

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN
PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Meeting Held Monday, December 9th, 2013
City Hall, 301 WEST SECOND STREET, in Council Chambers,
301 West Second Street, Austin. TX

Call Meeting to Order at 10:05am.

Committee Members Present:

- 1. Council Member Mike Martinez*
- 2. Council Member Chris Riley*
- 3. Council Member Laura Morrison*

1. Committee work session and staff briefing on recommendations for the Social Services Contracts Request for Applications (RFA) process and related procurement matters.

Citizen speakers included Meg Poag as the representative of One Voice, Steve Jacobs representing Capital idea, and Margo Dover of Skillpoint Alliance.

Director Carlos Rivera and Assistant Director Stephanie Hayden spoke regarding the social services request for applications process. They reviewed the input of community partner agencies such as the Early Childhood Council and One Voice. Stephanie mentioned there would be two competitive processes, one for social services and one for economic development.

The categories for competitive social services were titles; Early Childhood, Youth Development, Adult and Family Stability, and Seniors/Persons with disabilities

Three funding options were presented and a pre-qualification process was recommended.

Council Member Martinez asked regarding the 80/20 Option, is it 20% in each category that is discretionary, or is it 20% overall?

Director Rivera responded that the 80/20 Option pertains to each funding category and that HHSD decisions are data driven.

Council Member Morrison characterizes the RFA process as an art, not science in an effort to find the right balance of community investments.

Council Member Martinez expressed support for the check system as long as supported by scoring, the 80/20 funding system, and the pre-qualification process.

Council Member Riley expressed support for the 80/20 option.

Council Member Martinez asked staff to come back with and economic development framework before February 25th.

Assistant City Manager Bert Lumbreras said the funding options were not “re-priorizations.”

Committee Members offered to provide further direction including page limitations, font size, prequalification system, the check system, and 80/20 funding option.

Adjourned at 11:08am