

HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD
January 20, 2011 MINUTES

The Human Services Advisory Board (HSAB) of the City of Mesa met in a regular board meeting January 20, 2011, 5:30 p.m. in the Lower Level, City Council Chambers, 57 E. First Street.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sophia Tesch, Chair
Katie Rosier, Vice Chair
LaDawna Hudson
Trent Montague
Michael Petramalo
Stephen Sparks
Lynne Van Gould

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kimberly Nuzman

STAFF PRESENT

Mary Berumen
Brandy Howard

GUESTS

I. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order 5:32 p.m.

II. Items from Citizens Present

III. Approval of minutes from the October 14, 2010, HSAB meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Petramalo to approve the October 14, 2010, HSAB minutes. Ms. Hudson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. Presentations & Discussion

- A. Discuss and hear a presentation on open meeting law, conflict of interest and professional conduct from Christine Stutz, City of Mesa, Assistant City Attorney III.

Alfred Smith, City of Mesa, Deputy City Attorney, presented on behalf of Ms. Stutz, as she was unable to attend. He reviewed open meeting law, conflict of interest and professional conduct, and offered to attend subsequent meetings for more in depth conversation on these topics.

- B. Discuss and hear a presentation on nonprofit 990s from Margaret Hunnicutt, CPA, President & CEO, Tempe Schools Credit Union.

Ms. Hunnicutt gave a brief presentation on nonprofit 990 IRS tax form. She explained what a 990 form shows regarding assets, administration costs, and service costs.

- C. Discuss and hear a presentation on the Human Services portion of the Arizona Indicators Project and other recent reports from The Morrison Institute for Public Policy from Dr. Richard Knopf, Human Services Contributor for Arizona Indicators and Director of Arizona State University's Partnership for Community Development.

Dr. Knopf briefly explained what can be found on the Arizona Indicators Web site: <http://arizonaindicators.org/>; including demographics, educations, human services, etc.

V. Action Items

- A. Discuss and provide direction on the Human Services application review process for FY 11/12.

Ms. Howard took time to review with the board the application process each applicant will complete and discussed the timeline used to review each application, listen to presentations and proceed with recommendations.

- B. Discuss and provide direction on the results from the Human Services Advisory Board planning retreat meeting.

Ms. Berumen stated that Ms. Tesch had questions regarding extra board duties (looking at policies and how the board can improve things in Mesa) that were discussed at the HSAB retreat. It was also discussed that these concerns would be picked back up for continued exploration following the completion of the Human Services funding review and recommendation process.

VI. Staff Reports and Announcements

A. Hear an update on the ABC Program donations.

Ms. Howard reported on the December 2010 results of ABC donations. Three press releases were sent advertising the ABC Program, ABC 15 ran a segment about the program, however there were no spikes in the amount of people who donated.

Ms. Tesch announced that Mesa Leadership will be hosting a fundraiser on April 9 at the Natural History Museum all proceeds will go towards the ABC Program. Ms. Tesch encouraged the board to speak to other organizations they are involved with to assist the ABC Program in raising funds.

B. Hear and update on the Offices of Human Services, Diversity and Neighborhood Outreach.

Ms. Howard reported that the Homeless Street Count is January 25; Maricopa Association of Governments conducts an annual survey of the number of men, women and children living on the street. Mesa Police Department will conduct this year's survey in Mesa.

The board expressed their concern about police in uniform getting accurate numbers, as most homeless would rather not speak to the police department.

Ms. Berumen reminded the board that discussion of this topic was not included on the agenda and if the board feels that discussion and/or recommendation is needed an agenda item be added.

Ms. Howard reminded the board of the East Valley Men's Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

Ms. Howard gave the board a copy of dates and times for the United Way VITA Program.

Ms. Howard handed out fliers for the Cinema Series film event. More information regarding this month's film and upcoming titles, dates and times can be found here:

<http://www.mesaaz.gov/diversity/>.

Ms. Berumen announced the Diversity Day on March 26 from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm at the Mesa Utilities Building.

Ms. Berumen reported that the Mesa MLK celebration was the biggest event in the state. The Human Relations Advisory Board had an information table at the festival including some information on the Human Services Advisory Board and the ABC Program. Ms. Berumen suggested that the HSAB become involved in the MLK Celebration events by attending the banquet, festival and parade as a board.

Ms. Rosier announced that Mesa Leadership is conducting a raffle and fundraiser to provide shading for two Mesa Elementary School playgrounds. Any board members interested or more information is needed contact Ms. Rosier.

VII. Adjourn

Ms. Tesch adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:37 p.m.

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