



## Health & Human Services Advisory Committee

### *HHSAC Minutes*

*April 21, 2011*

#### Roll Call

Present: Betty Calvin, Bob Davis, Wendy Fiedler, Norma Linderholm, Hal Lunka, Sheryl Gross, Tom Reid, Anita Roberts, Pat Springer, Jean Wilkie, Lynn Wixted-Holland

Absent: Tom Coogan, Felix Flechas, William MacPherson, Madhav Narayan, Tom Parsons, Councilmember Martha Derda, and Councilmember Sam Taylor

Staff: Debbie Oldenettel, Connie Linn, Frank Schoengarth, Jeff Stoll, Stacey Stroh

#### Agenda Minutes

The HHSAC meeting began at 5:40 p.m.

#### **HHSAC Business Items**

##### January Minutes

Minutes from the January 20, 2011 meeting were approved. (Attachment 1)

##### Chair / Co-Chair

With the beginning of our new year, we will need to elect a new Chair and Co-Chair for the Committee. Debbie will send out an email to the members asking for anyone who is interested or having a nomination to email her with names. When she has collected the list of names she will send out an electronic ballot to the members for voting before the next meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

##### Member Recognition

As the terms for several of the members were up this year and the positions would not be refilled due to the restructuring of the Committee, the Staff wanted to show their appreciation by recognizing the departing members for their hard work and commitment to the Committee and Health & Human Services Department throughout the years. Debbie presented the following members with a certificate and a City & County pin:

Bob Davis	10+ years	Betty Calvin	6 years
Pat Springer	10+ years	Madhav Narayan	4 years
Hal Lunka	8 years	Sheryl Gross	3 years
Felix Flechas	8 years	Tom Reid	3 years

In 2012, the remaining members' terms will end and the 7 positions will be available for current members, past members, and new citizens to apply.

##### Upcoming Meeting Dates

The Committee chose to keep the future meetings dates as scheduled and not make any changes. The remaining meeting dates will be:

May 19, 2011  
July 21, 2011  
September 15, 2011  
November 17, 2011  
January 19, 2012  
March 15, 2012

## Departmental Updates

### Data Report

Debbie provided a handout to Committee members detailing the program numbers for the various services provided by Health & Human Services. We continue to see a rise in the number of clients we are serving in many of the program areas although the rate of growth is slowing. (Attachment 2)

### Staffing Updates

Debbie updated the Committee on the various staff openings Health & Human Services has at this time.

**Operations Manager** (Julie Jary's position) - There were 91 applications received for this opening. Ten candidates were chosen and interviewed in the first round and there were four finalists. These four were narrowed down to two top candidates. The top candidate, Dawn Roland Summers, was chosen for the position and she will begin on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. She is relocating from California and has experience in many different areas such as child welfare, adult protection, TANF, and other eligibility programs. She currently oversees 70 employees. We are excited to have Dawn join HHS.

**Senior Services Admin Tech** - This position was posted internally within the City and County of Broomfield and ten applications were received. They are currently going through the interview process and should have a decision soon.

**Nurse Administrator** - This position has not been posted yet. At this time, we are analyzing the overall position to determine if there are any needed changes. One of our current public health nurses is acting as interim until this position is filled.

**Environmental Services** - There is currently an Environmental Health Specialist position open in Public Health. We have received approval to fill the position and are in the process of posting this job.

### LiveWell Broomfield

As you know, we have received LiveWell Broomfield funding for the past 6 years. We recently received notice from LiveWell Colorado that funding will be discontinued after FY 2010. Over the past several months, Broomfield's Public Health staff has engaged in ongoing conversations with LiveWell Colorado in an attempt to develop an application that would serve the needs of Broomfield's residents, while also achieving the goals and outcomes desired by LiveWell Colorado. LiveWell Colorado has continued to encourage LiveWell Broomfield to focus on strategies aimed at systemic change and has felt that LiveWell Broomfield's have been too programmatic in nature. Because Broomfield has already accomplished many broad policy changes/systemic change to address health and wellness, HHS staff, as well as community members who worked with us, often identified more programmatic needs.

Although our public health staff included several suggestions made directly by LiveWell Colorado staff into the 2011 application, ongoing funding was not approved. While we are disappointed that we are not going to continue to receive funding, it will not impact Broomfield's dedication to ensuring a healthy community. We will continue to promote the tenants of LiveWell Colorado by emphasizing the importance of healthy eating and active living which are core to preventing chronic disease and obesity. We will continue to

coordinate the Healthy Broomfield initiative and will engage the community through our Public Health Improvement Planning process to build upon existing strategies and initiatives.

### Child Abuse Prevention Month / Pinwheel Garden

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and the Family & Children's Division participated in the Pinwheel Garden over at the Library to show their support.

### **A Precious Child Presentation**

Carina Martin, founder of A Precious Child, spoke to the Committee about her program. This program was founded in 2008 and is for disadvantaged and displaced children. The program runs out of a 6000 sq ft warehouse in Broomfield. The warehouse is set up like a store and parents/guardians can bring children in to shop for clothing, backpacks, school supplies, sports equipment, etc. at no cost. The program also provides children with birthday parties and holiday gifts. They have a large number of partners throughout the community including the Police Department, FISH, HHS, Colorado Rockies, CASA and many more. Children are referred to the program through places such as local shelters, schools, and Health & Human Services. The program serves children in 6 surrounding counties. They are always accepting donations. The program is currently in need of volunteers for a variety of activities.

### **CASA Presentation (Court Appointed Special Advocate)**

Christy Martinez, Program Director, gave a presentation on CASA. CASA serves the 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial District (Adams and Broomfield Counties). There are currently 11 staff and 62 volunteers working with CASA. The CASA volunteers work with children who are in the dependency and neglect court system. The volunteers represent children to make sure their needs are being met and that they have a voice. Volunteers usually meet with their assigned child twice a month, but this can vary depending on the needs of the child. This time is used to get to know the child and the family. CASA representatives will appear in court for the child and are often asked to speak on behalf of their child's case. The volunteers also help prepare the older teens for emancipation as they get close to aging out of the system. CASA is currently serving 435 children within the 6 counties they serve and they were able to serve 56 Broomfield youth last year. Broomfield County is the only County in the State in which CASA serves 100% of the Dependency and Neglect cases. To be a CASA volunteer a person must go through 35 hours of intense training and be able to commit an average of 18 months per case. Volunteers work on one case at a time. Training is held three times a year.

### **Task Force Updates**

- Local Coordinating Council for Human Services Transportation – Bob Davis provided an update on the work of this council. Currently, the task force has been meeting monthly. At this time, they are working on setting up a metro wide call center. Debbie also discussed the group's recent success with getting Broomfield seniors to use the RTD Senior Shopper Shuttle that stops at senior housing in Broomfield every Wednesday. With the Easy Ride shuttle at capacity on shopping days, the LCC is hoping to get the seniors to utilize this service and to know that they have another option in getting to King Soopers, Wal-Mart and Safeway on Wednesday mornings. Having seniors use RTD for shopping would free up vans for more medical trips. Staff promoted this service for several weeks and held a kick-off at Silvercrest. After typically only have one rider, 14 seniors showed up which was viewed as a big success.
- Grant Review Committee – The committee members, which included Bob Davis, Anita Roberts, Jean Wilkie, Lynn Wixted-Holland and 5 HHS staff members reviewed the grant

applications and made their recommendations. There were 22 applications with a total request of \$447,000 and \$220,000 of that request was awarded among the applicants. The agencies were all notified of their awards and HHS has received many letters of thanks from these agencies. A memo will be going to Council on April 26<sup>th</sup> listing the agencies and their awards.

- Senior Services Planning Committee – The committee is currently meeting on a regular basis. They are continuing to work on simplifying the intake form for seniors. The annual Basket Auction will be held on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00 p.m. The auction is held at the Senior Center in the Lakeshore room. All proceeds from the auction will go to meals on wheels. There are many creative and interesting baskets up for auction and free refreshments are served during this event. It is an evening of fun for all!

The following Committees do not have updates at this time:

- CSBG Tripartite Board
- Sustainability
- CSU Extension Advisory Committee
- Community Outreach and Education

Other Updates:

- Youth Job Fair - The Youth Job Fair was held on February 24<sup>th</sup> at the Chateaux at Fox Meadows in Broomfield. The fair went well, but attendance was down from last year with about 350 youth attending this year.

## Upcoming Events

- Summer Medical Career Exploration Seminar - The Workforce Center will provide this program for around twelve teens, ages 16-19 years old. The program will run in June and July at the Exempla Good Samaritan Medical Center in Lafayette. The teens will hear lectures by medical professionals to give them exposure to the medical field. This program is designed to help teens gain a possible interest in the medical field and pursue training and education in one of the various fields.
- Broomfield Youth Recognition Award Program – This year the Family and Children's Services Division (FCS) has joined with CASA of Adams and Broomfield Counties and A Precious Child,) to plan the Broomfield Youth Recognition Award Program (BYRA). In years past, the youth of the metropolitan area were recognized through the Metropolitan Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award program (MMCYA). This recognition program celebrated youth between the ages of 13 and 19 who overcame personal adversity and created positive change in their lives. As the result of personnel changes, the annual recognition event ended in 2010. The City and County of Broomfield remains committed to recognizing the accomplishments of our youth in this community and has chosen to continue this event now known as the Broomfield Youth Recognition Award.

BYRA will recognize and celebrate the 7 recipients by providing them with an annual banquet and awards which is scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup> at the Lakeshore Room. The Broomfield Police Department will be serving lunch. As in years past, the youth were also recognized by the Mayor and Council members at a Council meeting on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

- April is Senior Awareness Month and Foster Care Awareness Month.

- Prescription Drug Take Back - This event will take place on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Broomfield Service Center off of 124<sup>th</sup> and Lowell. Anyone may drop off unneeded prescription drugs for disposal

### **Other Items**

### **Next Meeting**

The next HHSAC meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2011.

### **Adjournment**

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

### **Approval**

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Minutes Prepared by Stacey Stroh

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