

# COMMUNITY ACTION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Center for Community Health  
1601 E Fourth Plain, Room C210C  
March 3, 2020

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>EXCUSED</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>STAFF</u>
Alishia Topper, chair	Bridget McLeman, secretary	Amy Boget	Samantha Whitley
David Poland	Adam Kravitz, vice chair		Janet Snook
Melanie Green			
Thomas Breitenbauch			
Jamie Spinelli			
Doug Boff			
Hilaree Prepula			
Karyn Kameroff			
Linda Glover			
Amy Roark			

Guests: CODAs Interpreters; Peggy Sheehan (City of Vancouver); RJ Stangland (Impact NW); Mark Maggiora (Americans Bldg. Community/Middle Class Alliance/Faith Partners for Housing)

- I. Call to Order/Introductions
- II. January 2020, Minutes (audio stop: 2:10)  
Doug Boff made a motion to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Tom Breitenbauch and carried.
- III. July – December 2019 Outcomes Report (Org. Std. 4.4, 5.9, 8.7) (audio stop: 2:43)  
The Report shows customer satisfaction, describes what is funded and those expenditures, provides performance measures for the Community Action and the Homeless Crisis Response System, and identifies demographics. Most programs are on target.
- IV. Task Force Update (audio stop: 13:24)
  - The Advocacy Task Force is in process of identifying recommendations for advocacy efforts.
  - Surveys have closed, with 1,655 responses received. The committee is identifying spaces for forums for interactive discussions.
- V. Legislative Updates  
Michael Torres will email information.
- VI. City of Vancouver Affordable Housing Fund and Homeless Services Updates (audio stop: 49:20)
  - An RFQ for \$3 million towards rental assistance and services has been released today. Applications are available through ZoomGrants.
  - Funding to expand shelters (\$300,000) was awarded in January. XChange Recovery will be adding 15 beds; St. Luke's will become a 24-hour women's shelter; St. Paul's will operate year-round.
  - Projects that are awarded tax credit dollars are being considered for receiving part of the \$2 million construction funds. Another competitive round begins this spring.
  - The City's website has a status report of funded projects. A mid-cycle report of the seven-year Affordable Housing Fund is being composed.
  - The Navigation Center is being operating by the Parks Division until a contractor is selected. In January and February, 150 people who were new to the Center were seen.
  - The City is in the process of filling the position formerly filled by Jackie St. Louis.

VII. HCRS Program Presentation: Impact NW Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing (audio stop: 1:01:41)

Impact operates five rapid rehousing (RRH) and two permanent supportive housing (PSH) programs, using the Housing First model. The goal of the county-funded RRH program is to serve ten literally homeless households annually, with 100 percent maintaining or increasing income and 80 percent remaining in permanent housing a year later. The goal of county-funded PSH is to serve 14 households with all retaining permanent housing.

VIII. Open Forum (audio stop: 23:58 and 1:31:20)

- David Poland shared the crisis among the deaf community's homeless. More discussion on what the community can do for the deaf will occur at a meeting on March 18, 4-5pm, at Tillicum.
- Board consensus determined to move guest presentations to the beginning of the agenda and to remove the time designations from the agenda.
- Mark Maggiora shared of community efforts to revitalize the Fourth Plain quarter, raise housing, food, and job security, and develop community awareness.
- A future CAAB agenda item was requested to discuss the goals of this group.
- Karyn Kameroff is working on the Indigenous population's census, and requests anyone within this population to contact her.
- The Census is hiring.

IX. Other Business (audio available at 6:46:35)

Next meeting: 8-10:00am, May 5, 2020, at the Center for Community Health.

Meeting adjourned.

Bridget McLeman, secretary

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