

## REGULAR MEETING

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

*The Audience may comment on matters on the agenda not scheduled for public hearing 3 minute time limit*

**4. RECONSIDERATION**

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1. Sterling Community Center contact

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*The Audience may comment on any item. 3 minute time limit*

**13. COMMENTS OF CITY STAFF**

**14. COMMENTS OF THE TASK FORCE**

**15. ADJOURNMENT NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers, 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.**



Session 18-03 a Regular Meeting of the Homer Education and Recreation Complex Task Force was called to order by Chair Slone at at 3:00 p.m. on July 24, 2018 at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

PRESENT: Task Force Members Derry, Haines, Knight, Lowney, Marks, Matthews, Reiss, Slone

STAFF: Special Projects and Communication Coordinator Carroll  
City Clerk Jacobsen Jacobsen

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

LOWNEY/KNIGHT MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

DERRY/LOWNEY MOVED TO AMEND THE AGENDA AND MOVE ITEM 10 TO FOLLOW ITEM 2.

There was brief discussion.

VOTE: YES: DERRY, MARKS, KNIGHT  
NO: SLONE, REISS, HAINES, MATTHEWS, LOWNEY

Motion to amend failed.

There was no further discussion.

VOTE (main motion): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

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### **RECONSIDERATION**

### **SYNOPSIS APPROVAL**

A. July 10, 2018

DERRY/MARKS MOVED TO APPROVE THE SYNOPSIS

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

**VISITORS (15 minutes each)**

- A. MAPP of the Southern Kenai Peninsula Health Coalition – Hannah Gustafson, Coordinator; Derotha Ferraro, South Peninsula Hospital, MAPP Steering Committee; Bonita Banks, RN, South Peninsula Hospital, MAPP Resilience Coalition

Hannah Gustafson, MAPP Coordinator, explained MAPP is a framework for working together to improve community health. That has been employed in Homer for 10 years. She touched on the eight dimensions of health and wellness, including cultural, economic, educational, emotional, environmental, physical, social and spiritual. MAPP is guided by a steering committee and their vision is a proactive, resilient, and innovative community and ways they work to improve health in the community are by conducting assessments, convening meetings, facilitating conversations, fostering stake holder engagement, mobilizing entities and individuals, monitoring, and celebrating.

Derotha Ferraro, South Peninsula Hospital, MAPP Steering Committee, reviewed the findings from two of the four areas of the Community Health Needs Assessment. First she addressed the Community Themes and Strengths Assessment Respondent information which included:

- Five greatest community strengths
- Community aspects most needing to be improved
- Top five issues preventing personal use of services or activities
- Top three factors most negatively affecting the respondents or their families
- Top three factors most negatively affecting the community
- Five services respondents found most lacking

Second was the Community Health Status Assessment portion of the assessment and Ms. Ferraro addressed key demographic findings for the Southern Kenai Peninsula relating to population and age, leading causes of death, high school students and binge drinking, and residents living above poverty level.

Bonita Banks, RN, South Peninsula Hospital, MAPP Resilience Coalition, reported on adverse childhood experiences (ACE's), also called tough times, and research that has shown a direct correlation between the number of tough times and increase risk for chronic disease. She referenced graphs showing how Alaska compares to ten different states and across the board and in every type of ACE's, Alaskans rate higher. Support systems, and being involved and engaged in their community are ways that help youth who experience ACE's. Unfortunately youth who have the highest number of ACE's are the ones who don't participate in after school activities. Ms. Banks explained a focus of the community is building family resilience,

and as the task force looks at the materials provided, she encouraged them to keep in mind this is something the HERC building could possibly help with.

In response to questions about prioritizing issues and what should be a focus of the task force, Ms. Ferraro and Ms. Banks commented about the stories and key findings in the Community Health Needs Assessment. They noted the need to help build resilience in our children so they don't reach the point of chronic disease, and at the same time support and encourage healthy activities for our seniors. There are opportunities to address both ends of the spectrum, and people in between.

Chair Slone thanked the presenters, noted their time was up and that they need to move on to the next item.

MARKS/LOWNEY MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ALLOW FOR QUESTIONS.

There was brief discussion that each member should be able to ask a question while the presenters are here.

VOTE: YES: MARKS, REISS, LOWNEY, HAINES, MATTHEWS, DERRY KNIGHT  
NO: SLONE

Motion carried.

In response to further questions, there was discussion on being able to break down some of the data specific to our area, but not all of it. Ms. Gustafson noted some of the information from the Youth Risk Behavioral Survey that done statewide with school aged children can be pulled based on zip code. She will provide that information in a hand out when the localized information is available. There was an additional request for more information on cost factors and transportation issues that hinder people's ability to get involved and participate in programs.

B. Q&A Re: Community Recreation – Mike Illg, Recreation Manager

Mike Illg, Recreation Manager, provided the task force with an overview of the Community Recreation Program. The program was established in 1972 as Homer Community Schools Program and was created to support accessibility to school facilities beyond the school hours in order to provide recreational and educational opportunities. The operation & administration moved from KPBSD to City of Homer in 2006 and is a division in the Administration Department. The mission statement is:

*The City of Homer Community Recreation will promote community involvement and life-long learning through educational and recreational opportunities for people of all ages.*

*This will be accomplished through maximizing usage of all community facilities and resources, while utilizing, expanding and uniting local business and school resources and expertise. Our program shall be designed to recognize cultural diversity and to address social and community concerns.*

The program relies heavily on volunteer efforts. Mr. Illg explained that in addition to himself there are three recreation assistants who are temporary employees that fill in for him, 33 contracted instructors, and 90 volunteers. The 2016 estimated program visits were 23,769. Locations for programs includes the Homer High School, Homer Middle School, and the HERC. The high school is the primary location, the cost is \$4,000 annually, and it can be challenging to schedule because he has to work around school events. The middle school is the secondary location at a cost of \$2,000 annually and the same scheduling challenges apply there as well. The HERC downstairs is the only area used currently, primarily the gym. It's an older building with limited space and limited maintenance.

Mr. Illg reviewed the programs and activities that are available through Community Recreation, fees, and he highlighted the importance of municipal recreation in the community.

Questions and discussion followed. Mr. Illg explained over time the community recreation fees have been established at the standard fee of \$3 per visit, \$2 per visit for youth. There is a soft policy that youth won't be turned away if they can't pay. Attendance has remained steady, it can fluctuate based on what programs are available from year to year, and there is a growing demand for recreation, but there are limitations on available time and space. The high school and middle school are the first and second choices for scheduling because they have the best gyms and available class room spaces. Also, his office is at the high school so he is better able to provide general supervision of activities at that location. The HERC is not as well maintained as the schools. He doesn't strategically want to put things there to make it look like we're overloading the facility and trying to create a demand. Benefits of bringing it on line and having the space available as a municipality are that it brings in about \$14,000 in revenue, the location, and being away from school activities and scheduling conflicts would open more times for activities.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

A. Julie Engebretsen, Deputy City Planner

Mrs. Marks noted Deputy City Planner Engebretsen's information in the staff report on available dates for another worksession, and thinks it would be worthwhile to have another one.

Ms. Lowney asked Special Projects and Communication Coordinator Carroll if she had information on funding for renovations or refurbishing as opposed to building something new. Ms. Carroll said she would note the question and look into some possibilities.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

## **PENDING BUSINESS**

### **A. New Recreation Facility – Discussion by Michael Haines**

Mr. Haines reported he's still working on steps 1-3 in his project work plan overview. He commented on his visit to the Sterling Recreation Center, explaining it was built in 2013, it's a beautiful building with a wonderful gym, full workout room, commercial kitchen, activity room, 50 car parking lot, and a baseball diamond. The unfortunate thing there is very little usage, the only real interest they are getting is for pickle ball and roller derby. There are concerns about financial problems for the center in the long term.

Mr. Haines said he feels like the task force is doing the right things in coming up with a viable plan for the HERC building. He plans to visit the Kenai Rec Center and work with Mike Illg on line with the National Association and find two or three models together to look at and try to come up with a really good HERC building, whether new or reconstructive. He's meeting with Mrs. Marks and Ms. Lowney to discuss information related to facilities, he's working on preparing a data base of local facilities and activities in the community.

In response to questions about management of the Sterling Center, Mr. Haines explained it's a 501c3 and is overseen by a Board of Directors. There is a Facilities Director who manages the programs.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Election of Chair**

Mr. Derry asked for confirmation that Chair Slone is declining to be Chair at this point. Chair Slone said he is declining to accept any nomination.

Mr. Derry nominated Mrs. Marks for chair and Ms. Lowney nominated Mrs. Matthews for chair.

Both nominees accepted the nomination and staff handed out paper to allow the task force members to vote.

Mrs. Matthews was elected as Chair and assumed the gavel.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE**

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Mike Illg, city resident and Kenai Peninsula Borough School Board Member, commented that bussing is a challenge and the Board is working on working on an MOU's between SPARK, Kachemak Swim Club, and the School District to come up with an agreement to establish designated bus stops during the school year. The Board is also looking at after school programs in the schools at Paul Banks and West Homer Elementary.

Tim Joyce, non-resident, encouraged the task force to look at the economic benefits of activities that occur in the community, not just at the HERC and the schools. He noted the youth wrestling that brought in 700 families last year, and those families spend money in the community while they are here. Same with the turnout for the recent Pickle Ball Tournament, they all have an economic impact on Homer.

Kathy Hill, city resident, thanked the group for their work. She noted another community need along with recreation and a community center, is the need for an evacuation center. In looking back at the earthquake and tsunami warnings back in January, the Fire Chief spoke about the need for an evacuation center and to look at the HERC as a possible location.

### **COMMENTS OF CITY STAFF**

### **COMMENTS OF THE TASK FORCE**

Ms. Lowney thanks Mrs. Matthews for serving as Chair. She also noted she's planning to attend the next Brown Bag Lunch on August 6<sup>th</sup>.

Chair Matthews asked about scheduling a worksession. There was brief discussion about dates and times, but nothing was finalized, and she will work with Deputy City Planner Engebretsen to work with on a date and topic.

Mr. Reiss commented he thinks a worksession is premature at this time and he'd like to propose inviting Public Works including Director Meyer, the mechanical, architectural and electrical person to the next session. There is a big issue with the mechanical aspect and he'd like to work with Mr. Meyer on that. He proposes half an hour with them. He'd like to start focusing on the facility. Chair Matthews suggested a worksession might be a good platform for this type of discussion.

Mr. Slone commented at the next meeting he'd like to propose a model motion to select a particular use, in terms of a charter school, K-6<sup>th</sup> grade and use it as test case, and focus the



technical information as a basis for applying the information to see if it works for that particular use. That will help inform them in respect to giving them a focus on how to utilize all this information, then branch out from that point.

Mrs. Marks suggested two areas to cover in an upcoming worksession and/or regular meeting. One is information from Fireweed Academy regarding interest. The other is documentation about the educational requirement of the building being relinquished along with the original documentation of the land was given over for education and recreational requirements.

Mr. Derry congratulated Mrs. Matthews for serving as Chair and thanked Mr. Slone for his service as Chair. He noted he left early last time due to the tide, as the power had been out for a few days across the bay and he needed to get back with a generator. He commented that he thinks the group needs more time at the meetings to get through the agendas and suggested they consider starting their meetings at 2:00 p.m.

#### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Task Force the meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. at the City Hall Conference Room located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

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MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_





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To: HERC Task Force  
From: Julie Engebretsen, Deputy City Planner  
Date: August 9, 2018  
Subject: August Staff Report

- This meeting will be a little shorter. We will have time at the end of the agenda to discuss next steps and moving forward. The agenda for the next meeting is longer!
- Included in this packet is an informational item from Council. Basically the memo asks that the task force focus on the HERC 1 building only, although demolition costs of HERC 2 are also welcome. This item is on Council's agenda for Monday; I will provide any updates at our meeting.



# **HERC Project**

## **Sample Community and Recreational Facilities No. 1**

### **Sterling (Alaska) Community Center**

**Location:** Sterling, Alaska.

**Contacts:** Kelly Reilly (Facility Coordinator) 907-262-7224  
Deb Debnam, Board Member and Treasurer

**Web Site:** [www.sterlingcommuniyclub.com](http://www.sterlingcommuniyclub.com)

**Type:** Recreational and Community.

**Facilities Include:** Gymnazium. Multi-purpose room. Weight room. Commercial kitchen. Library.

**Year Facility Constructed:** 2013

**Facility Space:** Originally build to support the needs of children in the community. But the major usage is by seniors.

**Facility Original Cost to Build:** \$1.3M, with much in-kind services from local businesses. The land cost was zero... thru a donation.

**Build Funding Source:** Private donations, sponsorships, and in-kind services.

**Types of Services Provided:** Pickleball. Weight room. Soccer. Basketball. Open gym. Roller derby, Lending library. Computer/Internet service. Previously had an after-schools program (since cancelled).

**Legal Organization:** Not-for-Profit 501(c)3.

**Membership:** Yes.

**Hours Open:** 11AM to 4:30PM, Monday thru Saturday.

**Number of Members:** 50

**Annual Dues:** \$100

**Annual Budget:** \$80K (approx)... includes salary of 1 person, liability insurance, utilities.  
Annual revenues are \$60K.

**Subsidised By:** The budget difference is made up from donations (mainly local businesses).  
But, with the recent downturn in the local Sterling/Soldotna economy, donations are becoming harder to obtain.

**Space Available for Rent:** Yes

**Population Catchment Area:** 6,000

**Newsletter:** Yes.

**Sponsors:** Yes (\$400 to \$2500 per year).

**Competition:** None in Sterling. Most competition from Soldotna.

**Other Notes:** Their commercial kitchen is a problem... low usage and high (relatively) rental fees. No tax base to support the facility and programs. Board currently working with senior center to attempt a push for a local service district tax.

# HERC Opportunity Plan Outline

Michael Haines, August 2018

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## Notes:

1. The final plan will be titled an “Opportunity Plan” (rather than a “business plan”), since the document’s goal is to identify the opportunity surrounding the HERC facility. It will also provide details on the viability of the HERC facility as a community and recreational facility from a business perspective... is this viable/sustainable over the long-term?
  2. The intended (target) audience and reader of this plan is (by necessity) quite broad. It includes Homer City Council members, Homer City employees, Homer residents, and prospective financial and sponsorship organizations.
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- 3. The final HERC “Opportunity Plan” will consider the two alternatives for the HERC building: (a) a renovation of the existing HERC building, and (b) a “New HERC” facility. Differences between the two will be identified appropriately within the “Opportunity Plan”.**

## **Executive Summary**

This “Executive Summary” section provides a capsule review of the complete plan... to pique the readers’ interest. It highlights the most important aspects of the plan.

## **Methodology**

This section details the process and methodology that led to the findings and recommendations found in the plan. This section will also discuss such issues as a HERC facility as a “rec center”, a “community center”, or both.

## **HERC Background and Opportunity**

This section includes a brief description of the history of the HERC facility, provides an overview of the current state of community and recreation activities in Homer, and describes the opportunity surrounding the refurbishment of the current building or the creation of a new community and recreation facility.

## **Market Analysis**

This section details the current community and recreational services available in Homer, the potential changes taking place in these services over time, and which type of services make sense for a HERC facility. It will include trend analysis, and the needs assessment study that contributed to the plan.

## **Services and Products to be Offered**

This section lists the potential services and products available for the facility.



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## **Forecast of Future Use**

This section provides a forecast of use of the facility over the next 5 years, based on the services and products described in the previous section.

## **Benefits Overview**

Benefits for a facility such as HERC can be valued as objective and/or subjective, or quantitative and/or qualitative. This section describes the benefits and addresses the issues to the community of a HERC facility.

## **Renovation Versus New**

This section describes the opportunities and benefits related to renovating the current HERC building versus constructing a new facility, and the impacts on prospective community and recreational activities.

## **Operational/Management Opportunities**

The HERC facility will require an operating plan if it is to be successful in the long term. This section will address the issues regarding the operation of the facility and recommend an operating and management model that can be used as a basis for a full operating plan.

## **Legal Entities**

Operationally, the final version of the HERC facility can take a number of different legal business forms. This section provides those options and recommends a legal entity. This section will also recommend an organization structure.

## **Economic Impacts**

Recreation in general has been shown to have positive impacts on communities that embrace it. This section will explore these opportunities as they relate to the HERC facility. In addition, a HERC facility (renovated or new) may have an impact on local providers of services and products similar to those offered. This section also discusses these issues..

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## **Investment Needs**

Whether renovated, or new, HERC may require substantial monetary and non-monetary investment. This sections identifies and recommends options.

## **Financial Projections**

This section will provide a 5-year operating financial projection with recommendations that support financial viability.

## **Action Plan**

This section offers an action plan in moving forward with a HERC facility (whether renovated or new).

## **Assumptions**

This section lists the assumptions used in creating this ‘Opportunity Plan’.

## **Reference Material**

This section lists the reference material used in creating this “Opportunity Plan”.

## HERC Task Force Questionnaire

The HERC Task Force is seeking your help. As a sub-group of the HERC Task Force, We are trying to create a Positive Business Model for the HERC that works for our community. Through this process we are trying to assess the community needs for a New Homer Community Recreation/Multi-Purpose Building or a Remodeled HERC. What do we need this new or remodeled facility to provide and consequently look like? This is not a wish list. Our goal is to address the practical needs that have been expressed through our community needs assessment or by your user group community.

Please address the following questions from you business/community perspective.

- 1) Looking at your facility and other facilities that are available to you in the community, what need is missing that could possibly be filled through access to the HERC? (space needs)
- 2) Are there programs that your organization/business has a desire provide and/or programs that your community is requesting, that you are not able to accommodate? Would access to the HERC possibly accommodate these programs? This is not a wish list. This is practical needs that have been expressed by your community and that your organization/business would like to offer to that community. (programing)
- 3) How do you see your organization expanding into the HERC if the opportunity becomes available?

Financially – rental fees, lease, other

Space Requirements – classroom, office, storage, gym

Time commitment – daily, weekly, monthly

Audience – age, numbers, special needs, other

Would your organization be interested in partnering, or in being a regular user group of the HERC?

Do you have a business model, or a proposal for utilizing the HERC facility that addresses the identified community needs? We would love to look at other ideas or models for this proposed community recreation/multi-purpose center that will assist in moving this community project forward.





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To: HERC Task Force  
From: Julie Engebretsen, Deputy City Planner  
Date: August 8, 2018  
Subject: Task #1: Can the upstairs be used?

**Requested Motion:** Move to apply to state fire marshal to review the upstairs of the HERC for Community Recreation classes.

#### Background

At this point, the Task Force has spent time talking and thinking about Question #1: Can the upstairs of the HERC be safely used with no capital improvement? From the State Fire Marshal, we have learned that the upstairs was previously approved for a Class B occupancy when the college rented the space. We have also learned that in order to start using the space again, Fire Marshal review is required. Chair Mathews would like to get a firm answer about whether the space can be used as is, or if upgrades will be required. This question can be answered by applying to the Fire Marshal with \$100 fee.

If the Task Force approves of making this application, staff will complete the work and submit the application.





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To: HERC Task Force  
From: Julie Engebretsen, Deputy City Planner  
Date: August 8, 2018  
Subject: Next Steps

### Upcoming Dates

**August 20<sup>th</sup>:** Michael Haines, Brown Bag at the Library, noon-1 pm. Let Julie know if you would like to attend (max of 3 task force members can attend).

**August 28<sup>th</sup>:** Next Task Force Meeting, Todd Hindman, Fire Weed Academy principle will be a visitor on the agenda and available to answer your questions. We will also have financial information from the City Manager about topics such as indebtedness, sales tax revenue, loans and funding sources. The City Manager will be out of town and unable to attend the meeting, but I am working with her on the presentation of the information. With the recent funding discussion on the police station, there is

**Early September:** (maybe Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup>) tentative date for a work session with Barry and Public Works employees about the HER building. Date, time, location to be confirmed by our next meeting.

**September 10<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup>:** We have a tentative work session scheduled with City Council. The Council calendar gets booked up later in the fall, so I calendared a work session in case you'd like the opportunity to meet with them.

**Regular Task Force meetings in September:** Dave and Barry input on the HERC building surveys, and discussion of use as proposed by Larry.

**QUESTIONS:** What are your questions moving forward? Are we missing anything? Discussion?







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### Memorandum 18-090

TO: HERC Task Force  
FROM: Homer City Council  
DATE: August 8, 2018  
SUBJECT: City Council Guidance on HERC 2

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The purpose of this memo is to respond to the Task Force's request for additional guidance on HERC 2, or what is currently the Building Maintenance Shop. HERC 2 has not been studied to the extent of HERC 1, the larger building has to determine structural integrity and potential life span. Both were built at same time, of the same material (concrete) and are showing their age, albeit HERC 2 more so. It is unlikely there will be a new use that is cost effective to bring HERC 2 up to code. Continuing to use it in the way it is being used as a shop is consistent with Fire Marshall's approval and Building Maintenance should be able to operate out HERC 2 in the foreseeable future in a safe manner.

After reviewing the four scenarios City Council tasked the HERC Task force with in Resolution 18-036(A), the only scenario where relocating Building Maintenance could be necessary is item four, demoing HERC 1. Under item four it would be prudent to develop a cost estimate for removing both structures. The remaining three scenarios, and to some extent the fourth depending on the proposed location of a new facility on site, all allow for the continued existing use of HERC 2 as a Building Maintenance shop.

1. Can the upstairs of the HERC be safely used with no capital improvements?
2. What are the minimum improvements that would be needed to safely use the entire HERC facility and cost associated with those improvements?
3. What are the desirable improvements that need to be made to the entire HERC facility to allow it to be used to its full potential for the next 10 years?
4. What would it cost to demo the HERC and build a new facility that meets the recreation needs of the community on the existing site?

In conclusion, consideration by the HERC task force of the future for HERC 2 should be limited to an estimate on the cost to demo the facility. The 'entire HERC facility' in Resolution 18-036(A) should be interpreted to mean upstairs, downstairs, and parking and outdoor spaces associated with HERC 1 only.



**From:** Bonita Banks  
**To:** [Melissa Jacobsen](#)  
**Cc:** [Derotha Ferraro](#); [Hannah Gustafson](#)  
**Subject:** info as requested by HERC Task Force  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 25, 2018 3:32:54 PM

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Hi Melissa,

This is some follow-up information for the HERC Task Force as requested by Deb Lowney regarding childcare. The question was in response to the presentation July 24, 2018 regarding MAPP and the Community Health Needs Assessment.

Here is a summary of the results of a survey of South Peninsula Hospital employees:

**2017 SPH Child Care Needs Assessment Survey**

- 48 employees completed the survey: electronic and paper responses
- results identify **significant need** for childcare
- child care issues frequently **prevent staff from working** the number of shifts or FTE that they would like to work
- Lack of child care for SPH employees has been identified *for decades* as having a negative impact on staff retention; SPH has conducted child care needs surveys multiple times in the past—most recently in 2013 and again in 2017.
- The results have consistently identified high needs for and lack of child care options that impact staffing

**Data on Southern Kenai Peninsula (as of January, 2018)**

- shortage** of child care providers-both licensed and unlicensed
- seven licensed childcare providers on the South Peninsula can only serve a maximum of 94 children
- all providers are currently full**; waiting list for openings
- loss of providers; there has been a 40% decrease** in licensed child care facilities since 2015
- there are **zero** licensed providers in Anchor Point
- options for ages 0-2 are extremely restricted

What we know is that there is a severe lack of licensed childcare on the Southern Peninsula. The most needed kind of childcare is infant care; infant care is the least available and most expensive to provide.

Please let me know if there are any questions regarding this information.

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*Joy is the happiness that doesn't depend on what happens. Br. David Steindl-Rast*