

# Human Services Council of Mesa County

Our Mission: To provide a collective voice and forum for advocacy and education of human service needs in Mesa County. [www.servingmesacounty.org](http://www.servingmesacounty.org)

Minutes: February 12, 2008 meeting held at Gray Gourmet

## Attendance:

Shara Gibson, Mesa Dev.  
Geri Manzanares, RMSER Head Start  
Judy Lopez, RMSER Head Start  
Bill Higgins, The Legal Center  
Sr Karen Bland, GVCO  
Cathie Nicholson, MCHD  
Emily Dietman, ACS  
Karen Sjobers, Grand Valley Peace & Justice  
Rochelle Larson, CCDC  
Nancy Stalf, UWMC  
Kristy Schmidt, Marillac Clinic  
Christie Higgins, GJHA  
Lori Rosendahl, GJHA  
Kathy Krohn, G.J Housing Authority  
Julie Hinkson, UWMC

Paula R. Mattas, Partners  
Caroline Montoya, CCDC  
Janice Kanaly, Center for Independence  
Linda Taylor, Center for Independence  
Carol A Viner, CLS  
Mary Beth Luedtke, WestCAP  
Terri Smatla, District 51  
Pat Verstraete, MSC Ameri corps  
Linda Gregory, GVCO  
Penny Frankhauser, CEC  
Marilyn Griffin, GV Sr. Daybreak  
Shaunalee Fruit, RN, St. Mary's Hospital  
Sharon Meiklejohn, Gray Gourmet  
Diann Rice, MCHS

## Opening and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. Introductions were made. Gray Gourmet was thanked for hosting.

## Agenda

The agenda was approved after adding a membership item to old business

## Host Agency Presentation

Sharon Meiklejohn spoke about Gray Gourmet's meal program. They are always in need of volunteers to deliver meals, etc. Last year they served over 108,000 meals. Some of the meal site numbers have dropped because it is difficult to engage younger seniors.

## Featured Agency

Colorado Legal Services – Carol A. Viner spoke of what services are provided, how the organization is structured and that they have expanded to 3 attorneys. Priorities were discussed as well as referrals from other HSC organizations are welcome and encouraged.

## Special Presentation:

Diann Rice, wearing her League of Women Voters hat spoke about the League and how it is formed and governed both locally and nationally. Locally they are 85 members and growing. She then spoke to current legislative issues. Nationally the League is calling for complete overhaul of our immigration system and to abolish the death penalty. Statewide, the League is working on healthcare reform. Locally, the League is working with the Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission to protect our environment and education about juvenile justice.

## Previous Month's Board Minutes:

The minutes were approved as written.

### **Board of Directors Report**

Nancy Stalf reported that the board has 2 positions open as Jo Rosenquist had resigned from HSC (she is leaving WestCAP) and Carrie Over has resigned from the Board due to work constraints. This leaves the Secretary position vacant. HSC members willing to serve on the board were encouraged to contact President Nancy Stalf ASAP.

### **Minutes/Treasurer's Report:**

Membership dues are coming in.

We have received \$3,000 in sponsorships for the nonprofit week breakfast.

### **Nonprofit Week Breakfast**

Linda Gregory (reporting for White Ribbon Breakfast Committee) – 8 nominees for the White Ribbon Leadership Award. Nancy S. encouraged HSC members to attend the breakfast and bring board volunteers as well.

### **Old Business**

Julie Hinkson explained about listserv access and asked all to double check their email address as listed on the membership roster for accuracy. Members should add the listserv address ([HSClistserv@topica.com](mailto:HSClistserv@topica.com)) to their email contact list/address book to insure that listserv messages are delivered (rather than captured in spam filters).

### **New Business**

We discussed a social activity in July/August, Several ideas were offered, including combining with a service project, incorporating interaction with local politicians, or hosting a Business After Hours with the GJ Area Chamber of Commerce. A Committee consisting of **Penny Frankhouser, Kathy Krohn, Pat Verstraete, Rochelle Larson** and **Caroline Montoya** was formed to plan such an event.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Submitted by Carol A. Viner