

MINUTES

Housing and Human Services Advisory Board
Tuesday June 8, 2010 6:30-8:30pm
110 N Fourth Avenue
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
1st Floor Conference Room

Members Present: A. Erickson, A. Ramirez, S. Pontoni, S. Mithani, R. Konkel, K. Martin, D. Blanchard, I. Ault, S. Rapundalo

Members Absent: N. Staebler, B. Eichmuller, S. Smith, R. Kerson

Staff Present: M. Callan, J. Hall, A. Plevak

Guests: Jim Mogenson

- I. Convene Meeting:
D. Blanchard convened the meeting at 6:38pm.
- II. Public Comment:
Jim Mogenson wants to find out what is happening with the HHSAB. Would also like to see the Board discuss Camp Take Notice, First Baptist, and chronic homelessness.
- III. Approval of Agenda:
K. Martin moved to approve the agenda; S. Mithani seconded. **Motion approved (A. Ramirez, S. Pontoni, S. Mithani, R. Konkel, K. Martin, D. Blanchard, I. Ault; 7 Aye, 0 Nay).**
- IV. Approval of Minutes:
K. Martin motioned to approve the minutes from April 13, 2010 with two revisions: Corrected spelling of R. Konkel's last name in the 'Approval of Minutes' section and notation of the abstention of I. Ault in the vote to approve the Minutes from March 9, 2010; S. Pontoni seconded. **Motion approved (A. Ramirez, S. Pontoni, S. Mithani, R. Konkel, K. Martin, D. Blanchard, I. Ault; 7 Aye, 0 Nay).**
- V. Discussion Issues
 - A. Human Service Funding Update

M. Callan gave an update regarding the City Budget and the annual Human Services funding. Full funding has been restored. M. Callan thanked the Mayor, City Council and the members of the HHSAB for their effort and support in restoring this funding. Given the economy and the increasing need, it is clearly important to our community. It is also a tremendous commitment on the part of City Council, and the staff and the grantees are grateful.

Members discussed the impact on this year's grantees and the future of human services funding.

B. CBDO RFP Update

M. Callan gave an overview of the Community Based Development Organization (CBDO) RFP and the explained that staff and policy makers recommended the use of this Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) activity for the first time this year to support non-profits in their efforts to revitalize specific neighborhoods.

A. Plevak provided an update on the CBDO applications received, totaling \$210,000 in requested funds. While application reviews are complete, grantees have not yet been notified of the recommendations. The Urban County must approve the recommendations before they are final due to the fact that CDBG funds are federal in origin.

Final selections will be available for viewing on the Washtenaw County Purchasing website upon Urban County approval.

C. HOME RFP Selections

J. Hall provided an overview of the selections made as a result of applications received for the HOME RFP. Rental, owner and cooperative projects were funded. Final selections are available for review on the Washtenaw County Purchasing website under "Online Bids: Bid Status Report 2010" for RFP 6517.

Members discussed how rankings are determined and who approves the various funding streams.

D. Foreclosure Collaborative & AAHTF Approval (**ACTION**)

J. Hall provided an overview of the AAHTF funding and explained the oversight of staff in having the Board approve only the additional funding approved at the April meeting and not the originally budgeted \$60,000 for Mortgage Foreclosure activities.

S. Mithani moved to approve that \$60,000 from the AAHTF be included in the budget for Mortgage Foreclosure Activities. K. Martin seconded. **Motion approved (A. Ramirez, S. Pontoni, S. Mithani, R. Konkel, K. Martin, D. Blanchard, I. Ault, A. Erickson; 8 Aye, 0 Nay).**

E. Review and Feedback on Annual Plan Draft

J. Hall provided an overview of the Annual Plan process and the opportunities for public input at various public hearings and requested any feedback from the HHSAB membership that they would like to have included. The Urban County will provide final approval of the plan prior to its submission to HUD.

Members discussed the detail and importance of the plan, the role of the HHSAB in light of the Urban County's increasing decision making responsibility, and the meeting schedule and work plan of the Board.

F. Coordinated Funding Update

M. Callan provided an overview of the 'Integrated Funding Model' already implemented by the Office of Community Development, on behalf of the City, County and Urban County for Human Services funding, was reviewed as a parallel model that saves staff time, reduces duplication in work and funding, and makes funding application easier on nonprofits.

Similarly, a group of local funders'—including United Way, Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation, the City of Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County—have created a "Coordinated Funding Concept" to ensure, where funding impact areas overlap, that the planning and coordination, program operations and capacity building funding in our community is more highly coordinated. These funders are seeking input from key stakeholders prior to approval and implementation of this concept.

Members discussed how this process would work, how each funder would approve its own funding, how this process would streamline and improve the funding process for nonprofits, and what effect this will have on the funding for the nonprofit community.

M. Callan asked anyone who has any other thoughts or ideas to e-mail or call her.

D. Blanchard asked that the members discuss their terms and appointments. M. Callan asked for anyone whose term has or is about to expire to indicate their willingness to continue to serve as soon as possible so that City Council can take action to re-appoint or replace the vacant positions. Staff will send a reminder to all members by tomorrow.

VI. Public Comment

Jim Mogenson served 6 years on the Community Development Executive Committee and stated that when he watched the most recent Integrated Human Services funding process. He pointed out that some groups—a "protected" class—seemed to be scored better, and those that were just awarded CBDO funding seemed to do less well—and perhaps that has something to do with their neighborhood-based services. He suggested that the increasing integration at the County level may have an adverse impact on some of the lowest income parts of the County. He connected this idea to his earlier comments around chronically homeless individuals and Camp Take Notice—organizations serving those who are most in need—as they are less and less able to compete in the increasingly outcome-based funding system. As the Past President of the Religious Action for Affordable Housing (RAAH), it is very difficult to raise funds in the religious community, so these organizations may continue not to be able to get funding even as the community wants to address this issue. It is important to think through the values implicit in these new funding structures and as funding decreases, how they will affect nonprofits in our community.

VII. Adjournment

T. Ramirez moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm; K. Martin seconded. Motion approved (A. Ramirez, S. Pontoni, S. Mithani, R. Konkell, K. Martin, D. Blanchard, I. Ault, A. Erickson; 8 Aye, 0 Nay).