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Meeting Minutes Human Services Committee

Tuesday, July 23, 2019

6:00 PM

Aldermanic Chambers

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Minutes

Human Services Committee

7-23-19

Chair Brackeen called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. in the Alder Chamber.

Present were Alders Furlow, Roth, Decker, Rodriguez, and Reveiz.

(1) From the Acting Director of Health submitting a Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of New Haven to apply for and accept a continuation of funding grant award for the Per Capita Grant in the amount of \$139,136.87 from the Connecticut Department of Public Health for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 to assist with the operation of the Health Department.

(Submitted 7/1/19)

Appearing on behalf was Roslyn Hamilton, the new acting director of the Health Department. She said she has been talking with the state about using part of the grant for lead-paint inspectors. In response to Alder Roth, there was a discussion of the city's eligibility for this state program which requires a full-time health director. Hamilton said the state has approved her as acting director. The Per Capita Health Grant provides every CT municipality with a full-time health director with \$1.18 per resident per year from the state.

In response to Alder Reveiz, there was a discussion of how more lead inspectors would benefit the city. Alder Furlow noted that the Board of Alders has not received the revised lead-paint ordinance yet. It is coming soon. In response to Alder Rodriguez, Hamilton said the health department does not have a full-time grants coordinator. Dakibu Muley, Community Services Administrator, came to the table. He said the CSA has a part-time grants person who assists the health department.

(2) From the Community Services Administrator submitting a Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of New Haven to apply for and accept a grant award to provide case management services from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) from October 1, 2019 to December 31, 2022.

(Submitted 7/1/19)

Appearing on behalf was Carlos Sosa-Lombardo, director of the city's Fresh Start re-entry program. He said the three-year grant will help the re-entry program provide case management to over 100 formerly incarcerated individuals. Services will include substance abuse treatment, housing, employment, education, and medical/dental care. There will also be a small business workshops and possible startup loans. The entrepreneurship aspect to this program, involves some clients taking the course at the city's Small Business Resource Center. Gateway Community College, University of New Haven, and APT Foundation also providing services.

In response to Alder Decker, Sosa-Lombardo said they serve about 1,000 clients per year. In response to Alder Rodriguez, he said the city does not currently provide case management for the clients.

Dakibu Muley, Community Services Administrator, returned to the table. He said the Warren

Kimbro re-entry program/grant is ending, and they are working toward replacing its case-management services with this grant.

There was a discussion of the amount of the grant and some possible discrepancies between the fiscal statement, resolution, and summary.

There was a discussion of the definition of substance abuse. Some of the data regarding releasees is confidential.

It was agreed to have a follow-up workshop to discuss the results of the grant and the re-entry department.

The chair reminded the department heads that grant applications need to be approved in advance by the Board of Alders. It was noted that they had filed a notice of intent.

The following three items for committee action were noted:

(3) From Alder Delphine Clyburn Submitting on behalf of "Tobacco 21" an order raising the minimum legal sales age for tobacco products to 21. (Submitted 2/19/19).

(4) From the Community Services Administrator submitting a Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of New Haven to apply for and accept a grant award to provide case management services to increase employability of formerly incarcerated individuals who are 18 to 24 years old from the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration from October 1, 2019 to April 31, 2023. (Submitted 7/1/19)

(5) From the Community Services Administrator submitting a Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of New Haven to apply for and accept a grant award to provide case management services to increase employability of formerly incarcerated individuals who are 25 years old or older, from the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration from October 1, 2019 to April 31, 2023. (Submitted 7/1/19)

The committee voted to close public testimony at 6:24 p.m.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

#1 PER CAPITA HEALTH GRANT: On a motion by Alder Furlow, seconded by Alder Decker, the committee voted by voice to issue a favorable report. The committee asked staff to follow up with the Health Department to clarify how the grant is calculated and other figures in the documents.

#2 SAMHSA RE-ENTRY GRANT: On a motion by Alder Furlow, seconded by Alder Reveiz, the committee voted by voice to issue a favorable report. The committee asked staff to obtain the final amount of the grant by second reading.

#3 TOBACCO 21; #4 CASE MANAGEMENT 18-24; and #5 CASE MANAGEMENT 25: On a motion by Alder Roth, seconded by Alder Furlow, the committee voted by voice to recommend leave-to-withdraw.

Adjourn: 7:20 p.m.

An audio recording of this meeting is on file in the Office of Legislative Services.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Mercier
Legislative Aide
Office of Legislative Services

(Board of Alders Notice-New Haven) - The Human Services Committee of the New Haven Board of Alders will meet on Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at 6 PM in the Board of Alders Chamber of the 2nd Floor of New Haven City Hall, located at 165 Church Street, New Haven to hear and act upon the following items:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A CONTINUATION OF FUNDING GRANT AWARD FOR THE PER CAPITA GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$139,136.87 FROM THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020 TO ASSIST WITH THE OPERATION OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD TO PROVIDE CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION FROM OCTOBER 1, 2019 TO APRIL 31, 2023.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD TO PROVIDE CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (SAMHSA) FROM OCTOBER 1, 2019 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022.

ON BEHALF OF "TOBACCO 21" AN ORDER RAISING THE MINIMUM LEGAL SALES AGE FOR TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO 21.

In addition, the following matters are posted "For Committee Action Only" (Public comment not accepted).

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD TO PROVIDE CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION FROM OCTOBER 1, 2019 TO APRIL 31, 2023.

Per Order: Hon. Darryl J. Brackeen, Jr. , Chair; Attest: Michael Smart, City Town Clerk.

These items are on file and available in the Office of the City Clerk, 200 Orange Street, Room 202, New Haven.

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