

Board Meeting & Planning Retreat

Friday, February 22, 2008

8:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. At the Hillsboro Civic Center, Rm. C113c 150 E First, Hillsboro

AGENDA

8:30	Gathering and Refreshments
8:45	Business Meeting - Kevin Aguirre, Board Chair
9:30	 Board Retreat – Kevin Aguirre, Board Chair Welcome Introduction of Kay Sohl, Facilitator Warm Up
9:45	Video: "When Working Isn't Enough"
9:50	Presentation: 2008 Issues of Poverty – Jerralynn Ness
10:45	Break
11:00	Community Action's Response – Jerralynn Ness
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch Break – Catered by Reedville Cafe Kaiser Permanente Presentation - Tracy Dannen & Wendy Ray
1:00	Strategically Focusing Efforts to Reduce Poverty and its Impact – Kay Sohl
2:15	Break
3:00	Board Role - Kay Sohl
3:30	Adjourn!

Board of Directors Annual Retreat

February 17, 2006 / 9:30-3:30 Hillsboro Civic Center, C113c

Board members present: Anastasia Mata, Cathy Stanton, Craig Kinnie, Dana Galaxy, Ivan

Camacho, Kevin Aguirre, Leroy Bentley, Maria Lopez, Monique

Beikman, Ralph Brown, Ron Sarazin, and Tom Hughes

Board members absent: Dick Schouten, Dick Stenson, Doug Nichols, Leslea Smith, and

Wendy Ray

Staff present:

Jerralynn Ness, Lisa Brown, Renée Bruce; minutes by Natalie Horne.

Facilitator:

Kay Sohl, Executive Director, TACS

Guests:

Katherine Galian, Scott Schlegel

Kevin Aguirre welcomed facilitator Kay Sohl, Executive Director of TACS.

Kay explained that the tone of this retreat would be more like a "think tank" than strategic planning session. The theme of the day might be "When Working Isn't Enough" or Economic Insecurity in Washington County. The Board will be asked to reflect on issues of poverty, on Community Action, and what we might be doing to address the issues.

Kay opened the retreat with a "go-round", asking each person to respond to two questions:

- 1. What is your earliest memory of realization that there was economic disparity in your community?
- 2. When did you become committed to do something about it?

After everyone had shared their responses, the "When Working isn't Enough" PowerPoint was presented with 2008 updated numbers.

Next Jerralynn presented a PowerPoint highlighting the new, 2008 Issues of Poverty document. (Once finalized, this document will be printed and bound and copies provided to every Board member.) She and Katherine Galian led a discussion of Community Action strategies to address the seven issues identified.

Kay then asked for Board members to discuss community (not Community Action's) response to the statements that there are "not enough jobs" and "education may not be enough" to lift people out of poverty. For purpose of the discussion, "community" could include public policy, employers, the faith community, organizations, and individuals.

Kay remarked on the sequencing of work accomplished during annual retreats.

Good – create powerful information, tools to make the case and let people know about poverty.

Progress – connections, funding, partners

Now - ready to go broader with creating/increasing public awareness

At some point – move into more advocacy work

She asked, "how do Board members feel about advocacy work?"

Kay ended the retreat with another "go-round". She asked Board members, having reflected on our own experience, our own commitment, and the realities of poverty in Washington County... are you leaving with any thoughts about what you personally want to do, or what the Board should do, to address issues of poverty?

Adjourned at 3:30 pm.