

**ANN LAND & BERTHA HENSCHEL
MEMORIAL FUNDS COMMISSION**

**Summary Minutes of
Commission Retreat
April 1, 1995**

Commissioners present: Nancie Mills; Gail Mancarti; Frank Vitulli; Mona Mansfield

Staff present: Careene Ezell

President Nancie opened the retreat at 8:45 a.m., and set the stage for our meeting by asking each of us to indicate the skills, knowledge and job satisfaction we bring to the Commission.

Careene distributed information/reference materials: Ann Land and Bertha Henschel's wills, minutes of the last retreat; 1994 request for funding application, and a 6 year summary of ALBH funded recipients and amounts allocated.

We reviewed the Mission Statement and agreed to revisit it following the conclusion of our retreat to see if it still reflected the Commission goals and objectives.

As a starting point, we listed what we felt were the strength characteristics of ALBH:

1. \$100,000 to distribute annually
2. Committed decision makers
3. Independence (within guidelines)
4. Defined service area (both where and who)
5. Free of political influence
6. Access to City Hall
7. Good reputation with City
8. Low public visibility
9. Diversified Commission composition

Long-Term Commission Goals

This was a brainstorming exercise to list what we think should be better/different about the condition of the poor and indigent of Sacramento by the year 2000 because of ALBH Memorial Funds.

To set us in a true brainstorming mode, Nancie handed out braistorming ground rules, common idea killer phrases and road map from brainstorming to action (items enclosed)

What will be diffrent/better by the year 2000:

1. More people will be helped.
2. By wise use of seed money, innovative programs will be successful

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3. Needs based funding will be the rule
4. There will be 100 poor, indigent families in permanent housing
5. Seniors currently in "SRO" (single room only) housing in downtown area will be in decent housing
6. Collaboration between agencies will be stronger because of seed money requirements.
7. More people will be self-sufficient.
8. Operations of service agencies will be enhanced and they will be better prepared for the 21st century.
9. Clients will be more knowledgeable about resources and how to access assistance.
10. There will be a safety net for clients
11. There will be better geographic distribution of services

If these goals are accomplished who are the "impactees"?

clients; funders and service organizations

What are the community impacts if the goals are accomplished?

1. Clients are self-sufficient (geographic access/fewer clients/ easier access)
2. Funders coordinate/collaborate
3. Service agencies have enhanced operations because of collaborations and innovative practices and geographic accessibility to services

What is the impact on ALBH?

ALBH will be needs based

ALBH will be innovative

ALBH will be a role model for a "safety net" for clients

ALBH will provide seed money

ALBH will provide funder leadership

Strategies: what will it take to accomplish these goals?

1. **Money.** Endowment enhancement

Our reserve fund will be gone in 1998-99 and we will need approximately \$20,000 annually to maintain current funding level.

Pursue or accept other "funding pots" from the city.

Look at grants, endowments, etc. to "grow" the funds available.

2. **Communication.** Better linkage with other funders.

Identify funders...determine their funding parameters/areas of interest.

Attend their meetings...invite them to ours.

pursue possibility of joint projects