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Meeting Notes of May 8, 2008

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

Absent: Mike Mendez (exc), Ana Negron (exc), Paul Lake (ex-officio) (exc)

Guests: Angelene Fowler (interpreter), Jessica DeBauge, Nicole Piva, Deanne Thornton, Cathy Capriola

Staff: Alan Lange, Paul Hicks

Issues	Discussion	Actions
Introductions		
Approval of Meeting Notes of 3/13/2008	Minutes approved.	-M/S (Pam/Trish) to approve April minutes; approved.
Chair's Report	David Ballard of the Children's Coalition has been appointed to the Human Services Coordinating Council; his first meeting will be next month. The Human Services NewsBlast will be released on May 19. Member Advisory Boards should submit updates as soon as possible. County budget hearings begin on June 10.	
Report of Findings from Listening Session Campaign	<p>The report of findings has been distributed to all groups who were surveyed for any additional comments or feedback and the groups were invited to attend today's meeting. No feedback was received. Members discussed their own perspectives on the report. Several wording changes were recommended. Suggested that the Nutrition recommendation be broadened to explore alternatives for expanding nutritious food access in all communities. Increasing awareness of all services is also critical, regardless of service-type.</p> <p>The final report will be presented to the Board of Supervisors as well as Department heads. Members expressed a need to use the report as a tool to update the County Report Card and selected performance measures. Suggested that Sharon Dwight, who is leading the County Report Card project, should be invited to the next meeting.</p> <p>The importance of having the outreach efforts be an ongoing project was also expressed. HSCC needs to routinely reach out to the community for input, and report findings back to the Board of Supervisors. To maintain outreach efforts, participation is needed from each HSCC member.</p> <p>Each HSCC member should present the report to his/her respective Member Advisory Board. There is information relevant to each advisory group.</p>	<p>-M/S (Trish/Leoma) to approve report, with suggested revisions; approved.</p> <p>-Staff will invite Sharon Dwight of Sacramento County to the next meeting.</p> <p>-Meeting times with each Supervisor have been requested to present findings.</p>
Debrief from Finding Common Ground Forum	<p>The event was attended by over 65 individuals. Participants were very actively engaged in discussion and, overall, expressed a high degree of satisfaction with the event. A meeting summary was presented. The summary includes the common messages that attendees agreed need to be shared with the Board of Supervisors. A misspelling was noticed and corrected.</p> <p>Participants expressed a desire to remain connected. HSCC has distributed the meeting summary to all attendees, which includes a section on "next steps" and also shared the contact list so that attendees could maintain communication with one another. In addition, HSCC will facilitate ongoing communication and cooperative efforts by sharing what it is doing in regard to the budget with all attendees. Participants have also been added to the NewsBlast. And a second Finding Common Ground forum will be held in Fall focusing on legislative issues. Ultimately, success of ongoing efforts is dependent upon attendees action. The Forum allowed for introductions, sought to set a tone for collaborative building, and built consensus around concepts that need to be shared with the Board of Supervisors. It is HSCC's hope that participants</p>	<p>-Staff will investigate why some Finding Common Ground attendees did not receive the meeting summary.</p> <p>-M/S (Ernie/Trish) to approve the Finding</p>

	<p>will use the messages to present to decision makers so that there is a common voice and not many competing voices within the human services community.</p> <p>A couple attendees of Finding Common Ground noted that they didn't receive the meeting follow up.</p> <p>Also presented was an "executive summary" of the Listening Session and Finding Common Ground projects. The reports will be packaged for presentation to emphasize the common points. Suggested that the Executive Summary needs to include statements that Finding Common Ground, in particular, was initiated to help create a unified voice from the advisory groups.</p>	<p>Common Ground summary with spelling correction, as well as the Executive Summary for both projects with a statement regarding creating unified advisory voices; approved.</p>
Program and Committee Updates	<p>Budget: Governor's May revise will be out next week. County hearings begin on June 10. County budget will be made public on May 30. Budget Committee will meet on June 3 at 4pm to discuss.</p> <p>Emergency Preparedness: Committee is nearly finished with its primary task of determining specific needs of vulnerable populations in emergencies. Representatives of vulnerable populations have been asked to review findings to date and provide any final feedback. Findings will be shared with the County Emergency Operations office. Suggested that Lawrence Kuhlman of the County be invited to the next meeting.</p> <p>Human Services Element: <i>No report.</i></p> <p>First 5 Advisory Committee: A community assessment survey project is underway. Goal is to survey 200 people with children or family in the 0-5 age range. Findings will feed into the Commission strategic plan update.</p> <p>Children's Coalition: Partnered with Ready By 21, City of Sacramento, and Office of Education to present the Capital Region Compact for Children and Youth. Information will be included in the next NewsBlast. Coalition is requesting that all Member Advisory Boards endorse and sign on to the compact. The Coalition is also supporting an early screening proposal for juvenile justice program.</p> <p>Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board: The group is examining a non-violent offenders proposal, and had representatives of both sides at its May meeting. HSCC members expressed an interest in seeing the notes from the meeting.</p> <p>Adult and Aging Commission: May is older American's month. 10 seniors were recognized by the Board of Supervisors for their contributions; 49 displays have been set up throughout the County; and will be tabling at the Citrus Heights Senior Fair.</p> <p>Mental Health Board: Mental Health Day is May 31 at the Oak Park Multiservice Center. The Mental Health Services Act is putting together focus groups for workforce education and training programs. The Prevention and Early Intervention component is going to be launched soon. On June 5, there will be a hearing on the implementation progress report for FY 2007-08.</p>	<p>-Lynn Frank , Penni Clarke, and a representative of DHA will be invited to the June 3 Budget Comm. meeting.</p>
Department Updates	<p>Board of Supervisors: The Environmental Management Division received a consumer protection award for its food establishment placarding program. PHAB submitted a recommendation re the use of trans fats in the County, which helped prompt Supervisor Dickinson's office to examine the concept of menu labeling. Work on this issue will continue.</p> <p>Countywide Services Agency: The budget deficit has grown larger than originally anticipated. There might be some one-time funding, but no long term solutions. One of the issues that HSCC has discussed, the lack of cost of doing business increases from the State for human services, is all categorical programs. And although it amounts to around \$55 million that has not been received from the state, it has little direct impact on the County's General Fund. The projected budget cuts forces all programs, services, agencies, etc. to reexamine and renew emphasis on their core function.</p> <p>Dept. of Health and Human Services: Focus has been on the budget. Public information will be released on May 30.</p> <p>Dept. of Human Assistance: No report.</p>	
Announcements	<p>Members of the Citrus Heights Collaborative attended today's meeting and provided a brief overview of their program. A brochure on the collaborative was distributed. The Collaborative representatives mentioned that they have been willing to serve as a testing ground and are sometimes able to partner on new programs and ideas. The group is always looking for new ways to connect to the community throughout Sacramento County. Noted that Citrus Heights is completing a city report card focusing on human services.</p>	
Adjourn		<p>Next meeting: June 12</p>