

**HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF MESA
MESA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, LOWER LEVEL
57 EAST FIRST STREET
JANUARY 28, 2009
-MEETING MINUTES-**

MEMBERS

Douglas Gerlach
LaDawnna Hudson (absent)
Kimberly Nuzman
Katie Rosier
Sophia Tesch
Scott Vanhoogstraat

Michael Petramalo

STAFF

Scott Clapp
Lisa Wilson

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Sophia Tesch welcomed those in attendance at 5:32p.m.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

There were no citizen comments.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MINUTES

The November Human Services Advisory Board (HSAB) minutes were approved unanimously.

HUMAN SERVICES FUNDING PROCESS

The City's funding process started January 4, 2010. Human service agencies attended a one hour training on January 4th, 5th, and 6th. The training involved online database training. Applications are due February 3, 2010 at 3:00 PM. The process has been smooth with minimal technical difficulties and many positive comments from agencies. There were approximately 40 people in attendance with some of them new to the process.

The HSAB will receive individual training at the Housing office located at the City Plaza Building. The training will be held on February 11, 2010 at 4:30 PM.

STAFF REPORTS ANNOUNCEMENTS

abc: A Better Community Donation contribution was \$11,206.00 for the month of December. Across the Back contains an article that asks Mesa residents to donate to the program. We will continue to market the program in an effort to increase community awareness.

Sophia updated the Board on the fundraiser that will be hosted by Mesa Leadership, Training and Development (Mesa LTD). A planning meeting was held on January 24, 2010 to discuss the event to be held April 8th, 2010 at the Commemorative Air force Museum. There will be a silent auction, food, and raffles. The cost is \$5.00 per person with 100% of the proceeds donated to the abc. program. Sponsorships are available, with Wells Fargo

already on board. Donations have been made to the silent auction with more welcome. Channel 11 is interested in filming the event. Councilmembers Higgins and Kavanaugh have already placed the event on their calendars. Providers of human services will also be invited to attend.

There is more community awareness of what the abc program is. Scott Vanhoogstraat is applying for a grant for the abc program through his company, Edward Jones. He will follow-up with us on the results.

The Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing (HPRP) program is becoming very popular. There has been over \$600,000 expended so far with over 95 families receiving assistance.

Ms. Tesch gave information on Arizona Saves, which can help families facing tough times save money. The organization is willing to provide workshops in Mesa.

The State of Arizona is involved in a project called Project H3. The group is asking that each city reserve 25 vouchers each to help house the chronically homeless such as those people with serious mental illness and substance abuse issues. Stay tuned for more information.

ADJOURN

With no other agenda items to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Lisa R. Wilson, Human Services Coordinator