

MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
HUMAN SERVICES COORDINATING COMMITTEE  
MEETING BRIEF  
OCTOBER 20, 2009

1. Legislative Update

There is currently a \$1.5 billion deficit in the budget. There are proposals to eliminate many services, including the SSBG planning contracts to all Councils of Government. If approved, the cut could eliminate the MAG Human Services Division.

2. Social Services Block Grant Allocation Amendment

The Committee recommended approval of transferring \$177,775 from the elderly supportive intervention/guidance counseling line item to the elderly home care line item.

3. Virtual Youth Network Development

The Committee approved next steps for the Virtual Youth Network to include developing the Web site as a bridge to other community resources and the collection of best practice case studies. The focus of the site will be to coordinate municipal youth commissions.

4. FY 2011 Regional Human Services Plan Development

The Committee approved the following elements to be included in the FY 2011 Regional Human Services Plan: the SSBG allocation recommendations and corresponding research; data on homelessness, domestic violence, and human services transportation; service ranking information; 2009 Human Services Survey results; and cost shifting from the State to municipalities due to budget cuts.

5. MAG Committee Operating Policies and Procedures Overview

The following areas affect HSCC:

- The new operating policies and procedures supersede HSCC and HSTC operating manuals and are applicable to all MAG Committees.
- A Committee cannot conduct business if there is no quorum of the Committee members.
- Proxies must be *like for like*. Therefore if an elected official is unable to attend the meeting, the proxy must also be an elected official from the same agency.
- Officer appointments are made by the MAG Executive Committee.

6. FY 2011 Goal Planning

The Committee approved the following areas of focus to be submitted as goals for the FY 2011 MAG's Unified Planning Work Program: continuation of the Virtual Youth Network, Social Services Block Grant allocation recommendations, a focus on cost shifting, and efforts to bring greater awareness of crucial services.

7. Committee Meetings and Evaluation

Committee members approved the 2010 meeting dates and potential agenda items as attached.

8. Committee Updates

*MAG Human Services Technical Committee*

The purpose of the MAG 2009 Regional Human Services Survey is to inform upcoming regional human services planning and activities at MAG. The results convey a sampling of how agencies are handling the impact of the recession and funding reductions. Highlights include the following:

- Respondents indicated the biggest challenge they currently face is increased demand, followed by reduced funding.
- Agencies still depend most heavily on funding from local government while state funding has slipped from second to third place.
- More than 75 percent indicate the need to eliminate services for FY 2010, up from 68 percent for FY 2009.
- Data collection, networking, and communication are the three biggest benefits agencies report receiving from MAG.

A service ranking exercise will inform the process to develop allocation recommendations for locally planned SSBG dollars. Results are being received from committee members, community partners, and clients from each of the four target groups through the end of the month.

*MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council*

This year's press conference to bring awareness to the issues of domestic violence was hosted by Sojourner Center. The event recognized the progress made since the inception of the MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council ten years ago. The Domestic Violence Council is using Appreciative Inquiry and Open Space techniques to develop the next Regional Plan to End Domestic Violence. St. Luke's Health Initiative has provided a grant to cover costs associated with the effort.

*MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness*

The 2009 HUD application is due November 9, 2009. Applications are due to MAG staff on October 23, 2009. New project recommendations will be determined on October 28, 2009. This year's application is for \$23.2 million for new and renewal projects. The Continuum of Care Regional Committee on homelessness will approve the application on November 3, 2009.

9. Request for Future Agenda Items

Future discussion on how the Committee conducts outreach and informs others, such as the MAG Regional Council, about the work accomplished by HSCC.

10. Comments from the Committee

Councilmember Sentz advised the City of Scottsdale will be celebrating 14 years of Frances Young Community Heroes. The event recognizes volunteers that benefit non profits or other organizations within the city and is being sponsored by General Dynamics.