

SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2007

Members Present: Geri Simon, Jeff Chapman, Dawn Anderson, Jane Gibson, Gerry Walton, Chris Renner, Barbara Withee, Bill Meredith, Mikeal Hodges, Yvonne Lacy, Maureen Konz, Kent Hampton, Tony English

Members Absent: Gayle Bennett, Jennifer Salmans

Staff Present: Melanie Landis, Finance Operations Accountant/SSAB Liaison (Finance Department)

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Additions to the Agenda

There were none.

Approval of minutes of the March 7, April 11, May 3, May 10 and May 16, 2007 meetings

There were some slight changes made to the minutes of the April 11th meeting. All minutes were approved by the board.

Election of new officers:

The officers for the 2007-2008 year of the SSAB Board will be Geri Simon, Chair; Jeff Chapman, Vice-Chair and Yvonne Lacy, Secretary. There were no additional nominations. Motion was passed with an 11/0/0 vote.

Deliberations and Voting for 2008 Funding Allocations

Discussion: Allocation criteria were reviewed in relation to all agencies applying for funding. It was suggested that the Board first discuss each of the new applications before moving on to agencies with existing funding.

Cultural Enrichment Academy: The Board discussed that this is a for-profit business, although barely exceeding expenses due to the acceptance of SRS assisted families. As a result, they do not meet the criteria set forth for funding. The Board acknowledges that child care is a big concern for Manhattan and will be presenting those concerns to the commission during their allocations presentation. The motion to not fund Cultural Enrichment Academy passed with a 13/0/0 vote.

RSVP: The Board discussed that the request for a new program was not consistent with their mission as an agency and do not meet the criteria for funding. The motion to not fund RSVP passed with a 12/1/0 vote.

Regional AIDS project: The Board discussed that this request was for providing rent and utility assistance to their clients as well as paying for a part-time bookkeeper. The Board suggests that the agency work closely with Shepherds Crossing and Salvation Army to provide rent and utility assistance to those with HIV/AIDS. One member suggested partial funding. The motion to not fund the Regional AIDS project was passed 12/1/0.

Shepherds Crossing: Bill Meredith moved to fund this agency at the full request. Motion seconded. Upon discussion, this motion was withdrawn. A new motion suggested adding Shepherds Crossing to the list of agencies that the Board is considering for funding with the amount to be determined. This motion passed 13/0/0.

All remaining agencies: Dawn Anderson made the motion to fund all other agencies at some level which is yet to be determined. Jeff Chapman seconded the motion and it passed with an 11/2/0 vote.

Level funding Motion: Yvonne Lacy made a motion to approve those agencies who requested level funding which includes UFM at \$6,000, Crisis Center at \$46,500, Manhattan Emergency Shelter at \$54,000 and Shepherds Crossing at \$40,000. The motion was seconded by Bill Meredith and passed 13/0/0.

Kansas Legal Service: Request for 2008 is \$30,000. Barbara Withee made the motion to fund Kansas Legal Services at the same amount as 2007 which is \$20,000. The motion was seconded by Chris Renner and passed with a 12/1/0 vote.

Manhattan Day Care: The Board discussed that this request was intended to be \$15,000 more than the previous year without the additional allocation at the end of 2006 being a factor. Yvonne Lacy made the motion for funding \$65,000, which is \$15,000 more than the original 2007 allocation. The motion was seconded by Chris Renner and passed with an 8/4/0 vote.

Remaining agencies: Jeff Chapman moved to fund the remaining agencies at the amount requested which includes Big Brothers Big Sisters at \$34,000, Boys and Girls Club at \$7,500, Homecare and Hospice at \$42,000, Riley County ATA at \$32,500 and Sunflower CASA at \$25,300. The motion was seconded by Chris Renner and the passed with a vote of 11/0/0.

The Board then discussed all remaining 12 funding requests. It was moved and seconded that \$385,155 be recommended to the Commission for social service spending with the following allocation:

Big Brothers and Big Sisters - \$34,000; Boys and Girls Club - \$7,500; Crisis Center - \$46,500; Homecare and Hospice - \$42,000; K-State Child Development Center - \$12,355; Kansas Legal Services - \$20,000; Shepherd's Crossing - \$20,000 for rent assistance and \$20,000 for utility assistance; Manhattan Day Care - \$65,000; Riley County ATA - \$32,500; Sunflower CASA - \$25,300 and UFM Scholarship Program - \$6,000.

The total increase for 2008 funding allocation recommendations is ten percent higher than the 2007 budgeted allocations. The Board is comfortable with this increase and feels they have sufficient reasons to suggest the increase to the City Commission.

Next Meeting: June 6, 2007 – City Commission Room, City Hall, 7:00 pm

The Social Services Advisory Board adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by Melanie Landis, SSAB Liaison/Finance Operations Accountant