



**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Regular Meeting – **MINUTES**
Thursday, March 26, 2026
Granite Reef Senior Center
1700 N. Granite Reef Rd.
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

PRESENT: Chair Roger Lurie, Vice-Chair Lee Cooley, Commissioners Mary Jung, Neal Shearer (MS Teams), Sheila Roe, and Cynthia Hill

STAFF: Mary Witkofski, Interim Community Assistance Office Manager; Sue Oh, Human Services Manager; Kristy Hahn--McDonald, Human Services Manager; Jessica Rapp, Human Services Manager; Eugenio Munoz-Villafane, Human Services Manager

Call to Order

Chair Lurie called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present as listed above.

Public Comment

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

Approval of Minutes

Approve the March 12, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Shearer noted that he intended for the Community Block Services funding motion to include a statement noting that if an agency did not accept less than their minimum requested, the offer would progressively go to the next agencies on the list.

COMMISSIONER ROE MOVED TO APPROVE THE MARCH 12, 2026, HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES AS AMENDED. VICE-CHAIR COOLEY SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR LURIE, VICE-CHAIR COOLEY, COMMISSIONERS HILL, JUNG, ROE, AND SHEARER VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1. Youth and Family Services Update

Kristy Hahn-McDonald, Human Services Manager, provided an update on Youth and Family Services, highlighting the various programs and services offered by Youth and Family Services to support the community. The team operates out of two locations: the Indian Bend Wash Visitor Center and the Human Services offices at Scottsdale City Court, providing convenient access to resources for court-referred clients. She noted that they are in the process of moving the Behavioral Health Department from its current location to a new location on 67th Place.

Key services offered there include adult court screenings and programs, juvenile restorative justice and diversion programs, Community Intervention Specialty Court, East Valley Regional Veteran's Court, counseling, Mayor's Youth Council, Opioid Settlement Fund programming, and the Scottsdale Youth Substance Abuse Coalition.

Ms. Hahn-McDonald gave an in-depth overview of the Court-Ordered Screening and Education pilot program that began in 2017, the restorative justice intervention and diversion programs, and the Veteran's Court program. The Youth and Family Services team consists of DeAnna Granado, who oversees adult and juvenile court programs; caseworkers Matthew Alexander, Taylor Wood, and Kelly Van Wave, who specialize in adult and juvenile programming; and Deanne Meenan, who assists court visitors with navigating human services.

Commissioners were given an opportunity to ask questions. Ms. Hahn-McDonald said that efforts are being made to make sure people are aware of the diversion program. Police officers are encouraged to offer the diversion program as an option.

2. Director's Report

Interim Director Mary Witkofski provided an update on activities in the Human Services Department. Her presentation highlighted the following items:

- **Paiute Neighborhood Center**
 - Scottsdale Community All Stars: received \$2,000 grant for the soccer program, to support continuation of the after school program.
 - Coffee and Community: the group participated in a presentation and learned how to start a mini herb garden.
 - NOAHFest: held on February 21, 2026. The Family Resource Center provided information and gave out children's books.
 - Littlest Scientists: provided hands-on challenges for scientific inquiry through play for children ages zero through five years old.
- **Career Services**
 - Teen Employment Workshops: Arcadia High School hosted approximately 150 participants. The Human Services Department sent representatives to this event and to the career day event at Ingleside Middle School.
 - Community Opportunities for Real-World Education (SCORE).
 - Helping Hub: provided information on various programs and answered non-social service questions.

- Youth and Family Services
 - Received a \$500 grant from the Beverage Alcohol Information Council in partnership with the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control's Education and Prevention Unit. The money will be used to provide prize incentives during Alcohol Awareness Month activities in April.
 - Received a grant of three \$100 gift cards from the American Heart Association to be awarded to top winners of Scottsdale Youth Substance Abuse Coalition poster contest.
 - Scottsdale Youth Substance Abuse Coalition: took part in the Heartly and Ruth Barker Boys and Girls Club branch promoting drug and alcohol facts.

- Vista del Camino
 - Community Action Program.
 - Heat Relief Season: planning is underway to ensure resources, hydration stations, and support services for individuals experiencing homelessness.
 - Homework Help: currently has seven students enrolled.
 - Recreation Programming Parentines Day Bash and Vista Olympiad.
 - NOAH.

- Senior Centers
 - Powerup Day: collaborative approach with all Human Services Centers.
 - Senior Health Expo.
 - Granite Reef Senior Center 20-Year Anniversary Celebration: Elks Lodge was recognized for a donation to build a xeriscape landscaping garden.

- Upcoming Presentations
 - Rental Initiatives Supporting Education, April 9, 2026.
 - Scottsdale Cares Communication Strategy, April 9, 2026.
 - Strategic Plan Update and Human Services Annual Report, May 23, 2026.
 - Day in the Life of a Foodbank Operations, May 23, 2026.

3. Identification of Future Agenda Items

Ms. Witkofski said that to her knowledge, none of the agencies declined the lower amount of funding.

Upcoming agenda items could include:

- Funding process review

4. Adjournment

COMMISSIONER ROE MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. VICE-CHAIR COOLEY SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR LURIE, VICE-CHAIR COOLEY, COMMISSIONERS HILL, JUNG, ROE, AND SHEARER VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned| at 6:30 p.m.

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