

MCAS Community Advisory Committee

Notes from Meeting on March 9th 2015

In Attendance: CAC: Jeff Gosda, Linda Caradine, Karol Dietrich, Glenda Hughes, Aaron Ray, Megan Mautemps **MCAS:** Mike Oswald, Gail Wilson, **Others:** Sue Dicile, facilitator

The meeting convened at 6:30

Minutes from the February, 2015 meeting were approved with one revision (Tonya's name added to "In Attendance").

Updates and Announcements

- This is the 1 year anniversary of the CAC
- Mike provided the Live Release Report.

Advisory comments made on this top included:

- "Saved Animals" or "Save Rate" would be more positive descriptions, improve the messaging and reinforce the good news in the report.

There was general agreement on this comment among CAC members present.

Budget presentation (see copies of presentation slides distributed at the meeting).

The presentation overviewed 2015 Strategic Goals, recent accomplishments and anticipated highlights of 2015, revenue by source, the MCAS live release rate (up), euthanasia rate (down) uptake of web and social media offerings, volunteer hours, anticipated 2016 programs and future challenges.

Resolution on the Animal Services Trust Fund (see handout).

- Mike provided the overview. He noted that the purpose of the resolution is to fully describe how MCAS manages private Foundation money and what is done with the money so there are "no surprises." A significant amount of the funds are used to pilot innovative approaches which, if they prove effective, could be funded out of the regular MCAS budget.

CAC members were asked to consider the draft resolution and provide feedback by the end of the following week. Comments were requested to be sent to Mike by Friday 13th.

Advisory comments made on this top included:

- The inaccessibility of the shelter is a significant barrier. Perhaps more foundation money should go into that. (In response to a question it was noted that the property where the current shelter is located can be sold and could be dedicated to a new shelter but would require a Board resolution.)
- If it is the case that a new shelter is "next in line after a new county courthouse" the time may be right to press for a new shelter, as the state is purportedly going to pay for a good part of the new courthouse. All CAC members present agreed that, particularly given MCAS success rate, this is a good time.
- MCAS should retain the services of a development director.
- The description might want to distinguish among funds dedicated to innovation pilots and those that do not, e.g. the Shelter Dreams funds.

There was general agreement on these comments among CAC members present.

Rescue Entities in Oregon

Mike reported that no other counties have established fees, so Multnomah County may need to be first out of the box with an ordinance calling for a tiered fee approach. There was general Advisory comments made on this topic included:

- The tiered fee is appropriate, but...
- ...There will be backlash about the fee. Multnomah County might be better off working with other counties so a similar fee is enacted at the same time.
- The fee will require a significant amount of public information and publicity.

There was general agreement on these comments among CAC members present.

The meeting adjourned at 8pm.

Handouts distributed at this meeting:

- Draft Resolution Order re Restricted Accounts Guidelines
- MCAS Budget presentation