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**HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF MESA
MESA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
57 EAST 1st STREET, UPPER LEVEL
FEBRUARY 28, 2008
- MEETING MINUTES-**

MEMBERS

Mary Bolig
Robert Brinton (Absent)
Jerry Davis (Excused)
John Gutierrez (Absent)
Raymond Jones
William McDaniel
Rhonda Oliver (Absent)
Linda Starr

STAFF

Lisa Wilson
Scott Clapp
Carolyn Olson

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Raymond Jones welcomed those in attendance and introductions were made.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no comments from citizens.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 31, 2008 MINUTES

The minutes of January 31, 2007 were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS/RECOMMEND 2008-09 ESG FUNDING

A Public Hearing was held to accept citizen comments for the Emergency Shelter Grant Recommendations: A New Leaf La Mesita, \$29,260; Autumn House, \$37,223; East Valley Men's Center, \$77,074 and Administrative cost, \$7,576.

The Human Services Advisory Board (HSAB) members voted unanimously to approve the Emergency Shelter Grant funds that staff recommended.

REVIEW POSSIBLE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The HSAB members stated their conflicts for the record before discussing the proposals and site visits that were completed. Mesa Family YMCA, Serrine Adult Day Care and Save the Family were to be discussed. There were no conflicts noted.

2007/2008 HUMAN SERVICES PROPOSAL REVIEW & DISCUSSION

The proposals of Valley of the Sun YMCA, Serrine Adult Day Care and Save the Family Foundation were discussed.

- Valley of the Sun – The Board discussed keeping the same level of funding, minus the 5% reduction in the budget.
- Serrine Adult Day Care – The agency had been funded in the past. Members of the Board agreed that the program does provide a safe place for seniors suffering from

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dementia. Additional funds would have to be raised to fund the program. With the reduction in the budget, it may not be possible.

- Transitional Housing & Case Management/Homeless Families Intervention Project (HFIP)– The Board discussed keeping the same level of funding for the Transitional Housing and Case Management program. The City had funded the HFIP a few years ago. Although the program compliments the case management, it does not have a high priority for funding.

The Board voted to not complete the site visit for A & A Cottages due to budget cuts. There is no funding to fund agencies that do not fit the Community Safety Support Model.

STAFF REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Wilson gave a staff report. Items discussed were:

- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance. Mesa may spearhead a one-day event to help people prepare tax forms to receive the IRS Economic Stimulus Package.
- ABC: A Better Community Program. ABC donations are still down and have been down consistently over a three-month period. Mesa Lifestyle Magazine, which is marketed to the Las Sendas area; ran an article about the ABC Program. The Office of Human Services is working with the Utilities Department on enhancing the Web page. The enhancements would allow everyone to donate to the ABC Program without having to pay a City of Mesa utility bill.

ADJOURN

With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa R. Wilson, Human Services Specialist-SA