



**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE**  
**Housing, Homeless and Neighborhood Development (HHAND) Advisory Commission**  
**SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 6, 2017**  
**FINAL**



**Call to Order**

The Housing, Homeless and Neighborhood Development (HHAND) Advisory Commission was called to order at 4:35 pm at the Department of Health and Human Services, 825 L Street Room 423, Anchorage, Alaska. The meeting was staffed by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Housing & Community Services Division (HCSD), Community Safety and Development (CSD).

**I. Roll Call**

There was a quorum.

<b>Commissioners Present</b>	<b>Commissioners Absent</b>	<b>Guests</b>
Nikole Nelson, 2nd Co-Chair Claire Waddoup, 1 <sup>st</sup> Co-Chair Niki Burrows Kenny Petersen Nelta Edwards  <b><u>DHHS Staff</u></b> Nancy Anderson, CSD Program Manager	Doug Lamkin, Chair (E) John Sperbeck (E)  E = Excused U = Unexcused	Ann Gravier, HUD Ruth Schoenleben, Nine Star Ed & Employment

**II. Approval of September 6, 2017 HHAND Agenda**

<b><u>MOTION:</u></b> Co-Chair Nelson
<b><u>SECOND:</u></b> Commissioner Burrows
<b><u>DISCUSSION:</u></b> No Discussion
<b><u>VOTE:</u></b> Unanimous.

**III. Approval of HHAND May 3, 2017, June 7, 2017 and August 2, 2017 Minutes**

<b><u>MOTION:</u></b> Commissioner Petersen
<b><u>SECOND:</u></b> Commissioner Edwards
<b><u>DISCUSSION:</u></b> No Discussion
<b><u>VOTE:</u></b> Unanimous.

**IV. Conflict of Interest Declarations & Annual Disclosure of present Economic Interest**

**V. Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

The guests introduced themselves, Ruth Schoenleben of Nine Star and Ann Gravier, HUD Anchorage Field Office.

## **VI. New Business**

- A. Measurable Outcomes – Presentation by Nine Star – Ruth Schoenleben Interim President of Nine Star Education and Employment Services.

Ms. Schoenleben gave a brief history of Nine Star. Their services include GED's, ESL, high school completion, and public assistance clients by putting them to work. Nine Star has also started a project trying to get employment readiness things available to people who fall through the cracks and help them find work.

Nine Star sent a proposal to the Mayor's Office in 2015 and began to do the project in 2016 where they were giving employment assistance to these folks. No on the job training dollars, no support service dollars, just giving them work. In the proposal it was said that Nine Star would serve 70 people and they served 251. In 2016 they also served 3,000 walk-ins (some were part of the 251) that just showed up wanting a job or assistance writing a resume. Nine Star's goal is to always help them get to a place where they become financially self-sufficient. The goal in the original design is to get on-the-job training for those individuals that don't have enough skills to stay on the job that can lead then to self-sufficiency. Nine Star has received some funding but the program hasn't been fully funded yet. Nine Star did not get renewed this last year from the Mayor's Community Grant funds. Since Nine Star is very fiscally conservative, Nine Star had saved some of the block grant money and were able to stretch it out to 18 months for the project.

The stats from the last calendar year, January 2016 to December 31st, 70 were promised, and 251 were enrolled which is 176% goal. Out of that, 120 at the end of December were employed and on the road to self-sufficiency. That's only 44% and understand that is a rolling enrollment, but adding the people who were still engaged and Nine Star had 82% of the people in this program either already employed or still engaged in looking for employment, and that's 82% of 251 people. Nine Star has an adult education program out in the Mat-Su Valley and an at-risk youth workforce investment opportunity, which used to be JTPA, and is basically how to get training and move forward in employment.

The population that is targeted is the under and unemployed, most are either under or almost under the level of poverty and Nine Star wants to catch them before they get to that place.

Ms. Schoenleben and the commissioners had a question and answer period.

- B. Address a plan for helping the homeless population to have a clear path to employment income that can be set as a standard or replicated in the various agencies serving the homeless population – Commissioner Petersen

Commissioner Petersen talked about the Anchorage Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness, Ms. Schoenleben requested a copy of the plan. It was discussed that transportation and child care is a huge problem for employment. Those that are on Public Assistance receive transportation and child care while looking for a job, but those that are walk-ins do not.

Commissioner Petersen made a recommendation that a motion be made to explore the Pilot Program that Nine Star has and if we adopt it we will request funding from the Assembly or the Mayor's Office to fund it.

<b><u>MOTION:</u></b> Commissioner Petersen
<b><u>SECOND:</u></b> Co-Chair Nelson
<b><u>DISCUSSION:</u></b> Commissioner Petersen discussed shared measurements from his presentation and his discussions with Nancy Burke.
<b><u>VOTE:</u></b> Unanimous.

Commissioner Petersen – On the research that he was supposed to report back. There was some wording of what we have used as a common measurement in this area and so the common measurement that would be for the recording to be adopted or put in the minutes or just put in a report is that Nancy Burke and I wrote down “change in employment income over base line during the reported period” and in hers she wrote down, because she’s particular for something not related to the coordinated entry system and what they’re doing for 300, she wrote down for example, time reported entry and time of exit to community housing so she has a notation related to that program.

The Nine Star Pilot Project will be the focus on next month’s agenda. Ms. Schoenleben will provide the commission a copy of the Nine Star Pilot Project in advance of the next commission meeting.

## VII. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm

<b><u>MOTION:</u></b> Commissioner Burrows
<b><u>SECOND:</u></b> Co-Chair Nelson