

BASIC NEEDS COALITION OF CENTRAL TEXAS

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Monthly Meeting Minutes

June 23, 2005

Time: 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Location: United Way Capital Area
Convener: Dan Pruett
Secretary of the Meeting: Lucia Dodson

Attendees:

Katie Navine	Goodwill Industries of Central Texas	Elizabeth Gfell	ATCMHMR
George Brown	Basic Needs Coalition	Lee Manford	AIDS Services of Austin
Susan Eason	Arc of the Capital Area	Ellen Balthazar	Any Baby Can
Kathryn Hightower	City of Austin HHSD	Kevin Burris	Fosforus, Inc.
Maria Allen	City of Austin HHSD	David McKnight	Fosforus, Inc.
Chris Maher	Fosforus, Inc.	Mike Manor	Travis County HHS & VS
Margie Fernandez-Prew	United Way	Dan Pruett	Meals on Wheels and More
Lucia Dodson	Meals on Wheels and More	Joy Stollings	Meals on Wheels and More
Mary Teeters	Meals on Wheels and More	Julia Spann	Caritas
Sherri Fleming	Travis CO. HHS & VS	Lila Carl	Independent NP Counseling
Bea Dela Rosa	St. Louis Catholic Church	Emilee Whitehurst	Austin Area Interreligious Ministries
Glenda Shayne	Capital Area Food Bank of Texas	Amanda McRae	Caritas of Austin
Sly Majid	Eastside Community Connection	Graham Davis	Eastside Community Connection

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Dan Pruett called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

II. APPROVED THE APRIL 28, 2005 MINUTES:

The minutes of April 28, 2005 were reviewed. Page 1 – *Darla Gay* was misspelled as *Darla Guy*. *Iris Graebner* was not at the meeting. *ARC of the Capital Area* should be replaced with *Arc of the Capital Area*. A **Motion** to accept the Minutes as amended was made by Sherri Fleming and **Seconded** by Mary Teeters. **Motion Approved.**

III. PRESENTATION:

Dan Pruett of Meals on Wheels and More introduced Chris Maher, President/CEO of Fosforus, Inc. Mr. Maher introduced David McKnight and Kevin Burris, two staff members from Fosforus. He thanked the members of Basic Needs Coalition of Central Texas for all the work they have done. Then asked, "What is a GoodCity" and noted that the "Welcome to the GoodCity.org" website is designed to help ask the question: "What is needed to create a GoodCity." He announced that Fosforus will commit a contribution of \$12,000 over the next year to Basic Needs Coalition of Central Texas.

IV. Committee Reports:

PLANNING – SHERRI FLEMING

- Sherri Fleming and Joy Stollings presented the look of the color logo.
- Sherri announced that the planning committee thought it would be a good idea to combine the Planning Committee with the Advocacy Committee. A **Motion** to combine the committees was made by Susan Eason and **Seconded** by Ellen Balthazar. **Motion Approved.**
- The Planning Committee is working with the staff of Health and Human Services to develop a training curriculum for the food stamp program.
- Joy Stollings announced that at the next monthly meeting they would be presenting a draft copy of the fact sheet on utilities.

MEMERSHIP – GEORGE BROWN

- George Brown announced that the committee would be distributing a draft copy of the recommended changes to the Bylaws at the August meeting.

BEST SINGLE SOURCE – LEE MANFORD AND GEORGE BROWN.

- The Committee is continuing to monitor the implementation of Best Single Source and continues to look for additional funding.
- George Brown announced that Austin Energy will have a Brochure going to the printer in July and it will be ready for mailing in August.
- Austin Energy is preparing posters announcing the enrollment program with the assistance of its marketing folks. Target time for completion is 2-3 weeks prior to the release of the brochures so that clients will have a heads up.

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT – JULIA SPANN.

- Kay Bailey Hutchinson has agreed to give us a \$248,000 grant.
- Karen Affeld from Caritas is writing a grant to the Department of Health and Human Services, Community Food and Nutrition Program on behalf of Basic Needs Coalition of Central Texas for a "Food and Nutrition" \$50,000 grant. The purpose of the grant is to coordinate private and public food assistance resources to better serve low-income people.
- Need more members to be involved with the Resource Development Committee and to help with the grant writing.

FOOD – MARGIE FERNANDEZ-PREW & ADELITA WINCHESTER.

- The Food Committee has formed a sub-committee for the downtown area.
- They said there was one request for survey results and asked if they had the Board's permission to release the information. Dan Pruett suggested that this be brought up to the Executive Committee as a topic of discussion.
- Highlights of the survey result (1st draft) have been completed.

ADVOCACY – SUSAN EASON.

- Susan Eason announced that the meeting to discuss the presentation to the Editorial Board meeting will be next week. The topic for discussion will be: "The Needs of Austin; what kind of problems do we face, what are the needs, and what kind of actions will be taken."

V. AGENCY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Dan Pruett announced that Family ElderCare will be having its annual Fan Drive next week.

VI. NEXT MEETING:

July 28, 2005
9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
United Way Capital Area
2000 East MLK Blvd.

VII. ADJOURN: