

EFSP Local Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 12, 2011
United Way of the Inland Valleys
6215 River Crest Dr., Ste. B
Riverside, CA 92507

Attendees

Daryl Brock	<i>2nd Harvest Food Bank</i>
Jackie Hill	<i>American Red Cross</i>
Belinda Marquez	<i>Catholic Charities</i>
Pam Shoulders	<i>Calvary Presbyterian</i>
Allen Villalobos	<i>Corona/Norco United Way</i>
Helen Ross	<i>Lutheran Social Services</i>
Eva Guenther-James	<i>Regional Access Project Foundation</i>
Dan Anderson	<i>Riverside Community Health Foundation</i>
Debbie Cournoyer	<i>Riverside County Executive Office</i>
Yvette Calbay	<i>Riverside County Housing Authority</i>
Lynne Brockmeier	<i>Riverside County Mental Health</i>
Major Rick Peacock	<i>The Salvation Army</i>
Kari Hollis	<i>United Way of the Inland Valleys</i>
Linda Rogers	<i>Valley Restart Shelter</i>
Bill Earl	<i>Veteran's Services</i>
Craig Redelsperger	<i>Volunteer Center of Riverside County</i>

Absentees

Rabbi Shmuel M. Fuss	<i>Chabad Jewish Community Center</i>
Don Smith	<i>City of Riverside</i>

Guest

Armin Callo	<i>FISH of the Lower Coachella Valley</i>
Edward Davis	<i>FISH of the Lower Coachella Valley</i>

DPSS Staff

Anabel Ramos	Administrative Services Analyst II
Jennifer Rosales	Office Assistant III

I. Call To Order

Meeting called to order by Daryl Brock at 9:02 AM

II. Introductions

Everyone was welcomed and self-introductions were given.

III. New Business

a. EFSP Phase 29 Appeals

1. FISH of the Lower Coachella Valley

Armin Callo from FISH of the Lower Coachella Valley introduced himself and thanked the board for the opportunity to appeal. He explained that due to an administrative error, possibly a collation issue with the copier, pages were missing from the application copies that were submitted. The missing pages prevented questions 8, 9, and 10 from being graded on the application. He provided the board with a new complete set of application copies and asked that the board consider allowing them to be reviewed and scored.

Mr. Callo briefly spoke of the great need in the Coachella Valley and discussed the organizations that FISH collaborates with. He explained that they provide information on self-sufficiency as

well as linkage to other agencies for case management. He spoke of the increased demand for assistance from the food bank. They are expecting to see an increased demand for 2011.

Bill Earl asked why the letter of request to appeal was not signed. The response was that Mr. Elton Joe Clopton is in the hospital and is very ill. Major Peacock asked why the missing pages were not caught by DPSS staff since the application was submitted early. Anabel explained that the original applications were reviewed. In this case, the original was complete but the copies were not.

Daryl Brock thanked them and advised them that they will be notified of the board's decision.

Anabel provided handouts of the Phase 29 Recommended Awards for the board to review. There was a concern about how many other organizations are located in close physical proximity to FISH. It was determined that the closest organization would be in Mecca which is quite a distance from Coachella and would make it very difficult for those in need to receive food assistance.

Daryl entertained a motion to allow funding for FISH. Bill Earl moved to carry the motion; Pam Shoulders moved to second the motion. The motion carried with 5 abstentions.

Anabel asked whether questions 8, 9, and 10 of the FISH application are to be graded. The board advised her to use the score of 60%.

IV. Approval of Previous Minutes

a. December 8, 2010

Daryl Brock entertained a motion to approve the December 8th, 2010 minutes.

Linda Rogers moved to carry the motion; Bill Earl moved to second the motion.

The minutes were approved with one abstention.

V. Old Business

a. Mission Statement – Role Description

To be discussed at next meeting.

b. Members

1. Mary Belardo from Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla was elected as a board member. She will attend the next meeting.

2. Homeless Advocate

Daryl announced that the board is in need of a formerly homeless person or homeless advocate. There was a suggestion to find someone from south west county. All suggestions should be sent to Anabel.

3. Equal Representation in all Districts

There was a question from a board member about equal representation on the board. After a brief discussion, the board concluded that having some representation in each district is sufficient. Major Peacock pointed out that facts are used in making the decisions.

4. Attendance

It was suggested that some members may not attend many meetings because of the drive from the desert area. Kari Hollis advised the group that conference calls are an option.

c. EFSP Phase 28

1. Update

Anabel provided a packet that included the Interim LRO Reports, monitoring status, and the latest news. She explained that there is still no word on when the closeouts will take place. An

information sheet for the online training course was also included. Lynne Brockmeier asked whether the course proof of completion must be turned in. Daryl responded that he did not want to make it a requirement.

d. EFSP Phase 29

i. Funding recommendation

Copies of the Funding Recommendation spreadsheet were provided. Anabel will update by including FISH into District 4.

ii. Spending Period - Pending Phase 29 Award

There was some discussion to extend the Phase 29 spending period to go through the month of December. Anabel explained that it may be beneficial to have the phase run on a calendar year because many organizations are using the funds for the holidays. The board decided that they will make a decision at the February meeting, after the award announcement has been made.

VI. New Business

a. 2011 Office Nominations

Daryl Brock was re-elected as chair with a motion by Major Peacock and multiple seconds. Allen Villalobos was elected as co-chair with motions by Kari Hollis and a second by Major Peacock

b. 2011 Calendar Suggestions Handout

Anabel provided a copy of the preliminary meeting calendar for 2011.

VII. Announcements / Other

Kari stated that the president of the United Way sent a letter to the President in support the EFSP funding.

Daryl announced Pam Shoulders will be leaving the board and moving to Oklahoma. The group wished her well.

Daryl requested that Allen Villalobos and Major Peacock to reconfirm that they are still the spokes people for their organizations and asked that they advise other members of The Salvation Army and United Way organizations that they are also welcome to attend these meetings.

Allen explained that the general intake form is still a work in progress and that they should have something concrete by the next phase. They will be using pieces of multiple intake forms to create a new single form. The purpose of the form is to be helpful and will not be mandatory.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Daryl Brock at 9:54 AM.