

**EDINA HUMAN RIGHTS & RELATIONS COMMISSION
TUESDAY, JULY 31, 2007
6:30 PM – MAYOR’S CONFERENCE ROOM**

Members Present

**Mary Brindle
Emery Erickson
Idelle Longman
Debby McNeil
JoAnn McGuire
Lindah Mhando
Sharon Ming
Andy Otness
Wayne Prochniak**

Members Absent

**Luis Bartolomei
Sarah Ratner
Hamdi Yusuf, student**

Staff

Susan Heiberg

With one human services provider remaining to be heard—Normandale Center—the beginning of the meeting was devoted to this wrap-up.

Normandale Center for Healing and Wholeness – Deborah Paone, Executive Director

- Requesting \$10,000 – 2007 funding is \$5,000.

The Ministry seeks to establish and/or maintain elders' sense of connection with the community and alleviate isolation by organizing and supporting community volunteers in Care Teams that support elders and their caregivers. Care Teams—with a network of volunteer support—provide social support, transportation, grocery shopping, errands and other basic services that allow elders to remain in their homes. The services are designed to supplement rather than duplicate existing community services or family support. Last year, the Center launched a project called “Partners in Care” and along with the Edina Resource Center, Fairview Southdale Hospital and Our Lady of Grace Church, the project helps older people stay in the community and bolsters the capability of family caregivers. In 2006, the Center provided care to 314 Edina residents through 24 care teams with 45 trained volunteers. 104 Edinans attended the health education program for caregivers.

Funding Proposals for 2008

Member Prochniak seconded Member McNeil’s motion to distribute the RPC allocation to the providers requesting funding for the delivery of human services; the motion failed to carry.

Member McNeil seconded the motion of Member Otness to approve the following proposal—a slightly below three-percent increase from 2007—in the amount of \$88,900 for the City’s 2008 human services budget:

Senior Community Services	27,400
VEAP	18,800
Cornerstone	15,100
Normandale Center	6,500
Women in Transition	5,000
The Bridge	4,200
Minneapolis Mediation Program	4,100
Chrysalis	4,000
Store to Door	<u>3,800</u>
TOTAL	88,900

The motion carried.

Member Prochniak seconded Member Ming's motion that the Edina Resource Center receive a three-percent increase in funding, for a total of \$36,113 in 2008; the motion carried.

Member McGuire seconded Member Prochniak's motion that up to \$23,886 be allocated for RPC to re-pilot the Normandale Center careteam model in three-to-four other Edina organizations, with Normandale working alongside; the motion carried with one nay.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Mary Brindle, Chair
Edina Human Rights & Relations Commission**

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