



Health & Human Services Advisory Committee

HHSAC Minutes

March 18, 2010

Roll Call

Present: Betty Calvin, Bob Davis, Wendy Fiedler, Hal Lunka, Pat Springer, Lynn Wixted-Holland, Thomas Reid, and Councilmember Sam Taylor.

Absent: Tom Coogan, Felix Flechas, Sheryl Gross, Norma Linderholm, William MacPherson, Madhav Narayan, Tom Parsons, Anita Roberts, and Councilmember Martha Derda.

Staff: Debbie Oldenettel, Frank Schoengarth, Connie Linn, Julie Jary, and Jeff Stoll.

Agenda Minutes

The HHSAC meeting began at 5:35 p.m.

HHSAC Business Items

January Minutes

Minutes from the January 21, 2010 retreat were approved.

Nametaqs

If any member does not have an official HHSAC nametag, please notify Stacey Stroh and she will order one.

Departmental Updates

Staffing Update

The Family and Children's Division hired a new Intake Caseworker, David Zickefoose.

Early Childhood Council Update

Connie Linn, Family and Children's Services Manager, provided an update on the Broomfield Early Childhood Council. The council incorporates a wide range of stakeholders in fields related to early childhood as well as staff from HHS. The primary focus is to integrate services to enhance efforts around early childhood and prevent gaps in any of the major domains of early childhood, which are defined as:

- ◆ Social
- ◆ Emotional
- ◆ Mental Health
- ◆ Early Education
- ◆ Physical/Medical
- ◆ Parent Education
- ◆ Family Support

The council is being coordinated by a contract facilitator and HHS is using grant funds from the Department of Education to cover the cost of this facilitation. The grant is the result of a state initiative to enhance early childhood in the domains listed above. As part of this program, HHS has received funds to provide training and education to child care providers, which is called Expanding Quality for Infants and Toddlers (EQIT).

Child Abuse Prevention Month is April

Connie reminded members that Child Abuse Prevention month is in April. In 1982 the President enacted Child Abuse Prevention Month. This year's symbol is a flag with an outline of a missing child to memorialize children dying as a result of abuse and neglect. Family and Children's has ordered copies of the memorial flag for staff and foster parents. Any HHSAC members who would also like one may contact Connie. There are no formal proceedings planned.

Metropolitan Mayors and Commissioners Youth Awards

Broomfield had 5 nominees for the Metropolitan Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award this year. The awards recognize teenagers between the ages of 13 and 19 who have overcome personal adversity and created positive change in their lives. Due to budget shortfalls, this is the last year that this effort will be done by the nine counties that have been participating. HHS is hopeful that Broomfield will be able to continue the program next year on its own.

This year, counties will each send four youth to the regional event on April 17th where award winners will receive scholarships to area community colleges.

Youth Job Fair

Frank Schoengarth, Self-Sufficiency, Employment and Public Assistance Manager, reported on the 2010 Youth Job Fair, which was held on March 8th at the 1stBank Center. There were 312 youth and approximately 43 vendors. The number of youth was significantly lower this year (typical numbers are closer to 800). Frank offered a special thanks to Wendy Fiedler, Bob Davis, Pat Springer, and Sheryl Gross for volunteering for the event. The feedback from employers was very positive and the Event Center managers were wonderful.

Hire Colorado

Frank provided information about the new Hire Colorado program. Hire Colorado is a state initiative to increase employment. TANF Reserve funds were made available by the State to subsidize employment for individuals that meet the following TANF requirements: less than \$75,000 annual income, over the age of 18 years, and parent of minor child(ren). Frank has held orientations with clients interested in participants, but we have had trouble identifying employers to participate. Employers receive the benefit of a free worker for a limited time (the employee's wages may be 100% subsidized) and the employee receives the experience and training associated with that employment. The employer is under no obligation to retain the employee after the specified period of subsidized employment has ended. If anyone knows of a business that may be interested, please contact Frank.

What's Next

Frank thanked Hal Lunka for his work with the Workforce Center to provide training to clients about transitioning to new careers. The two-day training meets three hours per day and helps people to let go of old ways and embrace the future.

Hal Lunka provided a brief speech about his experiences with pre-Diabetes and what he has done to improve his health and avoid having to take medications for Diabetes.

Task Force Updates

- *Sustainability* – Hal Lunka provided an update about the Open House that was held. The committee is upgrading the Environmental section of the Comprehensive Plan.
- *Easy Ride Task Group* – Easy Ride is dealing with growth in demand and prioritizing their services. They received a grant for a facilitator to coordinate a local coordinating council. The facilitator has been hired and the committee had its first meeting on March 18th. Bob Davis, a member of the Coordinating Council, explained that the council brings other people to the table to discuss transportation needs in the community and brainstorm ways to leverage resources to enhance those services. The next meeting will be on April 15th.
- *Grant Review Committee* – Julie Jary thanked committee members, Betty Calvin, Bob Davis, and Anita Roberts for the significant time and effort they put into reviewing the 23 grant proposals received. Agency requests totaled approximately \$380,000, and the committee recommended awarding \$220,000 in grants, the total amount appropriated by City Council for non-profit grants in 2010. Debbie will present the recommendations to the City Manager's Office for approval and grants should be awarded in April.
- *Community Indicators Report*— Jeff Stoll explained that HHS is required to do a community assessment under SB194, the Public Health Reauthorization Act. He provided copies of the Community Indicators Report and supplemental tables to the subcommittee members and requested that they review and make suggestions with regard to what additional information we should seek. Following that review, there will be a survey of key informants in the community around public health issues to help identify public health issues/needs in the community. Once that is complete, the information will be reviewed and a planning process will be implemented to tackle the issues.

Upcoming Events

The Meals on Wheels Basket Auction will be held on Friday, May 7 at 6 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Next Meeting

The next HHSAC meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2010.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Approval

Minutes Prepared by Julie Jary

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