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TO: Members of the MAG Human Services Technical Committee
FROM: Sandra Reagan, Southwest Valley Community Network, Chairman
SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF MEETING AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Thursday, March 21, 2002 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
MAG Offices - Saguaro Room - 2nd Floor
Compass Bank Building, 302 N. First Avenue, Phoenix

Please remember to park in the garage underneath the Compass Bank Building (1st Ave. entrance, any non-reserved or visitor space) and bring your parking ticket to the meeting for validation. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

The MAG Technical Committee will meet at the above time and place. Please call Suzanne Quigley or Mary Thomson at the MAG office if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <u>Call to Order</u>2. <u>Approval of February 21, 2002 Technical Committee Meeting Minutes</u>3. <u>Final Arizona 2002 SSBG Allocation</u> | <ol style="list-style-type: none">2. For approval of the February 21, 2002 Meeting Minutes.3. For information, discussion, and possible action. |
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Arizona's final Federal Fiscal Year 2002 SSBG allocation was reduced from the earlier estimated amount of \$31,743,616 to \$30,819,801. This reduces the State Fiscal Year 2002 SSBG planning level by \$692,112 to \$30,522,450. The Council of Governments proportionate share is \$167,020 and the Tribes \$47,920. DES has informed us that since we

are past mid-year, and in effort to minimize the impact to clients, the Department will look for funds to cover the COGs' and Tribes' share of the reduction. Mr. Jerry Hancock will report on the status of this funding.

4. Status of SFY 2003 SSBG and TANF Funding

We will not know the final 2003 Federal SSBG allocation until the budget is passed by Congress and signed by the President. In order for the state and local SSBG planning processes to proceed so that it can be completed by June 1, 2002, estimates will be used. The estimate for State Fiscal Year SSBG 2003 is based on the federal allocation of \$1.7 billion. Based on the \$1.7 billion, the Arizona share will be \$30,819,801. The Council of Governments portion (24.22%) of this totals \$7,464,556. For the MAG planning district, this means we have a total of \$4,090,579 to plan for fiscal year 2003. This is a \$52,393 reduction from last year (See Attachment).

The continuation of the Council of Governments TANF funding allocation for SFY2003 is uncertain because of the state's \$34 million TANF shortfall. Because of this uncertainty, DES is asking for two SFY 2003 Contingency Plans: (1) full TANF funding of \$1,038,900 - for the MAG District this equals \$609,626; and (2) a reduction of \$500,000 - for MAG the District this equals a reduction of \$293,400.

DES has requested that we submit an SSBG Plan and the two TANF plans by April 30, 2002. Mr. Jerry Hancock will be available to review the planning milestones on the attached Timeline, and to answer questions from members.

Members will then be asked to determine the steps they would like to take in the next two meetings to review the problem priorities, service intents, determine funding levels, and

4. For information, discussion and action to identify steps in the next two meetings for reviewing the problem priorities, service intents, funding levels, and for conducting public input on the FY2003 SSBG/TANF Plan.

for conducting public input.

5. Status of TANF Transfer

Mr. Bruce Liggett, Deputy Director from DES will brief the Committee on the TANF Transfer process and the implications for planning for human services in Maricopa County.

6. Southwest Diaper Network

Diapers are often too expensive for many families who are struggling to make ends meet. Hildi Gottlieb and Dimitri Petropolis, of the Southwest Diaper Network, will provide an overview of their project that is currently based in Pima County and plans for expansion to Maricopa County. Members will be asked for input on potential collaborations with existing social service groups in the Valley who could assist in the storage, distribution, and marketing of the diaper resource.

7. AdvantAge Elderly Survey

A random survey of older adults in Maricopa County age 65 and older will be taking place in the next few months by WESTAT, Inc, a nationally respected research firm. The survey is comprehensive in that it addresses family status, housing, income, personal safety, transportation, social service needs, and health issues. Maricopa County is one of ten sites chosen by the Visiting Nurse Service of New York to be included in the AdvantAge Initiative survey project. The Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust is funding the survey. Ms. Carol Kratz of the Piper Trust, will provide an overview of the project, including the timeline for the survey results and potential uses of the information. A copy of the survey instrument will be provided at the meeting.

8. Legislative Update

5. For information, discussion and possible action.

6. For information, discussion, and input on potential collaborations among providers and other groups in Maricopa County.

7. For information, discussion, and possible action.

8. For information, discussion and possible

action.

The Legislature has spent many weeks deliberating the 2002 and 2003 budget. Staff will update the committee on budget developments and other bills of concern.

9. Call to the Public

9. For information and discussion.

Any member of the audience wishing to address the Committee may do so at this time Under the requirements of the Open Meeting Law, no action may be taken at this meeting.

10. Announcements

10. For information.

The Chairman may call upon members who wish to make an announcement of interest to the entire membership.

11. Adjourn