

September 3, 2015

TO: Members of the MAG Human Services and Community Initiatives Committee (HSCIC) and  
Members of the MAG Human Services Technical Committee

FROM: Vice Mayor Corey Woods, City of Tempe, MAG HSCIC Chair  
Stephanie Small, City of Avondale, MAG HSTC Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Thursday, September 10, 2015  
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room  
302 North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Phoenix

The joint meeting of the MAG HSCIC and HSTC will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members may attend either in person, by video conference, or by telephone conference call. Supporting information is enclosed for your review. The meeting agenda and resource materials are also available on the MAG website at [www.azmag.gov](http://www.azmag.gov).

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MAG HUMAN SERVICES AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVES COMMITTEE and  
MAG HUMAN SERVICES TECHNICAL COMMITTEE  
TENTATIVE AGENDA  
September 10, 2015

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

1. Call to Order

2. Call to the Audience

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Committees 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 the Committee 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.

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk (\*).

2. Information.

3. Approval of the Consent Agenda.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT\*

\*3A. Approval of the August 26, 2015 MAG Human Services and Community Initiatives Committee Meeting Minutes

The draft minutes for the August 26, 2015 meeting will be posted with the meeting materials.

\*3B. Approval of the August 13, 2015 MAG Human Services Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

3A. Approve the HSCIC meeting minutes of August 26, 2015.

3B. Approve the HSTC meeting minutes of August 13, 2015.

The draft minutes for the August 13, 2015 meeting will be posted with the meeting materials.

#### ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

4. MAG Structure and Human Services Committee Overview

An overview of the MAG structure and Human Services Committees will be provided.

5. Roles and Responsibilities

On June 24, 2015, the MAG Regional Council approved restructuring the Human Services Coordinating Committee. The changes refocus the HSCIC as an incubator of human services and community initiatives that strengthen the region.

The MAG Human Services Technical Committee provides community input, technical expertise and analyses to support the action agenda and key areas of focus developed by the HSCIC.

The Committee will discuss the roles and responsibilities; opportunities to strengthen collaboration; and committee meeting schedules.

6. Preliminary results of the Human Services Priority and Trends Survey

The Human Services Priority and Trends Survey was launched on August 27, 2015. The purpose is to gather input from community stakeholders to help identify local priorities and emerging trends in human services. The results of the survey will lead to identifying key focus areas for the action agenda that will be developed during the Spring Summit.

An overview of the preliminary results of the survey will be provided and Committee members will vote on key areas of focus.

4. Information and discussion.

5. Information and discussion.

6. Information, discussion and approval of key focus areas that will be developed into an action agenda during the Spring Summit.

7. HSCIC Membership

The HSCIC restructure includes expanding the membership to include additional entities from different sectors such as the State of Arizona government, nonprofit agencies, places of worship, and the business sector.

The Committee will discuss plans to solicit letters of interest and timeline for submitting a recommendation for potential new members for approval by the MAG Regional Council.

8. State of Human Services in the Region - Spring Summit

An event will be planned for April to develop the Regional Action Agenda for Human Services. Activities planned for the event will focus on data, tools and policy to illustrate the demand for human services throughout the region; better understand the needs and opportunities; and determine policy recommendations improve the state of human services in the region.

Brandi Mead will lead discussion in planning for the Spring Summit.

9. Committee Updates

An opportunity will be provided to the Committee to present a brief summary of current events in their communities. 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.

10. Request for Future Agenda Items

Topics or issues of interest that the Human Services and Community Initiatives Committee or Human Services Technical Committee would like to have considered for discussion at a future meeting will be requested.

7. Information and discussion.

8. Information, discussion and approval of plans for the Spring Summit.

9. Information and discussion.

10. Information.

Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE  
MAG HUMAN SERVICES AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVES COMMITTEE  
August 26, 2015  
MAG Office Building, Cottonwood Room  
Phoenix, Arizona

<u>MEMBERS ATTENDING</u>	
<p>*Councilmember Samuel Chavira, City of Glendale  *Supervisor Steve Gallardo, Maricopa County Board of Supervisors  *Councilmember Chris Glover, City of Mesa  *Vice Mayor Kevin Hartke, City of Chandler  Councilmember Michelle Hess, City of Buckeye, Vice Chair  *Vice Mayor Stephanie Karlin, City of Avondale</p> <p>*Neither present nor represented by proxy.  #Attended by telephone conference call.  +Attended by videoconference.</p>	<p>#Councilmember Wally Campbell, City of Goodyear  #Councilmember Joaquin Rios, Tempe Community Council  #Councilmember Todd Tande, City of Surprise  #Councilmember Jared Taylor, Town of Gilbert  Vice Mayor Corey Woods, City of Tempe, Chair</p>

<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>	
<p>Samuel Richard, Protecting Arizona's Family Coalition</p>	<p>Rachel Brito, MAG  DeDe Gaisthea, MAG  Brande Mead, MAG  Amy Robinson, MAG</p>

1. Call to Order

Vice Mayor Corey Woods, City of Tempe, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. Introductions ensued.

2. Call to the Audience

An opportunity was provided for members of the public to address the Committee. No comments were offered.

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

A motion was requested to approve the consent agenda and meeting minutes of June 9, 2015. Michelle Hess, City of Buckeye, Vice Chair, motioned to approve the consent agenda and meeting minutes. Councilmember Wally Campbell, City of Goodyear, seconded the motion.

4. Draft Human Services Priority and Trend Survey

Chair Woods referred the Committee to the draft Human Services Priority and Trend Survey provided with the meeting materials and opened the floor for questions and input. Having none, a motion was requested. Councilmember Jared Taylor, Town of Gilbert, motioned to approve the draft Human Services Priority and Trend Survey and process for implementation. Vice Chair Michelle Hess seconded the motion. The motion passed.

5. Legislative Update

*This item was heard after item seven.* Executive Director Samuel Richard, Protecting Arizona's Family Coalition (PAFCO), offered an update on the Arizona Healthcare Cost Containment System. (AHCCCS). He welcomed the opportunity for future discussion on Health and Human Services issues but for this meeting, focused his presentation on the proposed changes to AHCCCS and timeline.

Mr. Richard advised the Governor's office released a section 1115 waiver proposal. Arizona currently enjoys section 1115 waivers and has used those for almost the entirety of AHCCCS history. He noted waivers can be used in a variety of ways.

The proposal is similar to those passed in other states. Up to five percent of an individual's income will be encumbered through a variety of premiums and co-pays that will be mandatory payments into a health savings account (HSA). He noted the HSA will be similar to private sector HSAs. The other three percent will come from co-pays designed to incentivize primary care use. Mr. Richard clarified the proposed changes do not apply to individuals with children younger than six. Adults with children older than six or those without children will be subject to the proposed changes. He proceeded to advise individuals have to be actively seeking employment or be employed. The changes affect approximately 350,000 people.

Mr. Richard noted flaws within the Department of Economic Security jobs program may result in issues getting the work mandate fully up and running. He added the changes also implement a five-year lifetime limit. Program limits were previously imposed for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and is anticipated for other programs as well. It was noted there are still many concerns over the five-year lifetime limit.

Another section of the proposal is the elimination of non-emergency medical transportation. Mr. Richard provided a brief overview of the program noting a perception that individuals abuse non-emergency medical transportation to get the emergency services. He added the need to remove non-emergency medical transportation seems unnecessary given that dozens of reports show the system is not being abused.

Mr. Richard advised copays and premiums have been passed in other states. The non-emergency medical transportation and five year limit have not been previously approved by the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Service (CMS).

The Governor's office is hosting the final community forum in Tucson. The Governor's office has also released draft language of the section 1115 Waiver. The Federal Government has to receive the language by October 1<sup>st</sup>, at which time CMS will open a public comment period. The State Government is required to offer opportunity to provide input however; Mr. Richard noted very little indication that the Governor will change the language. Mr. Richard stated this update has been offered as information without personal or organizational opinion. Questions were requested from the Committee.

Clarification was requested on the timeline for the draft letter to be submitted to the Federal Government. Discussion ensued on the timeline. It was noted the current waiver will expire on September 30, 2016. Discussion ensued on the premiums resulting in an estimated \$300 - \$400 per year for able-bodied adults. Mr. Richard related the cost to an individual having to make choices for such things as repairing their vehicle or paying premiums. A question was raised on related fines given that fines may be less expensive than paying a premium. Mr. Richard advised he was unaware of any fines, but noted a six month lock-out and provision for stricter rules.

Ms. Mead inquired as to the number of people who will be impacted by the elimination of non-emergency transportation. Mr. Richard advised this would affect between 60,000 to 75,000 adults. However, it was noted that AHCCCS has not yet released the data that would be helpful in determining the number of people affected.

The Committee requested the opportunity to hear Mr. Richard's personal thoughts on the matter. He noted PAFCO speaks on to many issues within the community that are not given a voice or much consideration. He shared his belief that the proposal is the wrong reform noting 350,000 people deal with access to healthy food, housing and transportation. Access to healthcare is essential therefore to add a barrier in achieving healthy outcomes is irresponsible. He stated PAFCO is firmly against a large portion of the proposal and will be activating the community to ensure involvement in the public comment process. Mr. Richard stated shared values with the Governor when it comes to opportunity for all however, imposing fines, lockouts and taking away resources are not the way to provide opportunity for all.

A question was raised on whether PAFCO was given an opportunity to provide input prior to the release of the waiver. Mr. Richard advised PAFCO was not a part of developing the waiver and became aware of it at the same time as everyone else. He noted the Governor's office is very open at this stage but commented there is very little interest in changing the proposal before submitting it to the Federal Government. A question was raised on who carried the bill. Mr. Richard noted his belief that it was carried by the leadership as it was a priority in both chambers. The major bill was SB1092.

Mr. Richard advised he would encourage a statement or letter during the open comment period. He welcomed the opportunity to connect the Committee with the appropriate contacts, provide language or statistics if deemed appropriate. He welcomed the opportunity to provide future updates on this issue and another other health and human services issue.

Additionally, he acknowledged the Committee for their flexibility giving his schedule and family caregiving responsibilities. He noted new data from the national AARP indicates that family caregiving is responsible \$9.5 billion in economic impact in Arizona and \$475 billion nationwide. He noted legislation will be forthcoming in the next year to help with unpaid family caregiving.

Chair Woods noted the Committee has the ability to have further conversation on whether they want to take a definitive stand on the proposal; committee members may also take an individual stand on the issues and/or share information with their councils. He shared Mr. Richard's contact information should there be any further questions from the Committee. Chair Woods proceeded to item eight to adjourn the meeting.

6. Update on the Section 5310, Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Transportation Program and ADOT Section 5304 Funding Opportunity

*This item was heard after agenda item four.* Chair Woods invited DeDe Gaisthea, MAG Human Services Transportation Planner to present on the Section 5310, Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Transportation Program and ADOT Section 5304 Funding Opportunity. Ms. Gaisthea reported on the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 federal awards grant program for capital and operating expenses and provided an overview of the MAG Section 5310 priority listing. Ms. Gaisthea advised the priority listing is based on the prior year's funding apportionments. The Federal Register notice for final amounts is still pending. Councilmember Campbell requested a copy of the 5310 priority listing. Ms. Gaisthea offered to forward the listing for distribution to the Committee.

Ms. Gaisthea proceeded with an update on the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) FTA Section 5304 Statewide Transit funding opportunity. She advised the funding opportunity is available for Councils of Government and Metropolitan Planning Organizations to plan and administer funding on behalf of ADOT for rural and small urban transit areas. Ms. Gaisthea referred the Committee to a map outlining the boundaries eligible to apply for funding. A review of the tentative timeline was provided with the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) anticipated in September 2015 and final award announcements estimated for February 2016. Having no further discussion, Chair Woods proceeded to the next agenda item.

7. Joint Meeting of the HSCIC and HSTC

Chair Woods invited Brande Mead, MAG, to report on plans for the joint HSCIC and HSTC meeting. The joint meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2015 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Ms.

Mead advised both Committees have been meeting for many years however a joint meeting has not been held in several years. The goal of the joint meeting is to:

- Review the governance changes for the Human Services and Community Initiatives Committee.
- Understand the roles and responsibilities of HSCIC and HSTC.
- Develop an enhanced working relationship between the Committees moving forward.
- Conduct an initial review of the draft Human Services and Priority Trend survey results.
- Identify key priorities for the HSTC.
- Determine items to move forward for the action agenda and April 2016 event.
- Develop a framework for the April event.

Ms. Mead acknowledged a request to have snacks available at the meeting and requested additional input. Having no further input, Chair Woods thanked Ms. Mead and offered to continue working closely to prepare for the September meeting. Chair Woods proceeded to agenda item eight.

#### 8. Request for Future Agenda Items

Committee members were given an opportunity to request topics or issues of interest that the HSCIC would like to have considered for discussion at a future meeting. No requests were received.

Chair Woods proceeded to agenda item five. After hearing the presentation from Mr. Richard, Chair Woods reminded the Committee of the September 10<sup>th</sup> joint meeting. Having no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

MINUTES OF THE  
MAG HUMAN SERVICES TECHNICAL COMMITTEE  
August 13, 2015  
MAG Office Building, Chaparral Room  
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

#Kristina Blea, City of Phoenix  
#Valerie Trujillo for Naomi Farrell, City of Tempe  
#Jessica Fierro Carnahan, Town of Gilbert  
Janeen Gaskins, City of Surprise  
Jessica Gonzalez, City of Phoenix  
Laura Guild, Arizona Department of Economic Security  
Jeffrey Jamison, City of Phoenix  
Amanda Weiler for Jim Knaut, Area Agency on Aging  
Jeffrey Tourdot for Bruce Liggett, Maricopa County Human Services Department

Joyce Lopez-Powell, Valley of the Sun United Way  
#Caterina Mena, Tempe Community Council  
Debbie Pearson, City of Peoria  
Christina Plante, City of Goodyear  
Leah Powell, City of Chandler, Vice Chair  
\*Cindy Saverino, Arizona Department of Economic Security  
\*Cynthia Segovia, City of Phoenix  
\*Stephanie Small, City of Avondale, Chair  
#Tim Ward, Arizona Department of Economic Security/Division of Developmental Disabilities

\*Neither present nor represented by proxy.  
#Attended by telephone conference call.  
+Attended by videoconference.

OTHERS PRESENT

Celina Brun, MAG  
Brande Mead, MAG

1. Call to Order

Leah Powell, City of Chandler, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:33 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 June 11, 2015 HSTC Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the June 11, 2015, meeting minutes was requested. Laura Guild, Arizona Department of Economic Security, motioned to approve the minutes. Janeen Gaskins, City of Surprise, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Update on Human Services and Community Initiatives Committee (HSCIC) and Plans for a Joint Meeting of the HSCIC and HSTC

Vice Chair Powell invited Brande Mead to offer an update on the proposal to evolve the Human Services and Community Initiatives Committee (HSCIC) and plans for a joint meeting of the HSCIC and HSTC.

Ms. Mead advised the proposal was approved by the MAG Regional Council in June. As a result, the Committee name has been changed to Human Services and Community Initiatives Committee. HSCIC will incubate solutions that address human service needs that are to be assessed through a Human Services Priority and Trend survey of the region. The outcome of the assessment would result in an action agenda to promote strategies that improve the state of human services in the region and to support the ongoing role of human services within MAG and Regional Council. The Committee membership will also change to solicit membership reflective of expertise in the key focus areas.

Development of the action agenda and a State of Human Services in the Region event proposed for April 2016 are the main deliverables of the HSCIC. Ms. Mead advised that the HSTC would provide the community input, technical expertise and analyses to support the action agenda of key areas of focus developed by the HSCIC.

A joint meeting between HSTC and HSCIC is scheduled for September 10, 2015, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The purpose will be to define the roles and responsibilities of both committees; outline how the Committees can work together and how HSTC can inform decisions made by HSCIC. The meeting will also provide an opportunity to discuss the preliminary results of the survey and identify key areas of focus for the action agenda moving forward. Ms. Mead offered an opportunity for input on the changes and plans for the joint meeting agenda.

Laura Guild, DES, noted the importance of HSCIC knowing the members and areas of expertise represented on HSTC. Ms. Mead inquired if there has been discussion among the Committee regarding its role or if an opportunity for further discussion is needed. Brief discussion ensued. Ms. Mead clarified the work of the HSTC will inform the HSCIC.

Christian Plante, City of Goodyear, noted for clarification that the work of HSTC would inform and also be responsive to HSCIC. Additionally, a recommendation was made to take into consideration the timeline for the work completed by HSTC and how that will be impacted by new direction received. Joyce Lopez-Powell, VSUW, inquired about HSCIC's membership. Ms. Mead stated that the new group is focused on policy implementation and comprises mostly elected officials. However, new membership will include nonprofit agencies, places of worship, business sector, chamber of commerce and more.

It was noted that working directly with the elected officials instead of communicating through a chain of command would help efforts to move items forward. Ms. Mead advised that members may be represented by a proxy and this has been accepted in most Committee structures. Ms. Mead discussed identifying gaps when looking at membership to ensure broad representation. The Committee also recommended a broad range of organizations and human services fields and demographics.

Ms. Gaskins discussed overlap in Committees and member representation on multiple committees. She noted information on the various committee roles and how they impact each other's efforts would be beneficial. Ms. Mead advised the MAG Committee structure can be further discussed at the joint meeting. She provided a brief overview of the Human Services committees.

A question was raised on whether the Arizona Age-Friendly Network is a separate committee. Ms. Mead advised there are several groups that meet in effort to advance the work of the Network however it is not a stand-alone Committee. She noted many Committee members are involved in the Age-Friendly Network and much of the work passes through the HSTC. The Age-Friendly Network has been a key focus area for Human Services.

#### 5. Draft Human Services Priority and Trend Survey

Ms. Mead advised the goal of the Human Services Priority and Trend survey is to identify priority issues and areas of focus that would inform the HSCIC action agenda and event. The survey will be distributed to all Human Services groups and community stakeholders. Ms. Mead opened the floor for further discussion.

A suggestion was made to change the format to a ranking system to clearly identify the top three issues. Concern was expressed that changing the format from open-ended to rank scoring would limit input received. It was noted the current survey allows staff to identify the top three issues per sector based on who is completing the survey and what sector of the population they represent – such as homelessness, domestic violence, or others. A question was raised on whether “population served” should be listed as the first question so responses to remaining questions can align with the population that was indicated.

Ms. Mead clarified the question related to “population represented” was simply to identify whom is completing the survey. She advised that key focus areas have not been determined. Discussion ensued on how the survey results will be interpreted. Ms. Plante stated concern about majority ruling where topics with more votes are higher priority. She suggested weighting them equally and identifying the priority issues for homeless, seniors, etc. allow greater opportunity for additional initiatives to surface. There was consensus for open ended questions as this would allow for greater precision.

Mr. Jamison commented an open-ended survey is a good idea given the restructure of the HSCIC. He suggested not making too many conclusions based on population represented as the question does not identify how, why, or on whose behalf the survey is being completed.

He noted the importance in identifying which industries are represented and gather additional data on demographics to help identify key stakeholders in the on-going discussions.

Ms. Mead requested input for additional survey questions. Concern was raised over there being too many questions and how the survey would pertain to multi-service organizations vs. organizations that serve one specific population.

The group reviewed and discussed the questions offering recommendations to enhance the survey. There was agreement that a high-level open-ended survey will identify key focus areas and desired outcomes. It was noted further detail can be sought on key focus areas identified from the survey. Discussion ensued regarding human services issues crossing multiple populations. There was consensus to maintain the optional information requested on the survey.

Ms. Mead advised the survey would be distributed to all Human Services Committees. The HSCIC will take action to approve the final survey at their meeting of August 26, 2015.

A motion to recommend approval of the Draft Human Services Priority and Trend Survey was requested. Mr. Jamison made a motion to recommend approval. Debbie Pearson, City of Peoria, Seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### 6. Social Services Block Grant Work Group

Vice Chair Powell noted a prior request for establish a workgroup to review the Social Services Block Grant process and opened the floor for discussion and feedback by the Committee. Ms. Mead provided a brief overview of the request to create an Ad Hoc workgroup to review the process and timeline.

Ms. Gaskins suggested creating another ad-hoc group was not needed and recommended, in light of the current Committee changes, that the HSTC continue to work on this as a group. A question was raised on when the request by DES for MAG to participate in the process is expected. Ms. Mead advised that DES has made the request to move the process forward again this year.

Discussion ensued on previous process revisions and the impetus for wanting to review the process again. Jeff Jamison, City of Phoenix, noted the ranking exercise forces a change in the funding and the only option not built into the current process was the ability to recommend no changes in funding be applied. He suggested the Committee can address the minimal changes needed without the need to create a workgroup.

Ms. Mead asked for input on what the Committee felt was working well and should be replicated. The Committee discussed the change from an overall service ranking in prior years vs ranking services by population group as was done in the previous year. Committee members requested receiving historical data for comparison, DES statistics to help support the decision made and fact sheets.

Vice Chair Powell suggested not making any changes pending new direction and results from the draft survey. Ms. Mead agreed the process can be revisited after results from the survey are reviewed and the joint meeting with HSCIC has been held. She proceeded with an overview of the prior year timeline for feedback. A recommendation was made to being the process one month sooner, in October.

Mr. Jamison suggested the following process for consideration: Based on the survey results, the Committee would take into considering whether funding needs to be reallocated among the four target groups. Once a decision has been made, they would then consider whether funding need to be reallocated among services within the target groups. He noted if the majority does not want to reallocate funding then the service ranking exercise is not utilized. The service ranking and process would only be applied if reallocation is necessary.

Mr. Jamison added the process would need further discussion but would allow greater focus within each target group. He discussed the difficulty of completing the overall service ranking for agencies that serve multiple target groups adding the ranking would not be needed if the Committee defers to the outcomes of the overall human services and trends survey results. It was noted that the process would also allow new grant funding received to support specific sectors.

Ms. Gaskins recommended researching other funding options or opportunities to apply for regional grants to leverage funding. Ms. Mead noted an Ad Hoc work group would not be necessary based on the discussion and noted as key focus areas, strategies and action agendas are developed, further consideration can be given to seeking additional funding opportunities.

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. No input was received.

8. Comments from the Committee

Committee members were given the opportunity to share comments or information related to community events. A question was raised and discussion ensued on the schedule for future HSTC meetings. Ms. Gaskins suggested providing a calendar of all human services committee meetings would be beneficial to determine the best schedule. Ms. Mead agreed to provide a schedule of meeting time and dates and revisit this topic at the joint meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.