

**Audubon Area Community Services  
Community Services Committee Meeting  
MINUTES  
May 19, 2009**

The Community Services Committee met at 12:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 19, 2009, in the Senior Service Corps Conference Room in the Elizabeth Munday Senior Center in Owensboro.

***Committee Members Present:***

Rev. David Combs

Mr. Doug Smith

***Staff Present:***

Ms. Cathy Lamar, Counseling Services Director

Ms. Robyn Mattingly, Senior Service Corps Director

Ms. Shirley Spalding, Office Manager, SSC

Rev. Combs opened the meeting with an invocation and lunch was served. Rev. Combs suggested meeting information should be sent in the body of the e-mail notice instead of as an attachment for ease of retrieval.

***NEW BUSINESS & COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT***

**Financial Update.**

In the absence of CFO Byron Mayes, Ms. Lamar distributed the *Fiscal Year to Date: April 30, 2009, Budget Performance Report*. Ms. Lamar and Ms. Mattingly reviewed pertinent detail in the respective Counseling Services and Senior Service Corps budgets by account classification. Both directors commented all programs in both departments were in good shape and within budget.

Ms. Lamar commented about the possibility of purchasing vehicles to offset the cost of travel. Mr. Smith recommended Ms. Lamar research the purchase of a hybrid/flex fuel vehicle. Ms. Lamar will consult with Dan Lanham, GRITS Manager.

Due to the length of the *Budget Performance Report*, Rev. Combs requested staff e-mail copies of the report along with other pertinent information prior to the committee meeting.

**Counseling Services**

**Counseling Services Programs.** Ms. Lamar commented all Departmental programs were running smoothly. She commented this is the second most busy and stressful time of the year for families because of the end of the school year.

***Community Services Block Grant (CSBG).*** Training continues for staff, and she is scheduled to attend a Community Action Kentucky conference in Louisville in June.

**CSBG “Stimulus” Funds.** A \$780,000 grant proposal was submitted on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> to the Commonwealth of Kentucky’s Cabinet for Health and Families for the following programs.

Audubon Area Community Services, Inc.  
Green River Area Family Resource Centers

Boulware Center  
Green River District Health Department  
Union County Fiscal Court  
We the People  
Green River Asset Building Coalition  
MISAS (Migrant and Immigrant Shelter and Support)  
Lighthouse Recovery

**Counseling Services Office Relocation.** Ms. Lamar commented the Counseling Services office and staff will relocate to 1800 West Fourth Street (former AACCS Central Office building) during the month of July which will result in a substantial monthly cost savings.

## **Senior Service Corps.**

**2009 United Way Allocation Panel Visits.** Ms. Mattingly reported the allocation panel visits for United Way went extremely well, and she thanked Committee Member Thomas Platt for his attendance at the Owensboro and Henderson meetings.

**Corporation for National and Community Service – *Senior Service Corps (SSC) Legislation.*** The Corporation for National and Community Service has lowered the age requirement for participation in two programs of the Senior Service Corps. The current age requirement is 60 years of age, but will be lowered to 55 years of age effective October 1, 2009 for the Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion programs. Also, the income guidelines will be raised to 200 percent of the DHHS Poverty Guidelines, from 125 percent. At the present time, the stipend will remain the same.

President Barack Obama has recommended increasing funding for the Senior Service Corps as listed below. His recommendation is currently being reviewed by Congress.

Foster Grandparent Program (FGP)	— from \$108 million to \$110 million
Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)	— from \$58 million to \$63 million
Senior Companion Program (SCP)	— from \$46 million to \$47 million

**2009 Strategic Plan Update.** Three more SSC training sessions are planned for June and July to increase the volunteer base for the Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion programs.

**FGP State Monitoring Visit.** Mr. Dale Tucker, State Program Specialist for the Corporation for National Community Service, visited Owensboro on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> to review the Foster Grandparent Program. Mr. Tucker has thirty calendar days to complete his report and return.

## ***COMMITTEE MATTERS***

**Committee Attendance and Meetings.** Rev. Combs commented about the poor attendance at Committee meetings. He asked Ms. Mattingly and Ms. Lamar to poll members for suggestions to improve attendance, including a potential move to evening meetings. He also requested follow-up information on actions taken at meetings to be forwarded as soon as feasible.

**Committee Training.** Rev. Combs requested a program informational session. Ms. Lamar and Ms. Mattingly will compile a presentation for the next Committee meeting.

**2009 Committee Meetings.** The Community Services Committee will meet in the Senior Service Corps Conference Room in the Elizabeth Munday Senior Center at noon on the following dates.

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Tuesday, November 17, 2009

***ADJOURNMENT***

There being no further business, Rev. Combs adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Rev. David S. Combs  
Committee Chair