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**HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF MESA
MESA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, LOWER LEVEL
57 EAST FIRST STREET
FEBUARY 25, 2010
-MEETING MINUTES-**

MEMBERS

Sharon Corea
Douglas Gerlach
LaDawnna Hudson (Excused)
Kimberly Nuzman
Katie Rosier
Sophia Tesch
Scott Vanhoogstraat

Trent Montague
Michael Petramalo (Excused)

STAFF

Scott Clapp
Lisa Wilson

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET UPDATE

An overview of the FY2010-11 Human Services Program budget was presented by Ray Villa, Neighborhood Service Director. Mr. Villa stated that Human Services funding could possibly be decreased by up to 10%. There is also a possibility that there would be no decreases or scenarios of various amounts of decreases up to the 10%. The ABC: A Better Community (abc) Donation program funds will remain the same as FY2009-10, \$108,000. More information will be available after a meeting with Chris Brady, the City Manager on April 1, 2010.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MINUTES

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

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Ms. Tesch advised those attending the meeting that there will be three minutes given for one representative of each non-profit agency to speak. Presenting agencies and their representatives were Kristin Polin of Community Bridges, Dan Taylor of the east Valley Adult Resources, Mike Hughes of A New Leaf-MesaCAN, Traci Gruenberger of Luther Social Services, and Randy Gray of the Marc Center of Mesa. Each agency was given an opportunity to answer any questions posed by the Board.

REVIEW APPLICATION FUNDING REQUESTS

Ms. Tesch suggested assigning numbers (from 1-3) to the programs that could be eligible for funding. Ms. Tesch asked each Board member to give feedback on each agency. Kimberly Nuzman stated that she made comments on her evaluation, which had not been answered. Lisa Wilson said that she would review the comments and forward them to each agency.

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Ms. Tesch advised the Board to email or add any questions to the evaluations and then the questions can be answered. Trent Montague asked if the programs could be sorted by the population being served with demographic information. Ms. Wilson said that she could add that information to the spreadsheet and provide demographic information. Ms. Nuzman had questions about the methods used to calculate the "costs per unit of service". Ms. Wilson said that she could provide that information.

Ms. Tesch proposed to wait until all of the agencies have been heard before making any funding recommendations. Ms. Wilson recommended that the Board review all of the applications and complete the evaluations in time for the next meeting. There is a time constraint because recommendations have to be made to the City Council in April.

Ms. Olson suggested that a special meeting be held before the March 25th meeting so that all of the agencies can be heard without conducting a lengthy meeting. The Board can have all of their questions answered and the recommendations can be made during the March 25th meeting. Site visits will be completed and any questions can be answered. Doug Gerlach asked that all of the answers be distributed to the entire group.

The Board agreed to hold the special meeting on Tuesday, March 9, 2010. The time and room will be announced later, based on room availability. Ms. Olson advised the Board to have all questions sent to Ms. Wilson so that answers are provided before the meeting. All of the agencies would be invited back including those that have not presented.

STAFF REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

A brief update on the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP) was provided by Ms. Wilson. In the month of March 163 people with over \$52,000 in rental and utility assistance.

Katie Rosier asked about the MesaCAN Client Services program and if it part of HPRP. Ms. Wilson stated that MesaCAN is partnering with the City of Mesa on the HPRP program but will provide financial assistance for utilities only. By partnering with MesaCAN, it lightens the caseload for the City staff and provides additional funding resources for MesaCAN clients.

Project Homeless Connect assists homeless individuals and families experiencing homelessness. The objective is to provide immediate service to them on this day. Food, showers, identity cards and drivers licenses, along with other services are provided. The event will be held on April 23, 2010 at Central Christian Church in Mesa. Valley of the Sun United Way leads the planning and will be providing volunteer sign up on their website.

An update on the abc fundraiser was given. Sharon Corea stated that Kurt Warner will not be able to attend the event but will provide an autographed item of some kind to be auctioned off. Refreshments, entertainment, and a silent auction will also be provided. The event will be held April 8 at 5:30 at the Commemorative Air Force Museum.

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ADJOURN

With no other agenda items to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Lisa R. Wilson, Human Services Coordinator