



City of Scottsdale
Human Services Commission
Regular Meeting

SUMMARIZED MINUTES

5:30 P.M., Thursday, March 12, 2009
City Hall Kiva
3939 N Drinkwater Blvd
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

Call to Order

Chair Hemmingsen called the meeting to order at 5:30PM.

Roll Call

Present: Chair Kathleen Hemmingsen, Vice-chair Katherine Weaver, Commissioners: Jo Ann Woodward, Carol Erickson, Steven Rosenberg, Katy Kelewae, Andy Yates

Staff Present: Paul Ludwick, Cindy Ensign, Hugh McGill, Joanne Meierdirks, Donna Brower, Trish Serlin, Justin Boyd, Michelle Albanese, Elizabeth Garcia, Phil Hershkowitz, Valerie Kime-Trujillo, Theresa Schweitzer, Rose Wright

1. Approval of the February 19, 2009 Minutes – Regular Meeting.

Chair Hemmingsen moved to approve the minutes and Commissioner Yates seconded the motion; Approved 7-0.

2. Presentation on Scottsdale Unified School District (SUSD) Prevention for 2008/09

Mandi Jamsek, Youth and Health Services Coordinator for SUSD, presented information on the school district's prevention services efforts. She stated that all students are receiving curriculum to promote "pro-social" behavior. The school district offers counseling, groups on divorce and study skills, drug and alcohol awareness programs, Character Counts!™, services for homeless children and individual behavior programs at each school.

Mary Ellen Tinsley, Executive Director for Scottsdale Prevention Institute (SPI), gave an overview of the history and mission to improve the quality of life and maintain the well being of children, families, and the community. She explained that SPI serves children of trauma and family difficulties, social problems, and kids at risk for experimenting with drugs and alcohol. Ms. Tinsley stated that 22,712 students were served in 28 Scottsdale schools last year and the number will be higher for the 2008/09 school year. Dana Sherman PhD, School Program Coordinator, explained that the most common services SPI provides are substance abuse prevention, social and coping skills, divorce and grief support, conflict resolution, anger

management, anti-bullying responses and peer mediation. She elaborated on a Saturday program for children caught using drugs or alcohol that involves the parents and emphasizes communication skills. Pat Dustman Ed.D, SPI Evaluation Consultant, explained how outcomes were measured with pre and post tests and how positive results are being achieved. She said that the findings of these tests helped to guide SPI on how to improve services. Mary Ellen Tinsley talked about the program cost of \$7.75 per student versus the \$3.42 per student the school district pays for the program and stated the "Prevention Works."

Commissioner Erickson asked what impact the budget cuts will have. Ms. Tinsley replied that they aren't sure what the impacts will be but there will be definite impacts.

Commissioner Woodward agreed that prevention works and wondered if SPI addresses the issue of teen pregnancy. Ms. Tinsley replied that they don't address it directly but do make referrals if necessary.

Commissioner Rosenberg asked if besides the pre and post tests if they see changes in behavior. Ms. Tinsley replied that the post test questions are more open-ended on how the children would handle certain situations.

Commissioner Weaver asked if there were long term changes in behavior. Ms. Sherman replied that there is no funding for long term statistical analysis but they do interview teachers and administrators to see if there is a positive reaction. SPI is also involved everyday and notice positive changes.

Hugh McGill, Human Services Manager, reminded the Commission that the focus for the evening was prevention and SPI was speaking because the City of Scottsdale had provided a \$238,000 IGA for prevention. Mr. McGill elaborated on the prevention efforts from Youth and Family Services that includes the SIDNE (simulated Impaired Driving Experience) and other hands on material to discourage children from using drugs, alcohol and tobacco. He talked about other community outreach efforts including pre-diversion referrals, counseling, the Mayor's Youth Council, cooperation with Scottsdale Police Crime Prevention, collaboration with school resource officers, assistance with the Teen and Tween programs in high schools and public libraries. Mr. McGill introduced Officer Dan Antrim, resource officer from Vista Academy in SUSD, who spoke about the hard work and commitment Youth and Family provides to students at his school. Officer Antrim explained that he has seen positive differences in behavior of children that are involved with the City of Scottsdale's Youth and Family staff and described other drinking and driving prevention efforts in the school district especially around Prom season.

3. General Funds, Scottsdale Cares and Endowment Fund Recommendations to the City Council

General Funds

Paul Ludwick, Human Services Director, read the General Funds draft funding recommendations deliberated on during the February 19, 2009 Commission meeting.

Chair Hemmingsen asked if anyone wished to declare a conflict of interest. No one replied. Chair Hemmingsen asked for a motion to approve the recommendation. Vice-Chair Weaver moved to approve and Commissioner Erickson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 7-0.

Scottsdale Cares

Mr. Ludwick read Scottsdale Cares draft funding recommendations deliberated on during the February 19, 2009 Commission meeting.

Chair Hemmingsen asked if anyone wished to declare a conflict of interest. No one replied. Chair Hemmingsen asked for a motion to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Woodward moved to approve and Commissioner Yates seconded the motion. The motion was approved 7-0.

Endowment Fund

Mr. Ludwick read the draft Endowment funding recommendation deliberated on during the February 19, 2009 Commission meeting.

Chair Hemmingsen asked if anyone wished to declare a conflict of interest. No one replied. Chair Hemmingsen asked for a motion to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Rosenberg moved to approve and Commissioner Kelewae seconded the motion. The motion was approved 7-0.

4. CDBG and HOME Funds Recommendations to the City Council

Linda Williamson and Gwyneth Cowger spoke on behalf of the Advocates for the Disabled and explained that the agency would not be able to provide services in the City of Scottsdale to help disabled people obtain social services or file for assistance payments without being funded from the CDBG Public Service allocation.

CDBG Public Service

Paul Ludwick, Human Services Director, read the draft CDBG Public Service funding recommendations deliberated on during the February 19, 2009 Commission meeting.

Chair Hemmingsen asked if anyone wished to declare a conflict of interest. Mr. Ludwick explained that Rachel Smetana, Administrative Secretary, is related to someone employed by Scottsdale Training and Rehabilitation Services and that a conflict of interest statement will be filed to comply with regulations. Chair Hemmingsen asked for a motion to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Woodward moved to approve and Commissioner Yates seconded the motion. The motion was approved 7-0.

CDBG Non-Public Service

Mr. Ludwick read the CDBG Non-Public Service funding recommendations deliberated on during the February 19, 2009 Commission meeting. He also reminded the members that the approval of funding from Family Promise be conditioned on the agency receiving a Use Permit from the City of Scottsdale for the project

Chair Hemmingsen asked if anyone wished to declare a conflict of interest. No one replied. Chair Hemmingsen asked for a motion to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Erickson moved to approve with the contingency that Family Promise obtain a Use Permit and Commissioner Rosenberg seconded the motion. The motion was approved 7-0.

HOME

Mr. Ludwick read the HOME funding recommendations deliberated on during the February 19, 2009 Commission meeting.

Chair Hemmingsen asked if anyone wished to declare a conflict of interest. No one replied. Chair Hemmingsen asked for a motion to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Rosenberg moved to approve and Commissioner Kelewae seconded the motion. The motion was approved 7-0.

5. Staff and Commission Updates

Paul Ludwick, Human Services Director, explained that there would be a review of the revised agenda planner and discussion of the priorities for the federal stimulus package at the March 26th meeting.

Cindy Ensign, Human Services Planner/Budget Specialist, updated the Commission on current events within the Human Services Division.

6. Open call to the Public (A.R.S. §38-431.02)

Chair Hemmingsen asked for public comment and there were no replies.

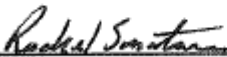
7. Adjournment

Commissioner Kelewae moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Erickson seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:55PM

Officially approved by the Human Services Commission at the April 9, 2009 meeting.

Submitted by:

**Rachel Smetana
Administrative Secretary**



Date: April 10, 2009

Reviewed by:

**Paul F. Ludwick
Human Services Director**



Date: April 10, 2009