



Champaign County Board Request for Proposal (RFP 2013-006) Evaluation Committee

MINUTES – APPROVED 3/11/14 – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Date: Monday, February 3, 2014
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Place: Jennifer Putnam Meeting Room
Brookens Administrative Center
1776 E. Washington St.
Urbana, Illinois

Committee Members: Sam Banks, Astrid Berkson, Debra Busey, John Jay, Al Kurtz, Sheriff Walsh
Absent: Lynn Branham
Others: Patti Petrie (Champaign County Board), Allen Jones (Deputy Chief), Van Anderson (Champaign County Deputy Administrator of Finance), Beth Brunk (recording_secretary)

Call to Order

Al Kurtz called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION by Ms. Berkson to approve the agenda as distributed; seconded by Sheriff Walsh. Upon vote, the **MOTION carried unanimously.**

Public Participation

None

Review of Evaluation Ratings for Respondents of RFP 2013-006 – Re-Entry Programming Services for Champaign County, Illinois

Ms. Busey explained the outcomes from the evaluation process. Based on the compilation of points from the seven evaluators, the respondents ranked as followed: Community Elements - 772 points, Lutheran Social Services - 757 points and Regional Planning Commission - 703 points.

Comments from the Committee concerning the respondents:

Community Elements

Positives:

- Comprehensive plan for housing – a major problem with re-entry individuals
- Targeted, specific, well-laid out approach, timelines
- Already embedded in jail with other programs – linkages established with Sheriff's Department
- Clearly outlined how to deliver services and what the program will look like
- Intimate knowledge of community
- Success with drug court
- Least amount charged in overhead \$15,000 – most money directly to people that it was meant to serve
- Realistic staffs costs

Negatives:

- Focus on mental health – too simplistic
- More behavior health approach – less holistic
- Used term "Offenders" – reflects lack of experience with re-entry population

Lutheran Social Services

Positives:

- Most comprehensive
- Data analysis in place
- Has experience in running this type of program
- Has spiritual element that has been successful in overcoming addiction

Negatives:

- After 30 years of experience, very little detail in terms of results
- Lack of community connection
- Proposals for salary extremely low for caliber of people looking to assume manager /coordinator responsibilities

Regional Planning Commission

Positives:

- Creative
- History of successful grant writing and operating the juvenile returnees system
- Use of Citizens with Convictions – community leaders that will be able to be successful peer mentors due to their experience
- Good grass roots approach

Negatives:

- Will develop plan – not specified
- Most expensive in overhead – approximately \$30,000

The Sheriff mentioned that the Champaign and Urbana Police Departments have expressed an interest in getting involved with the re-entry program. Deputy Chief Jones noted that the diagram provided in the Community Elements proposal is a model that is consistent with what was discussed at a community-wide meeting with the Sheriff and local organizations in mental health, housing, etc. Sheriff Walsh noted that timing is an issue since a \$600,000 grant opportunity for re-entry operations, *Second Chance*, must be submitted by March 18th. Ms. Busey commented that a decision at the February 20th County Board meeting would allow enough time for any of the respondents to put together a grant application for the *Second Chance* grant money.

Determination of Process for Recommendation of Award

MOTION by Mr. Jay to recommend approval of award for the RFP 2013-006, Re-Entry Programming Services to Community Elements; seconded by Ms. Berkson.

Roll call vote:

Yes – 6: Banks, Berkson, Busey, Jay, Kurtz, Sheriff Walsh

No – 0

The **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Ms. Busey outlined the approval process. The recommendation for award will be presented in the Justice agenda at the Committee of the Whole on 2/11/14. If approved, the contract can go to full County Board for approval at the 2/20/14 meeting. In this way, the selected provider can proceed with the grant submission.

County Administrative Services will handle the payments since the project is in the County Board budget. The selected provider will report monthly to the Re-Entry Council and quarterly to the County Board's Justice & Social Services Committee. Mr. Jay cautioned that we do not try to oversell this program as we are not sure it will be successful.

Other Business

None

Adjournment

MOTION by Mr. Banks to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Kurtz. Upon vote, the **MOTION** carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:06 p.m.