



**City of Lacey, Washington**  
**Human Services Workgroup Minutes**  
**Thursday, August 8, 2024 - Council Chambers and Online**

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**1. Call to Order**

Chair Stephens called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Brandon Stephens; Vice Chair James Broman (remote); Board Member(s) Nathaniel Clay; Nancy Dihle; Juliet Lawson-Hall; and Dalia Martinez (remote)

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED: Board Member Tiffany Walker

STAFF PRESENT: Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager; Michelle Chavez, Human Services Coordinator; and Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk

**3. Land Acknowledgment**

Chair Stephens read the abbreviated Land Acknowledgment.

**4. Approval of Agenda, Previous Meeting Minutes, and Consent Items**

A. Approval of Agenda

B. Approval of July 11, 2024, meeting minutes

**Board Member Lawson-Hall moved to approve the agenda and consent agenda. Board Member Clay seconded. The motion carried.**

**5. Public Comment**

Verbal Public Comment

No people signed up to speak at the meeting.

No people registered to speak via Zoom.

Written Public Comment

No written public comment was received.

## 6. Business Items

### A. Human Services Grant Application Summary and Presentations

Michelle Chavez, Human Services Coordinator

As part of the 2024 Budget, the City Council allocated \$300,000 to establish a comprehensive, reliable and accessible Human Services Grant Program. Funding is available for non-profit human service providers serving Lacey community members. Eligible programs or projects must meet basic human needs for housing, survival, or security. Chavez detailed the structure for the applicants' presentations.

#### 1. Homes First

Lacey Accessible Dwelling Units

The Homes First presenters were not initially present when called. The Workgroup continued to the next item, and returned to the presentation once the representatives were in attendance.

Trudy Soucoup, Chief Executive Officer, was provided five (5) minutes to present on Lacey Accessible Dwelling Units.

#### 2. Dry Tikes and Wet Wipes

Thurston County Diaper Bank

Lance Benson, Executive Director, was provided five (5) minutes to present the Thurston County Diaper Bank program.

#### 3. Garden Raised Bounty (GRuB)

Grub Garden Project

Savannah Dresbach, Garden Project Manager, was provided five (5) minutes to present the Grub Garden Project.

#### 4. Senior Services for South Sound

Home Share Program

Rebecca Hutchinson, Home Share Program Manager, and Brian Windrow, Executive Director, were provided five (5) minutes to present the Home



Share Program.

**5. Rebuilding Together Thurston County**  
Critical Home Repair

Cathy Johnson, Executive Director, was provided five (5) minutes to present the Critical Home Repair Program.

**6. Thurston County Council on Aging**  
Medical Equipment Bank

Joyce Willms, President, and Nora Hanson, Grant Writer Chair, were provided five (5) minutes to present on the Medical Equipment Bank program.

**7. Community Action Council of Lewis, Mason and Thurston Counties**  
Lacey Housing Services

Nikkei Gatton, Housing Program Manager, was provided five (5) minutes to present on the Lacey Housing Services program.

**8. Capital Christian Center**  
Solid Rock Ranch Camper Fund

Kristy Thurman, Staff Pastor and Chief Financial Officer, was provided five (5) minutes to present on the Solid Rock Ranch Camper program.

**9. Family Support Center of South Sound**  
Homeless Family Services Program

Trish Gregory, Executive Director, was provided five (5) minutes to present the Homeless Family Services Program.

**10. Interfaith Works**  
Sergio's Service Center

Ti'eri Lino, Program Coordinator, was provided five (5) minutes to present on Sergio's Service Center.

**11. South Puget Sound Habitat for Humanity**  
Home Repair Program

Chair Stephens announced at 6:49 p.m. the meeting would convene for a 5-minute recess, until 6:54 p.m., or shortly after. Chair Stephens reconvened the Human Services Workgroup meeting at 6:55 p.m. and the meeting was



called back to order.

Amanda Schuyler, Project Manager, was provided five (5) minutes to present the Home Repair Program.

**12. Boys and Girls Clubs of Thurston County**  
Scholarships for Youth Experiencing Homelessness

Shellica Trevino, CEO, was provided five (5) minutes to present the Youth Experiencing Homelessness scholarships.

**13. North Thurston Education Foundation**  
Student Assistance Grants

Deanna East, Executive Director, was provided five (5) minutes to present the Student Assistance Grant program.

**14. TOGETHER!**  
Host Homes and Club House (Two Applications)

Sierra Abrans, Co-Executive Director, was provided five (5) minutes to present the Host Homes program. Kahlo Flores, Co-Executive Director, was provided five (5) minutes to present the Club House program.

**15. Our Ark**  
Place of Safety and Home

Danny Burkett, Founder and Executive Director, was provided five (5) minutes to present the Place of Safety and Home program. Two (2) youth members shared their experience.

**7. Adjourn**

Chair Stephens adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

