



PARK CITY NONPROFIT SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
445 MARSAC AVE
PARK CITY, UTAH 84060

MINUTES OF JANUARY 21, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Danny Glasser – Chair, Sloane Johnson – Vice-Chair, Pam Ross, Chris Neff, Molly Miller, Ingrid Contreras

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Hans Jaspersen, Budget & Grants Analyst

I. ROLL CALL

Danny Glasser called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. All members were present. (Molly Miller was later excused from the meeting before it adjourned).

II. COMMUNICATIONS AND DISCLOSURES FROM BOARD AND STAFF

Sloane Johnson disclosed that her mother is a board member of Park City Senior Citizens, Inc. She is recusing herself from evaluating their funding application.

The Committee briefly discussed the evaluation process. Given that the amount of funding requested far exceeds the available budget, discussions will need to be had about how funding can have the most significant impact.

III. WORK SESSION

1. Interviews with Public Service Contract Applicants

Christian Center of Park City Mental Health Programs Interview

Susan Hammer presented on behalf of the Christian Center of Park City (CCPC), which applied for mental health counseling services funding. Demand for mental health services continues growing, and a waitlist exists.

Danny Glasser asked what caused the demand for services to rise. Hammer answered that word is getting out about service quality and increasing demand. More events are also being offered. Molly Miller asked how many clients were from 84060. Hammer said she would need to investigate. Pam Ross asked how individual clients were served. Hammer said she would try to find and share the information with the committee. Ingrid Contreras asked if they were looking to hire more Spanish-speaking clinicians. Hammer said there were no plans but would love to have more bilingual staff. Chris Neff asked what the impact of not receiving funding would be. Hammer said they rely heavily on grants as a nonprofit and that there would be a hole if funding were diminished.

Christian Center of Park City Food Pantry and Basic Needs Interview

Matt Melville presented CCPC's application for food pantry and basic needs assistance. As living costs increased, the pantries served a record 34,000 people in the past year.

Danny Glasser asked what is needed to meet the need. Melville said they need to increase their hours. They have plenty of food but need staff to distribute it. Chris Neff asked if the change in presidential administration is having an impact. Melville said they are worried that many Spanish-speaking communities won't feel safe leaving their homes. Sloane Johnson asked if they have considered increasing the use of mobile food pantries. Melville said they would like to, but staffing is a challenge. They are seeking additional funding to help with the demand. Pam Ross asked how to ensure clients take advantage of all available resources. Melville shared that they bring partners from the Department of Workforce Services and other nonprofits to provide additional resources. Ross followed up with a question about basic needs assistance. Melville stated that rental assistance to prevent

evictions is the service provided and that the demand is increasing. Molly Miller asked if they could assist all clients who need assistance with basic needs. Melville said they provide at least some services to all clients, but not all qualify for rental assistance. Miller asked if staffing challenges are more about finding people or retaining people. Melville said they have good staff retention, but hiring is more of a challenge.

Peace House

Molly Miller was excused from the meeting. Kendra Wycoff presented on behalf of the Peace House, which provides support services to individuals and families who have or could experience interpersonal violence. The rates of sexual assault in Utah are higher than the national average.

Danny Glasser asked about partnerships with mental health providers. Wycoff makes referrals to long-term care. Chris Neff asked about caseloads in times of crisis. Wycoff said there are ebbs and flows and that harsh immigration policies will likely have a chilling effect. They try to communicate that they are a safe place for all victims and survivors. Sloane Johnson asked how they meet safety needs when housing is so unaffordable in the area. Wycoff has extensive transition services, and they collaborate with survivors to meet their needs. They have 100% success in their transitional housing program. Pam Ross asked if the funding is for existing staff or new staff. Wycoff said it would go to existing staff. Chris Neff asked for a percentage of clients served from 84060. Wycoff noted that 65% are from Summit County, but she would need to get zip code data from staff.

Park City School District Interview

Alison Taylor presented on the Park City School District Adult Education program, which offers GED and ESL classes for adults.

Danny Glasser asked what percentage of clients are Park City residents. Taylor said the majority of ESL students live near Park City High School. Pam Ross asked how many students they have in their programs. Taylor said the GED had 10 to 20 students. The ESL program has 86 to 130 students from all over the world. Sloane Johnson asked how they serve from the Summit County Jail. Taylor said it was five to eight per year. Chris Neff asked if providing meals has helped with attendance. Taylor noted that offering meals raised the retention rate from 47% to 67%. Ross asked if they work with employers. Taylor said they partner with some employers, such as construction companies and restaurants.

After the interview, the Committee took a five-minute break.

Utah Legal Services

Hannah Kiely and Pamela Beatse presented on behalf of Utah Legal Services. They are seeking funding for their housing stabilization project, which will provide more services in Park City.

Danny Glasser asked how they would define success. Beatse said that a clinic model will allow them to work with existing partners in the community and reach more people. Sloane Johnson asked what the need is in Park City. Kiely said that in a meeting with Peace House, housing was identified as a significant need. Beatse said the same thing in their conversations with the Christian Center. Ingrid Contreras asked if there was a wait time for services. Beatse said they don't have a wait time, it's based on whether the case has a likelihood of success. Pam Ross asked how services are coordinated. Beatse said they do one intake and based on the needs, multiple cases may be opened. Ross also asked if there were any restrictions on who they could serve with their funding. Beatse, some exceptions allow them to provide services to migrant and temporary workers. Contreras asked if there are restrictions on services in cases of domestic violence. Beatse said that there are no financial restrictions for domestic violence cases, but there are restrictions on particular undocumented residents. Contreras asked if they advise on criminal matters. Beatse answered that they only work on civil cases.

Youth Sports Alliance

Emily Fisher, Heather Simms, and Jan Alsobrook-Mitchell presented on the Youth Sports Alliance. They seek funding for their afterschool programs. They served 668 youth in 84060 in the previous year. Sloane Johnson asked what percentage of programs have transportation. Fisher and Simm said transportation is offered for about 90% of programs, with mountain biking being the most significant exception. Pam Ross asked about the diversity in their programs. Fisher said they have over 30% minority participation in their programs, which is higher than the minority percentage in the school district. Alsobrook-Mitchell looked into the data specific to 84060 and found that 44% of participants are persons of color. Ross asked how they work with after-school programs. Simms spoke of a basketball program at Parleys Elementary. Fisher talked about the importance of their programs on early out days for parents who can't pick up kids at 12:30. Chris Neff asked what the retention rate is for students in the Get Out and Play program. Simms said anecdotally that many students continue their programs in middle school and beyond. Alsobrook-Mitchell noted that 20% of Park City Figure Skating Club participants started in Get Out and Play.

Wrap Up

Pam Ross asked the committee if it would be OK for her to contact the Hope Alliance with some suggestions for their programs. Jasperson advised that when members have contact with nonprofits outside of the committee, they should not discuss their applications.

Jasperson returned to the discussion about final recommendations at the beginning of the meeting. He suggested the recommendations should be aligned with the scoring and ranking of applications. Ross agreed that the application score should be the first filter, but additional filters must be applied due to budget limitations to get to the final recommendations. Glasser added that this should be seen as an iterative process. We should consider criteria that can be used in future grant cycles. Sloane Johnson asked if we should try to focus on a specific number of awards. Glasser suggested we should focus on scoring the applications and seeing where they rank. Ingrid Contreras asked if members could have the amount requested for each application as they are evaluating.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.