

**SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MIGRANT/FARMWORKER SERVICES AVAILABLE
APRIL 26, 1991**

1. IDENTIFY SERVICE PROVIDERS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY

HEALTH RESOURCES

- V.G.M.H.C. - Primary Care Services
- Prenatal
- Health & Human Services - Loan Staff
- Immunizations
- Aids Education/Testing
- Family Planning
- Well Child
- WIC
- Healthy Start, Inc. - Perinatal
- AFS - Medicaid
- Citizenship Waivers
- Poverty Level Medicaid
- Forest Grove and - Emergency Room Services
 Tuality Hospitals - Emergency Room Services- St. Vincent - FMCU
- WCCAO - Vouchers for Medicaid Visits
- Vouchers for Pharmacy
- Northwest Medical Team - Dental
- Vans to Camps
- 4 days to VGMHC
- OHSU - Limited Vouchers

HEALTH RESOURCE PROBLEMS

Virginia Garcia Clinic losing two physicians.

Refer regular Medicaid and insured clients to other providers to reserve slots for migrants, results in the loss of income.

Increase Northwest Medical Team resources possible?

- AFS - Entitlement Eligible - No limit except in access to appointments.
 Time delay to get eligibility determined.
 Confusion around eligibility/consequences.
- St. Vincent - Family Medical Care Unit - Will accept all referrals.
 They bill or provide application for free care.
- WCCAO - Emergency resources expire June 30, 1991.
- WCHHS - Has capacity to shift staff or make available clinic space.
- Healthy Start, Inc. - Can access St. Vincent physicians.
- OHSU - 24 translation available.
 Unclear other health resources.
- Forest Grove/
 Tuality Hospital - Have limited language ability. Need to discourage emergency room utilization.

FOOD RESOURCES

- WCCAO/Tualatin Food Center - Provide vouchers.
- Can deliver to all camps.
- Centro - Provide hot meals.
- Volunteers - Assist to deliver food boxes.
- Assist with cooking.
- St. Alexander - Delivers food boxes to camps.
- Growers/Contractors - Question about source of food distributed--own or TVFC?
- Oregon Housing Services - Delivers food boxes to camps.
- St. Vincent dePaul - Provides food boxes on request.
- Salvation Army - Provides food boxes on request.
- Forest Grove Fish - Provides food boxes on request.
- AFS - Food Stamps - For eligible farmworker/migrants.
- OHDC - Provides food vouchers to eligible farmworker/migrants.
- WCHHS - WIC - Food vouchers for eligible pregnant women and infants.
- Migrant Day Care/Educ. - Feeding of children during day care hours.
- ESD - Migrant Education 4-18 years of age - Provides meals for enrolled children

FOOD RESOURCE PROBLEMS

- WCCAO - Need for culturally sensitive foods. Has a strong delivery system in place.
- Centro - Capacity to serve 50-1000/day. Need bulk food, i.e., rice, beans, spices, meat, tomatoes, corn.
- Growers/Contractor - Not sure of their meeting. Their obligation - currently not being enforced. Some growers do provide food - question source - their own?
- AFS Entitlement - Eligible clients only may be eligible, but fear and access are issues.

Food stamp intake at Centro - Now Thursday p.m.'s.
To increase to all day if time/space/computer become available.

- WIC - Will target migrants - VGMHC and Healthy Start will be used as additional sites.
- OHDC - \$2400 annually - \$50/per farmworker/all gone until July 1, 1991.
- Migrant Child Care and ESD - Meals for enrolled children, won't meet families needs.

SHELTER RESOURCES

- OHDC - Provides vouchers to motels, SHAP, ESGP.
- WCCAO - Provides shelter (limit 20), provides motel vouchers, provides rent assistance.
- Elm Park - Provides 66 units (34 migrants - balance farmworkers year-round.)
- AFS - Provides emergency assistance to families with children if eligible.
- St. Alexander - Unknown.
- St. Matthews - Unknown.
- Camps - For documented workers.

SHELTER PROBLEMS

- OHDC - Limited funds.
- WCCAO - Settler always full. Limited funds for rent and vouchers.
- AFS - Provides entitlement services, limited to documented families only.
- Churches - Have management and liability concerns; limited facilities which are not designed for housing.
- Camps - Undocumented worker being turned out; limited access to workers with documentation; poor conditions.
- Elm Park - Limited space and eligibility.

EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES

- Employment service provides
 - Job matching/outreach.
 - A bilingual staff.
 - Job placement.
 - Unemployment benefits - (increased activity).
 - Labor market information service for west coast.
 - Outstationed staff at Centro (1-3:00 daily).
 - Coordinate distributing information (with OHDC).
 - Transportation - 1x only to job site.
 - JPTA assistance.
- OHDC - Training to leave agriculture; job transition for farmworker over 18 years of age. Work with stable population of farmworkers primarily.
- Employment Problems
 - Serve only documented workers (self declaration), limited by availability of jobs.
 - Employment barriers - hard to reach if job not immediately available; transportation; language skills; no phones, no drivers license.
- OHDC - Not targeting migrants with employment andPrimarily work with resident, stable farm workers.

LEGAL RESOURCES

- Oregon Legal Services
 - Farm worker program provides legal assistance for labor and legal problems:
 - Training counseling services.
 - Legalization questions.
 - Housing and labor issues.
 - Will process applications.
 - Represent Workers' Compensation claims.
 - Provides hot lines to welfare.
- Boli - Investigates wage claims and pesticide claims.
- Private Attorneys provide immigration and Workers' Compensation. Fee for service.
- OSHA
 - Health and field sanitation/housing violations.

LEGAL PROBLEMS

- OLS
 - Limited - 2 attorneys
1/2 outreach staff
 - Involved in 2 major trials - at capacity.
- Immigration Counsel. Services-Portland
 - 2 FTE - has huge waiting list.
 - Private attorneys - monthly fees, some pro bono services, few Spanish speaking attorneys
- Boli
 - Has 2 Spanish speaking staff.
- OSHA
 - There is a reluctance of workers to file complaint for fear of losing shelter, job, retaliation by growers.

TRANSPORTATION

- Employment Division
 - Provides bus ticket.
 - First visit to work site.
- WCCAO
 - Provides transportation program.
 - Vouchers for gas.
 - Bus tickets.
- OHDC
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- VGMHC
 - Provides van to and from clinic for patient visits only.
 - Provides vans to camp for Northwest Medical Team.
- Grower/Contractors
 - Provides buses for personal need, also vans and drivers.
- Volunteers
 - Provides limited private transportation.
- Migrant Educ. Buses)
JNIC - Day care)
 - Provides transportation for enrolled children only.

CHILD CARE RESOURCES

- MIC-Migrant Indian Coalition - Migrant head start, migrant child care - Provides services for 120 children under age 5.
- West Tuality - No infant program. Provides services for 30 at Neil Armstrong, 40 FDC, near camps.
- Child's Place - Russ Gillespie, Director - Provides 30 slots.

CHILD CARE PROBLEMS

- No busing with West Tuality.
- Limited slots.
- Access problems
- Farmers do not want children left at camps.

2. IDENTIFY NUMBERS

OUTREACH WORKERS RESOURCE

- OLS - Lisa Linhart
- Enrique Santos
- VGMHS - Gracie Santos
- Lisa Santos
- HHS - Leslie Ueble
- Elizabeth Calvillo
- Employment - Jose Rodriquez
- Sue Brewer
- WCCAO - Diana
- Martha
- Oregon Housing - Verla Fuller
- Anita and Jeannie
- Migrant Education - Jim Parillo
- Frances Gonzales
- West Tuality - Rosa Linda Laurence
- St. Alexander - David Zegar
- Volunteers - Madeline Taylor
- Nibaldo
- Sheriff - Maria Rubio
- OHDC - Janie Dominguez
- AAA - Gloria Musqiez
- Julia Escobedo

Schedule a meeting for all outreach workers to conduct a camp survey to determine current capacity. Meeting scheduled for May 3, 1991.