

# MINUTES

## Community Development Steering Committee Meeting

Two Civic Center Plaza  
8th Floor – Community Development Conference Room  
Tuesday, February 19, 2008

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There being a quorum, Jim Welshimer called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

### Members Present

John Doering  
Rocio Hinojosa  
Ana Dueñez  
Billie Brown  
Annette Stone  
Miguel Grijalva  
Jessie Sustaita  
Jim Welshimer

### Member Absent

None

### Staff Present

Anthony Shaar, Deputy Director  
Judy Sarabia, Senior Grant Planner  
Michele Ellington, Grant Planner  
Tom Serrano, Senior Grant Planner  
Susie Moralez, Recording Secretary

### Agenda

1. **Discussion and Action on Steering Committee Absences – Jim Welshimer, Chairperson**

Not applicable.

2. **Approval of the Steering Committee Minutes of February 12, 2008 – Jim Welshimer, Chairperson**

Jim Welshimer requests correction. Motion made and seconded to make correction. Motion passes unanimously.

3. **Presentations by the Chairperson and Agency Representatives for the Mental and Medical Health Services Collaborative, and Review by the Steering Committee of the Following 34<sup>th</sup> Year (2008-2009) Mental and Medical Health Services Collaborative Proposals**

Emily Stuessy, Executive Director of Jewish Family and Children's Service and Collaborative Chair, reviews the Collaborative process that was followed in arriving at a consensus budget recommendation in the amount of \$328,894. She informs the committee that one project (Hospice) was not recommended for funding based of its inability to adequately demonstrate that it meets certain agency values specified on the budget handout provided to the Steering Committee previously. Therefore, all projects listed below, except Hospice, were recommended for funding:

- A. **Center Against Family Violence (Mental Health Services for Survivors of Domestic Violence)**
- B. **Centro de Salud Familiar La Fe, Inc. (La Fe CARE Center, HIV Case Management)**
- C. **Centro San Vicente (Primary and Mental Health Care Program)**
- D. **El Paso Child Guidance Center, Inc. (Children's Mental Health/Abuse Intervention Services)**
- E. **Hospice of El Paso, Inc. (Patient Assistance Fund)**
- F. **Jewish Family and Children's Service (Mental Health Counseling)**
- G. **La Familia del Paso, Inc. (Mental Health Social Rehab. For Adults)**
- H. **Project Vida Health Center (Integrated Primary Health Project)**
- I. **Visiting Nurse Association of El Paso, Inc. (Home Healthcare)**

Michele Ellington reports on the status of existing contracts for the previous and current year prior to a brief presentation by representatives of each project, except Hospice because a representative from that project was not present. The representatives respond to committee members' questions about their proposals and projects.

4. **Citizen Comments on Item #3**

None.

5. **Discussion and Recommendation by the Steering Committee Regarding the Funding Distribution Under the Mental and Medical Health Services Collaborative**

Jessie Sustaita makes a Motion to approve the budget as presented; Annette Stone second the Motion. Ana Duenez states that she does not support Project Vida. Motion passes 7 to 1, with Ana Duenez voting Nay.

6. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.