



BLUE RIBBON PANEL on High Risk/High Needs Residents

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Members Present: Rick Allen, Phillip Brooke, Michael Mira, Kevin Bovenkamp, Rose Lincoln, James Collins, Lee Madison, Corinne Dixon, Edwina Magrum, Robin Anderson, David Shirer (for Tom Hilyard), Gina Breukelman, Paul Ellis

Guests: Marty Campbell, Lisa Cook

City Staff: Jodie Trueblood, Kari Sand, Kyle Crews, Tom Dolan, Peter Huffman, Debbie Berghold, Sue Boczar, Alan Roberts, Shirley Schultz

1. Rick Allen, Chair, opened the meeting with introductions.
2. Purpose: The Resolution establishing the Blue Ribbon Panel charged the Panel to make recommendations for a community model for affecting change relating to standards of care, quality assurance, and community relations for programs serving high risk/high needs populations. The recommendation need to be made by November 17 and should include the appropriate role of government.

Peter Huffman discussed the Planning Commissions responsibilities under the Moratorium. The Planning Commission held a public hearing and has recommended to Council that the moratorium be lifted. City Council will hold a public hearing on July 12 to consider that recommendation. The Planning Commission and Council may recommend that the Panel to study some of the aspects of the moratorium that have been assigned to the Planning Commission.
3. Ground rules: Members reviewed the draft Meeting Guidelines and agreed that they would operate under them. The Committee will accept substitutions on a case-by-case basis. Robin Lester had been appointed as chair of the Human Services Coalition. Gina Breuckelman was recently elected to that position and will be replacing Robin.
4. Expected outcomes and expectations: Members discussed their outcomes and the expectations of the Panel (attached).

The next meeting will be July 13 in **Room 708**.

Expectations

Mission

- Develop comprehensive policies and recommendations for City to provide needed services through regulated and unregulated services providers without damaging neighborhoods.

Meetings

- Run in coherent fashion.
- Great staff work with information presented simply so members from various backgrounds can understand.
- OK to ask questions and “feel stupid.”
- Withhold personal agenda for good of City – express group’s opinion at a high level of discourse.
- Need a structure to guide work and end product.

Recommendations

- Come up with precise regulations for groups that want to open facilities.
- Recommend policies that result in safe, clean, healthy and economically vibrant neighborhoods.
- Balance global issues with local situation.
- Develop something “real.”

Research

- Development definition of “high risk/high needs.”
- Better understanding of location of facilities (inventory) throughout city
- How are standards of operations implemented and the roles of City staff?
 - Roles/responsibilities of neighbors.
 - Recourse when standards not met.
- Better understanding of impact of lack of mental health funding.
 - Identify other system dysfunctions that need to be addressed through policy change.

- Planning Commission/Council may ask BRP to expand its scope.
- Look at multiple levels of intervention.
 - Education; economic option.

Social Service Programs

- How do “social services programs” impact neighborhoods?
- How “unofficial” programs impact neighborhoods?
- What’s the responsibility of human service provider to community?
- How do services providers make the decision of where to locate?
- What standards do we expect from service providers?
- Learn and get better at providing services.

Neighborhoods

- Include how businesses are impacted.
 - Define “neighborhood”
- Information to provide to both providers and neighborhoods on zoning requirements.

Service Recipient

- Keep in mind that families need services. Mitigate risk and hold agencies responsible.
 - What is the acceptable level of risk neighborhoods accept?
- Find some way of helping persons in need.
- Many different populations and approaches may need to be different.
- Many people in need locate near services.
 - Keep in mind their needs so persons can access.
- Ensure access to services. Services have been sited in 1 area and may need to be dispersed.
 - Persons fall into multiple categories.
- Respect ADA and other legislative protections.

Options for Organizing Research
Michael Mirra

Interest/Needs/Issue	Policy Proposal	Likely Effected	Costs & Risks	Legality	Panel Recommendation
Need for Housing					
Need for Service					
Safety					
Dispersal/Fair share					
Neighborhood Relation					
Quality of Services					