

**HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF MESA
MESA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
57 EAST 1ST STREET, UPPER LEVEL
APRIL 24, 2008
- MEETING MINUTES-**

MEMBERS

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

STAFF

Lisa Wilson
Scott Clapp
Carolyn Olson
Robert Perry

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Raymond Jones welcomed those in attendance and introductions were made.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Randy Gray from the MARC Center wanted to go on record and express that the needs of the community does not go away and that preventive costs in our service organization are far better then crisis intervention. Mr. Gray wanted to acknowledge that level funding needs to be received by MARC Center.

Mr. Dan Taylor from East Valley Senior Services spoke about the programs provided by his agency. Mr. Taylor expressed concern about the two programs slated to receive zero funding next year. "Our programs rely on funds by the City of Mesa and most of our clientele are Mesa residents", Mr. Taylor stated.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 28, 2008 MINUTES

The minutes of February 28, 2007 were approved unanimously.

REVIEW POSSIBLE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were stated.

2008/2009 HUMAN SERVICES PROPOSAL REVIEW & DISCUSSION

Central Arizona Sheltered Services (CASS), Community Bridges (Substance Abuse Program), Boys & Girls Club (Teen Center Program), MARC Center, Child Crisis Center (Emergency Shelter Program), New Leaf (La Mesita, Autumn House, East Valley Men's Center, and Client Services), United Food Bank, Mercy Housing, East Valley Senior Services (Caring Corp, Home Delivered Meals, and RSVP) were all reviewed and discussed. The Board did not recommend funding for Mercy Housing.

REVIEW OF STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Human Services Staff Recommendations were reviewed. Staff did not recommend funding for East Valley Senior Services RSVP and Caring Corps, Catholic Charities, A&A Cottages, Assistance for Independent Living, Sirrine Adult Day Care, Community Information & Referral,

Gabriel's Angel's, Mercy Housing of the Southwest, Save the Family Foundation of Arizona's Homeless Families Intervention Project, House of El-Elyon, or Shoebox Ministries. Although, all of the programs are valuable, during the current economic situation, there is not enough funding available to support the agency efforts. CARE Partnership was not considered due to auditing issues.

Staff did recommend funding for Central Arizona Shelter Services (CASS), Child Crisis Center, Community Bridges, A New Leaf Client Services, East Valley Men's Center, Autumn House, and La Mesita Family Shelter, United Food Bank, Boys & Girls Club, YMCA, Marc Center, Save the Family Foundation of Arizona's Transitional Shelter and Case Management, and East Valley Senior Services Home Delivered Meals programs.

A total of \$839,278 will be recommended for allocation. Last year \$923,066 was allocated to human service agencies.

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS/APPROVAL OF HUMAN SERVICES FUNDING TO CITY COUNCIL

Staff recommendations were discussed and the Board made the following changes: Remove \$2,000 each from East Valley Men's Center, MesaCAN Client Services and Save the Family.

A motion was made to take \$2,000 from EVMC, MesaCAN, and Save The Family and transfer \$1,500 to the RSVP program and the rest \$4,500 to Caring Corp. The motion was seconded and passed with a majority vote.

A motion was made to accept staff recommendations with the amendment presented by the Human Services Advisory Board. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- VITA – The season was concluded successfully, although no numbers have been reported. The Economic Stimulus Event held in March had a great turnout as well.
- Housing Services Update – A tenant based rental assistance program is a new program that helps with security deposits and rental assistance. HOME fund dollars are being used for this new program.
Housing and Revitalization staff is moving to the South Center Street Campus located at 200 South Center Street by July 2008.

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