

MINUTES OF THE
MAG HUMAN SERVICES TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
December 10, 2015
MAG Office Building, Chaparral Room
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

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

*Joyce Lopez-Powell, Valley of the Sun United Way
*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

Tony Belleau, MAG
Brande Mead, MAG

1. Call to Order

Stephanie Small, City of Avondale, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:32 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 September 10, 2015 Joint HSCIC and HSTC Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the September 10, 2015, meeting minutes was requested. Jim Knaut, Area Agency on Aging, motioned to approve the minutes. Leah Powell, City of Chandler, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Social Services Block Grant Work Group

Ms. Mead reviewed the timeline with the Committee on the process for the FY 2017 SSBG allocation recommendations. There were no comments about the timeline. Ms. Mead continued indicating that the service ranking exercise had been initiated and 15 responses had been received. Members reviewed handouts with draft service ranking results and Ms. Mead discussed the ranking results in depth for each area. Discussion ensued about the service ranking results.

Jim Knaut suggested using the same allocation recommendations that were used last year. In addition, Mr. Knaut suggested that the HSTC members consider a new process for developing funding allocation recommendations for FY 2018. Committee members agreed that they felt confident with that approach and would begin planning for the FY 2018 process in early 2016.

Ms. Mead stated that she would prepare the funding allocation recommendations based on the amounts recommended last year and that HSTC would take action at the next meeting to recommend approval to the HSCIC.

5. Human Services Priority Trend Survey

Ms. Mead reviewed 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. She thanked members of the Ad Hoc Workgroup who created the survey. Volunteers included Stephanie Small, Laura Guild, Leah Powell, and Christina Plante.

The survey was distributed to all Human Services groups and community stakeholders in November with a completion deadline of December 4, 2015. Ms. Mead reported that 111 survey responses had been received, approximately a ten percent response rate. She referred members to a preliminary report summarizing the responses to questions that could be easily analyzed. She added that many of the responses were open-ended and that further analysis is needed. Members reviewed the initial survey results and indicated satisfaction in the number of responses received as well as agreement with the key issues.

Ms. Mead advised the group that the preliminary results would be shared with the HSCIC later in December and a more in-depth analysis would be presented in January. She asked for volunteers from the Committee to participate in the subsequent survey analysis. Christina Plante and Leah Powell volunteered to assist with the analysis.

6. Arizona Age-Friendly Network

Chair Small asked Ms. Mead to provide an update on the Arizona Age-Friendly Network. Ms. Mead indicated that the leadership team had met on December 1, 2015. The leadership team provided feedback on the successes and strengths of the Arizona Age-Friendly Network. Staff will be conducting one-on-one interviews with some members of the leadership team, pilot sites, and other key stakeholders to collect stories to include in an impact report. The impact report, planned for completion in the first quarter of 2016, will highlight successes of the first phase of the Age-Friendly Network.

Chair Small asked for questions or comments about the Age-Friendly Network and there were none.

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. Members suggested developing a timeline and meeting calendar for 2016 as well as review the results of the Human Services Priority Trend Survey.

8. Comments from the Committee

Committee members were given the opportunity to share comments or information related to community events. No comments were made.

The meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.