

MINUTES
HUMAN SERVICES COUNCIL MEETING
Garfield County Courthouse – Commission Chambers
55 South Main, Panguitch, Utah

Tuesday March 17th, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioner Donald J. Willden
Ms. Barbara Robinson
Ms. Cary Faye

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

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

Commissioner Daniel W. Hulet
Mr. Tim Christensen

Mr. Kent Heideman

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Beth Cottam
Ms. Brenda Mckee
Ms. Sherri Dial

ABSENT:

Ms. Lois Lamb
Commissioner Daniel W. Hulet

REPRESENTING:

Beaver Co. Commissioner
Beaver Co. Community Rep.
Beaver Co. Low Income 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. Low Income Rep.

Washington Co. Community Rep.

FCAOG Deputy Director
FCAOG Staff
FCAOG Human Service Planner

Kane Co. Low Income Rep.
Kane Co. Commissioner

The Human Services Council was held at the Garfield County Courthouse, 55 South Main, Panguitch, Utah on Tuesday, March 17th, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Commissioner Dan Hulet called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., declared there was a quorum and welcomed all in attendance. Commissioner Hulet announced that Ms. Lois Lamb from Kane County is no longer able to serve and someone needs to be appointed. He will find out some names from the Long Valley area. Ms Beth Cottam announced that we are still looking for someone to serve as the Washington County Low Income Representative. Craig Hansen from Kane County Care and Share was also was introduced.

II. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 13th, 2008 MEETING

Commissioner Dan Hulet presented minutes of the January 13th, 2009 meeting to the Council for consideration and approval. Commissioner Hulet called attention to a change needed in agenda item # XII. A suggestion was made by Commissioner Hulet for Ms. Cottam to draft a letter of support and Mr. Art Cooper made the motion seconded by Ms. Barbara Robinson. Mr. Copper also suggested changing the agenda item #XIII. The article in the magazine was not referring to the Senior Center and Care and Share.

A motion was made by Commissioner Donald Willden to approve minutes of the January 13th 2009 Human Services Council meeting as corrected, seconded by Commissioner Dan Hulet.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

III. FUNDING ISSUES

- A. FY 2009 LEGISLATIVE CHANGES (State Dollars)
- B. FY 2010 LEGISLATIVE FUNDING CHANGES (State Dollars)
- C. THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT

Ms. Cottam talked about the additional 2009 budget cuts statewide of 180,000 to Meals on Wheels, 16,000 to Senior Centers (Congregate Meals), and 135,000 to Aging and Support Services, 54,000 to County Pass Through, 298,000 to Provider Rollback, and 202,500 to Ombudsman. Ms. Cottam also announced there are additional cuts for FY 2010. One time monies have been used to help fill in for cuts in both FY 09 and FY 2010 so there will not be as great of impact felt until 2011. Ms. Cottam discussed that 2011 will be a tough year for funding of the Aging Program unless the economy turns around and funding cuts to the base budget are restored. She announced that we do expect to receive money from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for both home delivered meals and congregate meals, but do not know the amounts yet.

IV. FY 2010 SOCIAL SERVICE BLOCK GRANT FUNDING

Ms. Cottam announced the due date of the SSBG/CSBG applications and that the applications have been published in the paper for people to apply. SSBG applications are due April 20, 2009. She indicated we have not received an allocation amount for next year as yet, but is still hopeful we will receive Social Service Block Grant funds.

V. FY 2010 COMMUNITY SERVICE BLOCK GRANT FUNDING

Ms. Barbara Robinson announced Senior Community Service Employment Program has been taken over by Good Will instead of Easter Seals. Good Will has the actual contract. Ms. Cottam discussed the new FACS Pro Database and ways we will be doing more Case Management. Our goal and outcome is to help people become more self sufficient. Ms Cottam discussed how important it is to be R.O.M.A (Results Oriented Management Accountability) compliant. The CSBG eligibility level is now 125% of poverty, but may become higher soon. Ms. Cottam discussed the Six National Goals which are Low income people must become more self sufficient, the conditions of low income are improved, low income people own a stake in their community, partnerships among supporters and providers are achieved, agencies increase their capacity to achieve results, low income people achieve their potential be strengthening family and other supportive systems. The goal is to decrease the causes and improve conditions to reduce poverty in our region. The last Human Service Council meeting the council did prioritize the needs in our area. Ms. Cottam suggested having more funding to go towards hiring for case management which would help individuals become more self-sufficient. CSBG applications for FY 2010 are due April 24, 2009.

Ms. Cottam indicated we are going to receive a significant amount of stimulus money in CSBG. We don't know when we will be receiving the funding. Ms. Cottam discussed the idea of using our regular request for proposal process or whether we would need address the use of the money in a special session with the Council. There may need to be an emergency meeting to discuss stimulus dollars in more detail.

VI. EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER PROGRAM – PHASE 27

- A. WASHINGTON COUNTY JURISDICTION
- B. IRON COUNTY JURISDICTION
- C. THREE COUNTY JURISDICTION

The emergency food and shelter programs funding has been increased for Iron and Washington Counties, but have decreased for the three smaller counties. A table showing the allocations for FY 09 (phase 27) Emergency Food and Shelter were distributed.

VII. VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE UPDATE

Ms. Sherri Dial talked about V.I.T.A and how we are doing very well this year. V.I.T.A has contributed thousands of dollars worth of help. She said that there are 14 sites within the Five County area. Ms. Dial announced March 21st is the Special Outreach Day for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance. Ms. Dial announced that taxes are being done by persons in each county as well as at the Dixie and SUU Colleges. She discussed that each volunteer is fully trained and certified. Commissioner Hulet suggested publishing in the newspapers to recruit V.I.T.A volunteers.

VIII. 16th ANNUAL HUMAN SERVICE PUBLIC FORUMS

- A. DATES AND TIMES
- B. LOCATION HOSTS
- C. QUESTION/ISSUES FOR POWER POINT GROUP DISCUSSION

COUNTY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	ADDRESS
KANE	March 31	3:30-5:00 pm	Kanab Public Library	533 E 300 S, Kanab
WASHINGTON	April 2	3:30-5:00 pm	Gardner Center @DSC	831 E 300 S, St. George
GARFIELD	April 7	10:00-11:30am	Community Center	100 N 100 W, Escalante
GARFIELD	April 7	3:30-5:00 pm	Panguitch Library	25 S 200 E, Panguitch
IRON	April 8	3:30-5:00 pm	Festival Hall	105 N 100 E, Cedar City
BEAVER	April 9	3:30-5:00 pm	Senior Citizen Center	81 E Center, Beaver

Commissioner Hulet said that he would host the Kane County Public Forum. Commissioner Hiedman said that he would host Washington County. Mr. Art Cooper will host the Escalante Public Forum. Commissioner Maloy Dodds will host the Panguitch Public Forum. Commissioner Bulloch is not able to attend the Iron County Public Forum. Ms. Marsha Perkins and Ms. Minnie Pittman will be hosting Iron County and Mr. Don Willden will host Beaver County.

Ms. Cottam discussed that we will have a projector at the Public Forums and will have an audience response system. The response system will be able to transfer the information into a power point presentation.

IX. PANGUITCH SENIOR CENTER AND CARE AND SHARE FACILITIES

Commissioner Maloy Dodds explained about the carpet situation at the Care and Share. The carpet needs to be redone because of problems of how it was laid. Council members were invited to visit the new site and view the progress on the new facilities.

X. FOLLOW UP TO HEALTH CARE LETTER

Ms. Cottam shared the draft letter of support she was asked to create. Due to the multiple concerns regarding content of the original letter we were asked to support and concern for our letter not being read, recognizing all of our concerns, she suggested no letter of support be sent at all. There was a consensus among the board members not to send any letter at this time so it would not be used as a letter of "support" for areas we were really very concerned about.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dodds to not send the letter of support, seconded by Commissioner Lois Bulloch.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

XI. OTHER

Ms. Cottam announced that the public forum posters and flyers were brought to take to each food pantry. It was decided which members will take the poster and flyers to the pantry's.

XII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12th, 2009 beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the Beaver County Southwest Center.

XIII. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned called by Commissioner Hulet seconded by Commissioner Willden.