



City of San Marcos  
Human Services Advisory Board (HSAB)

Tuesday, April 02, 2019  
Human Resources Training Room  
630 East Hopkins St. 5:30 p.m.

### **Special Meeting – Minutes**

**I. Called to order**

Time: 5:30 pm

**II. Roll Call – Members Present: Devin Barrett, Mary Earls, Tom Rhodes, David Ross, Eleanor Owen-Oshan**

Absent Members: Megan Campbell, JoAnn Parsons

Staff Liaison: Christina Tureaud, Accounting Associate

**III. Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Tom Rhodes requested a review of the March 26, 2019 meeting minutes; Mary Earls moved to approve, Devin Barrett second the motion and all present were in favor.

**IV. 30 Minute Citizen Comment Period**

None.

**V. Discuss Site Visitations**

Mary discussed her visit with CASA. The program they are requesting funding for, Effective Advocacy for Children and Youth in Permanent Managing Conservatorship, provides advocacy services for abused, abandoned and neglected children and placed in protective care of the State. Mary stated they do numerous fundraisers and also have third party supporters that help with fundraising. They are asking for funding of \$50,000 which will support partial salaries and fringes for four staff positions.

Tom met with Ruben Garza with Southside Community Center to discuss the three programs requesting funding: Housing Rehabilitation Program \$25,000.00, Emergency Shelter \$35,000.00, and Specific Assistance Program \$30,000.00. The Housing Rehabilitation Program accepts construction projects throughout the year to repair low-income homes in the San Marcos community. The Emergency Shelter provides a safe environment option for those displaced from their homes. The shelter aims to help families find jobs in order to regain independence in society. The Specific Assistance Program provides utility, rental and other services to low income families in Hays County. Clients receive funding every six months by an application process. Tom mentioned that Southside has a new program called Charity Tracker.

This program keeps track of how many people come in for assistance. Funding being requested will be used for partial salaries, but will emphasize on the programs.

Next, David met with Gene Randall with the SMTX Community Radio Association. This station (KZSM) is strictly broadcasted through the internet but are hoping to acquire a radio license soon. This program provides an introductory class for teens and also provides a course for adults who are interested in learning the operations of a community radio station. With the learning and training, these students one day may be able to host a radio program of their own. This is a new agency this year and they are requesting \$7,000 for purchasing new equipment and upgrade on-line training.

Eleanor met with Julia Ramsay-New with the Greater San Marcos Youth Council. The two programs, Children's Shelter and the Youth & Family services offer prevention and intervention programs for the individual and their families and shelter for abandoned and neglected children. They are the only agency in San Marcos providing around the clock access to this multitude of prevention and intervention programs for children and their families. Funding of \$85,000 being requested for both programs will go towards partial salaries.

Lastly, Devin met with Hays County Food Bank. This program provides food to low income families, individuals, seniors, homeless, and the homebound. Devin stated that last year, they provided 900,000 pounds of provide food for 750-1,000 families per week. They are requesting \$55,000 for their Food Distribution Program. Eleanor had to abstain from this discussion since she affiliated with the Food Bank.

**VI. Questions and Answer Session with Press and Public**

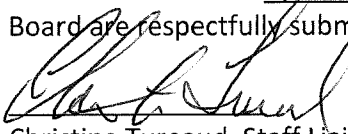
None.

**VII. Adjournment**

Time: 6:40 P.M.

There being no additional business all members were in favor of adjourning.

The minutes for the April 02, 2019 meeting of City of San Marcos, TX; Human Services Advisory Board are respectfully submitted on April 09, 2019 by:



Christina Tureaud, Staff Liaison

Approved By:



Tom Rhodes, Chair