

MINUTES

**SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
Standing Committee to the Laughlin Town Advisory Board
March 18, 2014
8:30 A.M.**

**Laughlin Regional Government Center
101 Civic Way, LAUGHLIN, NEVADA**

Members Present: Roger Burtraw
Victoria Conely
Cheryl Seipke
Joe Marr
James Williams

Members Absent: NONE

Others Present:
Julie Fairman, Laughlin Times
Darryl Dauenhauer, Colorado River
Food Bank
Mike Conner, River Fund
Michael Lewis, Laughlin Behavioral Health
Don Mitts
Leah Guevara, East Valley Family Services
Alicia Davisson, East Valley Family
Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A.** Conformance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law.
- B.** Agenda items may be taken out of order if deemed necessary.
- C.** The Social Services Committee may combine two or more agenda items for consideration.
- D.** The Social Service Committee may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item at any time.

2. ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

- A.** Approval of the March 18, 2014 Agenda.

Roger Burtraw moved, **Joe Marr** seconded the approval of the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

- B.** Approval of the January 21, 2014 Minutes.

Roger Burtraw moved, **Joe Marr** seconded the approval of the minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

- C. Approval of the February 18, 2014 Minutes.

Roger Burtraw moved, **Joe Marr** seconded the approval of the minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

3. **COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC:** This is a period devoted to comments by the general public about items on *this* agenda. If you wish to speak to the committee about items within its jurisdiction but not appearing on this agenda, you must wait until the “Comments by the General Public” period listed at the end of this agenda. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes. Please step up to the speaker’s podium, clearly state your name and address and *spell* your last name for the record. If any member of the committee wishes to extend the length of a presentation, this will be done by the Chair or the committee by majority vote. The committee retains the discretion to take additional public comments during times other than during a Public Hearing or during the Public Comment Sessions. In all other instances, a citizen may speak on any matter before the committee for consideration, after receiving recognition and consent of the Chairman of the committee.

4. **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

- A. Discuss the selection of a Social Service Committee Co-chair for 2014 and take any action deemed appropriate.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

This agenda item was finalized at the February 18, 2014 meeting.

- B. Discuss the selection of a Social Service Committee Secretary for 2014 and take any action deemed appropriate.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Victoria Conely moved **Roger Burtraw** seconded to re-elect **Cheryl Seipke** as Committee secretary. Motion carried 5-0.

- C. Receive a presentation with an overview of services in Laughlin provided by East Valley Family Services

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

East Valley Family Services representatives **Alicia Davisson**, Grant's Manager, and **Leah Guevara**, Family Supports Manager, informed the committee on the services their organization provides to Laughlin residents. East Valley Family Services sees Nevada clients at the Community Resource Center every Thursday, 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.; and at the Colorado River Food Bank the first Thursday of every month. The organization assists local Nevada residents with applications for assistance and submittal for SNAP (food stamps), TANF (temporary assistance for needy families), EAP (energy assistance program), utilities, and Medicaid. Bus passes are available for medical appointments (proof of medical appointment is required) and someone starting a new job (a letter of intent to hire is required). Assistance is available in obtaining a birth certificate, NV ID, work card, or health card (the person is required to pay with check or money order a minimum of ½ the cost). The program does not assist with paying for fingerprints or gaming card.

Other programs offering assistance: Project REACH (NV Energy assistance for senior 60+ or active duty), Energy Share (Southwest gas assistance for anyone 18 yrs. And older), Senior Respite (Seniors 55+ caring for minor children), and Life span Respite (Anyone age 18+ serving as a caregiver). Ann Leighton will be available by appointment only (please call 702-845-0293) to assist with Nevada Health Link and Medicaid.

Rental assistance is not available. The federally funded WSAP program (Welfare Set Aside Program) has monies designated for Clark County residents but currently it is only being distributed in Las Vegas.

Appointments can be made by calling: 702-845-0293.

D. Committee to discuss specific goals for 2014.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

This committee's goal is to inform the community of the services available in Laughlin. April's meeting will have HOPE of Southern Nevada presenting, May will be Alzheimer's Association, and June will be State of Nevada – SNAMHS (Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health System).

E. Committee to discuss public service information that may potentially be submitted to the media and take any action deemed appropriate.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Julie Fairman, Laughlin Nevada Times, is present at today's meeting and will make a report in the local newspaper. **Julie Fairman** states that information must be submitted by noon Friday to be included in the following week's edition.

5. **COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC:** This is a period for the Public to comment on items within the jurisdiction of the Social Services Committee, but not appearing on this agenda. If any member of the committee wishes to extend the length of their comments, this will be done by the Chairman, or the committee by majority vote. When speaking during a specific item or during the Public Comments sessions, please step up to the speaker's podium, clearly state your name and address – please spell your name for the record – and limit your comments to no more than three (3) minutes. No vote may be taken on any matter not listed on the posted agenda.
6. **NEXT MEETING DATE:** March 18, 2014, 8:30 A.M., Laughlin Regional Government Center, 101 Civic Way, Laughlin, Nevada. Agenda items due no later than March 7, 2014.
7. **ADJOURNMENT**
Victoria Conely made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 a.m., seconded by **Roger Burtraw**. Motion carried 5-0.

NOTE: *These meeting minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the April 15, 2014 meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the minutes of the May 20, 2014 meeting.*