



South Plains Homeless Consortium Minutes of the Consortium Meeting

Wednesday, March 1, 2006
Meeting at the Salvation Army

Present:

Name	Organization
Bob Terrell	WorkSource of the South Plains
Debra Rogers	Children's Home of Lubbock
Janet Harvey	LRMHMR
Shirley Terrell	Independent
Miguel Rincon	HUD
Brendan Kelly	City of Lubbock
Joe Rangel	City of Lubbock
Kristi Ward	Advocacy, Inc
Becky Haskitt	V A Outpatient
Anesha Majeed	LIFE / RUN
Bob Vaughn	not listed
Adelaida Montemayer	Lubbock ISD
Will Weathersby	Children's Home of Lubbock
Megan Woolard	Tech SW student
Gary Frye	LCISD
Jim Fuller	LCISD

Bob Terrell, President, presiding; meeting started at 12:10

Introductions of members, new members and visitors

Minutes of the February meeting were distributed. Becky moved that we accept the minutes. Janet seconded. The group approved by acclamation.

Treasurers Report: We currently have \$2081.53 in the treasury and \$18 and change in petty cash. The report was approved.

Minutes of the Officer's Meeting on February 15 were briefly reviewed. Bob went over the results of the January survey, including the reasons for some of the lower count. (see officer's meeting notes) The street count was missing from the hand-outs. Bob will find those and include in the amended minutes. The following discussion took place regarding the count.

- Becky asked why Lubbock Faith Center was not included in the count, stating they DO house homeless. Shirley explained that the person she talked to claimed they do not house homeless individuals. They have a new facility for women and will take referrals form the community. There might be some that are homeless. Becky will follow-up with this.
- We found that for the hotel count, it is important to call earlier in the day to find out who paid for the room.



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- It was suggested that we call the police to get an estimate of the street homeless, since they had recommended that we not allow counters into certain areas that we know house homeless individuals.
- Adelaida will provide us with data from LISD regarding homeless families and children. Her data is broken down into where the families are living.
- A question was posed to Becky about the best way to count veterans. She said she was not sure how to get an accurate count. There is currently no mechanism in place.
- It was suggested that we contact the security people in the emergency rooms to get a better count on homeless that stay at the hospital waiting rooms. Bob will follow up on this.
- Bob suggested that we contact Tech to help us analyze the statistics, particularly from the surveys.

Old Business:

- There was no activity on the ESG.
- Regarding the C of C intent to apply: We missed the deadline, but after Bob talked with Paula, the deadline was extended to Friday, March 3. Debra explained that filing an intent to apply does not mean you have to apply. But without the intent to apply, you cannot apply for the C of C grant.
- The SPHC will try to apply for money to provide rental assistance by contracting management with member agencies. Miguel said that partnering brings a wider scope into the process and is preferred by HUD.
- Gary will be in Washington D.C. on Monday and will try to make contact with people who are already doing this to get better insight into how we should proceed.

New Business:

- There will be an election of new officers in May. Bob will resign as president, stating he does not have the time to fully represent the consortium. He will continue to be involved. If anyone is interested in being an officer, they should contact Bob or Debra. We will announce the candidates at the April meeting.

Announcements:

- Miguel announced the SuperNOFA should be out in the next three weeks.
- Gary announced we can expect an April issue for the Compassionate Care Fund. This grant has a maximum of \$50,000 and can be used to build capacity of an organization. They want to see services that leverage an agency to get additional funds in order to build the capacity of that agency.
- Gary also told the group about the Department of Justice grant for Character Education Programs.
- The regular date of the officer's meeting is the third Wednesday of each month. Since that falls on Spring break, it was agreed to move the meeting to March 22. Contact Bob if you wish to be included in this meeting.
- Brochures were distributed for the disabled clients voting rights.
- Family Care program at the Childrens Home of Lubbock will have 3 openings within the next few weeks. Program brochures were available.



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- Anesha distributed flyers from the South Plains Church of Christ about the Angel Program where clients can purchase a large box of food for \$25.00. They will take Lone Star Cards. The deadline to sign up for this is next Friday.

Next Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 5, at the Salvation Army, pending approval. Details will follow by e-mail. If you would like to be on the agenda, email Bob at

bob.terrell@twc.state.tx.us. Or Debra at drogers@childshome.org

Adjourned at 12:55