



City of Scottsdale
Human Services Commission
Regular Meeting

SUMMARIZED MINUTES

5:30 P.M. Thursday, November 13, 2008
City Hall Kiva
3939 N Drinkwater Blvd
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

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

Staff Present—Hugh McGill, Donna Brower, Kathy Breen, Valerie Kime-Trujillo, Michelle Albanese, Cindy Ensign, Paul Ludwick, Gene Munoz-Villafane

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES—OCTOBER 16, 2008 AND OCTOBER 23, 2008, REGULAR MEETINGS

October 16, 2008 approved 6-0; Vice-Chair Katherine Weaver moved to approve and Commissioner Erickson seconded the motion. Commissioner Jo Ann Woodward abstained from the vote.

October 23, 2008 approved 7-0; Chair Hemmingsen moved to approve the minutes and Commissioner Woodward seconded the motion.

4. HUMAN SERVICES ISSUES DRAFT REPORT AND UPDATE

Cindy Ensign, Human Services Planner/Budget Specialist, presented the list of Human Services issues submitted for inclusion in the City's legislative program as well as a list of the revisions included since the Commission received their copy of the draft report by mail. The City Council will approve State Legislative issues in December 2008 and Federal issues in February 2009. She stated that this year's report focuses on maintaining funding for existing programs rather than asking for more funding due to current economic conditions. The report starts out with a summary of recommendations, continues with explaining the issues in more detail, and ends with an update of last year's legislative agenda. Current State issues include maintaining the \$2 million budget for food bank operations, maintaining funding for domestic violence prevention and

support, maintaining funding for programs that prevent homelessness and providing support services for homeless individuals and families, and supporting legislation that allows for additional regulation of payday loan establishments. The current Federal issues include restoring funding for the CDBG formula grant program to the FY 2001 level, support for the continued viability of the Section 8 assisted housing program, and support for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) to help with emergency utility assistance.

Commissioner Woodward asked if the bibliography included in the report would be public record. Ms. Ensign replied that it would be public record and that they were a great source of information.

Commissioner Weaver asked about an extra question mark on page 12. Ms. Ensign replied that she would look into it.

Commissioner Rosenberg asked what the impact is expected to be of the recent proposition that was voted down to allow the law to expire in 2010 and is there a concern that they won't stay in business if the interest is only 36%? Paul Ludwick replied that based on the impact, we would like to see controls and limitations.

Commissioner Yates asked about the impact on tax revenue if these places close their doors. Ms. Ensign replied that she did not know but would research the answer.

Commissioner Weaver asked if any bailout money is coming to Arizona. Michelle Albanese, Community Assistance Office Manager, stated that Arizona was awarded \$38 million but none was allocated to Scottsdale because they allocated funds based on the number of foreclosed properties in a community. She added that Scottsdale could apply in the future if a need can be proved.

Chair Hemmingsen added that additional disclosure information will be required for payday loans and that she could provide more information on that to anyone interested.

Vice-chair Weaver moved to approve the Human Services Issues Report and Commissioner Woodward seconded the motion. The motion was approved 7-0.

5. PRESENTATION BY CHRYSALIS CRISIS SHELTER

Jen Hunt, Grants Manager for the Chrysalis Crisis Shelter, gave an update on services her center provides. She stated that currently they had fewer clients that were staying longer and receiving more services, that the facility in Scottsdale has served 70 women and children with over 2000 bed nights, and the rate of counseling hours had risen from 647 to 3136. Ms. Hunt then read a letter from a grateful former client.

Commissioner Rosenberg asked if there was a lack of alternative housing for people to move into after staying in the shelter. Ms. Hunt replied that there were options available. She went on to state that in 2007, 10218 people were accepted into shelters with 10787 being turned away and that was a big improvement from years past when only one in four people were accepted.

6. PRESENTATION BY TEEN LIFELINE, INC

Nikki Kontz, Clinical Coordinator, gave an update on her program. She stated that Teen Lifeline's mission is to provide community education for grief and loss, stress and coping, and life skills. So far this year the program has served 10,000 teens with 22% of them either living or going to school in Scottsdale. This year the teen hotline has received 800 calls with 390 of them within the city boundaries. The program trains peer counselors and 52% of the peer counselors were from Scottsdale. She introduced Deena Kaikowski from Chaparral High School who has been a peer counselor for two years. Deena explained that as a peer counselor, she helps teens learn to

cope with a variety of issues including pregnancy, abuse, sexuality, family relationship problems, and that working with others has been beneficial in helping her to learn to listen and cope with her own difficulties.

Commissioner Kelewae asked how long the program had been in operation. Ms. Kontz replied that the program started in 1986 and in those 22 years it had evolved from being a part of another non-profit to being a stand alone organization.

Commissioner Erickson asked about the primary topics for calls to the Lifeline. Ms. Kontz replied that suicide and depression made up 23-25% of the calls, family issues was the next highest, followed by relationship issues.

Chair Hemmingsen added that she had toured the program and it was very impressive.

7. PRESENTATION BY BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF SCOTTSDALE

Maribel Ramirez, Director of Outreach Services, explained that Operation Outreach was created 15 years ago to expand after school and summer activities to low income youth living in Scottsdale with facilities at El Dorado Park and Paiute Neighborhood Center. The focus of the program is to provide educational, recreational, and cultural opportunities for youth in the community. She explained that the program served 343 youth in the summer camps and average 160 children a day at the two facilities for after school programs. She stated that the program was successful in raising grade averages and that parents felt that the impact was overwhelmingly positive. The funds provided by the City help off set the cost for part-time salaries.

8. PRESENTATION BY BIG BROTHERS AND BIG SISTERS

Amanda Crossland, Vice-President of Development, spoke about exceeding the programs 2007/2008 program goal of 25 community matches in Scottsdale by actually making 36 community matches last year. She explained that this year the program has already made 11 new community matches and is well on its way to meet the goal again. Ms. Crossland stated that the money from the CDBG funding pays for case workers, training for new mentors, on-going training, and activities out in the community. Studies show that children in the program are less likely to use drugs and alcohol, skip school, and have an increase in their self esteem.

Commissioner Yates stated that he had been a Big Brother for three years and wondered if Ms. Crossland could elaborate on the shortages of adult men in the program. Ms. Crossland stated that there was always a shortage of adult men and that they are always looking for ways to reach new male mentors.

Ms. Crossland stated the wait for a Big Brother or Big Sister is between 6 months and two years. She explained that they were collaborating with the Boys and Girls club to reach the minority community and were interested in matching children with adults that shared their culture.

9. DRAFT LICENSE AGREEMENTS WITH CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PARTNERS FOR PAIUTE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

Paul Ludwick gave a brief explanation of the draft license agreements with Concerned Citizens for Community Health and Partners for Paiute Neighborhood Center. He stated that these organizations have more of a collaborative relationship than is covered in a normal brokerage agreement, causing the need for these special agreements.

Commissioner Rosenberg remarked that he noticed there was a requirement for insurance to hold the City harmless and asked if there was a requirement that they maintain malpractice

insurance. Mr. Ludwick replied that yes, the language does include a list of all the people that need to be covered.

Chair Hemmingsen asked if CCCH and Partners for Paiute have liability insurance. Mr. Ludwick replied that yes, they both do.

Commissioner Erickson asked what the major changes were. Mr. Ludwick replied that there was information on immigration laws.

Chair Hemmingsen clarified that this was the first time these contracts were in place.

Commissioner Woodward asked for more information on the immigration changes. Mr. Ludwick replied that the immigration portion was for employees of the agencies and not for people seeking services. Everyone that comes for services will be treated equally.

Commissioner Kelewae moved to approve the agreements and Commissioner Erickson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 7-0.

10. STAFF UPDATES

Commissioner Woodward thanked Mayor Manross for officially proclaiming November 9th through 15th Nurse Practitioner Week and showed the audience the original proclamation.

Paul Ludwick explained that Chair Hemmingsen had been invited to participate in Maricopa Association of Government's Human Services Coordinating Committee, which helps decide policy issues and that he had been appointed to MAG's Human Services Technical Committee, which provides staff support for the social services grant process.

Paul Ludwick stated that the November 20, 2008 Human Services Work/Study Session had been cancelled while staff decides how to consolidate the 5 YR Human Services Plan with the 5 YR Consolidated Plan into one document. More information will be shared at the next meeting.

Paul Ludwick gave a brief update of other events and happenings within the Human Services Division.

Commissioner Weaver asked for a budget update. Mr. Ludwick replied that the proposed budget cuts were being reviewed at the departmental level and he had no new updates on specific cuts at this time.

11. OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC (A.R.S § 38-431.02)

Chair Hemmingsen opened the floor to public comment. There was no comment.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hemmingsen reminded everyone that the next meeting would be on December 11, 2008 in the City Hall KIVA.

Commissioner Erickson moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Yates seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:36PM.

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Officially approved by the Human Services Commission at the 12/11/08 meeting.

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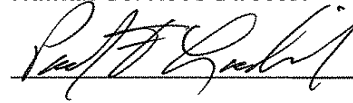
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Date: 12/12/08

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Human Services Director



Date: 12-12-08