



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

**Wednesday, August 4, 2004,
Meeting at the WorkSource of the South Plains**

Present:

Name	Organization
Adelaida Montemayor	Lubbock ISD
Alice Garcia	SPAG/AAA
Bob Terrell	WorkSource of the South Plains
Debra Rogers	Children's Home of Lubbock
Donna Ulrich	Looking
Gary Frye	Lubbock Cooper ISD
Gina Robles	WorkSource of the South Plains
Harriett Hays	Forest Heights Methodist
Ione Heartsill	Lubbock Interfaith Hospitality Network
Janet Harvey	LRMHMR
Joe Rangel	City of Lubbock
Judy Norton	SPCAA
Russell Harris	Life/Run
Wanda Merritt	HUD

Minutes of the Meeting:

- Alice Garcia, President, presiding; meeting started at 12:15.

Minutes:

- Minutes of the June meeting were approved.

Treasurers Report:

- Diane was not present, but there have been no major changes since the last meeting.

Old Business:

- There was a lot of talk about the funding cuts and layoffs within our own agencies that are hurting our ability to perform our tasks. The general consensus is it's getting ugly out there.

New Business (Strategic Planning Committee):

- Judy Norton on strategic planning. Judy passed the form which was emailed with the meeting announcement for us to do planning in small groups. They have met 2-3 times. They learned that we need to identify who we are and where we want to go. Groups filled their group forms, and individuals filled out their individual forms.
- Judy also passed out another form for us to fill out and bring to the next meeting, concerning Agency needs and services relative to the Homeless Consortium. Several of us filled that out and turned in.
- Committee wants to suggest that the committee become a standing committee, to maintain the mailing list and membership, recruit new members,, collect dues,



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issue membership cards, and provide a Membership Binder to each paying organization, with categories or tabs to organize things like emails, notes, etc, and also a WHO CAN I CALL list.

- Next barrier is: for us to move forward, we need information from mauve survey, and we need access to the survey from the needs analysis group of the conference. Becky Haskitt probably has that. Debra Rogers will contact her. Next meeting will be August 13 at Life/Run.
- Committee gave out some door prizes for attending members.
- Committee identified that our meetings are lunch and not much else. They decided to present a doable task, like the survey that we could do in a few minutes. They had other things, but decided not to flood us with too many things to do.
- In the last few years we have made some great strides. This (strategic planning) is the next important thing for us to do.
- Donna: She would like for us to present certificates of membership for members to put on their office walls, or create other recognition certificates to help promote our organization. One example is the Housing (not Homeless) consortium, which has gives out special presentations every November meeting to highly active members. Judy suggested that task be given to the membership committee.
- Alice: Reminder that our officers will be turning over in January. Based on our start this year, we will have a very good start next year.

Announcements

- Bob will resend the announcement that Joe sent out about the Grant Writing workshop coming in October over in Levelland.
- Wanda: HUD will be hosting a Regional Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Conference Tuesday, September 28, at Broadway Church of Christ here in Lubbock. This will be preceded by a Pre-Conference Technology Workshop and the Wayland Baptist University West Loop site. A flyer will be distributed later.
- Gary Frye: Gary has found a grant for hiring a professionally employed grant writer for us. Bush is asking for \$100,000,000 to be put into this program, because there were so many poorly written grants last year. The application is wonderfully simple, only 8 pages, and worth \$50,000. This grant can help churches and other faith-based organizations build infrastructure for going after more grants. Gary has the BIG reviewer's handbook to help. We need to write this, to build our organization, because it is specifically meant for building infrastructure. No match is required. We can double the amount of available funds the next time. This grant will be due next May timeframe.
- Debra: we need this idea from Gary to get a coordinated effort and a real agency. Ione: this is what we need and she has been coming to the meetings for several years. Judy: we already have the 501(3)(C).
- Janet Harvey: November 21, LRMHMR will be hosting a presentation of people who are or have recovered from mental illness and stigma. This will be at McInturff conference center at UMC. Booths will be available.
- Russell Harris: School coming up. Vandalia is collecting school supplies for Southeast Lubbock.



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Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be held Wednesday, September 1, at the South Plains Food Bank. If you want to be on agenda, email Alice at aggarcia@spag.org or Bob Terrell at bob.terrell@twc.state.tx.us.
- Anyone that wants to present their agency, please email Bob or Alice.
- Bob will email minutes, along with the strategic planning form.

Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 1:25.