

**HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF MESA
MESA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, LOWER LEVEL
57 EAST FIRST STREET
FEBRUARY 26, 2009
-MEETING MINUTES-**

MEMBERS

Douglas Gerlach (absent)
John Gutierrez
Raymond Jones
Kimberly Nuzman
Rhonda Oliver
Michael Petramalo (absent)
Linda Starr
Sophia Tesch

STAFF

Mary Brandon
Scott Clapp (absent)
Carolyn Olson
Lisa Wilson (absent)

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Raymond Jones convened the meeting at 5:31p.m.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

No items were presented to the Board at this time.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 26, 2009 MINUTES

Mr. Raymond Jones made a motion to approve the January 26, 2009 minutes with a few needed corrections and the Board unanimously voted to approve the January 26, 2009 minutes.

THE HOUSE OF EL-ELYON HS PROPOSAL PRESENTATION

Irene Ellis-Founder, Dr. Tracy Wooten-Nutritionists and Sandra Clark-Curriculum Director of El-Elyon shared a presentation for their proposal for the 2009/2010 funding application. Their program is for young pregnant girls from 12-18 years old. El-Elyon is requesting the money for a facility.

The program is setup to help the young girls with nutrition, parenting skills, life skills, finish secondary education, budgeting, and etc. The young girls will be eligible to stay in the program until they are 18 years old.

HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET UPDATE

Carolyn Olson reviewed the budget decrease of 30% from last year's budget.

Lisa Wilson's position is less than 50% Human Services due to budget cuts.

REVIEW APPLICATION FUNDING REQUESTS

Discussion and preliminary decision on if they should be funded was held regarding the following agencies that site visits have been done.

- Arizona Central Shelter Services – *will be discussed next month*
- Boys and Girls Club (Teen Program) – After review by the board it was decided that they may possibly fund this program.
Lisa Wilson will follow-up with United Way to see if they will be funding this program. T
- CARE Partnership (Provide healthcare for low to moderate households) – After review by the board it was decided that they may possibly fund this program after some financial questions are reviewed.
Sophia will follow-up on those questions.
- Community Bridges (Program works with first responders) - Over 4,600 people were in the program last year in Mesa (an average of 22 people per night). After board review this would be a program to fund.
It was suggested to invite Community Bridges to one of the board meetings.
- East Valley Men's Center – There are some questions regarding financials (training and travel). After board review this would be a program to fund.
Kim will follow-up on financials.
- MesaCAN Client Services – After board review this would be a program to fund.
Kim will follow-up on financials.
- Serrine Adult Day Care – After board review this would be a program to fund.

STAFF REPORTS ANNOUNCEMENTS

ABC Program

Final recommendation should be completed by March 26, 2009 and will go to City Council on April 2, 2009 at 7:30a.m.

New Hours and Move to MCP

- The City of Mesa will begin the 4x10 schedule starting March 2, 2009. Hours will be 7:00am – 6:00pm and closed on Fridays.
- Housing and Community Revitalization will be moving to Mesa City Plaza sometime in April.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Possible merge of Housing Advisory Board and Human Services Board.

ADJOURN

With no other agenda items to be discussed, Chair Raymond Jones adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:30p.m.