

**Economic Opportunities Commission
Dec. 19, 2018
General Body Meeting**

Call to order: 7:02pm
Adjourn: 8:34pm

Attendance

Present

Hope Nelson
Timothy Beaty
Colter Hanson
Caneq Aguirre
Geof Caldwell
Genevieve Fields
Jessica Lurz
Kelly Stone
Greg Parks
Maani Stewart

Absent

LaVon Curtis
Anne Sclater
Sal Biberaj
Gila Harris

Needs Assessment Review

Housing

- We're 2nd in the region per capita experiencing homelessness

Healthcare

- Only category that we're not explicitly talking about
 - Can't assume that because people don't have health insurance that they're not seeing a PCP -- further research needed
- Health is worth giving it its own section

Food Security

- Want to look more into SNAP & WIC recipients
- Will look to see if food is more expensive here, or if it's the rent/cost of living that is contributing to food shortage

- Most feasible recommendation is making sure the residents have the cash to purchase food
- Worth highlighting 22304 is highest need area, but that there are not many service areas in that area of the city --- a potential recommendation

Childcare

- Easy statistics to pull on how much you have to make in order to afford daycare that can highlight the financial strain
- Possible could pull data on waitlist availability for daycare services; also pooling of all the certified centers in the area
 - There may be limitations on their willingness to share that data

Challenges or Conclusions

- Include that we'd recommend follow-up studies be conducted on specific areas that we feel are needed

Housing Rec

- Phrase the section as “this is not a new problem, it’s just now that you’re hearing from the people”
- Meals tax is providing housing affordability
- We need to highlight exactly what affordable housing means for the lower income residents
- Look at Seattle consequences of Amazon
- Reach out to the other commissions to leverage their research
 - Partnership to end homelessness
 - The Women’s Report
 - Commission on Aging (Geof)

Next steps

- Geof will be writing a section on demographics
- Maani write a section on health care
- Anne is working a section on childcare
- Food security / data is Kelly

Next meeting

Jan. 16; have a next draft ready for that meeting

Final copy for February 20

Canek moves to adopt minutes; Hope seconds