

MINUTES
HUMAN SERVICES COUNCIL MEETING
Southwest Behavioral Health Center
245 East 680 South, Cedar City, Utah

Tuesday September 9th, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioner Donald J. Willden
Ms. Barbara Robinson

Commissioner D. Maloy Dodds
Mr. Arthur Cooper
Ms. Deon Alvey

Commissioner Lois L. Bulloch
Ms. Marsha Perkins
Ms. Minnie Pitman

Commissioner Daniel W. Hulet
Ms. Lois Lamb
Mr. Tim Christensen

Commissioner James J. Eardley
Mr. Kent Heideman

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Beth Cottam
Ms. Brenda Mckee
Ms. Sherri Dial
Mr. Bill Woods

EXCUSED:

Ms. Cary Faye

ABSENT:

Ms. Diane House

REPRESENTING:

Beaver Co. Commissioner
Beaver Co. Community Rep.

Garfield Co. Commissioner
Garfield Co. Community Rep.
Garfield Co. Low Income Rep.

Iron County Commissioner
Iron County Community Rep.
Iron County Low Income Rep.

Kane Co. Commissioner
Kane Co. Community Rep.
Kane Co. Low Income Rep.

Washington Co. Commissioner
Washington Co. Community Rep.

FCAOG Deputy Director
FCAOG Staff
FCAOG Human Service Planner
Iron County Care & Share Director

Beaver Co. Low Income Rep.

Washington Co. Low Income Rep.

The Human Services Council was held at the Southwest Behavioral Health Center, 245 East 680 South, Cedar City, Utah on Tuesday, September 9, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Commissioner Lois Bulloch called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m., declared there was a quorum, and welcomed all in attendance. Ms. Beth Cottam

introduced new employees Sherri Dial (Human Services Planner) and Brenda Mckee (Secretary/Receptionist).

II. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JULY 8, 2008 MEETING

Commissioner Dan Hulet presented minutes of the July 8, 2008 meeting to the Council for consideration and approval:

**A motion was made by Mr. Art Cooper, seconded by
Commissioner Lois Bulloch, to approve the minutes of the
July 8, 2008 Human Services Council meeting.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**III. STEERING COMMITTEE FOLLOW UP: COORDINATED HUMAN SERVICES
TRANSPORATION COMMITTEE ACTION**

Ms. Cottam discussed the Steering Committee's action to uphold the Human Services Council's recommendation regarding the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) planning study. Ms. Cottam said Ken Sizemore also discussed with the Executive Committee prior to the Steering Committee's vote. Ms. Cottam was asked to offer the Steering Committee an explanation of the study's merits as well as the concerns as she presented the recommendations of the Human Service Council. The issue had previously been approved by both groups. In the August Steering Committee meeting, reports were also provided regarding Council Member's requests for the money to be used to fill gas tanks, rather than paying for another study. Steering Committee members agreed with Human Service Council on this matter.

IV. CANSTRUCTION & REGIONAL EMERGENCY FOOD NETWORK

Ms. Cottam reported the Canstruction projects had been presented at four of the five County Fairs in our region. Ms. Cottam discussed that Washington County generated over 6000 cans. There were a lot of creative structures. Beaver County was the only County that didn't participate. Ms. Minnie Pitman said she already has a volunteer for next year. She indicated a desire to know who is participating in the next year's CANSTRUCTION by January 2009.

V. STATE COMMUNITY SERVICES OFFICE CONTRACT MANAGEMENT

Ms. Cottam reported that the State Community Service office made a request for Five County AOG staff to manage five of their Pamela Atkinson Homeless Trust Fund contracts in Southern Utah. They also requested more support in helping our region to complete the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness and help coordinate the implementation of the Plan. Contract providers requested help which included the Erin Kimball Foundation, The Dove Center, New Frontiers for Families (Lost Boy Drop In Center), Dixie Care & Share and, Resource and Re-Entry. Ms. Sherri Dial has been hired to help with these programs. Ms Dial will also be helping with the VITA program, Utah Saves, and other human services programming.

VI. “SURVIVING THE COMING AGE WAVE” CONFERENCE – SEPT. 22

Ms. Cottam discussed the upcoming conference at the St. George Senior Center. This conference will be sponsored by the Adult Protective Services as well as the Five County Association of Government’s Area Agency on Aging. Flyers for the event were passed out and invitations extended to Council Members.

VII. REVIEW OF PUBLIC FORUM AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT INFORMATION (INCLUDING PART 3 ...PROJECTED USE OF MONEY)

Ms. Cottam handed out copies of the public forum summaries by County. Also summaries of the needs assessments survey. When doing the survey people were asked “If you had \$10,000 of public money how would you use it?”

VIII. ANNUAL TOP TEN HUMAN SERVICE PRIORITIZATION

Ms. Cottam requested support from Council Members to develop and prioritize a list of the Top Human Service Needs for our region. She reminded them this exercise was part of the planning requirements for CSBG programming and the same request is made each year in our September meeting.

After a lengthy discussion, including many excellent comments by Council Members, the following ten needs were listed and then prioritized by group.

1. Education
2. Economic / Industrial Development
3. Jobs/Employment - Wages
4. Affordable Housing
5. Energy Development
6. Health
7. Aging
8. Public Safety / Law Enforcement
9. Youth / Family Recreation
10. Enforce Existing Immigration Services

A motion made by Barbara Robinson to formally accept the list and prioritizations. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ms. Minnie Pitman.

MOTION CARRIED UNANOMUOISLY

IX. HIGHLIGHT OF LOCAL PROGRAM: IRON COUNTY CARE & SHARE

Ms. Cottam introduced Mr. Bill Woods the Director of Iron County Care and Share. Mr. Woods discussed how the Care & Share supplies food bank, food assistance, and is getting prepared to assist persons in making application for food stamps online. Mr. Woods shared information regarding their homeless shelter and plans for moving the shelter to their food warehouse location. Mr.

Woods also addressed needs for transitional housing and the pilot program they work with as a community partner. Mr. Woods informed the Council that there has been a 35% increase in emergency food need since the beginning of the year because of the way the economy is going. Mr. Woods expressed concern that they were losing HUD funding for the regional Homeless Outreach staff position that assists all of the counties in our region. He expressed appreciation for the CSBG funding they receive.

X. OTHER

Commissioner Hulet shared with the Council that Doni and Baako were getting married on September 13th.

XI. NEXT MEETING – JANUARY 13, 2009

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 13, 2009 beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the Kane County Courthouse, District Court Room.

XII. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. as called by Commissioner Hulet.