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City of Lawrence
Social Service Funding Advisory Board Meeting
August 28, 2018 Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Burdett Loomis, Ranelle Fischer, Alice Lieberman,
Steven Davis, Galenea Miller, Lea Roselyn

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Casey Toomay, Assistant City Manager; Danielle
Buschkoetter, Strategic Projects Manager

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

Call to Order

Loomis called the meeting to order at 9:01am.

Approve Minutes

A motion to approve minutes from May 22, 2018 was made by Lieberman and seconded by Miller. The motion passed 5-0.

Housing & Credit Counseling Inc. Correction

Buschkoetter updated the Board that there was an error in the May 17, 2018 minutes regarding Housing & Credit Counseling Inc.'s application for funding. The minutes indicated that the City funds 81% of a position when it should have stated that it is 81% of the program costs.

Recommending Additional Special Alcohol Funds

Buschkoetter outlined the City budget process and highlighted that during the budget, the City Commission approved an additional \$37,000 for the Social Service Funding Advisory Board to have for their Special Alcohol Fund recommendations.

Fischer arrived at the meeting.

The Board expressed their gratitude for the additional funds, noting that many of the agencies could certainly use a greater level of funding. Davis asked the Board if they could work from the assumption that they want to use the original recommendation as a base and just figure out where to add funds. The Board indicated that was how they wanted to proceed.

Roselyn noted that when she was looking at how to allocate the additional funds, her priority was on the agencies that most directly aligned with the purpose of the funds. She recommended adding a majority of the funds to DCCCA First Steps to make their part-time position a full-time position as requested by DCCCA.

Lieberman noted that her recommendation would be to give a little more to several different organizations which would mean they are not able to move that part-time position to a full-time position. Miller added that increasing DCCCA's funding to that level would mean they would not have funds to impact other organizations.

Roselyn noted that the rationale for her recommendation was to make the largest impact and she believed that moving that DCCCA position to full-time would achieve that even if it would only impact one agency.

Loomis noted that because this recommendation would comprise much of the additional funds it needed to be decided first before looking at other agencies. A motion to add \$31,000 to fund DCCCA First Steps was made by Loomis and seconded by Roselyn. The motion failed 2-4 with Loomis, Lieberman, Fischer, and Miller in opposition.

Loomis noted that with that decision made, the Board was now able to determine what level of increase they deemed most appropriate given the additional funds.

A motion to recommend the following funding levels to the City Commission for Special Alcohol Funds was made by Davis and seconded by Fischer. The motion passed 6-0.

Name of Agency	2018 Budget	2019 Requested	Board Recommendation
Bert Nash Mental Health Center	\$299,000	\$336,851	\$305,000
Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence	98,000	120,000	95,000
DCCCA First Steps	38,000	84,504	45,000
DCCCA Outpatient	94,000	105,162	105,000
Heartland Medical Clinic	91,500	127,800	86,000
Kansas Big Brothers Big Sisters	9,000	15,000	9,000
KU on Wheels	-	5,000	-
Lawrence Alcoholic Recovery House	7,500	8,000	8,000

Lawrence Community Shelter	84,000	165,000	89,000
The Willow Domestic Violence Center	17,000	38,586	14,000
Van Go, Inc.	26,500	33,000	31,000
Total	\$764,500	\$1,038,903	\$787,000

2018 Annual Report Form

The Board was interested in redesigning the annual report to better understand how agencies are spending funds and whether stated objectives are met. Roselyn added that she would like to see a question added about the number of people served.

Lieberman noted that the Board needs to be cognizant that the number of people served needs to be taken into context of the program being provided. The Board acknowledged that it is only on piece of information but would be good to track.

Loomis suggested that in the future the Board consider having a meeting where they invite recipients of the funds, so they can talk about how the funds were used and the Board can share success stories.

Miller added that she would like to continue to see the report change because it helps provide transparency and the more information the Board has the better decisions they can make with the funds moving forward.

Update on Potential Merger with Community Development Advisory Committee

Staff provided a brief update on the potential consolidation. Ultimately that decision will be made by the City Commission.

Next Meeting—Fall 2018

The Board will meet in late 2018 to discuss the 2018 annual report form and discuss the recommendation process to make improvements moving forward.

Public Comment

Davis called for public comment, no public comment was given.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Lieberman and seconded by Fischer. The motion passed 6-0.