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**Meeting Notes of August 14, 2008**

**Attending:** Linda Cook, Pamela Flohr, Trish Stanionis, Melinda Avey, Leoma Lee, Ernie Brown, Mike Mendez, Paul Tanner, David Ballard, Lynn Frank (ex-officio), Paul Lake (ex-officio), Bruce Wagstaff (ex-officio)

**Absent:** Ana Negron, Joe Angeles (ex-officio), Penelope Clarke (ex-officio) (exc)

**Guests:** Vicki Sweeney (Interpreter), Angeline Fowler (Interpreter)

**Staff:** Alan Lange, Paul Hicks

Issues	Discussion	Actions
<b>Introductions</b>		
<b>Approval of Meeting Notes of 7/10/2008</b>	Minutes approved	-M/S (David/Trish) to approve July 10 minutes; approved.
<b>-Chair’s Report: California Budget Project Conference -Work Plan Status Report</b>	The California Budget Project will be presenting a report on August 15 entitled “Stretched Thin 2008: State Budget Cuts Undermine California’s Human Services Programs.” The conference will feature Director of DHA, Bruce Wagstaff, as one of the panel speakers. A mid-year work plan status report was presented. Several objectives were updated, including Objective A of Goal 1 is now a responsibility of the Budget and Policy Committee. Second, Objective B of Goal 1 will be removed from the 2008 Work Plan because the committee responsible for action is currently inactive. Goal 1, Objective E has timeline changes in Action Steps 2 and 3. Goal 2, Objective A has been amended with Action Step 6 that calls for the development of a plan for refining and explaining the Listening Session Campaign project between September and December of 2008. Goal 2, Objective B has also been amended to include Action Step 3 which incorporates the planning of community forums (to be held in Spring ’09) and to secure partnerships with MAB’s throughout September ’08 and January ’09.	
<b>-Presentation and Approval of “Addressing the Needs of Vulnerable Populations in an Emergency – Report of Findings and Recommendations”</b>	The Emergency Preparedness Ad Hoc Committee has recently completed a study entitled “Addressing the Needs of Vulnerable Populations in an Emergency.” The committee has met monthly since September 2007 in order to address the needs of 10 populations identified as vulnerable in times of an emergency. Organizations and individuals representing vulnerable populations were surveyed about notification and communication, transportation, and shelter needs that might be experienced by the population. The Adult and Aging Commission noted that under the names of committee members and participants should be listed in the report. With approval from HSCC, the report will be officially submitted to the Board of Supervisors and Office of Emergency Services (OES). OES has expressed interest in placing the report on the <a href="http://www.sacramentoready.org">www.sacramentoready.org</a> website and is using the document to incorporate into their existing plans. The committee is hoping to coordinate with OES to present the report to the Board of Supervisors when the proclamation declaring September Emergency preparedness month is presented. The committee will be busy in future meetings addressing the next action steps to be taken with the report. The HSCC would like to thank and recognize the Emergency Preparedness Ad Hoc Committee for producing a “very impressive piece of work.” The HSCC noted that the report exemplifies the type of work for which MABs should be engaged. HSCC approved the report for consideration before the Board of Supervisors and the Office of Emergency Services.	-M/S (Pamela and Leoma) to approve “Addressing the Needs of Vulnerable Populations in an Emergency – Report of Findings and Recommendations”; approved.
<b>Develop Policy Recommendations for Support of or Inclusion in County’s</b>	The County is currently reviewing the 2008 Legislative Policy Document in order to condense the policies that may no longer be applicable in 2009. The Legislative Advocate requests that all MAB’s review the document and make recommendations on which policies they wish to keep and wish to add, amend, or remove. All reviews and suggestions in regards to the 2009 Legislative Policy Document must be returned to the Legislative Advocate no later than September 1,	

<b>Legislative Policy Document</b>	2008. All advisory groups were encouraged to actively review and contribute to the document. It was expressed that Member Advisory Boards should begin reviewing the document in April of 2009 to assure they reserve ample time for discussion.	
<b>Department Updates</b>	<p><b>Human Assistance:</b> In reviewing the Counties Budget, DHA strives to realign existing funds with programs that are seeing large rises in caseloads. DHA must respond to primary community needs rather than expand programs. General Assistance case loads are up 30% over the last year. Food Stamp requests are up 24% over the past year. MediCal and CalWORKS programs are all up 8% over the last year. Currently the number of chronically homeless in the County is going down even though the total number of homeless is going up. Senior nutrition is performing well with almost a zero waitlist for the Meals on Wheels program. The medically indigent waitlist is down to a three day wait compared to an eighteen day wait three years ago. The current case loads reflect a large number of working-poor who are not used to asking for assistance. The rise is reflected in the number of clients that were seen at the North Highlands field office on the first three days of August, over 1,500 in three days. The State budget is being closely monitored. To continue to meet demand, DHA is considering reengineering its programs and how it does business.</p> <p><b>Health and Human Services:</b> No new budget information will be available until the completion of the State Budget. However, pending larger cuts, the Oak Park Multi-service Center may be closed entirely. Lynn Frank gave a brief overview of the County's work with CPS in light of recent media coverage. DHHS and CPS are working diligently to address all issues.</p> <p><b>Countywide Services Agency:</b> No report.</p> <p><b>Board of Supervisors:</b> No report.</p>	
<b>Program and Committee Updates</b>	<p><b>Budget and Policy:</b> Meets the first Tuesday of every month at 4:00 at Infusion Café. All MAB's are welcome to attend. The committee is preparing for Finding Common Ground Forum II which will be held at St. Mark's Methodist Church at an undetermined date in November. In September, the committee will be putting together the program that will follow up on Forum I. After meeting with Nav Gill, the committee made it clear that they object to the timing of the budget and request ample time for the MAB's and County Departments to review the budget in order to make good recommendations to the Board of Supervisor's. The committee is also currently working on a plan to create a series of town hall events in the Spring that will address community involvement in the 2009 Budget Process.</p> <p><b>Emergency Preparedness:</b> With the Vulnerable Populations report completed, focus is on next steps. An ongoing concern is community education and awareness, which might be an area of emphasis for the group. The Neighborhood Emergency Trainings provided by Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) were discussed as a great resource.</p> <p><b>Human Services Element:</b> Dave Ballard is working to resurrect this committee. He will meet with Staff to review the history of the document and begin mapping out future action.</p> <p><b>First 5 Commission Advisory:</b> First 5 is updating its current Strategic Plan and has scheduled a number of Strategic Plan Work Group meetings. It is anticipated that Work Group meetings will resume in September. The Community Building Initiative grant applications are available now. Applications for amounts up to \$5,000 will be considered.</p> <p><b>Mental Health Board:</b> No report.</p> <p><b>Children's Coalition:</b> The Sacramento County Children's Report Card will be released to the Board of Supervisor's on November 18, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. and a stakeholder's summit will be held at Sierra Health Foundation on November 21.</p> <p><b>Adult and Aging:</b> Joseph Montoya has been selected to represent the AAC on the Mobility Advisory Council of Regional Transit. The Stop.Listen.Care. Campaign (SLC) will be introduced to community advocates and program providers during a breakfast meeting August 20th. SLC is part of a community awareness effort to help the community be more aware of its part in protecting senior and dependent adults from abuse and isolation. Next steps will include involving business leaders, healthcare providers, and neighborhoods. AAC will be participating in the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Mental health and Aging Conference in October. The Commission's Oversight Committee continues its work on a proposed ordinance dealing with certain rental arrangements pertaining to vulnerable adults.</p> <p><b>Alcohol and Drug Advisory:</b> The Advisory Board has made a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors that they support the Nonviolent Offenders Rehabilitation Act of 2008. NORA expands upon the goals of Prop. 36 and proposes to</p>	

	expand the diversion of nonviolent offenders to addiction treatment. <b>Public Health Advisory Board:</b> No Report. <b>Disability Advisory Committee:</b> The DAC has been meeting with the Department of Human Assistance in order to incorporate suggestions on CalWORKS program training to help evaluate and accommodate the needs of people with disabilities. In addition, the planning staff of the new Sacramento Airport extension has been meeting regularly with DAC to assure that all aspects of the new facility will be compliant with the needs of those with disabilities.	
<b>Announcements</b>		
<b>Adjourn</b>	<b>Adjourn at 1:30pm</b>	Next meeting: Sept. 11, 2008