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November 14, 2002

TO: Members of the MAG Human Services Technical Committee

FROM: Sandra Reagan, Director, Southwest Community Network

SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF MEETING AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Thursday, November 21, 2002 from 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. Members may also attend the meeting by videoconference or by telephone conference. Please contact the MAG offices to make arrangements.

The MAG Human Service Coordinating Committee will meet at the above time and place. Please call Mary Thomson or Kristie Leshinskie at the MAG office if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of October 17, 2002 Joint Human Services Coordinating and Technical Committee Minutes
 - For approval of the October 17, 2002 Meeting Minutes.
3. Presentation On Discount Prescription Drug Cards for Low-Income Medicare Recipients
 - For information and discussion.

Pfizer, Inc. will present information on its "Share Card" program for low income seniors and persons with disabilities, including eligibility, enrollment, and drug coverage information. In addition, Staff will share comparative data on other available discount prescription drug programs.

4. Social Services Block Grant Funding

In preparation of the SFY2004 SSBG planning session, an ad hoc group met in September 2003 to review the SSBG Problem Statements, Service Titles and Service Intents. It was decided at that time that the Service Intents needed to be better clarified for making better funding decisions.

Representatives of various community agencies who receive SSBG locally planned funds will share their perspective on the clarity of the existing Service Intents, and provide feedback and recommendations for improvement.

Representatives from the Department of Economic Security will also share their views on the Service Intents, and will advise the Committee of any changes necessary to ensure the Intents directly relate to the Service Title.

Additionally, DES has not received any information at the Federal level on FY2003 SSBG allocations or FY2004 estimated funding levels and therefore advised the Committee to plan for the 2004 SSBG funding recommendations utilizing the same figures used for 2003.

The Chair will request volunteers to meet in December to develop strategies for planning for 2004 estimated SSBG funding levels to present to the Committee at the 2003 January Advance.

5. Presentation of the East Valley Needs Assessment Team

Several east valley cities have come together to conduct an assessment of human service needs among residents in the east valley. Cities participating in the east valley needs assessment process include; City of Scottsdale, Mesa, Gilbert, Tempe and Chandler.

Steve Wise, the representative from Tempe will provide the Committee with progress and highlights on conducting the 5 city needs

- For information, discussion and possible action.

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assessment anticipated to commence in January 2003.

6. Legislative Report

Eddie Sissons, Executive Director of the William E. Morris Institute for Justice will comment on General Assistance. The G.A. funding is anticipated to be depleted by December. These are funds that primarily support individuals who are disabled and are in process of applying for SSI.

Ms. Sissens will also highlight any pending issues with the current budget crisis.

- For information and discussion and possible action.

7. January 2003 Annual Advance

The Advance meeting is scheduled for January 30, 2002 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Flinn Foundation. Lunch will provided. The Advance is intended to highlight the state of current and emerging human services issues in the region, to celebrate accomplishments, and to discuss committee goals for the coming year. Members will be asked to provide input on topics, speakers, and/or specific agenda items to include.

- For information, discussion, and determination of topics, speakers, and/or specific agenda items for the January *Advance*.

8. Call to the Public

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.

- For information and discussion.

9. Announcements

An opportunity will be provided for members to present a brief summary of current events. The Committee 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.

- For information.

10. Adjourn

The Annual Human Services Committees

Advance is scheduled for Thursday, January 30, 2003, from 11:30 – 3:00 p.m. at the Flinn Foundation.