



Safety and Well-being Committee Summary Minutes

Tuesday, December 08, 2015 1:30 PM City & County Building, Room 391

Committee Members: New, Chair; Kniech, Vice-Chair; Clark; Flynn;
Kashmann; López

Committee Staff: Debra Bartleson

Council Members

Present:

Members Absent: None

Bill Requests

RR15-0893 Amends an agreement with Colorado Coalition for the Homeless to add \$1 million for a new contract total in the amount of \$3 million from the Denver Human Services mill levy funding and to extend the term through 12-31-16 to provide outreach services to homeless youth and adults (SOCSV-2013-14442-02).

Bennie Milliner, Jon Luper, Chris Conner; Denver Human Services - Denver's Road Home

Bennie Milliner, Denver's Road Home (DRH), stated that the five contracts are a reflection of the services DRH provides through its contractors and he stressed that DRH is not a direct service agency and that DRH operates through a partnership service model. Colorado Coalition for the Homeless (CCH) is part of Denver's Street Outreach Collaborative. Urban Peak focuses on youth outreach and St. Francis provides services for homeless individuals on the mall. Chris Conner, DRH, stated that all reporting goes to one place and there are monthly meetings for updates and resource needs. Data collection from the providers are submitted to Mr. Conner including any encounters related to the unauthorized camping ordinance. Jon Luper, DRH, said they do competitive bids based on

funding resources from the federal government, which is why the contracts are only for one year terms. The data that is collected is based on contacts not geographical area. Mr. Milliner pointed out that it would require more technical discussions to track all data related to homelessness.

CCH provides services to chronically homeless individuals which includes mental health treatment and case management for 60 residents. Councilmember Kniech asked if any of these services were paid from Medicaid funding. Mr. Milliner noted that funding for these services in part come from the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and that CCH is very aggressive in getting Medicare funds to pay for these services. The Councilwoman suggested getting Medicaid monies to cover these services rather than local dollars. Mr. Luper stated that a good example of what can be paid from Medicaid is evidenced at the Stout Street Clinic. The St. Francis Center has extended their hours of operation to 6 p.m. to assist more people in the evening.

The Busco contract is for overflow shelter transportation through April 2016. A decision will be made later about summer transportation. The Rescue Mission is the pick-up location and staging for transportation is at the Lawrence Street Community Center. Mr. Conner explained that the buses are operated by the bus company which plans out the bus schedule.

Councilmember Kniech questioned if there was enough budget for the contract. Mr. Milliner said there is budget to cover through April 2016, but there is funding capacity, and contracts are generated based on the fund availability. He noted that the rehabilitation to the Peoria site starts in June 2016. At one time, the question was asked if Denver should own their own transportation vehicles. Mr. Milliner said DRH conducted research to look at costs and resources; and buses whether new or old are costly - \$100,000 for a 10 to 12 year old bus; \$375,000 up to 500,000 for a 3 to 5 year old bus, in addition to drivers (6) which is estimated at \$125 per day per driver and after comparing the costs, they found there was no difference from leasing/contracting versus the City managing a transportation system. The idea is not off the table for discussion, but there are also other costs such as fuel and other benefits. Former Councilmember Robb was able to get three Denver International Airport buses donated, but the fuel and driver costs did not make it a viable.

Councilmember New asked if RTD would provide and accept vouchers for transportation? Mr. Milliner said they were asked to be an alternative, but they indicated they are restricted by the Federal Trade Commission. They can collaborate for cold weather alerts, for short defined periods of time and do as a community service. DRH also questioned if RTD could purchase a line, but that was also a violation. Councilmember Kniech said that the response was subjective since Boulder currently provides services. Councilmember Flynn clarified that the Boulder transportation is not allowed to bid or compete with other Charter buses. Mr. Conner said it would be important to have a permanent site/facility for transportation purposes rather than routes and locations constantly changing.

Councilmember New said he is concerned with how Denver is addressing their intake process. Mr. Milliner said they are working on a rapid re-entry pilot, but the reality is the City needs more capacity and should not be only an emergency shelter response. He noted that none of Denver's metro area neighbors provide homeless services to the level of the City.

A motion offered by Kniech, duly seconded by Flynn, that this item be moved forward carried by the following vote;

AYES: New, Kniech, Clark, Flynn, Kashmann, Lopez(6)
NAYS: (None)
ABSENT: (None)
ABSTAIN: (None)

RR15-0897 Amends a contract with Volunteers of America Colorado to add \$464,800 for a new contract total in the amount of \$1,296,800 and to extend the contract through 12-31-16 to provide housing for families and single women when all of the City's emergency shelter beds are full (2013-14480-02).
Bennie Milliner, Jon Luper, Chris Conner; Denver Human Services - Denver's Road Home

A motion offered by Kniech, duly seconded by Flynn, that this item be moved forward carried by the following vote;

AYES: New, Kniech, Clark, Flynn, Kashmann, Lopez(6)
NAYS: (None)
ABSENT: (None)
ABSTAIN: (None)

RR15-0898 Amends an agreement with Colorado Coalition for the Homeless to extend the term of the contract through 12-31-16 and to add \$325,000 for a total contract in the amount of \$975,000 to provide housing placement and treatment services for 60 chronically homeless adults in Denver (SOCSV-2013-14439-02).
Bennie Milliner, Jon Luper, Chris Conner; Denver Human Services - Denver's Road Home

A motion offered by Kniech, duly seconded by Flynn, that this item be moved forward carried by the following vote;

AYES: New, Kniech, Clark, Flynn, Kashmann, Lopez(6)
NAYS: (None)
ABSENT: (None)
ABSTAIN: (None)

RR15- A resolution approving a proposed Second Amendatory

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Agreement between the City and County of Denver and the St. Francis Center to provide emergency shelter services.

Bennie Milliner, Jon Luper, Chris Conner; Denver Human Services - Denver's Road Home

A motion offered by Kniech, duly seconded by Flynn, that this item be moved forward carried by the following vote;

AYES: New, Kniech, Clark, Flynn, Kashmann, Lopez(6)
NAYS: (None)
ABSENT: (None)
ABSTAIN: (None)

RR15-0927

Amends a contract with Busco, Inc. to add an additional \$40,000 for fiscal year 2015 for the months of November and December and to add an additional \$550,000 for the 2016 fiscal year program for a new contract total in the amount of \$1.45 million through 12-31-16 to provide transportation for clients from the Denver Rescue Mission to various approved recreation center/shelter locations throughout the Denver metro area (SOCSV-2013-13589-04).

Bennie Milliner, Jon Luper, Chris Conner, Andrea Albo, and Lisana Munoz; Denver Human Services - Denver's Road Home

A motion offered by Kniech, duly seconded by Flynn, that this item be moved forward carried by the following vote;

AYES: New, Kniech, Clark, Flynn, Kashmann, Lopez(6)
NAYS: (None)
ABSENT: (None)
ABSTAIN: (None)