

# CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL MEETING

November 4, 2020

To: Council Members  
From: Jim Dwyer, Director of Programming  
Subject: Activity Report for 11/8/2020 Council Meeting

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## Program Activity

Our EOY 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Reports for 19/20 have been completed online by our 49 programs. The Q4 Reports were submitted by Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>. The Program Team is currently reviewing those reports to: 1) assess the impact of COVID19 Social Distancing on their 19/20 program services & targeted goals; 2) Assist in setting reasonable "stretch" goals for the current 20/21 program year. The restrictions on personal interactions are expected to continue for several more months. Overall, our programs did achieve their aggregate goal for the number of children served, but 26 of them did have significant reductions to their initial service targets and had to re-structure their methods of service provision.

In this month's packet you will find two Council Action Items (CAI) related to the Request for Proposals (RFP) process for 21/22 funding. The first RFP process is only for our currently funded annual programs as discussed at prior Council meetings. This will be a shortened online application giving the programs the opportunity to detail their current service provision with minor changes to services and expenditures for the coming fiscal year. No significant increases in either are expected. The second CAI is for the 2021 Summer Learning Program process to provide enhanced learning opportunities in conjunction with short-term activity programs during the anticipated 10-week summer break from school. The Summer Learning process is intended for new services and providers not included in our current annual programs. Funding this year is budgeted at \$350,000 and usually attracts between 15 to 20 proposals. Both applications will be released in December 2020 with submission dates of 2/5/2021 to allow for reviews and recommendations to Council in the Spring for timely startup.

## Other Areas/Information Bits

- Program Team has been in contact with all 49 programs in the past two months regarding 20/21 contracts, outcomes, and revised budgets. They have also maintained contacts with our programs related to changeover issues between the program years. Weekly provider zoom meetings are continuing with Launchpad and Afterschool programs at their request for the re-start of school-related activities.
- A Zoom Coffee Connection is scheduled for Friday November 13<sup>th</sup> as a networking opportunity for our program partners. We will be advising them of upcoming workshops to help with stress reduction for their staff. We will also be sharing information concerning the upcoming release of our RFP's for 21/22 funding.
- The Process continues to roll forward. We continue zoom meetings with the SAMIS Management Group to catch-up on recent developments in that software package in support of our online data system changeover. Weekly Monday morning zoom sessions with Larry cover project workflow processes and targeted timeline for system development and implementation.