



MECKLENBURG COUNTY
Human Services Council
Full Council Meeting Wednesday, April 29, 1998

Minutes

PRESENT: Ana Acosta, Sandra DuPuy, C. Rock Johnson, Pastor Gwendolyn Curry, Donald Austin, Hope Parrott, Laurie Johnston, Yvette Murphy, Ann Sanders, Susan Garvey, Lindalee Macauley, Brandon Terrell, Wil Butler, Dr. Carlton Watkins

ABSENT: Mark Tribbett, Pardee Hinson, Dr. Everlyn Hall-Baker, Rev. Claude Alexander, Virginia Geurin

STAFF: Marie Shook, Jake Jacobsen, Peter Safir, Dr. Stephen Keener, Geri Walton

GUESTS: Frank Mansfield - Uptown Shelter, Alice Harrison - Uptown Shelter, Charles Page - Chairman, Homeless Program Development Coalition

I. *Call to Order*

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Ana Acosta at 5:10 p.m. on Wednesday, April 29, 1998 in Mecklenburg A & B of the Wallace H. Kuralt Centre.

II. *Approval of Minutes*

The minutes for the HSC meeting held on March 25, 1998, were approved.

III. *Public Access*

Charles Page stated that as a collaborative effort within the community for homeless services, Ms. Shook asked for a process for review and recommendation on requests for county funding for homeless services. Mr. Page stated that this task was assigned to the Homeless Program Development Coalition, a subcommittee of the Homeless Services Network. He also stated the criteria by which the services are reviewed and that the group did not have a

formal report this year because they are still in a formative stage of development.

Dr. Stephen Keener presented the Health Department's public service announcement on breast and cervical cancer prevention.

IV. *BOCC Action Items*

None.

V. *Questions/Discussion of Committee Minutes*

Ms. DuPuy stated that the H/MH&CS committee reviewed the HSC policy on conflict of interest. She stated that the Area Authority has contracted with Presbyterian Hospital to provide a Warm Line for persons having mental health, substance abuse or developmental disability issues. She stated that this is not a crisis line. She also stated that the committee reviewed outside agency funding. Mr. Butler stated that the DSS committee reviewed the JSB funding request and the committee would conduct a formal vote at its May 13, 1998 meeting. He stated that the committee reviewed the Work First appeals process and the budget process. Finally, he stated that he attended the Senior Forum on April 22, 1998 and that the Council should provide more focus on senior needs.

VI. *New Business*

Peter Safir presented the Health, Mental Health and Community Services budget presentation. Jake Jacobsen presented the Department of Social Services budget presentation.

VII. *Continued Business*

School Health

Laurie Johnston stated that a letter is being prepared for Cathy Kneisl, Vice President, Carolinas Physicians Network that supports their efforts in school health and offers the assistance of the Council.

Foster Care

Ms. Johnston stated that the group was continuing to meet and developed a list of individuals who are involved with children's issues in Mecklenburg County. She stated that the group is creating a questionnaire to be distributed to these people in order to make our community agencies, potential foster families, and

other caregivers more familiar with the services that are offered. She also stated that this was an attempt to open dialogue for all to better understand the limitations of these services because of law or policy.

VIII. *Chairperson's Report*

Ms. Acosta stated that she and Ms. DuPuy attended a meeting with Gloria Pace King of the United Way. She stated that the meeting was to ensure that the members appointed by the United Way are done so and that those appointed have and maintain a working relationship with the United Way. She stated that once the relationship with the United Way ends, the member would be expected to resign from the Council. Ms. Acosta stated that this issue would be clarified when the bylaws are updated.

Ms. Acosta addressed the issue of attendance. There was discussion on the BOCC policy regarding compliance. Ms. Shook stated in an effort to clarify the policy, the Commissioners' assistant was doing a research paper to be presented to the BOCC. Ms. Acosta requested that the attendance roster be included in the monthly mailing.

Ms. Acosta stated that the subcommittees would resume providing monthly reports to the Council.

IX. *Adjournment*

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned by Chairwoman Acosta at 7:17 p.m. The next meeting of the HSC will be held on May 27, 1998 at 5:00 p.m. at the Kuralt Centre.

Respectfully submitted,

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