing milestones over the period of the recently approved 3-year SUP that was approved.

First, I want to say that these are my opinions and do not necessarily represent those of other commissioners. However, I wanted you to understand my thinking about the 3-year SUP and my hopes for LCS in the future.

I am copying this e-mail to the other commissioners as well as Shirley Martin-Smith who is chairing the Community Commission on Homelessness (CCH) in order for them to understand my position on the topic.

I believe we can all agree that the current location at 944 Kentucky is not desirable in the long-term. My hope is that LCS will begin moving forward on possible alternatives as soon as possible, but I recognize this will take time and effort to accomplish.

These are the milestones I have in my mind regarding the next few years:

6 Months (October, 2007) - Have a recommendation about the role LCS will play in conjunction with the report from the CCH due this summer. I believe this report will bring focus to the issue and help develop a long-term strategy to address needs.

I believe the plan should define the outcomes that LCS is dedicated to producing as stated in the mission statement to " ..... provide a path to positive future for people experiencing homelessness .....":

12 Months (April, 2008) - Have a fundraising plan developed that will meet the goals set in your funding plan from information you gave to me during the campaign. This should include both a plan for ongoing operations and the capital plan for a facility that is not at the current location at 944 Kentucky.

I think the plan as presented may need to be rethought if the focus of LCS changes based on the CCH report. However, I believe your desire to provide more outreach is excellent.

The plan should be developed anticipating that funding from the City will not likely expand much beyond the current commitment. Based on the number of competing priorities we have for City resources, I am not convinced that our commitment to LCS can expand much beyond the current

level. In my mind, it is prudent to pursue private funding sources aggressively as well as other public funding sources in order to ensure that your vision for LCS is accomplished in the community.

18 Months (October, 2008) - Monitor progress on fundraising and alternate site selection. By this point we should have a very clear idea about the facility type, size and cost. I am confident that the community will get an expanded vision of the opportunity to serve people in need within Lawrence.

24 Months (April, 2009) - The goal in my mind is to have a recommendation on a new location. It is clear to me that this will be a long transition based on the processes necessary to secure a new location along with the necessary time within the City.

30 Months - (October, 2009) - The goal should be to have acquired the new location and begin equipping it for relocation. I would guess that you will have an overlap period where programs are being run at two locations.

36 Months - (April, 2010) - Vacate the 944 Kentucky site and be in the new location exclusively.

I appreciate the commitment that you and all the volunteers at LCS have to moving people from homelessness to housing, employment and health care. I was impressed with the comments made last week by volunteers, and I look forward to further discussions about our needs in the community.

Sincerely,

Rob Chestnut