



**South Plains Homeless Consortium  
Minutes of the Consortium Meeting**

**Wednesday, April 5, 2006  
Meeting at the Salvation Army**

**Present:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Bob Terrell	WorkSource of the South Plains
Bob Vaughn	non listed
Debra Rogers	Children's Home of Lubbock
Janet Harvey	LRMHMR
Miguel Rincon	HUD
Joe Madrid	DOL
Regii Davis	AACCL
Jessica Knight	TTU – Graduate Student
Elizabeth Burch	CHCL
Anesha Majeed	LIFE / RUN
Adelaida Montemayer	Lubbock ISD
Will Weathersby	Children's Home of Lubbock
Denette Vaughn Sweeney	Advocacy

**Bob Terrell, President, presiding, called the meeting to order at 12:10**

**Introductions of members, new members and visitors.** New to the group were Joe Madrid, Jessica Knight, Elizabeth Burch and Denette Sweeney. (Bob McIntire arrived later and was introduced toward the end of the meeting)

**Minutes** of the March meeting were distributed. Diane moved that we accept the minutes. Janet seconded. The group approved by acclamation.

**Treasurers Report:** There was no treasurer's report given

**Old Business:**

- Bob reviewed the results of the survey and count in January. After collecting all the data, the total number of homeless individuals accounted for was just over 300. An exact number was not possible as there was discussion about which of the LISD figures meet the criteria defined by HUD. Of particular concern was the category of individuals living in cars, parks and mobile homes. Since that is one category, it was impossible to separate those individuals living in mobile homes and it was impossible to know whether they were paying rent themselves or if someone else was paying their rent.
- Grant activity: The Balance of State proposals are due in Austin by April 20. Children's Home has decided they will not be able to submit an application this year. Gary is planning to submit an application for the SPHC. The proposal will be based on setting up a lease program, using case management from other agencies. It will basically follow a Housing First model.



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### New Business:

- Debra presented the proposed mission statement and strategic plan. (see attached)
  - Following the presentation, Bob V. raised a concern about the need for volunteers to be able to accomplish the goals. Debra explained that we are all volunteers, but before we can effectively manage outside volunteers, there must be someone to oversee and train those volunteers.
  - Miguel agreed that we are all volunteers and stressed the need for greater collaboration to build a foundation upon which we can work more effectively. He further stressed that all member agencies need funds and how important collaborative efforts were in receiving grants.
  - Regii asked if the city had funds available to support the work of the SPHC. Debra explained that when we asked Joe about that we could apply, and it would be up to the Community Development Board to approve it. He stated that city funds, particularly CDBG, are currently only being awarded to direct service providers and any change would have to be approved by the board under council direction. However, next February returned funds will be available for reallocation, and we can apply at that time. They are considering that funds could be used for public service, which would cover us.
  - Regii asked if this was a new plan or an amendment to an old plan. Debra explained that this was a revision to the mission statement and that this is an entirely new Strategic Plan. The bi-laws state that the organization will create a strategic plan each year. So far, this is the first plan to be created.
  - Bob called for a vote on accepting the mission statement. Will moved that we adopt the new mission statement and Adelaida seconded the motion. It passed by acclamation. Adelaida moves that we accept the strategic plan and Diane seconded the motion. It passed by acclamation. It was agreed that the new officers will be responsible for implementing the strategic plan. The first step will be to revisit and revise the bi-laws.
- Bob asked how we would implement the plan. Debra replied that much of the work will have to be turned over to committees. Those committees will need to meet and refine exactly how they will meet their objectives. Miguel offered space at HUD for committees to meet so they will not be disturbed.
- 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. The floor was open for nominations or volunteers for the officer and board positions.
  - For President: No names were presented. Several members were suggested and will be contacted before the Officer's meeting on April 26.
  - For Vice-president: Bob stated that he thought Gary would want to continue to serve in this position. He will be contacted before the Officer's meeting on April 26.
  - For Secretary: Janet Harvey agreed to be nominated
  - For Treasurer: Diane Hudson agreed to continue to serve
  - For Board Members at Large: The following people were nominated and will be contacted before the Officer's Meeting on April 26: Mary Guetersloh, Adelaida Montemayer, Joe Rangel, Bob Terrell, Bob Vaughn



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### **Announcements:**

- Miguel announced the SuperNOFA has come out. There will be a number of other grants coming out soon that will directly address homeless issues. Check with HUD.Gov for more information. Interested persons can listen to the broadcasts. Miguel will get more information and a schedule to Bob who will distribute the information to the members.
- Family Care program at the Childrens Home of Lubbock has one opening.
- Diane announced that they were able to find housing for 3 families and 3 individuals recently. She still has money available for rental assistance.
- Bob Vaughn handed out information on Energy Psychology – Emotional freedom Technology. He is currently using it with veterans and explained that it was easy to use and very effective.

**Next Meeting** will be held on Wednesday, May 3, 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](mailto:bob.terrell@twc.state.tx.us). Or Debra at [drogers@childshome.org](mailto:drogers@childshome.org)

**Adjourned at 1:15**