

## SAN FRANCISCO HUMAN SERVICES NETWORK UPDATE: 4/25/08

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### (1) HSN CALENDAR

The [HSN calendar](#) has been updated with upcoming April and May meetings and events. Next week's meetings are the HSN Contract Reform Committee on April 29 and the Public Policy Committee on April 30. The next general member meeting is May 16.

The calendar also has a link to the Board of Supervisors budget hearing schedule. The Mayor will present his proposed general fund budget to the Board on June 2, and Board hearings will begin June 16. This year's Budget Committee members are Supervisors McGoldrick (Chair), Elsbernd (Vice-Chair), Chu, Daly and Mirkarimi.

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### (2) S.F. BUDGET AND REVENUE TOWN HALL ON JUNE 9

**[SAVE THE DATE](#):** HSN and Coleman Advocates invite you to a budget and revenue town hall on Monday, June 9, 2pm to 5pm at the San Francisco Main Library, Koret Auditorium.

Facing a structural budget deficit of almost \$340 million, San Francisco is on the verge of making devastating cuts to services for our most vulnerable residents. This event will prepare us for the upcoming Board hearings and look at longterm policy issues and revenue solutions, including a possible campaign for a revenue measure on the November ballot.

The Main Library is located at 100 Larkin St. (x-Grove). Koret is on the Library's lower level. Please enter at 30 Grove St. and then proceed downstairs. Please note that refreshments are not allowed in the Auditorium.

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### (3) RALLY TO SAVE SERVICES ON MAY 6

On May 6, HSN will join with labor unions that represent nonprofit workers, OPEIU 3 and SEIU 1021, and other community allies for a rally at City Hall to defend health and human services. We will speak out together to insist that San Francisco stop the proposed cuts to our programs and the community's safety net (whether the services are provided by union or nonunion nonprofits).

Please circulate the [rally flier](#) -- and please plan to be there on Tuesday, May 6, 11am to 1pm at City Hall.

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#### **(4) ISSUES UPDATE**

##### **(A) CURRENT ISSUES REPORT**

At our April meeting, we introduced a new format for HSN to report to our members about the issues we are working on. It is often difficult to get the word out about the many issues that come up and the opportunities for us to provide input on policies that impact our sector and the people we serve. So we have created a table that summarizes current issues, their status, and HSN actions.

We will update the new [HSN Current Issues Report](#) about once a month. If you have questions or want to get more involved on a particular issue, please call Debbi or Merrill.

##### **(B) PROPOSITIONS 98 AND 99**

After discussion by the Steering Committee and the general membership, we have recommended that we take positions on these two eminent domain measures on the June ballot. The HSN endorsement ballot went out via email this week to the main contact for each member agency that is current in their dues. If you received but have not yet returned your ballot, please do so right away. We cannot take a position unless we hear from a quorum of at least 50% of our members.

##### **(C) THE SHELTER REDESIGN PROCESS**

Our last HSN update included information about proposals to redesign the shelter system to incorporate on-site services and links to housing, initially focused on Next Door and MSC South. Service providers had expressed some concerns about the process and unresolved questions about the impact on the homeless and on other shelters. Many of our members have been involved on this issue, and attended workgroup meetings led by the Local Homeless Coordinating Board and the Shelter Monitoring Committee.

After consultation with homeless service providers, HSN recently sent a [letter](#) to City leaders expressing our position on these issues.

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#### **(5) HSN MEMBER DUES**

Our deep thanks to all of you who have paid your HSN dues for 2008. So far, we have received over \$51,000 from 87 member agencies, but we are still short of our goal (and our budget need) of \$60,000 and 100 paid members!

If your organization has not yet paid, please download the [dues form](#) from our website, or call Merrill Buice at 668-0444 x-1 if you have questions.

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## **(6) OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **(A) EMERGENCY LOANS FOR NONPROFITS**

Are you a non-profit organization experiencing occasional cash flow challenges? Perhaps you have received word that a foundation grant or government contract is forthcoming but the funds will be delayed a few months. The Emergency Loan Fund (ELF) may be able to help your organization. Housed at Northern California Grantmakers, the loan fund provides quick-turnaround, low-cost financial assistance to nonprofits experiencing cash flow problems. Loan decisions are made each month. There is no fee to apply. To learn more about the loan funds and/or to apply, please visit [NCG's website](#). For additional questions about the ELF, please contact Susanne Ross, Program Officer at 415-777-4111 x 27 or [email her](#).

### **(B) JUVENILE JUSTICE SUMMIT**

The San Francisco Public Defender will host their 5th annual [Juvenile Justice Summit](#) on May 14. The summit "*Less Talk, More Action: Solutions for Safe Schools and Safe Streets*" is a free event and will be held at the San Francisco Public Library, 100 Larkin Street (at Grove), Koret Auditorium from 9am to 4pm. For more information, contact Ilona Solomon via [email](#) or at 753-8107. Please RSVP by May 5th.

### **(C) NONPROFIT DAY CONFERENCE**

CompassPoint is pleased to present the 21st Annual Nonprofit Day Conference on June 27, 2008 in San Francisco. For over 20 years, [Nonprofit Day](#) has brought nonprofit leaders together to build and strengthen relationships, learn from experts, discuss emerging trends in the sector and celebrate the amazing work that we all do each and every day. This year's conference features 24 workshop sessions, over 40 exhibitors and, keynote address by Leslie Crutchfield & Heather McLeod Grant, authors of *Forces for Good: The Six Practices of High-Impact Nonprofits*.

### **(D) IOA EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM SERIES**

The Institute on Aging (IOA) invites you to "*Brain Health Across the Lifespan*", the final educational program in their four-part series, ["Discovering Secrets of the Aging Mind."](#) The program will take place on May 15, 2008, 8:30am to 4:30pm. Six hours of continuing education credit will be provided for MCLE, RCFE, BBS, APA, Fiduciary and BRN licenses (for an additional \$15). IOA is offering an early-bird registration discount until Friday, May 2.