

North Urban Human Services Alliance

Annual Meeting

December 10th, 2009 8:30-10:00am

Third Place Commons

Call to Order—George Smith. Welcome 8:45am

Approval of 2008 Minutes—Minutes approved as written, motion to approve—Kelsey Beck, 2nd Tema Nesoff

2009 Accomplishments—George Smith. NUHSA accomplishments as listed in the 2009 Annual Report include: incorporation and application for nonprofit status; two very successful forums—*To Serve and Protect*, presented in May, an interface with human services and police and *The Tools You Need to Take Action in Tough Economic Times*, the economic recession's effect on agencies and those served and advocacy for funding at county level. For highlights and to see publications visit our website at www.nuhsa.org.

Retiring Board Members—George Smith. Teresa Andrade was thanked in her absence for her service to NUHSA as a Board Member and Treasurer. A plaque created for her will be sent her since she is not present.

2009 Membership Survey Results—Kathy DePape. 37 members responded to our membership survey. The largest group of respondents came from the human services. The majority of respondents supported "reasonable" dues. The membership benefits recorded as most valuable—1) information through website, 2) advocacy 3) education, 4) networking. Best day for meetings or events was Thursday, with mornings being the most available time slot. 2/3 of respondents were willing to pay an average of \$20 for NUHSA events. Level of dues respondents were willing to pay was within current dues structure... Themes noted in the general comment section: 1) appreciate the information NUHSA gives in emails and events, 2) want to promote more involvement of elected officials, 3) networking important, especially with human service providers. Judy Parsons compliments NUHSA on its current direction and strong growth due to leadership. Susan Stoltzfus supports the idea of getting electeds involved, suggesting everyone write our elected to encourage involvement—this could be goal for coming year. Dave Hutchison commented in 1996 there was nothing in the north end. The way NUHSA operated now is light years away from the past. He noted hearing NUHSA was going to the councils and presenting information. Rob Beem is curious about networking comments, feels we have been unsuccessful in the past getting people to attend networking options, would like insight from human service agency people. Thank you for filling out the membership survey; the information will be put to good use. Please let us know if you are interested in being on board or committee

2010 Budget—George Smith. NUHSA's small grant from King County has been cut. The NUHSA budget for 2010 will be half of what it was in 2009. We will spend \$5126 from carry over reserves. About \$5000, 30% of this year budget will carry over to next year. NUHSA will try to increase memberships of Cities, only 2 of the 5 Cities pay dues. NUHSA will continue outreach to acquire their support. Most cities do not have staff to do the work of NUHSA. A motion to accept the 2010 Budget—Rob Beem, Seconded—Kelsey Beck. Budget passed as written.

2010 Work Plan—George Smith. NUHSA will focus on strong efficacy for sustainable funding, promoting the tool kit in the community, our second Annual Awards. We will be publishing our updated Needs Assessment which will be printed in January. NUHSA intends to take this document to the 5 cities we serve as well as faith based organizations and human service agencies. NUHSA is participating in an exciting project with the housing development consortium. Karen Williams, from Housing Development consortium, reported a plan to increase efforts to support housing to get people off the streets and help working families get affordable housing. Housing Development consortium would like to support North King County by getting better informed about the needs, convening people interested in getting housing units developed that remain affordable, and work with electeds and allies to challenge the gaps in state and county budgets. Their hope is to maintain and sustain the support from the five north end cities. Motion to adopt the program, Diane Kolb, and seconded by Tema Nesoff. The motion was passed.

Election of Officers—George Smith. NUHSA announced three new board members Amy Moe, Rachel Borella and Gary Kingsbury. George Smith will continue as president, Gary Kingsbury will be vice president, Diane Kolb will continue as secretary. There is still a need for a treasurer. Rob Beem made the motion to approve the nominees. Heather Tatum seconded. The motion was approved.

Tool Kit presentation—Kelsey Beck. The community is facing budget cuts at the same time as there is increased need for human services. NUHSA wanted to give our elected officials actions that wouldn't necessarily require funds. As a new population of people needs human services they will turn to their cities to access services. The Tool kit is arranged around 4 goals—1) residents have access to a stable network of Human services covering all areas of need, 2) residents enjoy living conditions associated with a "living wage" income and have the ability to handle life changes without falling into poverty, 3) residents are housed in, and have access to, permanent, affordable housing, and 4) cities recognize that disparities exist among populations in our communities and strive to build environments that welcome and serve diverse populations. A goal of the project was to be easy to implement. There are some very straight forward actions and others that will require more thought and import.

NUHSA thanks King County Organizing grants for their support in the reprinting of the Tool Kit. One aspect of the Tool Kit is reducing violence and drugs. Goal 1, Action 4—people turn to cities to find easy access to resources, websites can do this; it is easy for cities to link to websites and to include information in newsletters and on TV stations. Goal 4, Action 1 and 2 talk about the diversity in our communities. When there is limited understanding in communities about diversity, there can be trouble, we want to support open and welcoming communities. NUHSA invites you to encourage conversations in your community. Peoples institute does trainings on this subject.

Evaluation questions for the King County Mini Grant were asked and a show of hands count was taken. The results were included in the follow up documentation required by the grant.

Chris Eggen, as an elected official, thanked NUHSA for its good work putting together the Tool Kit and for all its hard work.

Individuals and organizations are encouraged to join NUHSA with membership dues to support our work and help fill in the decrease in our budget.

Adjourned: 9:42am