

August 2, 2012

Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Summary

Committee Members Present: Bonnie Chu
Dean Ishman - Chair
Jackie Seip
Nancy Brune
Shannon Redwine
Suzanne Dessaints
Wendell Williams – Vice-Chair

Committee Members Absent: Dr. Esther Langston, Ph.D
E. LaVonne Lewis
Linda Lera Randle El
Patrick Smith
Taurus Duncan
Vida Lin
Yolanda Dickerson

Facilitator: Sherri Hess

Clark County Staff Present: Tim Burch, Bobby Gordon, Gina Olivares and Carol Whitman

I. Call to Order:

- By Dean Ishman at 11:45am

II. Introduction of All Members

III. Public Announcements:

Jason Williams with A League of Action Community Development Corporation, Event Coordinator and also All Around Business Development Company, Director, introduced himself. Mr. Williams stated that they are a referral agency and provide safe services for not only the nurse and the personal care attendant, but also the patient. A brochure was passed out for all members.

IV. Could not approve, June 7, 2012 meeting summary because we did not have a quorum.

V. Announcements from Members/Social Service Staff: No announcements

VI. Affordable Health Care Act:

Tim – was hoping for an update from E. Lavonne Lewis on the Silver State Exchange, but she wasn't able to attend. The two hour workshop was cancelled

due to the ruling of the Supreme Court. We need more direction from the State before we can tell how it will affect us. Don't expect any finalization of Nevada's position until Nov.

Should it go forward as implemented, approximately 92% who access our medical will be on Medicaid Expansion.

As Public Administrators, Clark County Social Service cannot take a position on these matters.

No talking points that can be shared with the public at this time. Waiting for the State to release their plan.

We have a primer on what the Affordable Health Care Act includes that we can get to the CAC members.

The CAC Committee can research the information and write letters if members would like. The committee should get out into the community and find out what people are thinking. We should collect information and bring it back to the CAC group.

Create a survey sheet with questions that we can ask the community.

Sherri Hess offered facilitation services for any focus group meetings in the community with Wendell Williams.

VII. Working Group Update:

Wendell Williams asked if Mr. Jason Williams could speak a little more on what he does in the community. Mr. Williams stated that they help people get their ID's, social security cards, etc. He stated that his agency is a resource for the community. A lot of their resources they receive are donated.

Suzanne Dessaints wants to get Jason Williams connected with UMC to help people with the resources that they have. Mr. Williams stated that he would like to set up a meeting with Suzanne to talk about the possibilities. He stated that his office is full of clothes, shoes, diapers, and walkers, etc. to give away.

Patrick was not in attendance to give his report on the Community Needs Assessments. Tim had information to pass on: Patrick attended the kick off for United Way Community Assessment. They hired Applied Analysis. Jake Joyce is the point of contact. Social Service will be an official survey site and they will come and survey over 200 clients.

VIII. Department Update:

Tim updated the group on Social Service as not just being a direct service provider, but we have a unmandated role in the community as facilitator of other

services. Tim went over the Committee on Youth flow chart and explained services for youths.

IX. Public Comment: Bonnie Chu corrected an error on the June 7, 2012 CAC notes.

X. Adjournment – 12:53pm

VIII. Public Input

The next meeting of the CAC is scheduled for October 4, 2012 at 11:30 a.m. at the Clark County Social Service office, 1600 Pinto Lane, Las Vegas, Nevada.

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