

HUMAN SERVICES COORDINATING COUNCIL

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Meeting Notes of April 9, 2009

Attending: Trish Stanionis, Pamela Flohr, Leslie Benson, Matt Mengelkoch, David Ballard, Marty Keale, Kimberley Garth James, Toni Moore (ex-officio)

Absent: Ana Negron, Leoma Lee, Paul Tanner (exc), Chad Thompson, Cindy Dunning, Joe Angeles (ex-officio),

Guests: Melinda Avey, Ernie Brown, Linda Cook, Jessica DeBauge, Paul Lake, Vicki Sweeney (Interpreter), Angeline Fowler (Interpreter)

Staff: Paul Hicks

Issues	Discussion	Actions
Introductions		
Approval of Meeting Notes of 3/12/09	Corrections included: Impact of policy decision on health care for undocumented will mean DHA must check documentation on CMISP clients. A statement on caseload increase should be moved from DHA report to Countywide Services Agency report. The Senior Spectrum article from the Adult and Aging Commission was on focal points.	-M/S to approve March minutes with revisions; approved.
Chair's Report	The chair expressed gratitude to staff for work on the forums. HSCC will be sending letters to the Board of Supervisors and CSPC.	
Overview of County Budget and Process	<p>Paul Lake provided an overview of the state of the County budget. County is projecting a \$187 million shortfall for FY 09-10. The shortfall is from: \$55.5M in one-time revenues used in FY 08-09 not available in FY 09-10; \$22.8M in property taxes; \$6.0M sales tax; \$15.6M in realignment revenue; \$24.8M from Prop 172; \$7M from interest earned; \$63.8M in obligated staffing step/COLA increases; and minimal fund balance projected. Departments have been given reduction targets and recommendations are due to the County Executive by April 20.</p> <p>County will be exploring core services and trying to come to terms with the level of service and funding that is absolutely mandated.</p> <p>Members had questions about the budget and budget process, in response: union negotiations are ongoing; the budget projections do not account for any potential economic stimulus funds; budget does not account for changes in IHSS provider payments; it is not known whether the department split (Health and Human Services, Behavioral Health) is saving money at this point.</p> <p>HSCC expressed interest in the impact statements and a desire to help departments articulate the depth of impacts from service reductions. It could be the case that even all of the mandates cannot be met and help will be needed from the community.</p> <p>Commented that the human services infrastructure is crumbling and that maintaining a base is needed in order to rebuild. There might be a need to redesign the entire health and human services system. Also commented that with the severity and speed in which cuts are being made, it makes it difficult to think through the details of proposed cuts and consider unintended consequences.</p>	
Town Hall Forum Update	Due to time constraints, the Budget and Policy Committee will review a preliminary report on April 14. The Executive Committee will approve the report at its meeting on April 27. The report will then be submitted to the full HSCC for ratification at its next meeting. HSCC will seek to make appointments with all the supervisors to present the report individually. All members encouraged to attend the Budget and Policy Committee and/or the Executive Committee meeting to provide input.	
Department Updates	<p>Dept. of Health and Human Services: Received a \$9M reduction in February and an additional \$10.5M slated for FY 09-10.</p> <p>Dept. of Human Assistance: Will be cutting \$7.5M in operations (on top of \$10M that must make up to cover COLAs and prior one-time funding). With such a limited amount of General Fund dollars in DHA, are limited in where reductions can</p>	

	<p>occur. Funding reductions can come from CMISP, General Assistance, and Community Services. There will likely be significant reductions to GA and Community Services. Additionally, DHA is faced with \$11M in reductions to aid payments.</p> <p>The homeless street count results were recently compiled. Calculated that there are 2,800 homeless, which represents a 14% decrease in overall homeless and there has been a 35% decrease in chronic homelessness.</p> <p>It was also noted that the 71-J clause in the County charter is going to be problematic for community based organizations. Dept.</p>	
Announcements	<p>The Capacity Expansion Collaborative is having a forum siting of transitional housing. The information will be forwarded electronically.</p> <p>The NCADD is hosting a parenting course and has spots still open.</p>	
Adjourn	Adjourn at 1:40pm	Next meeting: April 09, 2009