

West Des Moines Human Services Advisory Board
139 6th Street, West Des Moines, IA 50265
April 16, 2019 Minutes

Members Present: Janet Clary-Jones, Jo Helling, Rick Riley, Bill Solawetz, Dan Werner, Sue Wright, Matt McNeece, Mari Bunney

Members Absent: Jim Miller, Jered Rogers, Kasey Tickel, Russ Trimble, Jessinda Madonia, Mary Bernabe, Carole Sipfle, Jami Schnoebelen

Staff Present: Althea Holcomb

Citizen Participation: None

Call to Order: Dan called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the March 26, 2019 meeting were moved to be approved by Rick Riley and seconded by Sue Wright; approved by board.

Director's Report:

- Medical Clinic – Althea is very encouraged with number of visits to date.
- Fill the Jail – Althea will send an email to the board with a copy of a flier for the April 26th event. In partnership with the WDM Police, Human Services will receive donations of personal pantry items. This is the second year for the event.
- Dueling for Humanity – Early ticket sales are very positive; almost \$41,000 has been raised to date.
- Trilix/WDM Leadership Academy Video – The video is complete and will be shown at the Dueling for Humanity event.
- Employee Appreciation – The date of June 7th has been selected for the Employee Appreciation event. Friends board members will be invited as well. Catering will be from G-Mig's and Jim has offered the 2nd floor of the Valley Junction Foundation building for the event.
- Booster Pac – Althea will be meeting in the next week with Tom Hadden to discuss Human Service's possible involvement in the Booster Pac program. While the program is very important, the board expressed caution about proceeding without additional information. Involvement could be beyond our ability.
- Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon – The luncheon on Friday, April 12th was well attended even given the windy weather.
- DMACC – Althea is excited to continue our partnership with DMACC/Eric Sundermeyer and is in early discussions regarding additional HiSET classes.
- Journeymen from Journey Church – We currently have nine households signed up. The program covers seniors, single mothers, and low-income individuals needing assistance maintaining their homes.
- Needs – Bath towels are in need. The group recommended that towels be our monthly need item for the May meeting.

Chair Report:

- Dan reminded Board members about the following upcoming events:
 - Friends of WDM Library fundraiser: <http://www.wdmlibrary.org/support-the-library/friends-foundation/>
 - Sunday Supper in Our Town: September 29th at Flemings

Old Business: None to report

With all agenda items covered, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25pm.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Clary-Jones CC: Mayor, Council member, City Manager