

MEETING SUMMARY

REDMOND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, February 14, 2021 – 6:30 pm

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Commissioners present: Vibhas Chandorkar, Janet Richards, Rachid Erekaeni, Marilyn Lazaro, Kristen Muscott, Anny Smith, Jacob Brown, Laya Nair

Guests: Mercedes Cordova-Hakim, Priya Saxena, Arisha Gupta

Staff present: Alaric Bien

2. January 10, 2020 Meeting Summary

Approved as presented by acclamation.

3. Items from the Audience

None.

4. Agency Presentation

[King County Promotores Network](#) Co-Lead Mercedes Cordova-Hakim introduced the program which was established in 2013 to develop natural leaders in the in community who assist with health, education parenting, community engagement, dialogue and relationship building. Currently they work with 98 organizations across the state in 13 languages and dialects. On the Eastside, they have worked on census education, with Eastside Pathways and the City of Kirkland on community needs assessments, and with 4 Tomorrow on COVID education. Currently they are working with the City of Kirkland on a community resource directory and beginning conversations with the Lake Washington School District.

5. Gracious Space

Introduced new Youth Advisor Laya Nair, a junior at Tesla STEM High School, and Arisha Gupta, a ninth grader at Eastlake High, who will fill a Youth Advisor seat in September. Commissioners shared their thoughts on what showing love in our community means to them.

6. Draft Strategic Plan

Priya Saxena solicited feedback on the draft plan. Some key points: need definitions for stakeholders, community members, service providers; people lack information on services and how to access them; more visuals to clarify main points; big gap between where we are and where we want to be; metrics don't seem to relate to priorities well.

7. Supplemental Funding Information

Use language from priority areas in strategic plan in supplemental. Advise organizations asking for less than \$5,000 to contact staff. Consider using unspent funds to incubate small organizations each year and clarify what the absolute minimum requirements are for city funding.

8. 2021 Agency Performance

Staff shared highlights of [agency performance](#). Suggestion to publish to Thrive and to highlight the services and resources already going to address homelessness.

9. Commissioner and Staff Updates

- Updated commission roster and 2022 work plan are posted on Human Services Commission Team site.
- Vibhas will be in India next month. Janet to chair.
- Anny suggested bios of commissioners be posted to website.