

Human Services Strategic Plan Task Force

November 5, 2008

ATTENDANCE	10/8	10/15	10/22	10/29	11/5	11/12	11/19	11/24	12/3	12/10
Tom Andrews	P	P	P	P	P					
Hilda Barg	A	P	P	P	P					
Kevin Brown	A	P	P	A	P					
Betty Dean	P	P	P	P	P					
Robert Duecaster	P	P	P	P	P					
Tom Geib	P	P	P	P	P					
Gary Jones	P	P	P	P	P					
Jack Ledden	P	P	P	P	P					
Kristina Nohe	P	P	P	P	P					
Karen Smith	P	P	P	P	P					
Courtney Tierney	P	P	P	P	P					
Bill Tracy	P	P	P	P	P					
Ian Sansoni	P	P	P	P	A					
Pat Thomas	P	P	P	P	P					

Guests: Laura Mortell

1. Future Meetings

After discussion, the group agreed to maintain the previously agreed to meetings on November 12th (1-3pm in Room 031, Development Services Building) and November 19th (1-3pm in Room 031). The group agreed to cancel the November 26th meeting and instead meet on Monday, November 24th from 8-10am in Room 031.

2. Strategic Plan vs. Budget

The group discussed the difference between the strategic plan and the budget and agreed that while they inform each other, they are separate documents with separate purposes. In developing the draft outcomes and strategies for the strategic plan, the group should focus on the concepts/goals outlined in the Future Commission's report, but this 4 year strategic plan should not be expected to attain the concepts/goals (set in 2030) within this 4 year period.

3. Services Matrix

With Laura Mortell's assistance, a matrix of services was generated that categorized the Human Services' programs into 3 categories – protecting the community, protecting the individual, and generating convenience/quality of life. There was considerable discussion as to whether the exercise was relevant to the goal statement, whether the goal statement was appropriate, and what criteria was used to categorize the programs. The matrix is attached to these meeting notes for information.

4. Outcomes

After reviewing statements from the Future Commission’s report, the discussion turned to a brainstorming session that generated the following potential outcomes and strategies:

Children and adults should be free from abuse and neglect
Increase the number of programs that use means testing for services
Reduce the number of people with drug, alcohol and substance abuse
Increase public and private partnerships
Prevent a public health epidemic
Prevent individuals from engaging in self-abusive behavior
Protect those at risk of personal harm
Increase public awareness/number of mandatory reporters
Create opportunities for people at risk to engage in constructive/meaningful behavior (i.e. doing that in such a way that things that have to be paid for they employee people with disabilities, create opportunities for those who would or may normally not have them)
Reduce publicly funded hospitalization and/or institutionalization
Eliminate hunger
Support or help people stay in their homes (of any age and ability)
Keeping children in their homes (prevention); family intact
Increase the community viability
Keep communities intact
Prevent unwanted pregnancies (teens?); prevent publicly supported pregnancies
Aging in place (as an older person don't want disabilities to keep people from staying in their homes)
accessibility to healthcare
accountability of juveniles and parents
Eliminate homelessness
Support our most vulnerable population
Consumer directed services where instead of government making decision for the people allow them to make their own decisions and are supported by government (in many forms, not necessarily monetary). Funds follow the person not the service; facilitate people so they can have valued social roles
Maximize financial independence
Protect matching funds; maximize state and federal funds
Public/private partnerships to help entertain youths during high risk peak hours
Infants
quantify return on investment for core programs
Potentially use matrix and look at mandates

Mandates were also discussed, and it was agreed upon that “mandate” would refer to services/programs that are required, regardless of funding. “Mandate” would not refer to services/programs were matching funds were required IF the County chose to avail itself of outside funding – these instances are “contractual commitments” not mandates.

5. Next Meeting

The group's work at the next meeting will include further finetuning of the brainstormed list – which statements are related, duplicative, etc.; have we missed any populations that should be addressed; which statements are outcomes and which are strategies; which are measurable and what are reasonable targets. Group members are encouraged to begin this work before the meeting.