

The UDMO Zone 3 Advisory Board met Thursday, 4/10/08, 10 a.m. at Pocahontas Pizza Ranch.

PRESENT:

Lorna Burnside	Buena Vista
Connie Herpst	Buena Vista
Pat Hill	Humboldt
Jane McCormick	Pocahontas
Harley Hett	Humboldt

ABSENT:

Carolyn Stull	Buena Vista
Jo Anne Henrichs	Humboldt
Vince Triggs	Pocahontas
Elva Barnett	Pocahontas

STAFF PRESENT:

Ludwig, Lowman Hall, Edwards, Joynt, Spooner, Conlon, Siebenbruner, J. Jones, Dowdy (practicum student)

Chairperson Burnside called the meeting to order and introductions were made.

Additions/Changes to Agenda

Motion: Hill moved to approve the agenda

Second: Herpst

Discussion: No further discussion

Action: Motion carried

Approval of Minutes from 3/13/08 Zone 3 Advisory Board Meeting

Motion: Hill moved to approve the 3/13/08 Zone 3 meeting minutes

Second: Hett

Discussion: No further discussion

Action: Motion carried

Fiscal Report – Travis Edwards

The financial report included in the packets was through 2/28/08. Edwards distributed and reviewed the financial report through 3/31/08. Additional information was given regarding programs that are over or under budget year to date.

FEMA Update – Travis Edwards

We have not received paperwork on these yet but amounts for zone 3 counties are as follows:

Buena Vista - \$4,201

Pocahontas - \$2,000

Humboldt County is handled by Humboldt Ministerial Association

HSOG Report-Travis Edwards

The program year runs from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. Award amounts and balances are itemized by county on the report. Funds are used to assist clients with rent and utility costs.

Head Start Report – Connie Siebenbruner, Vicky Conlon

Conlon gave an overview of the home visitor component of the Head Start program. Seven home visitors serve the eight-county service area. The purpose is to assist families with setting and achieving goals. There are four primary areas of focus for working with families: 1) child care/parenting, 2) health/mental health, 3) basic needs (food, clothing, housing), and 4) education. The home visitors serve as the family's link between home and school.

Recruiting – Staff are recruiting for the 08-09 school year. Head Start is funded for 328 slots in 8 counties. This year there are 335 Head Start children but more than 600 are served through partnerships. Head Start can now accept children up to 130% of the federal poverty guidelines, allowing for 10% over guidelines.

Training – On 4/18/08 Head Start and several community partners will participate in an outdoor learning in-service at Iowa Lakeside Laboratory.

PBS – Siebenbruner explained the concept of Positive Behavioral Support in conjunction with Head Start. The program has significantly reduced behavioral concerns in Head Start classrooms.

FaDSS Report – Justin Jones

Information was included in the board packets. J. Jones gave a verbal update.

Outreach Reports – Cinda Joynt, Joan Spooner, Justin Jones

The LIHEAP season is ending soon. Major utility companies agreed to extend the moratorium from April 1st to April 15th. Staff members are working with DARP clients in all counties.

Pocahontas – The Boy Scouts held a food drive for the Pocahontas Outreach Center Food Pantry.

Buena Vista – The Boy Scout food drive resulted in 2,000 pounds of food for outreach. Tyson is recruiting workers from inner cities and it is rapidly depleting funding and programming available through the outreach center.

Humboldt – The Spring Song fundraiser was held recently. Humboldt County Outreach received funding from the Humboldt County Community Foundation. Staff members are planning the Shop with a Cop golf tournament to raise funds for the Shop with a Cop program. Pamida partners with Humboldt County Outreach in support of this program.

Funds are available for youth enrichment activities in Humboldt County.

CARES – Humboldt County CARES received funding from Prevent Child Abuse-Iowa and the Humboldt County Community Foundation.

Agency Update – Ron Ludwig

Ludwig gave an update on current happenings within the agency.

Central Office Building – This spring minor excavation will be done to determine building stability.

Strategic Planning – Staff, board and Policy Council members are participating in strategic planning.

Name Change – Ludwig reviewed name change submissions.

Annual Meeting/Volunteer Recognition – May 6, 2008, Iowa Lakes Community College in Emmetsburg

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Thursday, 8/14/08, 10 a.m., at the Pocahontas Pizza Ranch.

Adjournment

Burnside adjourned the meeting at 11:30 p.m.

Gina Lowman Hall

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