



City of Scottsdale  
Human Services Commission  
Regular Meeting

SUMMARIZED MINUTES

Thursday, January 8, 2015

City Hall Kiva Forum  
3939 N. Drinkwater Blvd  
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

**PRESENT:**

Raoul Zubia, Chair  
Nicholas Thomas, Commissioner  
Enid Seiden, Commissioner  
Donald Nordlund, Commissioner  
Marty Day, Commissioner (arrived at 5:07 p.m.)  
Josina Tishler, Commissioner

**ABSENT:**

Dustin Thomas, Vice Chair

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Jan Cameron, Director of Parks, Recreation, & Human Services  
Valerie Kime Trujillo, Human Services Manager; Paiute  
Tim Miluk, Human Services Manager  
Eugenio Munoz-Villafane, Human Services Manager; Vista del Camino  
Kacey Moyers, Technology Coordinator  
Phil Hershkowitz, Recreation Coordinator  
Michelle Albanese, Community Assistance manager

**GUESTS:**

Mattie Lord, UMOM  
Brande Meade, MAG  
David Bridge, Human Services Campus and Lodestar

**Call to order**

Chair Zubia called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

## **Roll Call**

Members present as noted above.

### **1. Approval of the December 11, 2014 Minutes - Regular Meeting**

**COMMISSIONER SEIDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 11, 2014 HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES. COMMISSIONER TISHLER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0); COMMISSIONER DAY WAS NOT YET PRESENT AND VICE CHAIR DUSTIN THOMAS WAS ABSENT.**

### **2. Election of Officers**

**COMMISSIONER SEIDEN NOMINATED CHAIR ZUBIA AND VICE-CHAIR DUSTIN THOMAS TO CONTINUE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS; COMMISSIONER NORDLUND SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0); COMMISSIONER DAY WAS NOT YET PRESENT AND VICE CHAIR DUSTIN THOMAS WAS ABSENT.**

### **3. Approval of Human Services Commission 2014 Annual Report**

Jan Cameron, Director of Parks, Recreation, & Human Services, briefly reviewed the 2014 Annual Report.

**COMMISSIONER SEIDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION 2014 ANNUAL REPORT. COMMISSIONER TISHLER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0); COMMISSIONER DAY WAS NOT YET PRESENT AND VICE CHAIR DUSTIN THOMAS WAS ABSENT.**

### **4. Coordinated Assessment and Services for the Homeless - UMOM New Day Center**

Mattie Lord, Chief Program Officer, UMOM New Day Center discussed the Coordinated Assessment consent and the intake process for homeless services for families. Her presentation included a description of the assessment process; using an individual's VI-SPDAT scoring to determine the appropriate intervention program options; the process of collecting documentation; and what happens during the referral process. She explained that the RRH, TH and PSH programs strive for an 85% acceptance rate and if an individual is denied FHH will continue searching for an alternative referral. Vacancies are filled from a joint service priority list. She discussed the statistics for 2014 and the community needs assessment.

Commission members were given the opportunity to ask questions. Ms. Lord explained that the center helps people acquire missing documentation. She noted that Watkins Emergency Shelter will accept people while their documentation is being processed.

**5. Regional Issues Surrounding Homelessness - Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG)**

Brande Mead, Human Services Program Manager for MAG, discussed trends and policy issues related to homelessness on a regional level and the role of the agency. Her presentation included discussion about HUD continuum of care requirements; statistics of homelessness in the region and Arizona; the new governance structure of the continuum of care; HUD and the HEARTH Act requirements; and coordinated access between communities.

Commission members were given an opportunity to ask questions. Ms. Mead said that the decrease in homeless veterans can be attributed to community efforts, including Project H3 VETS, which identified chronically homeless veterans in the community in order to house them quickly.

**6. Coordinated Assessment and Services for the Homeless - Human Services Campus**

David Bridge, Managing Director, Human Services Campus and the Lodestar Day Resource Center, discussed the Coordinated Assessment concept and intake process for homeless services for individuals. His presentation included a discussion about the center's goals and priorities and a description of the steps taken in processing an individual; accomplishments achieved in the first year of the program; HMIS coordinated assessment referrals; and next steps.

Commission members were given an opportunity to ask questions and make comments. Mr. Bridge said chronically homeless individuals should contact the regional behavioral health authority, MMIC, case management services. Mr. Bridge explained that the Phoenix police department is being trained currently because there is a police unit assigned to the shelter. The center would be happy to work with any police department that is interested in training.

Ms. Cameron said that the City will have to review the criteria that is stipulated for funding for Scottsdale residents. Staff will collect data to better understand and ensure compliance and to find opportunities to collaborate with regional efforts.

**7. Staff and Commission Updates**

Ms. Cameron noted that through the Community Assistance office the Roof Repair and Replacement program has completed 13 roof repair and replacement projects since July 1st. There has been a 38 percent increase in applications in the last fiscal year.

The Paiute Neighborhood Center's Toy Program served over 700 low-income children from 282 families and approximately 15,000 toys were received from the Scottsdale Fire Department and shared with families throughout the community. She thanked the organizations that were involved in providing donations.

During December, the Arcadia High School Art Honors Society decorated gingerbread houses with after school program youth. Paiute staff hosted a Winter Wonderland event and each staff member dressed as a character from the Disney movie Frozen.

Granite Reef and Via Linda Senior Centers Adopt-a-Senior program 2014 was successful and connected 208 seniors with adoptions and a wellness visit. The 2015 All Things Senior Expo will be held on February 25th at the Scottsdale Center for the Arts from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The AARP Tax Aid program will begin taking appointments on January 12, 2015 and appointments will begin on February 2nd. The program will be hosted by Granite Reef Senior Center, Via Linda Senior Center, and the Paiute Neighborhood Center and is available to help individuals, families, and elderly taxpayers of low to moderate income prepare and file their income tax return free of charge.

The next Human Services Commission meeting will be on January 22, 2015 at Via Linda Senior Center beginning with a 3:30 work study, followed by a regular meeting at 5:00 p.m.

**Open call to the Public**

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

**8. Adjournment**

Being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
A/V Tronics, Inc. DBA AVTranz.