## City of Kent Human Services Commission Meeting Minutes January 17, 2013

The meeting of the Human Services Commission was called to order by Commissioner Wade Schwartz at 2:30 on January 17, 2013, in Centennial Center - Suite 401.

## **COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT**

Wade Schwartz, **Chair** (1/2014) Gina Bellisario, Commissioner (1/2015) Bill Hallerman, Commissioner (1/2014) Mike Heinisch, Commissioner (1/2014) Oriana Pon, Commissioner (1/2016) Ted Schwarz, Commissioner (1/2016)

## **COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED**

Alina Amkhavong, Commissioner (1/2014) Stewart Kunzelman, Commissioner (1/2014) David Ott, Commissioner (1/2015)

## **HUMAN SERVICES STAFF**

Katherin Johnson, Housing & Human Services Manager Merina Hanson, Senior Human Services Coordinator

## **Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Pon MOTIONED to approve the minutes of the October 2012 Commission meeting. Commissioner Schwarz SECONDED. Motion approved.

## **Election of Chair Elect**

Commissioner Hallerman NOMINATED Gina Bellisario to serve as the Commission Chair Elect. Commissioner Heinisch SECONDED. Motion approved.

#### **Presentation: South King Council of Human Services**

Nathan Philips, Executive Director of the South King Council of Human Services, updated the Commission on the South King Council and the work that Nathan is doing in our community. His role is to work cross sectors on bettering the system of services in South King County, especially with smaller minority organizations. His work has included participation in the Kent East Hill grassroots programming, United Way and 501 Commons volunteerism project, the Road Map Project, staffing homeless coordination in South King County, and input in the Brooking Institute Suburbanization of Poverty book that will be released soon.

#### **Human Services Funding**

Mike Heinisch, Executive Director of Kent Youth and Family Services, and Nathan Philips, Executive Director of the South King Council of Human Services presented information to the Commission regarding a stable and sustainable funding mechanism for human services in King County. Julia Patterson has proposed a 3/10 of 1% sales tax increase that would be shared between the County and the Cities. 1/3 would fund public safety and 2/3 would fund human services. A workgroup of 30 stakeholders is looking at the system and a report is due back June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013. The first strategy involves the legislature giving King County Council councilmatic control rather than go through the expense and effort of a ballot measure. The second strategy would be a ballot measure in 2014.

# **Information and Updates**

The One Night Count of the homeless is scheduled for the early hours of J	anuary 25th.
Commissioner Schwarz volunteered to participate on a team.	

Katherin Johnson, Recording Secretary