

**KITTITAS COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSIONERS AUDITORIUM
SPECIAL MEETING**

TUESDAY

3:30 P.M.

MAY 12, 2015

Board members present: Chairman Gary Berndt, Vice-Chairman Obie O'Brien and Commissioner Paul Jewell.

Homeless and Affordable Housing Committee members: Jack Frost, Ed Barry, Kari Mirro, Nancy Goodloe, Robin Read, and David Miller. Others: Carole Miller Rhodes and Ashley Xagoraris with EnTrust; Susan Grindle and Craig Kelly with HopeSource.

SPECIAL MEETING

HAHC/ENTRUST

COMMISSIONERS

At 3:35 p.m. Vice-Chairman O'Brien opened a Special Meeting with the Homeless and Affordable Housing Committee to discuss the request received from Entrust Community Services for an extension of the termination date on their Grant Agreement #HH2014-003 with Kittitas County.

Carole Miller Rhodes with EnTrust said they had approximately \$27,000.00 of the allocated funds for their Grant Agreement remaining, and requested the Agreement termination date be extended. She said they are requesting the money be allocated the same way as in the Agreement, with the exception of the \$500.00 a month rent. She said the HAP money is used to help people get into more permanent housing, and they receive referrals of people needing help from DSHS, Mercy Miles, ADDS, etc.

Ashley Xagoraris with EnTrust said in their grant proposal they had estimated \$1,500.00 per household, but they have spent less, approximately \$500.00 per household.

Commissioner Jewell asked what the funds have been spent on.

Ms. Xagoraris said with most people who can afford the rent, the problem is having enough money for the deposit too. She said EnTrust helps them with their deposit so they can get into housing and then they teach them to write a resume and how use a budget. She also said she is spending more time with the clients to help them with housing programs and key aspects with homeless issues.

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There was discussion on the rental assistance program, the ARM program, motel vouchers, salaries, administration costs and the percentage of money spent on each item.

Commissioner Jewell brought up some concerns with the Agreement and said they had agreed upon a 40/60 split of administration vs. direct service dollars, but the trend seems to be moving to a 70/30 split or higher. He reviewed the billing statements from Entrust over the past year and commented on how the administrative costs seem to be rising more than the direct services dollars.

There was discussion on the workload vs. services, billing, and how funds are spent regarding the HAP program.

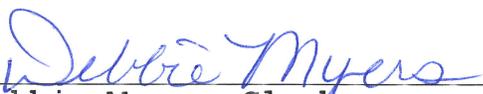
Vice-Chairman O'Brien asked about the EnTrust office space rent. Carole Miller Rhodes said they are not charging the County for office space. Chairman Berndt read an excerpt out of the current Agreement addressing the 60/40 split and said it is a concern if this is not what is being delivered.

There was discussion on the different clientele for programs and agencies; the Clean & Sober Home; and, the possible duplication of services.

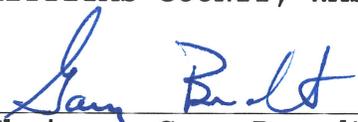
Commissioner Jewell directed Staff to forward the EnTrust billing reports he had received from the Auditor's office to the HAHC members.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

BOARD CLERK


Debbie Myers, Clerk

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Chairman Gary Berndt