

**Metro Social Services Board of Commissioners
Meeting Summary
of
April 27, 2010**

Board Members Present: Howard Gentry, Mary Rolando and Bill Sinclair

Board Members Absent: Frank Boehm, Mary Kate Mouser, Gwen Harris and George Price

Legal Advisor: Christy Feldman

Mayor Liaison: Hershell Warren

Commissioner Gentry called the meeting to order by discussing the meeting summaries. In the absence of a quorum to approve the minutes, the Directors report was Renee Pratt.

Director's Report

Ms. Pratt began by welcoming the board to our new location. Ms. Pratt stated that Metro Action Commission will be moving across the hall later in the summer and this will be beneficial for our customers since we both serve many in the same customer base.

The MSS budget hearing with the Mayor was held on April 29. It included a discussion of the positions that were proposed for elimination which were the Homemaker position, Nutrition Coordinator position and a Program Manager II position. All these positions are service delivery positions.

Some questions were asked regarding the indigent burial program since we had asked for approximately \$64,600 increase to cover additional request of burial services. Also discussed was the capital improvement request which was approximately \$772,000 that would be used to purchase land.

Ms. Pratt stated the burial program has provided burials for 100 people and cremations 28, and it is currently running close to the same numbers as last year. Ms. Pratt stated that we hope to know more prior to the council budget hearing on May 23 at 4:30.

Ms. Pratt stated that an invitation has been given to each of Commissioner to attend the Metro Social Services Nutrition Volunteer Banquet to be held on Friday, April 29 starting at 6:00 p.m. The banquet will be held at Piccadilly Cafeteria on Murfreesboro Road.

Financial Report

Ms. McEwen began her report by stating that MSS is currently under budget through March 31. We are over budget in a couple of places such as the burial assistance

program, internal service fees and supplies. Ms. McEwen projected that we will be approximately \$240,000 under budget for the year. MSS has received approximately \$2,000 in contributions for the donations fund, Camilla Caldwell and meals on wheels for a balance of \$2,500 in the donation fund.

Ms. McEwen stated that Personal Services is projected to be considerably under budget at the end of the year based on current expenditures. We are in the process of using some of this money to better benefit our customers and for our operations.

Old Business

Commissioner Gentry commented on the relocation of the Homelessness Commission and that it is still in discussion. Commissioner Gentry stated that MSS is preparing to move forward when a decision is made by the Mayor. A meeting is schedule to be held this week with the Chair of the Homeless Commission, Chair of the Social Services Commission, Legal, Finance and the department heads. Commissioner Gentry stated that he would keep the Commissioners updated on any decisions.

Commissioner Gentry called for the meeting to be adjourned.