

## **WEST DES MOINES HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD**

**139 6th Street, West Des Moines, Iowa 50265**

**April 21, 2015 Minutes**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mark Rocha, Mary Bernabe, Larry Swanger, Vickie Arroyo, , Bob Shoemaker, Matt McNeece, Harold Templeman, Wendy Ogden,

### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Chasidy Crawford, , Lisa Schneider, Richard Turner, Sue Bosworth, Lori Teel, Tammy Cline, Jed Gammell

### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Althea Holcomb

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

At 5:30, we did not have a quorum. Discussion ensued regarding the time of the meeting and if it would be better to have our meeting over the noon hour. A seasoned member responded there have been surveys before regarding the time, but according to the responses, 5:30 was the most convenient time. During this discussion, Wendy arrived and then we had a quorum.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Approval of the minutes from the March 2015 meeting was approved.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Althea reported that she had contact with the law firm that handled the Alice Fuhrman estate. The specific wording in her bequeath will not allow us to open this funding up to other needs of elderly individuals outside of the originally stated snow removal and utility help. The attorney stated that if we wanted to change that, we could go to court. The Garden Program opened on April 15 which is earlier than in the past. Hy-Vee encouraged us to do this as they run out of garden plants near the end of May and really after that it's too late in the season to plant a garden. Pool passes are also being dispensed at this time. Althea is meeting with WDM Community Enrichment Foundation and Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines to explore the possibility of Human Services going under their 501(c)3 umbrella. We are also meeting with Eat Greater Des Moines, Valley Junction Foundation and the Senior Center to discuss a donation of leftover produce from the vendors at the Thursday night Farmers' Market.

### **CHAIR REPORT:**

There was no chair report.

### **COMMITTEE/TASK FORCE REPORTS**

Mary Bernabe is chairing the Sunday Supper event this year. She explained that all board members would be requested to provide 5 contacts to be invited to participate in some way – whether it be sponsorships or to attend the event. She also discussed making some changes to the sponsorship opportunities. She asked for volunteers to help with the committee. Mark Rocha and Larry Swanger volunteered. It was suggested that we call on those who were not present at the meeting.

Mary Bernabe also presented a May Basket Challenge to the Board to solicit personal pantry items on May Day or throughout the month of May. The items collected will be tallied at our next meeting with assigned points for items. The person with the highest tally will win the prize of an evening at the Iowa Cubs in the "Budweiser Club" - a table for four at the Left Field Picnic Area with all- you-can eat food and drinks.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

With all agenda items covered, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Althea Holcomb

cc: Mayor, Council Members, City Manager