



MEMORANDUM

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To: Parks & Community Services Board

From: Alex O'Reilly, Human Services Planner

Subject: 2007-2008 Human Services Needs Update
(Informational)

Every two years, the Human Services Division staff prepares a comprehensive needs assessment, *The Bellevue Human Services Needs Update*, that presents a snapshot of the key health and human services issues and trends in Bellevue, and also references relevant regional, county, state and national data. This report, sponsored by the Human Services Commission, is used by Commissioners as information when they review requests for funding from both the city's general fund as well as federal Community Development Block Grant. It also helps staff to target their activities over the next two years on key areas of focus, such as involvement in sub-regional efforts in a particular service area like services for youth or healthcare. In addition, the report is used extensively by human services agencies in grant writing, and by community groups and other city departments for planning purposes.

The 2007-2008 report was presented to the City Council in January, and I am pleased to present a brief summary of the findings at your March 11th meeting. Included in your packet is a copy of the report's *Overview* for your review. I will have copies of the full report available for anyone who would like one at the meeting. The full report is also available on the city's website:
http://bellevuewa.gov/humanservices_needs_update.htm

If you have any questions before March 11th, please feel free to contact me at 425-452-2824 or via email at aoreilly@bellevuewa.gov.