



City of Bellevue

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Human Services Commission Members

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Agenda Item for Wednesday, January 20, 2021 Commission Meeting

Discussion of Future Agenda Topics for the Human Services Commission in 2021

Throughout the year that the Commission is not reviewing General Fund applications, the goal is to provide information at meetings that will help you learn about the human services issues which Bellevue residents and non-profit agencies are facing. At this meeting on 1-20-21, staff will lead a discussion with Commissioners about what topics they would like to learn more about so staff can begin lining up presentations.

As a review, in 2020, due to restrictions enacted by the Governor on Public Meetings because of COVID 19, the Commission was only able to meet in January, February, and March (one meeting) with a break until the end of June when you began reviewing funding applications. During those early months, the Commission received presentations on youth mental health, Integrated Medical Care, and childcare.

In past years, Commissioners heard from subject matter experts on topics such as behavioral health (substance use disorder), homelessness, Bellevue's Probation Division, Diversity Advantage Initiative activities, emergency financial assistance, foster care and immigrant issues. These are just some examples of areas of interest that can be scheduled again, and staff will be happy to find speakers for any new areas that the Commission wants to learn more about.

In addition to outside speakers, Christy Stangland, Human Services Planner, will be seeking input from the Commission for the 2020-2021 Human Services Needs Update which is the primary staff project this year. These will be scheduled at least once a quarter with the first one to occur in March.

