

MINUTES
HUMAN SERVICES COUNCIL MEETING
Iron County – Southwest Center
245 East 680 South, Cedar City

Tuesday July 14th, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioner Donald J. Willden
Ms. Cary Faye

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

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

Mr. Tim Christensen

Commissioner James Eardley
Mr. Kent Heideman
Ms. Jill Willey

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Beth Cottam
Ms. Sherri Dial
Ms. Jane Lewis
Mr. Bill Woods
Ms. Liz Foley
Ms. Renee Murdock

ABSENT:

Ms. Lois Lamb
Ms. Barbara Robinson
Commissioner Daniel W. Hulet
Ms. Brenda Mckee

REPRESENTING:

Beaver Co. Commissioner
Beaver Co. Low Income Rep. (On Phone)

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. Low Income Rep.

Washington Co. Commissioner
Washington Co. Community Rep.
Washington County Low income Rep.

FCAOG Deputy Director
FCAOG Human Services Planner
FCAOG Human Services Associate Planner
Iron County Care and Share
Consumers Union - Health
Consumers Union - Health

Kane Co. Low Income Rep.
Beaver County Community Rep.
Kane Co. Commissioner
FCAOG Staff

The Human Services Council was held at the Iron County Southwest Center, 245 East 680 South, Cedar City on Tuesday, July 14th, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Commissioner Lois Bulloch called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance. Commissioner Bulloch excused the Chair, Commissioner Dan Hulet. Ms. Bulloch declared there was a quorum present. Ms. Beth Cottam introduced Ms. Liz Folley and Ms. Renee Murdock from Consumer Reports as guest presenters. Ms. Cottam introduced Bill Woods from Iron County Care and Share and Ms. Jane Lewis the Human Services Associate Planner at the Five County Association of Governments.

II. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MAY 12th, 2009 MEETING

There was discussion regarding corrections needed in the minutes of the May 12th meeting. The word "except" on page 2 #3 needs to be changed to "accept". There was a motion made last meeting on item #6 but there was no one who seconded the motion. Ms. Deon Alvey indicated she should be listed as the seconding the motion.

A motion was made by Ms. Minnie Pittman to approve the May 12th minutes as corrected, seconded by Mr. Art Cooper.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

III. COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT FUNDING

- A. THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT
- B. FY 2010 ALLOCATIONS
- C. KANE COUNTY ALLOCATION

Ms. Cottam announced that The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act contract has been received and signed and is a fully executed contract as of yesterday July 13th, 2009. Ms. Cottam discussed that in the next couple of weeks we will generate contracts and work on budgets with all of the providers. The Scope of Works will be based on the budget approved at the last Human Service Council Meeting.

It was noticed that the CSBG budget sheet had some typing mistakes. Garfield County's budget sheet was short and \$362 dollars should have been added to the listed allocation. Ms. Cottam will correct the numbers to give Garfield their full amount and equalize the funding. The amounts were already approved but the error needed to be recognized.

A motion was made to correct the budget worksheet by Ms. Marsha Perkins, seconded by Commissioner Maloy Dodds.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms. Cottam discussed the Kane County allocation. Last month at the Steering Committee meeting there was a discussion about the Five County Association of Governments annual budget. The budget was approved, however there were also remarks that Kane County had decided not to accept the stimulus funds. In a conversation with Commissioner Hulet it was determined that they need to write a letter stating that they were not accepting the funds and then the Human Services

Council will reallocate the funds. Ms. Cottam will need to attend a Kane County Commission meeting, until then the contract will be put on hold. The Human Service Council will be updated in the September meeting. Commissioner Bulloch commented to everyone that the stimulus money is not always free. She explained that some of the money require matching funds.

IV. FY 2009 SOCIAL SERVICE BLOCK YEAR END REPORT

Ms. Cottam passed out a year end draft report since she is still waiting for TURN Community Services to complete their final billing paperwork.

V. STAFFING UPDATES

Ms. Cottam introduced Jane Lewis as a new employee who was hired with the stimulus funds. The Care and Shares will each hire case managers and/or extend paid hours of some existing staff to assist the clients in the Five County area. The new database system is getting closer to being complete and functional. In Utah there have been two data bases to document CSBG Services and Homeless Services, the programs have been used to document all the clients. The State Office of Community and Culture is working to connect the two databases so that any one agency will not have to do double input for all clients.

VI. EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER PROGRAM – STIMULUS

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

Beth announced that we did receive some additional Emergency Food and Shelter Stimulus funds. There has been 9,621 dollars allocated for Iron County, 31,355 dollars for Washington County, and 4,999 dollars for the three smaller counties.

VII. CONSUMER REPORTS - HEALTH

Ms. Renee Foley introduced Consumer Reports and talked about ways to achieve the goal of affordable healthcare. She passed out a paper comparing medications for the best buy. A major project that the Consumer Reports is working on is collecting health care stories to determine the needs of the people to access affordable health care. These stories are of people who have been denied health care or who have found that the insurance they have is inadequate for their needs. These stories highlight the inadequacies of the system and work that can be done to improve the problems. There are about 100 stories posted on the website *prescriptionforchange.org*.

The council members discussed several ideas emphasizing the need to be cautious when fixing a problem and not to create more problems. The council discussed problems that are created in a socialized healthcare system. They indicated the healthcare system in the United States is a great system with a few problems. Included in the problems is the issue of Tort Reform. Commissioner Bulloch focused the discussion on other issues addressed in the Human Service Council's comments regarding health care reform. There have been many concerns mentioned by the Council over the past year that are included in the letter. No further suggestions were made to be included in the letter Ms. Beth Cottam generated describing the Council's concerns. The letter was given to the Consumer Reports guests.

VIII. 16th ANNUAL HUMAN SERVICE PUBLIC FORUM REPORTS

Ms. Cottam handed out to all council members a consolidation report of the information from all six Public Forum Power Point Presentations. She discussed that the clicker system worked very well for the forums. She went through the presentations and many of the questions discussing results of the forums. The questions were created to cover major topics of information shared from each of the counties over the past five years with a focus on the data from the last two years. This year, using the electronic clickers, the data was validated in graph formats. Each county's questions were a little different by focusing on the needs pertaining to the specific county which the public forum was being held. There was a suggestion made to add total in attendance of each forum to the report. There was a discussion about showing information addressing increased self-sufficiency. Some of the council members attended the local Public Forums.

IX. OTHER

There was a discussion about the Senior Centers. The cost of a senior citizen meal ranges from \$2.75 - \$6.50 in the five county areas. There is a new software program that is supposed to be able to show costs and nutrition value of each meal. The actual costs of each meal at the center have to be reported to the division. A portion of the amount is asked as a donation from the senior who is eating the meal, the suggested donation is \$2.50 per meal. The rest of the meal is subsidized by the Older American Act for the congregate meals or the home delivered meals. Younger persons pay the actual cost of \$6.50.

X. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8th, 2009 beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the Iron County Southwest Center in Cedar City.

XI. ADJOURN

**A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Art Cooper,
seconded by Ms. Minnie Pittman.**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY