

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

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

**September 15, 2015 Minutes**

## **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mark Rocha, Wendy Ogden, Sue Bosworth, Mary Bernabe, Tammy Cline, Harold Templeman, Jim Miller, Bob Shoemaker, Jacinda Medilia

## **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Jed Gammell, Matt McNeece, Richard Turner, Chasidy Crawford, Council Liaison Russ Trimble

## **STAFF PRESENT:**

Althea Holcomb

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

Wendy Ogden called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Approval of the minutes from the July 2015 meeting were approved.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Althea provided an overview of the client activity and discretionary fund report.

WDM Human Services provided 352 kids with backpack and school supplies this year.

Phase II construction is moving forward. It will include flooring in the Clothing closet and Food Pantry. Also completion on Skill development center.

## **CHAIR REPORT: no report**

## **SUNDAY SUPPER COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Mary Bernabe reported that as of today we have secured \$47,700 in donations. There will be 135 guests attending the dinner.

## **OLD BUSINESS: none**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Althea is collaborating with Luthern Church of Hope on Adopting 150 families during holidays. Also looking into managing a benevolence fund that Hope would fund for their referrals.
2. Motion was made to increase the funding for financial services from 150% below poverty to 175% below poverty. This level is congruent with the assisting level for LIHEAP. The motion was approved.

With all agenda items covered, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Bosworth

cc: Mayor, Council Members, City Manager