

July 31, 2013

TO: Members of the MAG Human Services Technical Committee

FROM: Naomi Farrell, City of Tempe, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF AGENDA

Meeting - 1:30 p.m.
Thursday, August 8, 2013
MAG Office, Second Floor, Chaparral Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

The next MAG Human Services Technical Committee (HSTC) meeting will be held at the time and place noted above. Members of the Human Services Technical Committee may attend either in person or by phone. Supporting information is enclosed for your review.

The meeting agenda and resource materials are also available on the MAG website at www.azmag.gov. In addition to the existing website location, the agenda packet will be available via the File Transfer Protocol (FTP) site at: <ftp://ftp.azmag.gov/HumanServicesTechnicalCommittee>. This location is publicly accessible and does not require a password.

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If you have any questions, please call the MAG office.

MAG HUMAN SERVICES TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
TENTATIVE AGENDA
August 8, 2013

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

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| 1. <u>Call to Order</u> | |
| 2. <u>Call to the Audience</u>
An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address HSTC on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless HSTC requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard. | 2. Information. |
| 3. <u>Approval of the July 11, 2013 Meeting Minutes</u>
The draft minutes for the July 11, 2013 meeting are posted with the meeting materials. | 3. Approve the HSTC July 11, 2013 Meeting Minutes. |
| 4. <u>Proposed Changes to Social Services Block Grant</u>
A presentation will be offered on proposed changes to remove transitional housing from the Social Services Block Grant local plan and replace with housing support services with the intent is to fund rapid rehousing. | 4. Information and discussion with possible action to recommend approval of the proposed changes to Social Services Block Grant. |
| 5. <u>MAG Elderly and Individuals with Disabilities Transportation Program Ad Hoc Committee Update</u>
DeDe Gaisthea, MAG, will offer an update on the development and priority ranking for the FY 2013 FTA Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities grant program and the Section 5307 Job Access and Reverse Commute eligible projects. The Section | 5. Recommend forwarding the FY 2013 FTA Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities grant program priority ranking to the City of Phoenix Public Transit Division for submission to the Federal Transit Administration. |

5310 priority ranking will move through the MAG Committee process for final approval from the MAG Regional Council to be forwarded to the City of Phoenix Public Transit Department to be submitted to the Federal Transit Administration.

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| 6. <u>Per Capita Human Services Spending</u>
The Committee will discuss per capita human service spending to ensure comparisons among local agencies are consistent. | 6. Information and discussion. |
| 7. <u>Update on Grantmakers in Aging Grant Application Process</u>
An update will be offered on the outcomes of the work funded through the GIA grant in round one as well as the application process and planning for a second round of funding. | 7. Information and discussion. |
| 8. <u>City Leaders Institute - Round Two</u>
An update will be offered on the progress of the CLI round two including an overview of the logic model training held on July 19. | 8. Information and discussion. |
| 9. <u>Committee Meeting Schedule</u>
Members of the MAG Human Services Technical Committee will have an opportunity to discuss changes to the committee meeting schedule. Previous discussion included recommendations to remain on a monthly schedule, meet bi-monthly, or have a hybrid schedule for bi-monthly and high committee action months. | 9. Approval of the committee meeting schedule. |
| 10. <u>Request for Future Agenda Items</u>
Topics or issues of interest that the MAG Human Services Technical Committee would like to have considered for discussion at a future meeting will be requested. | 10. Information and discussion. |
| 11. <u>Comments from the Committee</u> | 11. Information. |

An opportunity will be provided for HSTC members to present a brief summary of current events. HSTC is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
HUMAN SERVICES TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES – JULY 11, 2013

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

+Rob Schweitzer for Mary Berumen,
City of Mesa
+Kyle Bogdon, DES/ACYF
+Jan Cameron, City of Scottsdale
*Krista Cornish, Town of Buckeye
*Naomi Farrell, City of Tempe, Chair
+Jessica Fierro, Town of Gilbert
+Janeen Gaskins, City of Surprise
Laura Guild, Arizona Department of
Economic Security
Jeffrey Jamison, City of Phoenix
Tim Cole for Deanna Jonovich, City of
Phoenix
Amanda Weiler for Jim Knaut, Area Agency
on Aging
*Margarita Leyvas, Maricopa County
Joyce Lopez-Powell, Valley of the Sun
United Way
Steven MacFarlane, City of Phoenix

Caterina Mena, Tempe Community Council
+Leah Powell, City of Chandler
+Cindy Saverino, Arizona Department of
Economic Security
+Carol Sherer, Arizona Department of
Economic Security / DDD
Stephanie Small, City of Avondale, Vice
Chair

OTHERS PRESENT

Michelle Dionisio, Benevilla
Stephanie Small, Synergy Partners
Consulting

Rachel Brito, MAG
DeDe Gaisthea, MAG
Nikki Oxford, MAG

+Those members present by
audio/videoconferencing.
*Those members neither present nor
represented by proxy.

1. Call to Order
Vice Chair Stephanie Small, City of Avondale, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Introductions ensued.
2. Call to the Audience
An opportunity was provided for members of the public to address the Committee. No public comments were made.
3. Approval of the May 9, 2013 HSTC Meeting Minutes
A motion to approve the May 9, 2013, meeting minutes was requested. Steve MacFarlane, City of Phoenix, motioned to approve the minutes. Jeffrey Jamison, City of Phoenix, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Hope Village
Vice Chair Small welcomed Stephanie Small, Synergy Partners, to offer a presentation on Hope Village. Ms. Small serves as the interim executive director of Hope Village, a new non-profit organization in Arizona. Hope Village is a multi-generational community for families that adopt children from the Arizona Foster Care system and for active seniors who also live in the community and act as surrogate

grandparents, friends, and volunteers for the community. Hope Village is partnering with Save the Family Foundation in Mesa to be a part of the Escobedo Neighborhood. Save the Family is a 70 unit complex that will be providing seven units for families and 18 units for active seniors as part of Hope Village.

The mission of Hope Village is, “To provide a community where foster children thrive in a forever family supported by active seniors to ensure families’ long-term success.” The driving force behind the program is foster children. Ms. Small advised that in Arizona, there are 14,000 foster children of which 3,000 are currently eligible for adoption. Most of those who are eligible have special needs, are older children, or are part of a large sibling group. Ms. Small noted most of the children who age out of the foster care system face dismal statistics including homelessness, pregnancy, joblessness, poverty and/or lack of education.

Families who want to adopt foster children also face barriers to housing and isolation due to sometimes unique circumstances. Many studies have shown that what foster families need to be successful is a support system, respite support, education, and contact with other adoptive families. The model shared by Hope Village brings seniors into the community to volunteer in the program. This also benefits seniors by giving them an opportunity to remain active and maintain a social network, while avoiding isolation and depression.

Ms. Small noted communities such as Hope Village offer foster children the opportunity for a “forever family”, seniors have a safe, affordable place to live and a renewed purpose of life, and families receive support while providing foster care to children. The program was modeled after three successful programs that include Generations of Hope, Treehouse, and Bridge Meadows. An overview of each program was provided. Additional information can be found on each of the program’s website. Ms. Small noted Hope Village in Mesa will closely resemble Bridge Meadows.

Ms. Small provided an overview of the Escobedo Neighborhood in Mesa which is being developed in partnership with Save the Family Foundation of Arizona, Gorman and Company, and Dunlap and Magee, the developer and property management. Both the developer and property management specialize in low-income housing. Escobedo Neighborhood will offer one bedroom to three bedroom affordable housing units with rents ranging from approximately \$386 to \$525. The neighborhood will include a fitness and business center, meeting space, playground, workshops and support groups, and more. Escobedo Neighborhood is expected to be completed by fall with families moving in by September 30, 2013.

A brief overview was provided on requirements, income qualifications, application process, and projected timeline. Phase two construction is expected to occur between December 2013 and September 2014. Ms. Small advised an orientation for seniors is scheduled for August 9th at the Granite Reef Senior Center. Seniors interested in Hope Village will be given an application and their names placed on a contact list for follow-up.

Ms. Small requested input on other Committees and/or groups that should be included in outreach efforts.

A question was raised on how the site selection process and approval was conducted. Ms. Small advised that Save the Family Foundation is the lead partner in terms of acquiring funding and build out and was in charge of the site selection and approval process. Hope Village partnered with Save the Family as the housing partner for the project. Further clarification was requested on the land ownership. Ms. Small advised her belief is that the land is in a trust and, after 15 years, Save the Family will acquire the land.

A recommendation was made for Ms. Small to contact the Arizona Council on Faith-Based and Community Initiatives as a resource for conducting further outreach to connect adults within the community with the foster care system. Vice Chair Small thanked Ms. Small for her presentation.

5. MAG Elderly and Individuals with Disabilities Transportation Program Ad Hoc Committee (EPDT) Update

Vice Chair Small welcomed DeDe Gaisthea, MAG, to report on the 2013 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Program and the Section 5307 Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) eligible projects application process.

Ms. Gaisthea advised that under revisions from Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21), 5317 New Freedom had been rescinded and has been merged into the Section 5310 program. 5316 JARC was also rescinded and eligible projects were merged into 5307 programming. In January 2013, the MAG Regional Council approved the City of Phoenix as the designated recipient for the Section 5310 grant with MAG continuing the facilitation of the application process. The applications were due on June 7, 2013.

The EPDT Committee met on June 12 2013, to receive training on the evaluation process. Ms. Gaisthea noted 26 applications from 22 agencies for Section 5310 and New Freedom eligible projects were received. Twelve applications from six agencies were received for Section 5307 JARC eligible projects.

The EPDT Committee is now in the process of reviewing the applications. On July 22 and 23 the Committee will listen to applicant presentations in an effort to develop the priority listing of projects. The priority listing will be presented to the MAG Human Services Technical Committee and MAG Transit Committee in August and then to the MAG Management Committee in September. The priority listing will be submitted to the MAG Regional Council in September for approval. Once approved, the listing will be submitted to the City of Phoenix as the designated recipient (DR) for submittal to the FTA.

Ms. Gaisthea concluded her presentation. There were no questions from the Committee.

6. Report on Regional Aging in Place Network

Vice Chair Small invited Michelle Dionisio, Benevilla, to report on the Northwest Valley (NWV) activities. Ms. Dionisio advised at the last meeting, Benevilla was still gathering data from 2,500 surveys that had been returned and eight focus groups that were conducted in the community. Results of these surveys conclude that the greatest need in the NWV is a comprehensive transportation program and programs that can counter some of the social isolation. Information and referral services are also needed to assist individuals in navigating all of the services available in the community.

Ms. Dionisio advised there are many resources in the NWV, however, individuals are unaware of the resources or are unfamiliar with how to access them. Ms. Dionisio noted the greatest issue was the lack of adequate transportation within their geographic area. NWV is working to develop a business plan and comprehensive transportation program that would enhance the existing volunteer transportation programs that are offered in the NWV.

Benevilla and Sun Health are in discussions about forming a collaborative that would include community partners and work to address some of the community's needs. Ms. Dionisio noted they are in the early stages of the business plan development. Ms. Dionisio concluded her update.

Vice Chair Small welcomed Caterina Mena, Tempe Community Council (TCC). Ms. Mena advised that an Ad Hoc Village Committee was formed approximately one month ago and TCC is working to identify their target neighborhood(s) for the village project site. Ms. Mena reported on the outcome of a community meeting held July 10th. The meeting was attended by 15 individuals representing eight different neighborhood associations. There was much enthusiasm among the group about the village concept. Over the next two weeks, TCC will be meeting with neighborhood associations that have expressed an interest in the model and working in conjunction with the project consultants from NCB Capital to further their efforts.

Ms. Mena advised TCC will have identified their target area by July 29th with completion of the business plan to follow shortly thereafter. Moving forward, TCC will be creating an advisory board comprising Ad Hoc committee members and neighborhood association champions.

Clarification was requested on the concept for the target area and whether TCC is seeking vacant land, or scattered housing. TCC will not be developing housing, but will coordinate with residents in their own homes to provide services that can help them to age in place. Ms. Mena concluded her update.

Ms. Gaisthea advised the Connecting Caring Communities conference was held on May 14th with 220 people in attendance. The conference included both national and local speakers and received overall positive survey responses from attendees. Ms.

Gaisthea noted the conference was very inspiring and allowed attendees to network and make new connections. Another conference will be planned for next year provided grant funding is awarded for another year.

The www.connect60plus.com website's soft launch was on Wednesday, July 3rd. Notice of the launch was sent to forum leaders, champions, HSTC, HSCC, and the Leadership Team. Ms. Gaisthea encouraged everyone to visit the site, register if they have not already done so, and provide input to help encourage activity on the site. It was noted the outreach video is close to completion pending some minor changes. Ms. Gaisthea advised the Committee would be notified once the video has been completed.

Ms. Gaisthea informed the Committee that an update was received from Grantmakers in Aging regarding the possibility of second year grant. Staff expects to hear whether funding will be awarded within the following week. Once notice is received, applications will be due to GIA by the end of August and funding would start in October.

7. City Leaders Institute on Aging in Place Update

Ms. Gaisthea offered an update on the City Leaders Institute on Aging in Place - Round Two (CLI). She noted the focus for Round Two is on the transportation needs for the pilot project sites. Participants met on June 11th to discuss guiding principles and goals. The team noted each site's goals will differ based on the needs of their community and available resources. Ms. Gaisthea advised that a recommendation was made to review best practices on sustainability as the groups should be mindful about long-term sustainability.

Ms. Gaisthea advised that a team of CLI round two representatives that included Amy St. Peter, Kate Hanley, Deron Lozano and Robert Yabes, had an opportunity to attend an orientation in Washington, D.C. to learn how others are approaching the same work. During the orientation, the team was paired with facilitator Stephanie Firestone. Ms. Firestone guided the group through a logic model process. The group discussed the logic model and benefits of receiving additional training. As a result, a logic model training for all participants of the CLI round two participants will be held on July 19th at the MAG offices.

8. Committee Meeting Schedule.

Vice Chair Small invited Ms. Gaisthea to lead discussion on the Committee meeting schedule. Ms. Gaisthea advised that the discussion is brought before the Committee as an option to change the meeting schedule to a bi- monthly schedule. The purpose is to make the best use of the Committee's time and to ensure all agenda items

brought before the Committee are pertinent to the work being done. It was noted other MAG Committees vary in their meeting schedules from monthly to bi-monthly. Ms. Gaisthea advised the Committee always has the option of requesting a special meeting if there are items that require action before the next scheduled meeting.

Committee members suggested additional options that included maintaining a monthly calendar, but only meeting bi-monthly; holding bi-monthly meetings, but meeting monthly during the high action meeting months such as for the Social Services Block Grant planning months. Other members expressed interest in a bi-monthly schedule. Concern was expressed over the difficulty in rescheduling a meeting once it has been removed from members' calendars.

Vice Chair Small summarized the discussed and requested a motion from the Committee. Ms. Gaisthea recommended revisiting the topic at the next meeting to allow staff to review the options suggested. Mr. MacFarlane motioned to table the topic until the next meeting. Mr. Jamison seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

9. Request for Future Agenda Items

Committee members were given an opportunity to suggest topics or issues of interest they would like to have considered for discussion at a future meeting.

- Continued discussion on Committee meeting schedule.

10. Comments from the Committee

Committee members were given the opportunity to share comments or information related to community events.

11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 8, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.