

Huntsman/Corroon Refugee Working Group Charter

Charter Name: Refugee Working Group

Date Charter Approved: October 12, 2006

Sponsors: Governor Jon Huntsman Jr. and Salt Lake County Mayor Peter Corroon

Purpose of the charter:

To review the present refugee resettlement system, review the system's gaps and strengths, and recommend possible solutions or enhancements to the system. The Refugee Working Group will work intensely over a short period of time. Recommendations will be submitted on or before June 30, 2007.

Participants

Co-Chairs: Governor Jon Huntsman Jr. and Salt Lake County Mayor Peter Corroon

Initial Participants:

Senator Orrin Hatch's Office

Senator Robert Bennett's Office

Representative Jim Matheson's Office

Representative Chris Cannon's Office

Mayor Ross Anderson, Salt Lake City

David L. Buhler, Salt Lake City Council Chairman

Mayor Robert D. Gray, South Salt Lake City

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Refugee Representatives and Service Provider.

Facilitator: Palmer DePaulis, Executive Director, Department of Community and Culture

Background:

Many state and local agencies and community organizations serve refugees in some way. Over the past year, there have been several opportunities for refugees, refugee service providers, and other interested parties to provide input about refugee-related issues.

Authority - Scope of decision making:

The Refugee Working Group is advisory and will develop recommendations that address gaps in the current refugee system. Recommendations will be presented to Governor Huntsman and Mayor Corroon for their consideration.