

FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM



ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

February 20, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT

Trini Acosta
Nelda Antunez
Romana Grijalva
Rocio Lozano
Ruben Rodriguez
Maritza Ruley
Heinrich Uhrmacher
Maria Luz Elena Villanueva

ABSENT

Armida Arredondo
Celia Caldera
Santiago Gonzalez
Frank Lopez

STAFF

Maria I. Valdivia
Beatriz Rivera
Rosario Ortiz
Janet Gonzalez

Quorum met.

CALL TO ORDER

Maria called meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes for the previous meeting were reviewed, no correction or discussions made, motion made by Trini Acosta to approve, Ruben Rodriguez seconded, motion passed.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Maria Valdivia welcomed everyone and introduced herself. The council members and staff also introduced themselves. The council has a new member, Heinrich Uhrmacher, introduced himself.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

There are currently 140 active foster grandparents. Twelve volunteers are out sick. The program also certified 18 new Foster Grandparents in the beginning of the month. They are pending the physicals.

There is a new regulation. The new grandparents are required to have a state criminal background check. The existing FGs have gone through a National Search, which all have been clear. This is a sex offender search. We have not been able to get the proper authorization to conduct these state checks. DPS denied the access to the program staff. The Police Department cannot conduct these checks they have only been able to provide the program with local checks. They only provide the state for law enforcements, no volunteers.

The program is currently behind on the volunteers' service hours. A lot of FGs have been out on medical leave. They will be allowed to work 6 hours daily to make up for the hours. This is necessary because the service hours will slow down during the summer.

COMMITTEE REPORT

None to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Maria is currently searching for a place to hold the annual recognition banquet. The council members suggested some establishments. Maria will look into all of them that were suggested.

NEW BUSINESS

The council needs to complete the Program Evaluations for this fiscal year. The staff will mail out the Volunteer Site Evaluations to the council members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2008 at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Ruben Rodriguez to adjourn meeting Trini Acosta seconded, motion passed, meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Reviewed by Maria I. Valdivia

Approved by Santiago Gonzalez

Coordinator

Program Advisory Council President

Date

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