

Health and Human Services Goal and Policy Review | February 2023

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HUMAN SERVICES

GOAL HH-1

Support an effective and efficient system of human services that addresses and anticipates needs within the community.

Policy HH-1.1

Continue to support the Housing, Health, and Human Services Department, which partners with other departments, agencies, and nonprofits to understand current and emerging human service needs and find new opportunities to address them.

Policy HH-1.2

Conduct an initial community needs assessment to understand gaps in community human services, as well as the strengths and assets available in the community.

Policy HH-1.3

Support efforts to increase community awareness of community-based human service resources.

~~*Policy HH-1.4*~~

~~*Encourage existing human service organizations to offer services needed in the community which are not currently available.*~~ {Covered under HH 1.1}

~~*Policy HH-1.45*~~

~~*Encourage human services to become accessible to all in the community by removing any barriers, including but not limited to architectural, cultural, language, communication, and location.*~~

~~*Policy HH-1.56*~~

~~*Promote volunteerism as a way to involve citizens in meeting the needs of their neighbors, stretch funding resources, and build a sense of pride in the community.*~~

~~*Policy HH-1.67*~~

~~*Encourage human services organizations to locate facilities near commercial centers where transit and non-motorized facilities exist.*~~

~~*Policy HH-1.78*~~

~~*Provide training to City employees who interact frequently with the public, including but not limited to police, public works operations, development services, and parks staff, to detect potential human services needs and offer contact information, while respecting citizens' rights to privacy.*~~

GOAL HH-2

Recognize the interrelationship between housing and human services.

Policy HH-2.1

Support ~~Encourage~~ programs designed to allow people who need assistance to remain in their homes or maintain their independence as long as possible.

Policy HS 2.2

Encourage ~~Ensure~~ the creation of a mix of housing alternatives for people at different levels of independence.

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HEALTHY LIVING

GOAL HH-3

~~Seek to create~~ a healthy environment where ~~the~~ community members may practice healthy living, are well nourished, and have access to quality health care.

Policy HH-3.1

Work with the medical community and providers to promote ~~Support equitable~~ access to high quality healthcare, including physical and mental health, emergency medical, and addiction services.

Policy HH-3.2

Collaborate with community organizations and health providers to advocate for quality health care and broader accessibility to services.

Policy HH-3.3

Support the increased availability of home care and appropriate assisted-living opportunities for older adults and people with disabilities, including appropriate support and resources for caregivers of older adults and people with disabilities.

Policy HH-3.4-3

Support organizations that help provide food assistance to low-income residents.

Policy HH-3.5-4

Promote the development of home and community gardens, farmers' or public markets, and other small-scale collaborative initiatives in order to provide citizens with a diverse choice of locally based food products.

Policy HH-3.6-5

Continue to develop a robust pedestrian and bicycle network that safely accommodates walking and biking for commuting, school, shopping, and recreational trips by those of all ages and levels of experience.

Policy HH-3.7-6

Encourage development of new parks, plazas, gardens, trails and paths, and open space amenities concurrent with approvals for new development to increase opportunities, encourage physical activity, and help mitigate urban heat island effects.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESILIENCY

GOAL HH-4

Develop an increased level of emergency preparedness among all segments of the population to help coordinate governmental response and recovery efforts that seek to minimize the adversity of a major emergency or disaster.

Policy HH-4.1

Develop a plan to ~~E~~valuate the City's ability to withstand and recover from natural disasters and human-made disruptions in order to minimize disruptions to public services.

Policy HH-4.2

Develop a climate change risk assessment and impact analysis for city government facilities and operations.