

# BASIC NEEDS COALITION OF CENTRAL TEXAS

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## Monthly Meeting Minutes

July 27, 2006

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

### ATTENDEES:

Holly Alexander	2-1-1 Texas, UWCA	Lee Manford	Aids Services of Austin
A.J. Sweat	TC Re-Entry Roundtable – Support Services Committee	George Brown	Basic Needs Coalition
Sherri Fleming	Travis Co. HHS & VS	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	Steve Kaiven	Goodwill
Sam Woollard	CAN	Susan Eason	Arc of the Capital Area
Adelita Winchester	Caritas of Austin	Todd Moore	United Way
Sly Majid	Eastside Community Connections	Julia Spann	SafePlace
Bea De La Rosa	St. Louis Catholic Church	Joy Stollings	Meals On Wheels
Barbara Budde	Catholic Charities	Lucia Dodson	Meals On Wheels
Coni Stogner	SafePlace	Glenda Shayne	Capital Area Food Bank
Nova McGiffert	Basic Needs Coalition	Rhoda Montgomery	Church of the Good Shepherd
Rick Rivera	Family Connection		
Karen Langley	Family Eldercare		

## **I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS:**

Susan Eason called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m. Susan asked for all to review the minutes.

- **The minutes of May 25, 2006, were reviewed. Todd Moore moved that the minutes be approved. Motion Approved.**

## **II. CHAIR'S REPORT:**

### ***Presentations:***

- Glenn Gadbois spoke to the Basic Needs Coalition about the Capital Area Regional Transit Coordination Committee (RTCC) outreach program, which is designed to involve the stakeholders and the general public in the coordination of public transportation. There will be several workshops over the next six months to gain input from the public. Glenn then answered questions from the group. His email address is [Glenn@justtransportation.org](mailto:Glenn@justtransportation.org).
- Susan Eason discussed the Basic Needs Coalition Strategic Planning session held in June.
  - Over the next few months, recommendations from the strategic plan will be discussed and presented to the Basic Needs Coalition. The first report will be about a new vision/mission and it will be presented in the August meeting. Julia Spann will chair the Vision/Mission Committee.
  - The Executive Committee has been looking at the committee structure and the BNC structure and will continue to talk about how the BNC wants to look as a group for next year. Discussion will be held at the September meeting.
  - Susan Thanked Corky Hilliard for facilitating the Strategic Planning session.
- Sam Woollard discussed CAN's annual retreat and the cross cutting issues that CAN addresses. She asked the Basic Needs Coalition for the top two priority issues. Poverty, housing and healthcare access and affordability were our choices.
- Ellen Balthazar initiated the question of immigration. How does it affect the Basic Needs Coalition and the community. Barbara Budde will email the Coalition a statistics report on immigration.

## **III. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **PLANNING/ADVOCACY- ELLEN BALTHAZAR**

- Ellen announced that the final version of the Food Fact Sheet would be ready for next month's meeting.
- The website, with the help of Karen Cook, will be up and running with the new redesign within the next month. It will change from an internal focus to an external focus, for information on basic needs.
- The advocacy letter that was sent to our senators and representatives regarding continuation of support for evacuee services was well received.
- Next meeting will be a virtual meeting. Please contact Ellen if you would like to be involved.

### **MEMERSHIP – SHERRI FLEMING**

- The Membership Committee will have the slate of officers for next year. The current vice chair will step up into the chair's role. The committee will be looking for the next vice chair for next year.

### **BEST SINGLE SOURCE – LEE MANFORD AND GEORGE BROWN**

- Lee Manford discussed how the proposed structural changes for the Basic Needs Coalition would affect the Best Single Source Committee. The planning component and continued system innovation/design will be more of the committee's action, focused around rent and utilities assistance.
- The city has awarded Best Single Source an additional one hundred-one thousand dollars. Also, one hundred thousand dollars was awarded for Long Term Recovery.
- George Brown announced that under the Best Single Source program, 406 households have received assistance and we are looking at 670 families for the year.
- The Long Term Recovery program has had 281 families under full case management, with an additional 170 families that are receiving some level of case management.
- A luncheon for the case managers will be discussed and planned in 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 will be presented at the September meeting.

### **UTILITY TASK FORCE – ADELITA WINCHESTER**

- Utility Task Force Committee announced that there would be a training for case managers.

### **AGENCY ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Congratulations to Todd Moore on his marriage.
- Marco Galvan with 2-1-1 will be moving to Dallas. He will still be working remotely from Dallas.
- Sherri Fleming announced that 7/27/2006 is the final day for public comment for the county's Community Development Block Grant Funding Consolidated Plan.
- Sam Woollard announced that on August 3<sup>rd</sup> there will be a Hurricane/Texas housing forum in Houston. It will be an opportunity to highlight the housing situation.
- Holly Alexander announced that there will be a benefits fair on Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at the Austin Convention Center.
- The Family Eldercare "Fan Drive" is still in effect. If anyone has need of additional fans or air conditioners for their clients, please let Family Eldercare know.

### **NEXT MEETING:**

August 24, 2006  
9:00 – 11:00 a.m.  
United Way Capital Area  
2000 East MLK Blvd.

### **ADJOURN**