

HUMAN SERVICES COORDINATING COUNCIL

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Meeting Notes of April 10, 2008

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

Absent: Penelope Clarke (ex-officio) (exc), Paul Lake (ex-officio),

Guests: Toni Moore, Angelene Fowler (interpreter), Vicki (interpreter), Jessica DeBauge

Staff: Alan Lange, Paul Hicks

Issues	Discussion	Actions
Introductions		
Approval of Meeting Notes of 3/13/2008	Minutes approved.	-M/S (Trish/Leoma) to approve March minutes; approved.
Chair's Report	Reminder for those who have not completed the Ethics Training – An Ethics Training course is available on May 13 th from 8:30am to 11:30am. The location is downtown at 700 H Street on the 6 th floor training room. Ethics courses are to be retaken every 2 years. Currently, the class is also offered online. News Blast: Members are reminded/encouraged to submit information from the respective Member Advisory Boards for inclusion in April 14 News Blast.	-Members encouraged to submit information for inclusion in the News Blast e-newsletter.
Presentation of Findings from Human Services and Our Community Listening Session Campaign	Two attachments were included with April's Agenda: <i>The Tabulation of Findings from Human Services and Our Community Listening Sessions</i> and <i>Notes from Human Services and Our Community Listening Sessions</i> . Tabulation of Findings reviewed as follows: 63 community groups from all 5 Supervisor Districts were targeted including business alliances, neighborhood associations, and representative community groups. 19 groups received presentations. The Tabulation considers 5 areas of public feedback on the following Human Services concerns: Health, Housing, Safety, Food/Nutrition, and Transportation. The narrative report summarizes and reviews the information deduced from the Community Listening Study. All Council members are encouraged to re-read the report and the narrative in order to brainstorm recommendations that should be included in the official report to the Board of Supervisors. Discussion was also raised as to whether or not the Findings from the Listening Sessions report should be included in the priorities of the County Report Card.	-Members will review the listening session report of findings and brainstorm possible solutions to challenges.
Preparation for Finding Common Ground Forum	Trish and Alan to meet with Facilitator on April 11, 2008. An agenda will be sent next week after a meeting with the facilitator. Penni Clarke from will be the lunchtime speaker. So far there has been a large response from the community. All MAB members who RSVP are encouraged to arrive early at 8:00 in order to meet and greet community members. The goal is to have 3 members from each MAB attend the forum. Discussions will focus on building relationships between county service providers, to establish relationships between the MAB's, and to develop a unified voice in regards to concerns for the County's budget deficit	
Department Updates	Human Assistance: The Dept. has prioritized its services and will avoid cuts in those services to the extent possible. However, large budget reductions will affect Administrative staffing, line staff, overhead, and will be felt across the board. County Probation Dept.'s will see large cuts and will have less staff to attend the need and priorities of existing demands. The Department remains internally focused on reaching Calwork's Welfare to Work program goals, and shows optimism in reaching their food stamp distribution goals. In community based programs, the first year report of the 10 year plan to end Chronic Homeless has been released and Tim Brown has replace Diane Luther as the program's Director. DHA is now working with Rancho Cordova and SHRA in the transfer of Mather Field Air Force land to the county for	

	<p>DHA housing use, including the expansion of housing for homeless veterans. The Senior Nutrition Program is very strong and considered a very efficient and dependable county program. All case loads remain on the rise in the face of an economic downturn – GA case loads have increased by 1,000 in the last year and Medi-Cal, Food Bank, and Food Stamps requests are all facing dramatically increased demands.</p> <p>Health and Human Services: The Dept. hasn't received cost of living increases from the State, so it is having to absorb the costs through existing budgets. Public Health, Primary Care and Mental Health will likely be faced with significant reductions. Administrative budgets are also being reduced.</p> <p>Countywide Services Agency: No report.</p> <p>Board of Supervisors: The Board of Supervisors are all currently in Washington DC and will return to resume meetings on Tuesday April 22nd. Ground breaking on the Sacramento Airport will begin shortly. Board Supervisor Don Nottoli suggested creating a monthly presentation area in the refinished Airport that will be dedicated to monthly themes in Health and Human services. Additionally, the company Opti-Solar has been contracted for the Mather Field redevelopment project and will bring 500 new jobs to the area.</p>	
<p>Program and Committee Updates</p>	<p>Budget: All MAB's encouraged to attend the April 19 Finding Common Ground event.</p> <p>Emergency Preparedness: The issue of notification is a recurring theme. Emergency Preparedness Strategies in Sacramento must take into account those with disabilities, cultural diversity and language barriers. Suggested that the Sacramento State Community Engagement Center might be a potential resource to help developing a multi-dimensional campaign for educating the community.</p> <p>Human Services Element: Florin Road Corridor Redevelopment efforts are underway, as are the Jackson Highway and East of Grantline projects. 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>First 5 Commission Advisory: The First Five 10 year budget plan looks fairly stable. A meeting with facilitators on the Board of Strategic Planning will commence before presenting the budget plan to the commission. First 5 mini-grants are available for community/neighborhood child-care projects so long as those projects benefit youth ages 0-5 and their families. Inform Joe Angeles of neighborhoods/communities that could use mini-grant assistance with child-care.</p> <p>Mental Health Board: No report.</p> <p>Children's Coalition: Children's Coalition is partnering with Ready By 21 to present and sign a children's compact on April 28.</p> <p>Alcohol and Drug Advisory: Holding a symposium on land use and housing for persons with mental disabilities and drug dependencies on April 15 from 8:00am – 12:00PM.</p> <p>Adult and Aging: Updates will be posted in the April Newsletter. In addition, Regional Transit management is looking to alter the service of RT by converting it from a "lifeline" to a "lifestyle" form of transportation. RT is currently pursuing a change in service to increase volume of riders and users outside of commute hours. RT will host public workshops and encourages the participation of partners and community groups in addressing transportation concerns in Sacramento. For more information on RT's Peoples Plan go to www.sacrt.com/tmp.</p> <p>Public Health Advisory Board: On April 10, 2008 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm, PHAB will host a public forum on Cardiovascular Disease at the Pannell Community Center in Meadowview.</p> <p>Disability Advisory Committee: DAC is currently connecting with various Sacramento housing associations to address physical access to housing facilities and developments. The DAC has also brought recommendations forward regarding the physical accessibility of the new airport renovations and will also include recommendations from the Mental Health Board.</p>	<p>-Staff will add Leoma to the Human Services Element distribution list.</p>
<p>Announcements</p>		
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>Adjourn at 1:27pm</p>	<p>Next meeting: May 8, 2008</p>