

BASIC NEEDS COALITION OF CENTRAL TEXAS

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Monthly Meeting Minutes

May 25, 2006

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

ATTENDEES:

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| Cacki Young | Foundation Communities | Molly Jensen | Sustainable Food Center |
| Dan Pruett | Meals on Wheels & More | George Brown | Basic Needs Coalition |
| Suki Steinhauser | Communities in Schools | Ellen Balthazar | Any Baby Can |
| Martha Zavala | Arc of the Capital Area | Maria Allen | COA-HHSD St. John |
| Mike Manor | Travis County HHS&VS | Sally Haynes | Foundation for the Homeless |
| Ross Martin | COA-HHSD SANC | Katie Navine | Goodwill |
| Maggie Rincon | Our Lady of Guadalupe Church | Susan Eason | Arc of the Capital Area |
| Andrea Colunga-Bussey | Travis County HHS&VS | Todd Moore | United Way |
| Lila Carl | NP Consultant | Julia Spann | SafePlace |
| Bea De La Rosa | St. Louis Catholic Church | Jana Thomas | Marywood-Lifeline |
| Barbara Budde | Catholic Charities | Beth Atherton | Caritas of Austin |
| Heather Goodwin | Texas Rio Grande Legal Aide | Jay Filderman | Salvation Army |
| Coni Stogner | SafePlace | Kelli Sureck | Communities in Schools |
| Nova McGiffert | Basic Needs Coalition | Kathryn Hightower | ATCHHSD |
| Rick Rivera | Family Connection | Glenda Shayne | Capital Area Food Bank |
| Joyce Hefner | Family Eldercare | Rhoda Montgomery | Church of the Good Shepherd |
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I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS:

Susan Eason called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. Susan Eason thanked Lee Manford for chairing last month's meeting due to her family emergency. Susan asked for all to review the minutes prior to introductions.

With corrections, Dan Pruett moved that the minutes be approved. Barbara Budde seconded the motion. Motion Approved unanimously. Continued with Introductions and welcomed Maggie Rincon from Our Lady of Guadalupe Church.

II. CHAIR'S REPORT:

- Susan Eason thanked Lee Manford, Beth Atherton and George Brown who all attended a city council work session presentation on May 15th for City Council members Lee Leffingwell and Betty Dunkerly. The BNC/BSS presentation was very well received.
- The Basic Needs Coalition has a presentation to the United Way Impact Council on Basic Needs and Safety and Security on June 7th from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm. The attendees will be Ellen Balthazar, Lee Manford, Sherri Fleming and Susan Eason.
- On June 8th, there will be a presentation to the Travis County Commissioner's Court.
- In place of the June meeting, the Basic Needs Coalition will have a strategic planning session on Friday, June 23rd from 9 am to 4 pm at United Way. Please RSVP to Martha.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PLANNING/ADVOCACY- ELLEN BALTHAZAR

- Ellen and the committee have begun discussion on protocol for future resolutions and what happens after a resolution is passed. Some topics will also need to be discussed in the strategic planning session. However, the Planning/Advocacy Committee will have some formalized thoughts on protocol by the next meeting.
- In terms of the Resolution that was passed in regards to Propositions 1 and 2, it was very well received within the community. We had interviews with KLBK, KUT and appeared in the Austin Business Journal and The Austin Chronicle. Open Discussion.

MEMBERSHIP – BARBARA BUDDE

- The Membership Committee is reviewing the members of the Basic Needs Coalition, reviewing email addresses and updating their records.
- The Membership Committee is looking at the possibility of asking the faith-based members to organize training and work with Travis County on the food stamp outreach project.

BEST SINGLE SOURCE – GEORGE BROWN

- George announced that Best Single Source is on track for serving 700 families. BSS is now looking for additional funding to accommodate the extra clients.
- Austin Energy has worked with Best Single Source to waive the \$200.00 deposit if the family has had any involvement with a case manager. However, of 526 people only 110 have actually followed through with finding a case manager.
- Thanks to George for the hard work towards the Hurricane relief effort.

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

- The Resource Development Committee structure will be discussed at the June retreat.
- Nothing to report on at this time.

FOOD COMMITTEE – BEA DE LA ROSA

- On May 18th, the Food Committee had a successful retreat. Thank you to Meals on Wheels for hosting the retreat. At the retreat, it was decided to continue with the food survey. It should be completed by June 15th to be presented to the Coalition.

UTILITY TASK FORCE – BETH ATHERTON

- Utility Task Force Committee continues to work with Austin Energy and the discussion concerns a case management approach to work with clients with past due bills, as well as a follow up case management team to work with clients who have been on a payment plan.

AGENCY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- RESULTS meeting, May 25th at United Way to discuss issues of world hunger
- This will be Barbara Budde's last meeting with the Basic Needs Coalition. Cynthia Colbert of Catholic Charities will take her place at the meetings. Good-bye Barbara, you will be missed.
- The Family Eldercare "Fan Drive" will kick off June 5th.
- Good Shepherd Church is working with the Salvation Army to help homeless families transition into furnished homes.
- The Arc of the Capital Area's Respite program is adding new clients for referral.

NEXT MEETING:

July 27, 2006
9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
United Way Capital Area
2000 East MLK Blvd.

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