

**HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF MESA
MESA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
57 EAST 1st STREET, LOWER LEVEL
MARCH 22, 2007
- MEETING MINUTES-**

MEMBERS

Ms. Mary Bolig
Mr. Robert Brinton (Excused)
Mr. Charles Brown
Dr. Jerry Davis
Mr. Raymond Jones
Mr. William McDaniel
Ms. Linda Starr

Ms. Rhonda Oliver
Ms. Amy Ricks (Resigned)

STAFF

Ms. Lisa Wilson
Ms. Jane Albin

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Raymond Jones welcomed those attending the meeting as other members of the board introduced themselves.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 22, 2007 MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the February 22, 2007 meeting were approved unanimously.

HSAB ORDINANCE APPROVAL - Tentative

This item was not discussed, as the document is currently being reviewed by the City Attorney's Office.

REVIEW POSSIBLE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Before the site visits and proposals were discussed, the Board restated their conflicts for the record.

2007/2008 HUMAN SERVICES PROPOSAL REVIEWS & DISCUSSION

✓ A&A Cottages

The Board discussed the proposal for Empower House. Some felt that the application was not as good as it could have been. The Board was concerned that the program serves only four people. The agency's financial practices were discussed. One of the Board member did not recommend funding because the City does not have additional funding for new programs.

✓ CARE Partnership

The Wellness site visit and proposal was discussed. The Board members who attended thought that the agency does an excellent job utilizing its volunteers and in-kind donations. The agency operations spreadsheet was discussed. Board members found that the financial information was not properly complete and included many errors. The agency wants to increase salaries and hours but the demographic chart does not indicate growth. Consensus of the Board was that the City of Mesa should not be involved with children's healthcare and would not recommend funding this program.

✓ New Leaf (formerly PREHAB)-LaMesita, Autumn House, MesaCAN EVMC

The New Leaf application includes requests for several different programs. Mr. McDaniel stated that this agency provides many of the most needed human service programs to City residents. He found the budget information that was provided disappointing.

Several areas of the budget were discussed. "Other" operating expenses of \$3,016,813 and the total agency budget is \$23,972,234. The average salary for 17 people employed at the East Valley Men's Center calculates to almost \$43,000/yr. Staff has requested clarification but has not received a response.

Mr. McDaniel was also concerned that most of the funding was going toward salaries and benefits and not getting to the end user. The agency received a \$479,000 (one time) grant from the State of Arizona for renovations to the men's center. There was brief discussion regarding the industry standards and regulations for program budgets and salaries and percentage of funding allowed from various sources.

The presentation at Autumn House was poor. The domestic violence shelter is a worthwhile program but the staff showed no enthusiasm during the site visit presentation. Also, there was no one in attendance that could answer financial questions. The presentation was geared toward Mesa United Way and did not include discussion of City of Mesa funding. Michael Hughes, New Leaf's Executive Director did express his apologies the following day, as his staff made an over site in excluding Mesa in its presentation.

Overall, the Board was not impressed with this agency's site visits and presentations.

✓ Boys/Girls Club

The site visit went well although there were a few questions that needed clarification. The Board was impressed with the facility and the programs offered. The financial information was sufficient. The Board would recommend level funding for them. Bob Blatz, the program director had made changes to the numbers served at the club. He wanted to show those that regularly attend the club. Staff recommended that he report all of the children that use the club.

✓ Advocates for the Disabled

Those in attendance were not impressed with the agency site visit and presentation. Proposal included a low amount of people being served. Board members thought that the agency provides a unique service but the program is not run efficiently. The program outcomes did not match the program goals. There was not sufficient information to make a funding decision. The agency has a huge waiting and denial list. Other funding sources were not listed on the operations spreadsheet. The agency has no standard measuring procedures in place to keep track of the number of people that they serve each year.

✓ Serrine Adult Day Care

The Board discussed Serrine Adult Day Care. The agency wrote a great proposal and answered questions well during the presentation. Serrine provides a needed service to the clients that they serve. The Board was impressive with the caregivers, the cleanliness of the facility and professionalism of the staff. Usage of the program is down in both of the locations because the government was providing funding to specific clients then they stopped paying. After further discussion, the board agreed that this would be a program that they would recommend funding.

STAFF REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Amy Ricks resigned from the Board effective immediately.

Staff continues to explore opportunities to increase donations to the program.

ADJOURN

With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa R. Wilson". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Lisa R. Wilson, Human Services Specialist-SA