

HUMAN SERVICES BOARD
Minutes of Meeting, June 4, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: 6:35 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Diane Durian, Ron Lambe, Bill Lenehan, Elma (Pat) Maye, Marc Meulman, Jason Sims, Mike Thompsen, Amy Tuley, Joanne Willson, Logan Wessendorf (Youth Advisory Committee Liaison)

STAFF PRESENT: Vicki Georgeau, Deputy Director of Neighborhood Services

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the May 7, 2009 meeting were approved as submitted, 9-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Human/Public Service Funding – Annual Process – Board Discussion: Tuley summarized the discussion at the last Board meeting and noted that City Council reviewed human/public service funding allocations for FY 2009-10 at the May 12th City Council meeting. Tuley indicated that Council recognized the efforts of the Board and requested the City Administration to provide the Board with its funding recommendation, which will be accomplished during the next funding round. Lambe expressed frustration that applicants that were not to be funded had not yet been formally notified by the City Administration. Staff explained that while the City Council deliberated on the matter on May 12th, the FY 2009-10 budget was not formally approved until May 26th. In addition, staff advised that all agencies to be funded have been notified and contracts have been drafted for City Attorney review and approval. In addition, letters to applicants that were not funded would be sent out by the end of the week. Lambe announced his resignation effective immediately. Tuley expressed regret with regard to Lambe's resignation, and indicated his service on the Board was appreciated and would be missed.

Tuley noted the next Board discussion item regards Step 4 of the CQI process proposed by Meulman, which includes: 1) whether a different process should be established for Portage Community Center; 2) how to assess and determine proposals that will, and will not be funded; 3) once applicants are scored, how do the scores impact funding recommendations. Meulman suggested that with the additional review meeting after applicant presentations, and the consensus decision making model to be utilized, the three remaining issues may not be relevant. Lenehan indicated the Board should review current funding, funding requested, funding available and have a variety of methods for making funding recommendations available for consideration. Tuley suggested that similar to the Board member scores for applications, each Board member should prepare and provide funding recommendations for consideration prior to the regular Board meeting in February for deliberations. After further discussion, the Board determined the process improvements discussed should be sufficient for the next funding round. If additional discussion is warranted, time can be provided on the August meeting agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

Metro Transit ADA Advisory Board Committee / County Transit Authority – Update by Board Members Lenehan and Lambe: Lenehan indicated that Metro-Van and Care-A-Van ridership continues to increase and that the system is preparing for the next millage within the City of Kalamazoo in November 2009.

STATEMENT OF CITIZENS: Tuley reminded the Board that there would be no meeting in July 2009 unless an action item was needed by the Board. The next regular Board meeting is August 6, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Georgeau, Deputy Director of Neighborhood Services