



City of Portland, Maine

Health & Human Services Committee July 12, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Committee Attendance: Chair Suslovic, Councilor Ray and Councilor Brenerman.

City Attendance: Dawn Stiles/HHS, Toho Soma/PHD/HHS.

Agenda Item 1 - Meeting Called to Order and Minutes Reviewed:

Meeting was called to order at approximately 5:00 PM by Chair Suslovic and Minutes were reviewed and accepted as written.

Agenda Item 2 – Invest in Health:

Deb Deitrick from Maine Health and Toho Soma from Public Health gave an overview of the Invest in Health program which is collaboration between the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Reinvestment Fund. United Way of Greater Portland is the fiscal agent for the \$60k grant over an 18 month period. Portland was selected as 1 of 50 cities across the U.S. to receive these funds out of 180 applicants. Deb and Toho will be back with a progress report in the coming months.

Chair Suslovic questioned if it could fit in with the Comprehensive Plan and hopes to integrate with Public Transportation and Recreation.

The Leadership Team will be looking for a project in the conceptual stages; Healthcare industry, Housing or Recreation.

Councilor Ray would like to see other options for Shelter locations as well as changes to the zoning in order to do so.

Agenda Item 3 – Ryan White Program/School Based Health Transition Update:

Dawn gave an overview on the India Street Transition team structure as well as the subcommittee work and staffing and introduced the committee members in attendance.

Leslie Clark from Greater Portland Health Center thanked everyone that has been involved in the transition team; staff has been very helpful and positive. She explained some of the challenges involved in staffing

moving forward without certainty of the numbers of patients who will transfer to the Clinic. The goal is to have providers in place by fall.

School Based Transition is going well. Enrollment forms will be mailed before the new school year that parents will need to sign acknowledging the change to Greater Portland Health Center.

Committee discussed the continued Dental Clinic for students.

Chair would like an update on both transitions to the Committee in either October or November.

Meeting was then open to Public Comment:

1. *Joey Pennell – Joey currently sits on 2 committees and feels it has been great working with everyone. He would like to see patients notified and timelines discussed.*
2. *Jensen Steele – responded that there is a deadline and the committees will have transition kits ready for November or December.*
3. *Park James – Park is very glad everything is being discussed. He is also glad he is on the Patient Experience Committee as he does not want to see anyone left behind.*
4. *Stash Baily – Stash is also on 2 different committees. He is glad that the City is being proactive.*

Meeting was closed to public comment.

Dawn and the Committee are hoping for a September deadline. There are many challenges in the transition period and one roadblock is that an estimated 30% of patients do not want to be contacted. No forwarding addresses or phone numbers.

Chair Suslovic would like to see the Patient Experience committee to meet more frequently and would like all packets to be distributed by the beginning of September.

Caroline agreed this could be accomplished and asked if this will need the Committee approval.

The Committee responded that no, go ahead and do the work and cc the Committee.

Councilor Brenerman questioned how many people have received the June 10th letter from the City. Carolines estimates 229 patients have been contacted at this time. Ed would like to see a summary of this and would also like to see the liaison with Frannie Peabody

The Committee continued to discuss details of the transition including the Ryan White Grant which expires on December 31st.

Next update will be at the October meeting.

With no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

The September meeting will be held at the Barron Center with focus on Elder issues including a tour of the facility and dinner. October meeting will include a transition update.