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WELFARE COUNCIL - San Antonio

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New Welfare Crisis Feared

J.A. Pover Food Stamp Hearing Must Before Welfare Probe Find Expansion Cutoff, Supreme Court Rules Much Need Is Sought

An estimated 700 needing immediate help, 600 male heads of family are unemployed, are

-IMPLEMENTATION- PLANNING TO MEET

THE NEEDS

1969-70

Shortage Seen

to pass an appropriations bill before things can get rolling again. That looks like at least July

Hunger

In Texas

Is Probed

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Food Stamp Office Overcrowded, Behind
GIs, Visitors

How Many, How Hungry Is a Community

Juvenile Crime Rate Up, 5-Year Trend

with standing room applicants are for assistance and are from households, which means living in the house receive welfare money.

Drug Study Raps City's Network of Programs To Aid People

Marijuana Use Survey Gives Priority in Welfare Uses

Welfare Council Seeks For Boot-Strap Operation S.A. Literacy Schools

Student Services Ignored Illiteracy Welfare Council Labels Social Service 'Failure' To Students

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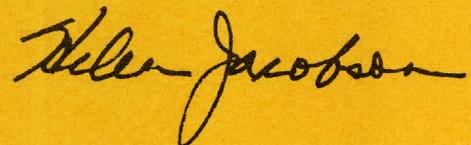
If there are two words that sum up today's most constructive social thrusts, they are the same words that best characterize the Community Welfare Council, 1970: planning and action.

Last year, the Council with several hundred interested citizens cooperating, completed its massive Community Social Service Assessment. This effort will long stand as one of the Council's finest achievements. However, it is not enough to analyze and evaluate. The assessment must lead to helpful plans and effective courses of action.

With its sights on the priorities, the most pressing needs and gaps in social services, as indicated by the assessment, the Community Welfare Council has moved on rapidly to implementation. In the past few months, committees, community-wide, drawn from concerned citizens both professional and volunteer, have been at work in the areas of literacy, financial assistance, recreation, volunteer services, and information and referral for social services. These will doubtless be long-term endeavors, and there are many problems not yet tackled; but we have made a beginning.

In this time of change, your Council, too, has changed, as have other such organizations over the country. It is increasingly responsive to needs, more action-oriented, more involved in all the activities of both the public and private sectors in this community, than ever before. Our present Board is perhaps the most widely representative one we have ever had.

This Board and the Staff, partners in whatever the Community Welfare Council accomplishes, are a privilege to work with. So also are the many other individuals and the agencies who are part of the Council and have joined in its various projects. As I complete two interesting, rewarding years in office, I am full of praise and appreciation of every one of these. I am confident they will have the compassion, the wisdom, and the energy to work unceasingly toward the implementation of plans for meeting the needs and improving the quality of life in our beloved community.



VOLUNTEERS AND PROFESSIONALS UNITE TO ACT ON SOCIAL NEEDS AND PROBLEMS

The Community Welfare Council, a United Fund Agency, is a voluntary organization of interested and concerned citizens working with professionals who have expertise in the coordination of planning activities in the areas of public and private welfare, health, educational and recreational services in the community.

In addition to planning and coordinating services, the Council also provides information, referral and education services as well as research into the problem areas affecting the social stability of the residents of the greater San Antonio Community.

COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICE ASSESSMENT COMPLETED

After 18 months of much research into the area of the kinds and causes of various social problems and human needs, those needs requiring top priority attention have been pinpointed in the massive *Community Social Service Assessment* which has been completed and published.

The *Assessment* is a carefully prepared picture of the social needs of San Antonio. It offers a priority list for immediate and future community action to improve delivery of social services to all San Antonians.

450 copies have thus far been distributed to all participating agencies, city and county governments, local television and newspaper media, libraries and colleges as well as several state and national agencies and organizations. The Council has several LOAN COPIES available for use by any interested person.

A summary of the findings and recommendations entitled *How Strong Are Our Own Bootstraps* has been prepared for public distribution. In this publication are contained rankings of priority needs in problem areas such as Illiteracy, Financial Assistance, Unemployment, and Community Organizations which are the four top priority services.

COMMITTEE WORKS TO IMPLEMENT ASSESSMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Jimmy R. Allen is heading up the Implementation Committee whose purpose is one of directing the effort toward achieving the goals indicated in the *Assessment*. The Implementation Committee is charged with moving into the areas of service needing top priority attention and getting people together in subcommittees to make decisions as to how to fill in the gaps in service.

One subcommittee, the Task Force on Literacy has been organized and is operational with several projects in the works.

A subcommittee or Financial Assistance Planning Committee is presently being formed to map out the strategy for a future task force on financial assistance.

In addition, the Implementation Committee has loaned its support to the Parks Subcommittee for the Capital Improvements Bond Program and supported U.S. Senate Bill 1708 for the purchase of surplus Federal lands for use as recreation areas.

WIDE RANGE OF AGENCY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES ARE PROVIDED BY COUNCIL

Information and Referral – Close to 3,230 requests for service this past year.

Social Service Exchange – More than 35,722 clearings through confidential exchange of information to community agencies were registered by the Central Index during the program year.

Staff Consultation – To United Fund Admissions and Budget Committee, Chamber of Commerce, city and county governments, colleges and universities, school districts, voluntary agencies and organizations as well as neighborhood groups regarding program standards and direction of program efforts, and joint planning to meet the needs of the community.

Agency Evaluations –

BOYSVILLE, INC. – Continuing study and evaluation of agency's administrative and service program as per their request.

Staff Evaluations –

COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM, MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION, and BEXAR COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTH RETARDATION CENTER – Conducted admission study of agency at request of United Fund.

SAN ANTONIO YOUTH FOR CHRIST – Conducted admission study of agency at request of United Fund.

FRIENDS SPECIAL SCHOOL – Conducted admission study of agency at request of United Fund.

KENWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL – Conducted admission study of agency at request of United Fund.

COORDINATED CHILD CARE COUNCIL – Conducted admission study of agency at request of United Fund.

Directory of Community Service – Completed and published a listing (known as the "Blue Book") of local agencies and organizations which provide help to meet the social, health and welfare needs of our community. Thus far more than 1,000 copies of the Blue Book have been sold.

Newsletter – Monthly publication and distribution of the COUNCIL REPORTER which is sent to 4,600 agencies, churches, organizations and individuals, locally and nationally.

Inter-Agency Staff Meetings – The Council sponsored a series of meetings with the executive directors of at least thirty agencies, the purpose of which was to talk about improving communications among *all* agencies, ways and means of implementing the *Assessment*, and the state of affairs of financial assistance programs in San Antonio.

Community Relations – Co-sponsored citywide Appreciation Luncheon for the Most Reverend Bishop Stephen A. Leven in recognition of his outstanding contributions to San Antonio.

Established Speakers Bureau to present background of *Assessment*, the findings and recommendations, and methods of implementation.

Designation and preparation of proposal of Mrs. Robert M. Ayres, Jr. for receipt of the Newton D. Baker Award given to the Outstanding Volunteer in the Country for 1969. Mrs. Ayres was named Runner-Up.

PLANNING AND COORDINATION VIEWED AS PREREQUISITE TO ORDERLY SOCIAL PROGRESS

Denver Heights Redevelopment Program – Council is assisting neighborhood groups to identify and classify problems and needs of the residents of this particular area with the help and cooperation of the Worden School of Social Service.

Chicano Caucus – Council committee met with caucus leaders to help mediate and formulate plans for the resolution of serious problems affecting west side neighborhood agencies and residents.

Kenwood Community Council – Continued assistance to this neighborhood group which recently acquired a \$300,000 former public school building and is presently seeking membership to the United Fund.

Villa Coronado – Mini-survey of area and problems conducted at the request of the neighborhood council in order

to assist in the efforts being made to enhance the living conditions of the residents.

Legislation – Assisted the Urban Coalition in the mechanics of eliciting support for the successful passing of Proposition 5 (increase in state welfare budget).

Supported request for disaster designation of San Antonio in order to get additional Food Stamps from the U.S.D.A.

Sent letter to City Council endorsing priorities set by the Parks Subcommittee for the Capital Improvement Bond Program Report.

Council recorded its support for U.S. Senate Bill 1708 having to do with city's purchase of surplus Federal lands to be used for park and recreation areas.

Sent urgent requests to President Nixon and H.E.W. Secretary Robert Finch for the immediate review and release of Impact Funds for school districts in the San Antonio Area.

Volunteer Bureau and Information & Referral Service – Sponsored and submitted proposals to the United Fund for the establishment of a Volunteer Bureau and expanded Information & Referral Service within the structure of the Community Welfare Council.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RECEIPTS

United Fund	\$ 86,174.27
G.A.C. Halff Foundation	3,500.00
Central Index	505.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 90,179.27

DISBURSEMENTS

Personal Services	\$ 64,280.82
Communication & Transportation	4,649.10
Supplies	3,397.16
Equipment Maintenance	651.32
Fixed Charges	6,926.60
Social Service Assessment Project	6,174.27
Education & Interpretation	600.00
Coordinated Child Care Council	3,500.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 90,179.27

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