

HOUSING & HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

CITY OF MESA

Upper Level Council Chambers

February 12, 2002

-MINUTES-

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Greg Holtz, Chairperson

Ms. Teresa Cotton

Mr. Michael Graham

Ms. Susan Klecka

Ms. Elaine Nelson

ABSENT

Dr. Carlos Vallejo (Excused)

Mr. Eldon Husted (Unexcused)

Mr. Michael Whiting (Unexcused)

STAFF

Ms. Debra Determan

Ms. Nichole Wamble

WELCOME

Greg Holtz opened the meeting at 5:43P.M. welcoming everyone to the first official meeting of 2002.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Teresa Brice-Heames announced the Housing Forum to be held March 12, 2002. February 22, 2002 from 1:00-3:30 the Arizona Civil Rights Hearing will be held at Mesa Senior Services for public input on housing issues. Also on February 22, 2002 from 9:30-12:00 the Arizona Housing Commission will be having a meeting to discuss housing issues.

ROLE CALL

REVIEW DECEMBER 18, 2001 MEETING MINUTES

Note: No formal meeting was held in January due to Tour de Mesa and a Board Retreat.

A motion was made to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded and carried.

REVIEW AND APPROVE HHSAB 2002/03 VISION STATEMENT, GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The board reviewed and approved the 2002/03 goals and objectives as well as the vision statement they developed at their Board retreat January 12, 2002. These documents will be placed on the City Council agenda for their review and approval.

MOVE THE MOUNTAIN LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Greg Holtz announced he and Debra Determan attended "Move the Mountain" Training. Greg explained that the training looked at how individuals can move themselves out of poverty and into self-sufficiency. He described the training as leadership development and important to the Advisory Board for the City of Mesa Community Action Agency.

REVIEW AND APPROVE HUMAN SERVICE FUNDING GUIDELINES

Greg explained that he felt the funding guidelines should set the standard for the bodies' decision making with regard to funding allocations. He pointed out that each year the Board has asked for an increase over the specified amount from the City Council. However, in the current budget cycle he explained that we should expect a 3% cut. Greg referenced a conversation he had with

Mike Hutchinson, City Manager, where he explained to Mr. Hutchinson that in years when there is a lean budget Human Services may be in even more need of funding. Greg said that Mike Hutchinson stated he had never heard that before.

Greg pointed out that there is a 2.1 % increase over last years funding requests, some of which may be attributed to new agencies applying such as Girl Scouts, Lutheran Social Ministry, Phoenix Shanti Group, Planned Parenthood, Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation and Camp Fire Girls. Greg opened for discussion whether or not the Board should continue with their existing funding priorities through this current cycle. Michael Graham referred to the discussion that was had around this topic at the January 12, 2002 retreat and offered that at this juncture the current guidelines were appropriate.

Susan Klecka move to uphold the existing priorities and funding guidelines. Elaine Nelson seconded the motion.

Teresa Cotton disputed the motion, stating that she felt the Early Intervention/Prevention should be a much higher priority. It was explained that these funding priorities were in a somewhat reverse order of the ABC funding guidelines where Prevention/Early Intervention is the 1st priority.

Susan Klecka stated that she would eventually like to see Early Intervention/ Prevention as a higher priority in this funding cycle as well. She explained that when such programs come along they are taken into consideration.

Greg Holtz asked for a vote, the motion carried to uphold the existing priorities and funding guidelines.

Greg pointed out that we are not just allocating \$1.5 M. There is also funding from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) that are allocated to help the community. Essentially we are dealing with 3 or 4 times that amount of money.

REVIEW FUNDING PROPOSALS

Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation.

Greg asked if any other board member was aware whether or not the Bay Club Apartments (the program for which Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation is seeking funding) was a Crime Free Multi-Housing complex. He stated that he was aware that the police had a high number of calls from this property.

Teresa stated that she was interested in finding out whether or not Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation would be losing their funding from St. Lukes Health Initiative.

Michael Graham indicated that he was interested in seeing how their program budget was integrated into their Agency budget. He also mentioned that he would like to see if any additional funding was being projected for this program.

Central Arizona Shelter Service

Greg pointed out that CASS hadn't made a request for funding in a couple of years and this year they were requesting \$56,000.

Susan Klecka stated that the program has been, historically a Phoenix based program.

Michael Graham asked if that was the reason we had not funded them in the past.

Greg answered that they had not been funded because we have had a significant amount of money in the East Valley Men's Center.

Susan offered that there is a need for a women's shelter, but it needs to be located in Mesa and it needs to be done well. Susan also complimented CASS on a job well done.

Greg pointed out that the CASS proposal reports that 20% of the population is from Mesa. He stated that he would be interested in looking at that further and funding CASS at a smaller level

Michael Graham pointed out that compared to the requests of other cities, CASS was asking for a very nominal amount of Mesa in an attempt to diversify.

Greg stated that there is a need for a women's shelter. He also pointed out how difficult it is to get money from the other shelters for the men's center. He suggested that the board consider funding CASS at some level.

Michael Graham asked Pat Gilbert if it was true that the EVMC can basically take anyone. Pat replied that they were careful but theoretically yes.

Greg asked if Phoenix contributed any funding to the Men's Center. Pat Gilbert answered, no.

Susan pointed out that people are not necessarily going to be forthright about where they are coming from. As a goal she would like to look at funding a women's shelter specific to Mesa.

Elaine Nelson pointed out that it was important for a comprehensive needs assessment to be done.

Staff introduced Dina Beck from Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation. Greg asked if the Bay Club property was crime free housing. Dina answered that it was not at this time but that they were working with the Police department and Dave Anaya of Gang Intervention. Greg asked if they were working with the CAP Officers. Dina answered that they were to a certain extent. Greg asked if they had ever considered having a substation for the police department. Dina stated that they had offered. Teresa Cotton asked if there were repercussions for residents whom had complaints filed against them. Dina answered that it would be a better question for the property management company.

It was offered that under the guidelines for being a crime free multi-housing unit there must be a background check. It was also mentioned that MesaCAN has a good relationship with the Bay Club apartments with regard to referrals for individuals with criminal background.

MESA COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK

Greg Holtz pointed out the MesaCAN's request for funding was level with last year. Greg did ask for clarification on how the rent line item could remain the same even though they were now in a city owned facility and charged on \$1/yr in rent.

Pat specified that the money shown in the rent column was because they carried no money for depreciation or capital improvements. He explained that the money goes to the MesaCAN

foundation to fund maintenance and renovation. He also explained that the EVMC shows rent but it is not under the foundation. The rent for EVMC would also go toward maintenance and renovation. Greg asked if Pat was in the process of filling the Development Coordinators position. Pat answered that he was but that process was not yet completed.

Michael Graham asked for clarification on the length of stay at the EVMC. Pat specified 2 years.

PHOENIX SHANTI GROUP

It was agreed upon that due to the overage in time if there were any specific questions pertaining to the proposal then they should be directed through staff for clarification.

Additionally, any points that need to be clarified from other proposals should be address to staff prior to meeting.

STAFF REPORTS.

None

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:16 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Debbra Determan, Human Services Coordinator