

**SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
Wednesday, March 04, 2009**

Members Present: Debbie Madsen, Sue Mountford, Larry Brockson, Jamie Tiemeyer, Mike Bean, Olivia Becker, Mikeal Hodges, Joshua Siders, Chris Renner

Members Absent (Excused): Barbara Withee, Maureen Konz, Lyndsey Buseman

Members Absent (Unexcused): Edd Savage, Holly Higgins, Gayle Bennett

Staff Present: Pamela Schreiber, Budget & Audit Analyst

Guests: Lynda Bachelor, K-State Volunteer Center of Manhattan

Public Comments

None

Additions to this Agenda/Comments

None

Approval of February 2, 2009 minutes

There were no changes to the minutes. Chris Renner moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Larry Brockson and passed on a vote of 9/0/0.

Announcements

Debbie read a letter from Jayme Morris-Hardeman regarding a change in the funding for two of the positions at Sunflower C.A.S.A. The same amount of monies will be allocated, and the same amount of monies will be spent, however Jayme wanted the Board to be aware of the changes.

Debbie, Jaime, and Christopher will meet on Monday, March 30, 2009 in the Harmon Room to review applications.

Next meeting will be held on April, 1, 2009 in the City Commission Room.

Assessing Community Social Service Needs – Lynda Bachelor

Lynda Bachelor explained to the Board the aspects of her position, and the K-State Volunteer Center of Manhattan. The goal is to effectively serve the campus and the community. In the past, concerns were brought forth with the growth of Fort Riley, and the increasing needs for Social Services. In 2007, Lynda received an engagement grant to conduct a social services needs assessment. Public Forums were held that included many different types of group of people.

The definition of social services came up over and over again with a large variety of definitions, however they did not believe that the definition used by the funding bodies in the community were broad enough. They believed that social services would contribute to a healthy community as whole and not just certain groups such as the homeless, or hungry. Many felt that funding should address social needs, not social services. The services seem to be very finite, and the same agencies emerge every year to secure their funding.

A major difference that will be taking place in the community will be within the United Way Campaign. Nationally, United Way has formed mandates that will no longer allow United Way to fund agencies themselves; it will be funding service needs. A task force is being created within the community to bring stakeholders, providers, and consumers together to begin a process on how the Manhattan community can benefit from the new mandates. Lynda also reported that in many cities, the United Way has taken over the City social services allocation process. However, public forums would have to be done for the “public monies” that were to be spent.

The overall issues that seemed to be addressed at all forums were childcare and public transportation. If the board ever had any further questions, Lynda encouraged them to contact her. Lynda’s email address is bachelor@ksu.edu.

Review 2009 Spring Site Visit Process

Debbie is going to compile an assignment sheet for board members and agencies for the site visits. If any member has a preference to an agency, please let Debbie know.

Discussion of Applications

The subcommittee will meet on March 30, 2009 to review the applications for completeness and compile packets for board review. Applications will be given to the board members for review on April 1, 2009.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the Social Services Advisory Board will be held on April 1, 2009, in the City Commission Room.

Adjournment

The Social Services Advisory Board adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Submitted by Pamela Schreiber and Debbie Madsen