

MAG Human Services Technical Committee  
SPECIAL MEETING

April 16, 2002

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

\*Lorenzo Aguirre, City of El Mirage  
Judy Bowden, Mesa United Way  
Margot Cordova, Valley of the Sun United Way  
Debra Detterman, City of Mesa  
Moises Gallegos, City of Phoenix  
Kate Hanley, Tempe Community Council  
Carl Harris-Morgan, Town of Gilbert  
Sandra Holt, DES/AAA  
Connie James, City of Scottsdale  
Jeannie Jertson, Human Services Department  
Jim Knaut for Mary Lynn Kasunic, Area Agency on Aging  
Barbara Knox, DES/RSA  
Dan Lundberg, City of Surprise  
Doris Marshall, City of Phoenix  
\*Jim McCabe, Area Agency on Aging  
Jose Mercado, City of Phoenix  
\*Diane Mullin, City of Glendale  
Susan Neidlinger, DES/DDD  
\*Sheryl Pieper, City of Tolleson

Sandra Reagan, Southwest Community Network, Chairman  
Kyle Moore, DES/ACYF  
Mary Jo Swartz, DES/CSA  
Paige Thomas, Glendale Human Services Council  
Wayne Tormala, City of Phoenix  
\*Margaret Trujillo, Value Options  
Patrick Tyrrell, City of Chandler  
\*Rebecca Van Marter, The Community Forum  
Neal Young, City of Phoenix

\*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

OTHERS PRESENT

Jerry Hancock, DES  
Suzanne Quigley, MAG Staff  
Mary Thomson, MAG Staff

1. Welcome & Introductions

Chairman Reagan opened the meeting at 5:12 p.m. and announced that we will attempt to end by 6:30 because the parking structure is schedule to close. Introductions ensued.

2. Review of the HSTC Meeting on April 11, 2002/ Meeting Purpose

Chairman Reagan thanked staff and Committee members for the quick turn around in the materials needed for today's meeting. She reviewed the last meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup> and the work of the Committee to make the necessary SSBG reductions for FY2003. As agreed upon at the last meeting, the Committee was to vote on the essential basic needed priority services. Results of the rankings are what will be used to move forward today in making the necessary reductions for the FY03 plan.

She addressed the revised Developmentally Disabled Service Intents proposed by Ms. Neidlinger. Chairman Reagan explained that all service intents utilized in the MAG planning process are developed through an extensive public input process. There would not be enough time to revise the service intents via this process since the recommendations are due to DES by April 30, 2002. The Committee can revisit the issue and the possibility of revising next year.

3. Review of Service Rankings prioritized by Committee Members

Mr. Patrick Tyrell reviewed the method for how members were able to prioritize the service intents. All members were asked to prioritize the services according to how they viewed were the most essential basic needs. Members were requested to prioritize services in groups of five. "1" should be given for the top five services that were considered to be the most important through "9", or what members considered to be the least important in terms of essential basic needs.

Once Committee members submitted their rankings, Mr. Tyrell and MAG staff worked to order the rankings. The attached spreadsheet demonstrates the rank order of the service priorities based on 20 members of the Committee who responded.

Mr. Tyrell also reviewed the 3 Options for making the necessary reductions. The first option presented made reductions by gradually reducing percentages from full funding (100%) for the first five through 65% funding to the last prioritized service. The second option fully funds all services until the \$4,090,579 goal is met. The third option fully funds services while also targeting those services under \$30,000 until reductions were met. The reasoning for targeting these services was attributed to the fact that Committee members felt the impact on services funded under \$30K was minimal.

4. Review of Options for making necessary reductions

Ms. Quigley deferred to Mr. Tyrell's explanation of the funding options and stated that the funding totals were based on the 1999 figures as a starting point for making funding recommendations before TANF was legislated as backfill.

5. Input and discussion on other options for making reductions

Chairman Reagan asked for discussion on recommendations and options put forth and requested that members keep their comments to 3 minutes to make sure all members had an opportunity to comment.

Ms. Paige Thomas asked how many respondents there were. Mr. Tyrell stated that there were about 20 respondents and they represented a cross section of the target group populations who are represented on the Committee.

Judy Bowden asked what the impact on each target group would be. Mr. Tyrell answered that at the last meeting we were trying to get away from the four target groups and get clearer on what the basic services were.

Ms. Mary Jo Swartz asked how these service priorities fit with the needs assessment conducted last year. Staff provided a summary of the needs assessment conducted by MAG from clients at Community Action Programs. The results of the needs assessment showed that the most basic need was for food, housing and utility assistance.

6. Final Funding Decision Making for transmittal to HSCC

Chairman Reagan asked if members were ready to vote on an Option for making the necessary funding reductions. Ms. Jertson motioned to accept Option 1 which gradually reduced services by percentages from 100% to 65%. Ms. Thomas seconded the motion.

Mr. Neil Young expressed concern about Option 1 stating that services that were prioritized low continue to receive minute amounts of funding. This does not seem consistent with issues discussed with the previous meeting. Mr. Mo Gallegos stated that Option 1 seems fair but he shares Mr. Young's concerns about Option 3. Although Option 2 seems most appropriate. Ms. Jertson changed her motion to reflect Option 2 made the motion and Mr. Tyrell seconded. Committee members unanimously accepted Option 2.

Chairman Reagan thanked Mr. Tyrell and Mr. Tormala for their efforts to assist the Committee in addressing the reductions. She also commended members on their cooperative efforts to come to such a quick consensus. Mr. Quigley added for clarity that the funding level base included the total funding levels for SSBG and TANF combined in 2001 funding recommendations.

7. Adjourn

Chairman Reagan asked for comments or announcements before adjourning

Mr. Lundberg announced that the City of Surprise will be having the opening of the Senior Center on May 10, 2002 and that all Committee members are invited to attend.

Chairman Reagan adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.