

SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2008

Members Present: Geri Simon, Jeff Chapman, Chris Renner, Bill Meredith, Mikeal Hodges, Yvonne Lacy, Maureen Konz, Kent Hampton, Gayle Bennett, Debbie Madsen, Edd Savage, Larry Brockson, Sue Mountford

Members Absent: Barbara Withee, Jane Gibson

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.

Deliberations and Voting for 2009 Funding Allocations

Motion 1

A motion was made to approve the following agencies at requested funding: Boys & Girls Club, KSU Child Development, Sunflower CASA, University for Man, Shepherd's Crossing, Riley County ATA, Manhattan Emergency Shelter, Manhattan Day Care, Homecare & Hospice, Crisis Center and Big Brothers Big Sisters. The motion was seconded.

Discussion:

KSU Child Development - The Board is willing to grant \$10,944 and not the full amount requested. This will allow two infant and two toddler positions to be funded at 30% subsidy. Also, for those positions funded by SSAB, the applicants must not be charged the \$20 application fee.

Riley County ATA – Recommending full request be funded but will make a recommendation that transportation be pulled out of SSAB and given a line item of their own in the General fund budget. ATA will be part of the presentation made by SSAB to the City Commission during the June work session on Outside Agencies. The Board is in agreement that ATA no longer provides a primary social service function and should no longer be funded under SSAB.

Manhattan Emergency Shelter – Recommending funding the new program as the match will generate eight federal dollars for every one dollar of community match.

On a vote, the motion passed 10/0/1. Gayle Bennett did abstain from both discussion and voting on funding for Shepherd's Crossing.

Motion 2

A motion was made to fund Flint Hills Community Clinic for half of the 2009 request for one year. The motion was seconded.

Discussion: The Board discussed that the City already funds the Health Department and that all medical care and programs should filter through that one agency.

On a vote, the motion was declined 4/7 with one member abstaining.

Motion 3

A motion was made to not fund both Salvation Army and Flint Hills Community Clinic. The motion was seconded and passed 7/4 with one member abstaining.

Motion 4

A motion was made to fund Kansas Legal Services for the full amount requested for the new program focusing on grandparents right to custody. The motion was seconded.

Discussion: The Board discussed the new program and that the amount requested is for startup of this new program. They agreed that this is will be a good program and fill a need in the community not currently being met.

On a vote, the motion passed 9/2/0.

Motion 5

A motion was made to decline funding for Northview child care program requested through the USD 383 Foundation. The motion was seconded.

Discussion: Recommending that the school board should be more involved in after school programs. The Board was still unclear as to the relationship with Boys & Girls club and did not have a good feel for how other programs worked in other Manhattan schools.

On a vote, the motion passed 7/3/1. Sue Mountford did abstain from discussion and voting on funding for the Northview child care program.

The total increase for 2009 funding allocation recommendations is thirteen percent higher than the 2008 budgeted allocations. A large portion of this increase is attributed to two agencies, Riley County ATA and the Manhattan Emergency Shelter. The Board is comfortable with this increase and feels they have sufficient reasons to suggest the increase to the City Commission. As part of their recommendation presentation at the City Commission work session, the Board will suggest that Riley County ATA funding be removed from the SSAB allocations and receive their own line item in the General Fund budget.

Geri will draft letters to all agencies requesting 2009 funding explaining the Boards recommendation and alerting those agencies of the work session date for outside agencies.

Next Meeting: June 4, 2007 – City Commission Room, City Hall, 7:00 pm

The Social Services Advisory Board adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by Melanie Landis, SSAB Liaison/Finance Operations Accountant