

Minutes of the Meeting - draft  
**Health & Human Services Commission**  
April 3, 2008, 8:45 AM  
Vine Cottage

**Present:**

Commission Members: Lissa Barker, Tom Ferguson, Bev Greenberg, Jim Lisher, Peg Sherry, and Carlyn Tiefenthaler

Staff Members: Carol McDonald, Tony Phillips, and Rick Werner

**1. Approval of March 6, 2008 Minutes:** Minutes of the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved unanimously.

**2. HHS Department Budget Approval for 2008-9:** The process went smoothly, our budget was minimal, and Carol is not anticipating any changes. The final draft of the commission's Annual Report was distributed.

**3. Staff Reports**

**a. Youth Services:** Tony reported on several upcoming activities and events being sponsored by YAPB and the Coalition. He is planning a state-level awareness campaign for YAPB and has invited some state and local legislators. United Way purchased and YAPB delivered 50 units of detergent to the Food Bank. He has obtained a \$10,000 grant to increase police involvement with youth. The Assets luncheon is scheduled for May 21 and nominations are requested.

**b. Human Services:** Carol passed out a detailed list of monies spent on General Assistance in March, 2008 by HHS. Mel is helping SWCCA with grant approvals and picking up ideas from the agencies she's looking at. HHS staff is taking Bingo to Lapham on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Someone donated \$1,000 for prizes. HHS staff delivered 10 Easter meals from Stewart's Market. The Domestic Violence Partnership (NC Partnership's Focus on Families) is sponsoring a talk by Joe Erhman.

**c. Health:** Rick reported that his department has settled in at its new office at Irwin Park. They ran a successful communications test. He reported on an outbreak at a UCONN restaurant.

**4. Seniors Sub Committee Report:**

**a. Staying Put update:** Tom Ferguson reported it has 210 members (150 households) and the office is moving to Pine St. A group of members is planning social events. There will be a fundraiser on April 26<sup>th</sup> and an annual meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup>. A newsletter is being developed, as well as a survey on transportation needs. The Getabout and Red Cross are stretched to their limits with a record number of requests for rides.

**b. Channel 79 Senior Housing Panel:** Jim Lisher reported this has been pushed to the fall.

**5. Youth Services Sub Committee Report:**

**a. Asset:** Lissa reported that YAPB president Sarah Thompson is this year's NC Woman's Club's Teen Volunteer of the Year and invited HHS staff to attend the award ceremony on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**b. Channel 79 Youth Panel:** Tony and others were taped and it's currently showing on cable.

**6. Human Services Sub Committee Report:** Carol T. and Bev G. reported the Food Bank is running smoothly. Bev plans to encourage the NC Jewish Group to bring donations.

**7. Health Sub Committee Report:** A "Healthful Lifestyles" PR campaign is being planned.

**9. Old Business:** None

**10. New Business:** None

**The next meeting is at 8:45 AM, Thursday, May 1, 2008 at Irwin Park conference room.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Lissa Barker, Secretary

To Be Approved 5/1/08