

Village of Downers Grove Staff Report to the Human Service Ad Hoc Committee
July 28, 2020
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Background

At the [December 18, 2018](#) Village Council meeting, the Village Council created and appointed seven members to the Human Service Ad Hoc Committee (HSAHC). The committee met four times in 2019 from January through May. At the conclusion of the four meetings, the committee was tasked with creating a report answering two questions posed by the Village Council:

1. What role shall an appointed Human Service Commission serve in the Village?
2. What can and should an appointed standing Human Service Commission do to assist the Village Council in promoting the function and mission of the Village on an on-going basis?

The final report was presented to the Village Council on [August 6](#) and [September 17, 2019](#). Village Council discussed the presented report in conjunction with the preparation of the 2019-2021 Long Range Plan. Two options were presented:

- Option 1: Accept the Human Service Ad Hoc Committee Report as presented.
- Option 2: Reconstitute the Human Service Ad Hoc Committee and direct them to:
 - Develop more specific recommendations on actions, and to prioritize the recommended actions
 - Consider presentations by Village of Downers Grove departments, Downers Grove Township, DuPage County, and Not-For-Profit organizations about the human services currently being provided in and around the communityCommence work in January and complete work by June 30, 2020.

Village Council directed staff to proceed with Option 2 and the Human Service Ad Hoc Committee was officially re-established at the [December 17, 2019](#) Village Council meeting. The reconstituted HSAHC has the following Committee Powers and Duties:

- Hold regular meetings to discuss and develop more specific recommendations on actions, and to prioritize the recommended actions;
- Consider presentations by the Village of Downers Grove departments, Downers Grove Township, DuPage County, and Not-For-Profit organizations about the human services currently being provided in and around the Village;
- Submit a report to the Village Council, addressing the issues identified herein for consideration no later than June 30, 2020;
- Perform any additional duties and tasks as the Village Council may from time to time direct.

The HSAHC met on January 28 and February 25. The March, April, May and June meetings were canceled to do the pandemic. At the [January meeting](#), the Village made a presented information about the provision of social services. School Districts 58 and 99 and the Downers Grove Public Library made similar presentations at the [February meeting](#).

On July 7, the [Village Council extended the deadline](#) for the completion of the HSAHC work to October 31, 2020.

Updated Meeting Schedule

The HSAHC meeting schedule and topics are as follows:

Date	Topic
Tuesday, January 28	Presentations by the Village Police and Fire Departments
Tuesday, February 25	Presentations by the Downers Grove Public Library, School Districts 58 and 99
Tuesday, July 28	Presentations by Downers Grove Township and DuPage County
Tuesday, August 25	Presentations by Local Non-Profits (To be determined by committee) Youth Outlook and NAMI invited
Tuesday, September 22	Committee discussion and draft of recommendations
Tuesday, October 27	Committee final discussion and recommendations