

BASIC NEEDS COALITION OF CENTRAL TEXAS

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Monthly Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2006

Time: 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Location: United Way Capital Area
Convener: Susan Eason
Secretary of the Meeting: Martha Zavala

ATTENDEES:

Beth Atherton	Caritas of Austin	Jay Filderman	Salvation Army
A.J. Sweat	TC Re-Entry Roundtable – Support Services Committee	George Brown	Basic Needs Coalition
Mindy Scott	Arc of the Capital Area	Ellen Balthazar	Any Baby Can
Martha Zavala	Arc of the Capital Area	Maria Allen	COA-HHSD St. John
Michael Guerra	Capital Area Food Bank	Tracey Whitley	Legal Aid
Ross Martin	COA-HHSD SANC	Katie Navine	Goodwill
Karen Langley	Family Eldercare	Todd Moore	United Way
Susan McDowell	Lifeworks	Julia Spann	SafePlace
Bea De La Rosa	St. Louis Catholic Church	Sam Woollard	CAN
Cacki Young	Foundation Communities	Molly Jensen	Sustainable Food Center
Coni Stogner	SafePlace	Jana Bisbey	Marywood-Lifeline
Nova McGiffert	Basic Needs Coalition	Rhoda Montgomery	Church of the Good Shepherd
Rick Rivera	Family Connection	Kelli Sureck	Communities in Schools
Susan Eason	Arc of the Capital Area	Dan Pruett	Meals on Wheels & More
Cynthia Colbert	Catholic Charities	Andrea Colunga-Bussey	Travis County HHS&VS

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS:

Susan Eason called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m. Susan asked new and current members of the BNC to introduce themselves. Susan asked for all to review the minutes.

- **The minutes of July 27, 2006, were reviewed. Ellen Balthazar moved that the minutes be approved. Motion Approved.**

II. CHAIR'S REPORT:

Presentations:

- Susan reminded the group that the September 28th meeting will be our annual meeting. Funders and supporters will be invited and refreshments will be provided.
- Julia Spann introduced and formally made a motion to approve the Mission and Vision statement for the Basic Needs Coalition. Andrea Colunga-Bussey seconded the motion to approve the Mission/Vision statement. Motion approved unanimously. Susan thanked Julia and committee members Michael Guerra, Katie Navine and Tracey Whitley.
- From the Membership Committee, George Brown recommended Lee Manford be elected Chair of the Basic Needs Coalition and Ellen Balthazar to be the Chair-Elect. Beth Atherton seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PLANNING/ADVOCACY- ELLEN BALTHAZAR

- Ellen announced that all projects of the advocacy committee, the final version of the Food Fact Sheet and website reconfiguration, will be ready for next month's meeting.
- Ellen asked that the members of the BNC create a link to the BNC website on our own agency's website.
- Ellen asked for any volunteers to join the Advocacy Committee.

MEMBERSHIP –

- No report.

BEST SINGLE SOURCE – GEORGE BROWN

- Best Single Source has 450 households to date that are being assisted and the target number is 650 households. BSS has provided \$345,000 to clients.
- The Long Term Recovery program has had 336 households under full case management, with an additional 300 families that are receiving some level of case management. \$53,000 has been used for assistance.
- A luncheon for the case managers is being discussed and planned for the fall to thank them for their hard work.

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

- No report.

FOOD COMMITTEE – BEA DE LA ROSA

- The Food Committee has completed the food survey. It only needs to be reviewed and edited. It will be presented at the October BNC meeting.

UTILITY TASK FORCE – BETH ATHERTON

- Utility Task Force Committee announced that there would be training for case managers on August 24th and August 29th. If any agency would like to be involved in the next training session, please let the Utility Task Force Committee know.

AGENCY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Sam Wollard announced that on Saturday, August 26th, there would be a Texas Benefits fair with 60-80 state workers to help the community apply for benefits. Also, on September 9th, Houston Tillison will have a Hurricane Survivor fair to mark the 1 yr anniversary of Hurricanes Katrina/Rita.
- Dan Pruett announced that Thad Rosenfeld with KEYE News was interested in attending a BNC meeting and possibly a story about the Basic Needs Coalition. Dan will extend an invitation to come to the September meeting.
Also, Dan mentioned a Cash and Counseling program that has started in St. Louis. Money is directly given to the clients for food and necessities. Dan will follow up with more information on such a program and whether it will come to Texas.
- Rick Rivera announced that the Homeless Task Force would be having an Annual Stand Down on Saturday, November 4th; services will be available for veterans. Services include health, hygiene and veterinary services for pets. It will be from 9 am to 2 pm at the Pan AM Recreation Center. Also, Friday, November 17th, information on homelessness will be provided at St. David's from 11 am to 1 pm. A goal of the Homeless Task Force is to educate the community on this issue.
- Tracey Whitley announced the 40th anniversary of Legal Aid. They are having their open house for their new building on October 3rd from 6 pm to 8 pm.
- Jana Bisbey announced that Saturday, August 26th, Top Draw Food Store will have a fundraiser to celebrate the thirteen anniversary; live music, food and drinks. Also, there will be a softball tournament held in October to raise money for Project Transitions.
- Molly Jensen announced that on August 26th there would be a Back to School Healthy Food Fair at the Austin Farmer's Market, flier was passed out.
- Susan Eason announced the Arc Building Bridges Art Auction to be held on October 26th at the Driskill Hotel.
- The Family Eldercare "Fan Drive" is closing up in mid September. If anyone has need of additional fans or air conditioners for their clients, please let Family Eldercare know.
- Cynthia Colbert announced that Catholic Charities has relocated their offices to 1817 East 6th Street. The open house will be September 20th.
- Todd Moore announced that the Ray Marshall Center Report is on the United Way's website.

NEXT MEETING:

September 28, 2006
9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
United Way Capital Area
2000 East MLK Blvd.

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