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TO: Human Services Commission Members

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SUBJECT: 2023-24 Human Services Needs Update Initial Findings

Health Management Associates staff will provide the commission with an overview of the initial data finding from the community outreach for the 2023-24 Human Services Needs Update.

## **Background**

The City of Bellevue publishes the Human Services Needs Update at the beginning of each two-year funding cycle. Since 1989, this report has offered a summary of human services trends, needs and gaps in the community. The most recent Human Services Needs Update can be referenced on the city's website: <a href="https://bellevuewa.gov/city-government/departments/parks/community-services/human-services/human-services-needs-update">https://bellevuewa.gov/city-government/departments/parks/community-services/human-services/human-services-needs-update</a>

For the 2023-24 Human Services Needs Update, the City of Bellevue has contracted with Health Management Associates, a research and consulting firm, to gather information about human service needs in the City of Bellevue. Health Management Associates staff, Megan Beers, PhD (Senior Associate) and Liz Ajun (Associate Principal), used several methods to gather data including a consumer/community survey (translated into 10 languages), a provider's survey, community-specific focus groups, network/coalition meetings with non-profit providers, and key informant interviews. Health Management Associates have analyzed the data and will provide an overview of the initial data findings provided through community outreach.