



South Plains Homeless Consortium
Minutes of the Officer Meeting
Wednesday, February 15, 2006
Meeting at The Salvation Army
1614 Ave. J.

Present:

Name	Organization
Bob Terrell	WorkSource of the South Plains
Debra Rogers	Children's Home of Lubbock
Mary Guetersloh	Hope Shalom
Gary Frye	LCISD
Joe Rangel	City of Lubbock – CD
Brendan Kelly	City of Lubbock – CD
Shirley Terrell	SPHC

The meeting was called to order by Bob Terrell at 12:20

The purpose of this meeting was to review results of the Homeless Count and Survey on January 24 and to plan for the March meeting

The minutes from the February 1 meeting were distributed and reviewed. Debra had requested a review because she was so involved with presenting at the meeting, she was unsure of the accuracy of her notes. Bob had added a few things to the minutes. The officers approved the minutes.

The Results of the Homeless Count were reviewed. The following items were discussed:

- Bob asked that Shirley follow up with WPS to get a break-down of how many women and children were served, instead of just the total number of individuals.
- It was noted that often churches pay for homeless individuals to stay in motels. Though Aneesha called a number of hotels, she was told by the night clerk that they did not know who paid for the rooms. It is suggested that next time, those calls be made earlier in the day.
- At the next count, we need to send people to count at the local hospitals where homeless individuals often stay in the emergency and waiting rooms.
- Contact Adelaida at LISD for a count of homeless children receiving services from McKinny-Vento funding. Though it is unlikely that most of these families would qualify for the HUD count, this would help us paint a more accurate picture of the homeless situation in our community and could be used in the narrative.
- We need to visit with the Lubbock Police to get an estimation of how many individuals are living in the canyon and other places where we were advised not to go.
- We need to start early (by November) to solicit help from university students. Alice White and Morgan Mercer will be good contacts for Tech.
- There was a question about the small number of agencies surveyed in the surrounding counties. Shirley explained that there are very few agencies in the



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smaller communities. Joe explained that it is the policy of many surrounding communities to send homeless and indigent persons to Lubbock for services. We asked that Joe try to get something in writing to that effect to help present the situation in Lubbock more accurately.

The officers approved the agenda for the March 1 meeting.

Other Business discussed:

- Joe announced that he had contacted SPAG regarding 211 and the new resource book. 211 is running, but they have not been effective in getting the word out, so few people know about it. The book of service providers was completed in January and is for sale. Joe did not know the price. The book was a delayed because they could not get agencies to return the necessary information. We discussed the need to know specifically who to contact in each agency. Often material is sent to the wrong person or the people who receive it do not know what the survey is for and disregard it. Joe will ask Kendra to bring books to the next meeting to present and to sell. He will let Bob know what the price is so that people can come prepared to purchase the books.
- Bob announced that elections for new officers would be in May. He stated he would not run for president. He does not want to be an officer, but will continue to be involved. He has too many demands from his job to be able to dedicate as much time to the Consortium as is needed.
- It was noted that all members of the Consortium work for non-profits and are overworked. The work done for the SPHC is on volunteer hours. We emphasized again the need for some full time help.
- As we discussed funding possibilities, Joe said there will be a Technical Workshop Assistance on Wednesday, February 22 at 10:00 at City Hall for groups applying for CDBG funding. It was noted that since the Consortium does not provide direct services that they would probably not be eligible for most of the funding and that there may be no public service funds available since we are at the end of the three year funding cycle.
- Gary has a friend who works for the Gates foundation. He will contact him about possibilities for funding one staff person to help with the work of the Consortium.
- We discussed possibly finding limited funds through the Lubbock Foundation, but noted that few grants are available for administration.
- Debra suggested that we try to present homeless issues at the next Faith Based Conference. She will visit with Wanda about the possibilities.
- Mary announced that Thomas Stern has purchased the Jim Kimmel office building and wondered if that facility might not be used for homeless housing or a service center. That idea has been previously presented and zoning issues were a problem.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20.