

August 28, 1998

TO: Members of the MAG Human Services Technical Committee

FROM: Karin Bishop, Valley of the Sun United Way, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Thursday, September 3, 1998, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
MAG Office - Suite 200, Saguaro Room  
302 North First Avenue, Phoenix

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The MAG Human Services Technical Committee will meet at the above time and place. Please call Carol Kratz at the MAG office if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of June 18, 1998, Joint Meeting Minutes
3. Comparison of Maricopa County Needs Assessment Information and MAG Human Services Priority Problem

The Maricopa County Needs Assessment provides valuable information about unmet service needs across the region. Information will be presented comparing the needs assessment data with our human services problems.

2. For approval of the June 18, 1998 Joint Meeting minutes.
3. For information, discussion and possible action.

4. Developmental Disabilities

HSTC and HSCC members have expressed concern with their lack of hard information about the needs of persons with developmental disabilities. During the month of August, staff has met with a number of representatives of agencies and advocates for this population. Summary information will be presented at the meeting.

5. Update on Welfare Reform

Technical Committee members have been concerned with the implementation of welfare reform in Maricopa County. Two particular aspects are the numbers of people falling off the welfare rolls due to time limits or sanctions, and the Arizona WORKS pilot program in 12 of our cities and towns. Mr. Vince Wood, FAA Program Administrator, will provide information on these topics.

6. Funding Levels for SSBG Funds and Funding Recommendations by Target Group

Congress will take action on the final federal budget appropriations when they return in September. At the present time, the authorization level is \$2.38 billion. If this level is appropriated, Arizona will not suffer a cut in these funds, and in fact, will receive a small additional amount. Members are asked to develop the 1999-2000 funding recommendations and to determine where on approximately \$100,000 of additional funds might be targeted. Recommended problems and priorities for 1999-2000 and service amounts for 1998-1999 are attached.

7. Public Hearing on 1999-2000 Plan

Each year, we take our funding recommendations to public hearing, normally during September. Because of funding uncertainties this year, we have not scheduled hearings. Staff proposes three hearings at the

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7. For more information, discussion, and possible action.

end of September. We would like to have one east, central and west, and would prefer to “piggyback” on an existing human services related meeting. HSTC members are asked to suggest any possibilities.

8. Domestic Violence Regional Plan

The MAG Regional Council requested that the human services committees examine the issue of domestic violence and suggest regional recommendations. A Subcommittee has met several times to explore potential legislative initiatives for the League of Cities and Towns resolutions process. Councilmember Cody Williams of Phoenix is chairman of the Subcommittee. A list of the legislative recommendations and suggested resolution are attached.

9. Report on Welfare to Work Transportation

A welfare-to-work transportation working group is examining information and possible suggestions for transportation of TANF clients. A brief update will be provided.

10. Call to the Public

Any member of the audience wishing to address the Committee may do so at this time. Under the requirements of the Open Meeting Law, no action may be taken at this meeting.

11. Announcements

12. Adjourn

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10. For information.

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