



South Plains Homeless Consortium Minutes of the Consortium Meeting

Wednesday, February 2, 2005
Meeting at the Salvation Army

Present:

Name	Organization
Bob Terrell	WorkSource of the South Plains
Debra Rogers	Children's Home of Lubbock
Gary Frye	Lubbock Cooper ISD
Tom Head	Lubbock County
Janet Harvey	Lubbock MHMR
Diane Hudson	The Salvation Army
Angie Beams	LIHN
Mary George Beyer	LIHN
Ione Heartsill	LIHN
Shirley Terrell	Independent
Mary Guertersloh	Hope Community of Shalom
Adelaida Montemayor	LISD
Alex Torres	West Texas Com. Workforce
Joe Rangel	City of Lubbock
Estela Salazar	Community Health Center of Lubbock
Russell Harris	Life/Run RussHarris4LIFE@yahoo.com

Minutes of the Meeting:

- Bob Terrell, President, presiding; meeting started at 12:10
- Introductions were made

Treasurers Report:

- We currently have \$2652.53 in the treasury. Bob reported that though we had approved spending funds for a message board at the last meeting, we will be able to use a Google Group for free and will not need to spend additional funds

Old Business:

- It has been suggested that we waive the dues for this year. They were imposed 2 years ago for sorting out issues about our attempt for the Continuum of Care, but they seem to discourage participation. There was a discussion about what it takes to be a member of the Consortium. Joe has sent out a revised membership form. The Membership Committee suggests that membership requires completion of the form and that no other fees be required. Debra questioned the cost of pursuing the Continuum of Care Grant and asked for a Consortium Budget to make sure we will be able to cover those costs. Gary said currently all costs were covered.
- Alex moved that we will not charge membership fees until future budgetary needs make it necessary. Adelaida seconded the motion. The motion passed by acclamation.



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New Business:

- **Bob presented an overview of the new committees.** (See attached hand-out.) As part of the discussion, Bob said to do a Continuum of Care, we must have a Homeless Management Information System for collecting services rendered across the region. We need a committee to explore the options for such systems, costs involved, and funding resources. Estella asked who was in the HIMS Committee and was told this committee has not yet been established. Russell suggested that an HMIS should concentrate on agencies that provide specific identified services and community outreach. At this time the HMIS committee was not established.
- **Joe presented a report from the Membership Committee:** Joe sent our 100 new surveys and has had only five returned. He is setting up a spreadsheet to compile information. The committee will meet Friday and target specific agencies instead of a broad e-mail. Janet suggested that we form a telephone committee to contact agencies. Shirley will help.
- **Bob presented a report and the minutes from the Survey Committee** (see attached hand-out) Estella said she needs at least a week's notice of a meeting time. Bob will meet briefly with the committee following this meeting to determine a time for the next meeting.
- **The web site went active yesterday.** It is www.spconsortium.org We need a web site committee. We need someone to coordinate contact information. Some of the information is publicly available and other information must be protected for confidentiality. Google sub groups will have member only access. Bob will prepare a training file on the website and will send it around. Bob is currently investigating security measures. We should expect a learning curve as we work to get everybody up to speed to use the website
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Announcements:

- 211 will be delayed a week. It is now scheduled to start on February 24. Russell asked if we can use the 211 system to seek help for our clients. Bob doesn't know, but will ask to find out.
- Emergency Shelter Grants Program (ESGP) is due on March 1. Those working in collaboration to apply for this grant should have all their information to Gary by February 16.
- CCF Federal Grants for organizational capacity building. Training on this grant will be held in Lubbock at Embassy Suites, 5215 South Loop 289, on February 10 and 11. contact <http://www.youthdevelopment.org/articles/ccfeventlist.asp> to register.
- Joe announced that the Community Development Board will meet Wednesday, February 9, at City Hall, at 6:00. (The time was later changed to 5:00) They need input to work on the city's plan for the homeless. Mary asked if they were going to address the doubling-up issue. Joe explained that this would be dealing with chronic homeless only. Gary explained the difference between the HUD definition of homeless and the Education / VA definition.
- Marriott's "Spirit to Serve Our Communities" program will contribute bed linens, including sheets, bedspreads, blankets, and pillows to people and families in need. Agencies may receive more information at www.volunteersolutions.org/marriottdonations or they may register online at www.giftsinkind.org. (See attached memo)



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Next Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 2 at the Salvation Army. If you would like to be on the agenda, email Bob at bob.terrell@twc.state.tx.us. Or Debra at drogers@childshome.org

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Adjourned at 1:10