

COMMUNITY ACTION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting held remotely. Recording at: <https://clark.wa.gov/community-services/caab-community-action-advisory-board>

May 4, 2021

PRESENT	EXCUSED	ABSENT	STAFF
County Treasurer Alishia Topper, chair	Rob Perkins	Councilor Amy Boget	Rebecca Royce
David Poland, vice chair			Michael Torres
Bridget McLeman, secretary			Beth Landry
Amy Roark			Alissa Page
Melanie Green			Rhonda Hills
Karyn Kameroff			Matt Hermen
Councilor Linda Glover			
Lance Carter			
Jamie Spinelli			

Guests: Erica Hefter and Megan Mulsoff (incoming board members); CODAs Interpreters; Peggy Sheehan (City of Vancouver); Kate Budd (Council for the Homeless); Glen Young (community member)

I. Roll Call

II. Approval of March 2021 Minutes

The minutes were approved following a motion by Linda Glover that was seconded by Bridget McLeman.

III. Built for Zero Initiative (Org Standards 5.9)

Kate Budd provided a presentation on the Built for Zero Initiative that was brought to our community six-months ago. This Initiative was developed by Community Solutions, an agency that just received a \$100 million McArthur Award, in testament to their work with the homeless population. The model is a data-drive, system-wide model with a real-time focused approach to addressing homelessness utilizing “by-name lists” for houseless populations.

Clark County currently has two by-name lists, one for Veterans and one for those experiencing chronic homelessness and a Youth by-name list is under development. Single Family and Adult by-name lists will be created within the next year.

IV. Transportation System Plan Sounding Board Recruitment

Matt Hermen, with Public Works, gave a brief overview of the Transportation System Plan. It is a bridge between how the systems serves future growth and how/when projects are constructed. Public Works is looking for guided feedback from the public in Clark County and requested representation from the CAAB. Three board members expressed interest and Matt indicated they had space for two members. After discussion a motion was made by Bridget McLeman to nominate Amy Roark and David Poland. The motion was seconded by Melanie Green and approved.

V. Community Needs Assessment Adoption (Org Standard 3.5)

Melanie Green summarized the work of CNA Task Force over the 18 months to research, compile data, review the data, compose, and complete the assessment. The Task Force included David Poland, Melanie Green and Karyn Kameroff from the CAAB, David Hudson from Clark County Public Health, Laura Ellsworth with Council for the Homeless and Esra Khalil from the Community Foundation of SW Washington. The content is being presented today for adoption. All components of the assessment will be sent to Clark County’s Communications department to be finalized in a report format with more charts, pictures and a more robust glossary of terms. Staff will provide the completed assessment to the board and distribute to the community. David Poland motioned to adopt, seconded by Bridget McLeman; approved.

- VI. Legislative updates
Michael Torres provided a state legislative update. The session ended 4/24/21, with legislators acting on several bills that will impact the households we serve. HB 1277 increases the document recording fees (aka HB dollars) by \$100 per real estate transaction, bringing the fees to \$185. An estimated 20% will be used for operations of permanent supportive housing; \$12 million will go to a landlord mitigation fund; \$222 million will be used for homeless and low-income housing services and supports; \$133 million for traditional homeless crisis response system services; \$88 million will be allocated for eviction prevention programs. This document recording fee is permanent. Another bill that will impact tenants is the passage of SB 5160 which guarantees the right to counsel for tenants in eviction cases. More information about the bills will be provided by the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance over the next few months.
- VII. City of Vancouver Affordable Housing Fund and Homeless Services Updates (Org Standards 5.9)
Peggy Sheehan mentioned the Vancouver City Council approved 14-projects; three were continuation of the City-funded temporary shelters, along with a myriad of other construction projects. Presentations from each of the projects can be found on the City's website, please visit <https://www.cityofvancouver.us/ced/page/community-development-block-grant-cdbg-and-home-programs>.
- VIII. July-Dec 2020 All Funding Finance Report (Org Standards 8.7)
Alissa Page and Rhonda Hills presented the July-December 2020 All Funding Finance Report. The report shows the total amount of funds for each fund source, by agency program and the amount of funds spent between July and December 2020. Fund sources include: Community Action Programs; Homeless Crisis Response System services; the new Shelter Capacity Grant; CARES Act Relief Funds; CSBG CARES Act funds; ERAP funds; ESG CARES Act programs; and TERA/T-RAP Emergency Rent Assistance funds.
- IX. Open Forum
No discussions.
- X. Other Business
May is Community Action Month. Clark County Council is reading a proclamation at the County Council meeting this morning. The executive team will be present to accept the proclamation. The County is sending notifications out through social media about the work of Community Action agencies.

Next meeting: 8-9:30am, July 6, 2021, via Webex.

Meeting adjourned.

Bridget McLeman, secretary

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