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To: Council Select Committee on Human Services

From: Bill Vetter, Sr. Legislative Analyst & Jason Escareno, Sr. Legislative Analyst

Re: Senior Center / Youth Violence Prevention Services Study Proposed Plan

Budget Proviso

The Performance Audit Committee's 2018 Workplan is to include an evaluation of the Youth Violence Prevention and Senior Center request for proposal processes and program. The evaluations should include:

- A review of the process by which organizations apply for youth violence prevention and senior center funds
- The outcome based evaluation methodology used to evaluate the extent to which programs achieve intended goals properly serve the intended constituency
- The participation of the Allocation Advisory Committees and senior center funding group in evaluation and monitoring of funded programs

Human Services Committee Discussion, March 15

Questions/comments from the Committee:

- How can outcome-based methodology be incorporated?
- How is the Senior Center evaluation and allocation committee appointed and composed?
- The Council's intention in authorizing funding for senior centers was to support needs of senior centers, not defund centers based on competitive rankings
- Council would like to explore leveraging senior center funding with other efforts – (health department)?*
- Council would like to see senior center users included in evaluation group*
- Council would like to know how senior centers are utilizing funding

Staff Report Proposal

We propose providing a report that includes information on Pierce County demographics; senior center funding, budgets, and services; and youth prevention funding and services. The report would also include comparisons with different Washington jurisdictions; specifically, how they allocate funds for these programs and services.

The intention is to give the Council information to support future allocation policy decisions. The report would include recommendations for alternative funding structures. In exploring ways to leverage senior center funding with other efforts, this would show how comparison counties have accomplished that, but wouldn't explore other potential solutions or partnerships.

Draft Report Outline

- I. Background / Current Process
 - a. Pierce County Demographics
 - b. Senior Center Data / Services
 - c. Youth Violence Prevention Data / Services
 - d. Funding Types and Numbers

- II. Comparison Counties
 - a. How do other counties distribute funds for senior centers?
 - i. Snohomish
 - ii. King
 - iii. Whatcom
 - iv. _____

 - b. How do other counties distribute funds for youth violence prevention?
 - i. Seattle
 - ii. _____

- III. Recommendations