

HUMAN SERVICES COORDINATING COUNCIL

909 12th Street, Suite 200

Sacramento, CA 95814

(916) 447-7063, ext. 360 • FAX 447-7052 • E-mail: alange@communitycouncil.org

Meeting Notes of March 13, 2008

Attending: Paul Tanner, Linda Cook, Pamela Flohr, Trish Stanionis, Leoma Lee, Lynn Manchester, Ernie Brown, Melinda Avey, Mike Mendez, Ana Negron, Paul Lake (ex-officio), Joe Angeles (ex-officio)

Absent: Matt Hedges, Barney Donnelly (exc), Penelope Clarke (ex-officio) (exc), Lynn Frank (ex-officio)

Guests: Tim Brown, Angelene Fowler

Staff: Alan Lange

Issues	Discussion	Actions
Introductions		
Approval of Meeting Notes of 1/10/08, 2/14/08	February minutes need to replace “there” with “their” in the second sentence of the sixth paragraph of the First 5 Sacramento report.	-M/S (Trish/Leoma) to approve January minutes; approved. -M/S (Trish/Leoma) to approve February minutes with amendment; approved.
Chair’s Report	Linda Cook was welcomed as a new member. She represents the Disability Advisory Commission. Executive Committee met with the Chiefs of Staff to discuss the Finding Common Ground forum; provide a status report on the community outreach presentations, which are nearly complete; share the NewsBlast; reconfirm desire for Human Services Week and the Heroes of Human Service event; and present the 2007 year end summary. Members were encouraged to submit information from the respective Member Advisory Boards for inclusion in the NewsBlast.	-Members encouraged to submit information for inclusion in the NewsBlast e-newsletter.
Ending Chronic Homelessness Initiative – Tim Brown	The City and County launched the 10 Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness a little over a year ago. The first year progress report was distributed. The plan includes two strategies to increasing housing opportunities for chronically homeless individuals: development of new permanent, supportive housing and scattered site leasing programs. Leasing is good short term, but permanent housing is most beneficial to assure consistency of available housing stock. The initiative is using a housing first approach, meaning housing is provided without first requiring clean and sober. The Initiative is helping build collaboratives which are necessary to address the chronically homeless issue. Groups such as hospitals and law enforcement realize the costs associated with chronic users of services, whether it is emergency rooms, jails, or otherwise. Demand for housing still far outstrips supply, but the number of units continues to grow. Projected that there will be sufficient funding for housing, programs, and operations over the next ten years; there appears to be a big gap in case management. Sacramento Homeless Connect event will take place on May 31. It will be a one-stop service fair for homeless	
Department Updates	Human Assistance: The Department is considering strategies to address the County’s budget deficit. Anticipating that some increases that have been realized over the past couple of years will be rolled back. The Dept. is prioritizing its services and will avoid cuts in those services to the extent possible. Roll out of the Federal requirements to verify citizenship for Medi-Cal continues. Expected that the verification will be fully implemented by June.	

	<p>The rules for background checks for providing supportive services are changing. There used to be a number of exemptions for family members, etc., but requirements are becoming more stringent. Working with Disability Advisory Commission on disability sensitivity, and increasing welfare-to-work opportunities for individuals with disabilities.</p> <p>Health and Human Services: No report. Countywide Services Agency: No report. Board of Supervisors: The DA is holding a town hall meeting in Oak Park about juvenile justice. I-5 construction is beginning and downtown commuters can learn more at www.fixi5.gov.</p>	
<p>Program and Committee Updates</p>	<p>Budget: Committee is planning for April 19 Finding Common Ground event. Goal is to find what all of the participants can agree to – the highest rung on the ladder that everyone can agree to stand on. Agenda is still being developed, but the attendance is growing rapidly.</p> <p>Emergency Preparedness: The issue of notification is a recurring theme. Notifying individuals before an emergency to be prepared and during an emergency to inform what they need to do is a major challenge.</p> <p>Human Services Element: Florin Road Corridor Redevelopment, Jackson Highway, and East of Grantline planning efforts are all underway. The HSE is participating in these efforts to assure that the need for human services is considered as development takes place. Broader participation from HSCC members is needed.</p> <p>Noted that the Blueprint Project includes a Civic Amenities Task Force, which will be hosting a preview in Folsom. HSCC should be present to participate and add the concept of human services to the listing of civic amenities.</p> <p>First 5 Commission Advisory: The Advisory Committee will be holding community assessment interviews for the Commission’s Strategic Plan Update. Also just concluded reviews for Tot Lots and Community Building Initiative projects.</p> <p>Mental Health Board: The Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act passed the House of Representatives. The bill would prohibit insurers and group health plans from imposing treatment or financial limitations when they offer mental health benefits that are more restrictive from those applied to medical and surgical services.</p> <p>Children’s Coalition: The Children’s Report Card continues to be developed. It will be officially released at the Children’s Summit on November 13. The 2010 Report Card will be released earlier (April).</p> <p>Alcohol and Drug Advisory: Holding a symposium on land use and housing for persons with disabilities on April 15. A non-violent offender ballot initiative may appear on November’s ballot which would increase funding available for treatment services which would help divert offenders from the prison system.</p> <p>Adult and Aging: Copies of the Housing Update to the Senior Profile were distributed.</p> <p>Disability Advisory Committee: Working with DHA to make the CalWorks program more effective for participants with disabilities.</p>	
<p>Announcements</p>		
<p>Adjourn</p>		<p>Next meeting: April 10</p>