

October 3, 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, October 10, 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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MAG HUMAN SERVICES TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
TENTATIVE AGENDA
October 10, 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 September 12, 2013 Meeting Minutes</u>
The draft minutes for the September 12, 2013 meeting are posted with the meeting materials. | 3. Approve the HSTC September 12, 2013 Meeting Minutes. |
| 4. <u>Social Services Block Grant Action Plan</u>
The Human Services Technical Committee serves as an informal conduit for local input on the Social Services Block Grant allocation recommendations. The Committee will discuss the process for FY 2015 including development of the fact sheets, service ranking exercise, and draft allocations. | 4. Recommend approval of the process to develop FY 2015 service allocation recommendations for locally planned Social Services Block Grant funding. |
| 5. <u>Human Services Per Capita Funding</u>
The Committee will discuss the scope of work for a Human Services Per Capita Funding Study to better understand municipal funding patterns for human services and identify gaps and opportunities for future funding considerations. | 5. Information, discussion, and recommend approval of the draft scope of work for the Human Services Per Capita Funding Study. |

- 6. Regional Aging In Place Network
A presentation will be offered on activities of the Regional Aging In Place Network including a grant funding update and plans for a spring conference.

- 7. Request for Future Agenda Items
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.

- 8. Comments from the Committee
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.

- 6. Information and discussion.

- 7. Information and discussion.

- 8. Information.

Adjournment

MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
HUMAN SERVICES TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 12, 2013

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Mary Berumen, City of Mesa
*Kyle Bogdon, DES/ACYF
Trish Serlin for 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
+Ilene Herberg, Arizona Department of Economic Security / DDD
*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
+Stephanie Small, City of Avondale, Vice Chair

OTHERS PRESENT

Joseph Brandon
Glen Spencer, Area Agency on Aging

Rachel Brito, MAG
DeDe Gaisthea, MAG
Melodie Jackson, MAG
Renaë Tenney, MAG

+Present by audio conference.
#Present by video conference.
*Neither present nor represented by proxy.

1. Call to Order
Chair Naomi Farrell, City of Tempe, called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.
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 August 8, 2013 HSTC Meeting Minutes
A motion to approve the August 8, 2013, meeting minutes was requested. Steve MacFarlane, City of Phoenix, motioned to approve the minutes. Trish Serlin, City of Scottsdale, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Health Insurance Marketplace
Chair Farrell welcomed Glen Spencer, Area Agency on Aging, to offer an overview of the Affordable Care Act and information on the Health Insurance Marketplace. Mr. Spencer noted he represents both the Area Agency on Aging, which has supported older adults in connecting with meaningful healthcare and services, as well as the Covered Arizona Coalition, which helps to promote outreach associated with the Affordable Care Act and Health Insurance Marketplace.

He shared a personal story of his experience with the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) when he became disabled eleven years ago and was uninsured. Mr. Spencer credits AHCCCS and the federal safety net system of Ryan White Services as well as many non-profit organizations for their assistance and support enabling him to be present and back in the work force.

Mr. Spencer shared the website www.CoverAZ.org. He acknowledged St. Luke's Health Initiatives for their efforts to share information through the community-wide coalition. The website is intended as a business to business website to access reliable and verified information about the Affordable Care Act. Additional resources provided include:

- *How to Connect with Marketplace and Medicaid Outreach Activities in Arizona*. The handout offers information that is categorized by demographics, organization type or issue, as well as by geographic area offering outreach for the community and social services organizations seeking information.
- *Health Insurance Marketplace Fact Sheet* which offers information on who will be affected by the new marketplace, open enrollment, and where to find information about the new marketplace.
- *Healthcare Reform Fraud Alert* offering assistance to protect, detect and report fraud. Mr. Spencer noted an educational presentation will be offered at the Area Agency on Aging on September 25th at 10:00 a.m. The presentation is focused on educating Medicare beneficiaries that the Marketplace and Medicaid expansion does not apply to them.
- *Medicare Check-up: Questions about Medicare coverage and enrollment options* offers assistance through the Area Agency on Aging's 24-497 Senior Help Line to help evaluate and review prescription drug coverage, new plan enrollment options, low income programs, Medicare supplement options and Medicare advantage plan options.

The Health Insurance Marketplace will offer open-enrollment beginning October 1, 2013. Coverage will begin on January 1, 2014. Mr. Spencer strongly encouraged accessing available resources including www.healthcare.gov and the National and State toll-free Marketplace assistance phone line, 1(800) 318-2596, to learn further about the rules pertaining to the enrollment process and timeframes for enrollment and coverage to begin. Mr. Spencer encouraged the Committee to get involved by helping spread the word about the resource information available.

5. Update on the FY 2013 FTA Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Grant Program

This item was heard after agenda item number three. Chair Farrell welcomed DeDe Gaisthea, MAG, to offer an update on the FY 2013 FTA Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Grant Program.

Ms. Gaisthea advised the priority listing provided in the handouts has been revised. The listing was presented to the Human Services Technical Committee on August 8, 2013. At that time, the Committee had approved the priority ranking which did not include the City of Phoenix Disability Empowerment Center (DEC) project. The City of Phoenix had noted they would not be able to accept partial funding for the project.

Ms. Gaisthea advised since the Committee took action the City of Phoenix has requested the DEC project to be included in the priority ranking. Ms. Gaisthea presented the revised priority ranking for the FTA Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities grant program for approval. The priority ranking will be presented to the MAG Regional Council for final approval.

Chair Farrell requested a motion by the Committee. Mr. MacFarlane made a motion to recommend approval of forwarding the revised FY 2013 FTA Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities grant program priority ranking to be forwarded to the city of Phoenix Public Transit Division for submission to the Federal Transit Administration. Amanda Weiler, Area Agency on Aging, seconded the motion. The motion passed.

6. Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Chair Farrell welcomed Renae Tenney, MAG, to report on Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Ms. Tenney shared opportunities for becoming engaged in Domestic Violence Awareness Month activities.

The first opportunity is the MAG Domestic Violence Awareness Month press conference scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on October 3, 2013 in the First Amendment Forum of the Arizona State University Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communications building. The event will focus on taking action against domestic violence by moving from bystander to standing by her. A local survivor of domestic violence will share the progression and devastation of the abuse she experienced through a series of journal entries.

The second opportunity is to help raise awareness of a new national web application designed to make it easier for anyone with a smart phone to help connect victims to the services they need. In collaboration with the O'Connor House, Arizona State University, and the Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence, domestic violence coalitions, and service providers are making the web application a nationwide resource. Ms. Tenney advised the National Network to End Domestic Violence and the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence have expressed interest in partnering on this project.

The third opportunity is to coordinate domestic violence awareness month activities. Ms. Tenney offered assistance to help secure free speakers and free resources to help Committee members promote events within their respective city or town. She advised safety plan brochures, shoe cards, and coloring books are available.

Additionally, information about events is being gathered to be included in the regional events calendar which is distributed to the media.

Ms. Tenney thanked the Committee for their support in raising awareness about domestic violence and the resources available across the region. Ms. Tenney concluded her presentation.

The meeting adjourned at 1:56 p.m. due to loss of quorum. The next meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2013.

The following items were not heard.

7. 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. There were no requests for future agenda items.

8. Comments from the Committee

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

**Maricopa Association of Governments
Social Services Block Grant
Allocation Recommendation Development
2013 Process**

October 2013

- MAG Human Services Technical Committee (HSTC) votes to recommend research and service ranking process followed in previous years.
- HSTC will review and update fact sheets for each target group.
- MAG Human Services Coordinating Committee (HSCC) will approve process to develop allocation recommendations.

November 2013

- HSTC will vote on final target group fact sheets and initiate service ranking exercise.

December 2013

- HSTC will review results of the service ranking and identify any additional activities.
- The allocation recommendations will be released for public comment.

January 2014

- HSTC will review public comment and vote on allocation recommendations.
- HSCC will review public comment and vote on the HSTC recommendations.

February 2014

- MAG Management Committee will vote on the allocation recommendations.
- MAG Regional Council will receive the allocation recommendations for approval.

March 2014

- MAG will forward allocation recommendations to the Arizona Department of Economic Security.

Draft Human Services per Capita Scope of Work

Purpose:

To better understand municipal funding patterns for human services with the result of identifying gaps and opportunities for future funding considerations.

Overview:

Information will be obtained from the cities and towns within the Maricopa Association of Governments region (Maricopa County and portions of Pinal County) regarding funding levels for identified human services. If possible, trend data will be established from previous years. Information will be reported on an aggregate level for the region. Each of the human services will be defined and appropriate funding sources to include will be identified to allow for appropriate comparisons.

Decision Points:

1. Municipal points of contact: intergovernmental representative, city/town/county manager, budget director, human services director or equivalent?
2. Definition of human services: social services, neighborhood services, public safety?
3. Funding sources: Community Development Block Grant, HUD Housing Choice Voucher Program, capital funding, general funds, federal and state grants, private donations, utility customer donations?

Timeline:

- October: confirm the scope of work, including answers for the decision points
- November: review best practices and relevant research on the topic
- December: develop a standard data collection form
- January: disseminate the data collection form with an introductory letter from HSTC and HSCC
- March: collect and analyze the results
- April: draft and review findings
- May: release findings