

COMMUNITY ACTION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Hybrid Meeting: in-person at Center for Community Health and through Webex online platform
July 6, 2022

PRESENT	EXCUSED	ABSENT	STAFF
Alishia Topper	Melanie Green		Rebecca Royce
Amy Roark	David Poland		Janet Snook
Bridget McLeman	Kim Harless		
Jamie Spinelli			
Karyn Kameroff			
Lance Carter			
Megan Mulsoff			
Rob Perkins			

Guests: Dale Whitley; Kiersten Ware (Council for the Homeless); Jacqueline Wilcox; Willy Traub (Clark County)

- I. Welcome/Introductions

- II. Approval of May 2022 minutes
Karyn Kameroff made a motion to approve the May minutes. Motion was seconded by Bridget McLeman and carried.

- III. County Districts update
The new county council district maps have been approved and result in changes to two members: Lance Carter becomes community representative district 5 and Melanie Green becomes community representative district 4. Recruiting for the vacant positions will occur soon.

- IV. CAAB Bylaws update
Bylaw updates are needed to be in line with the new county council districts. Changes to Article V, increase the board to 15 members and Sections 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3 reflect increasing to five members for each tripart category. A recommendation to change Article V, Section 4.2 was made to add flexibility for members who have missed multiple meetings without excuse and will allow the chair to contact the member before declaring the position vacant. Jamie Spinelli moved to approve these changes; Amy Roark seconded. Motion carried on roll call vote.

- V. July 2021 – March 2022 Outcomes report (Org. Std. 1.3, 4.4, 5.9, 8.7)
Most programs are on track for spending and meeting outcomes. Eighty-seven percent of participants completing a satisfaction survey indicated a positive experience working with their program.

- VI. CSBG program monitoring update
Department of Commerce monitored Clark County’s implementation of CSBG funding. There were no findings, just two concerns: Rebecca’s Results Oriented Management status and the board vacancy. Both are being implemented.

- VII. City of Vancouver Affordable Housing Fund and Homeless Services updates
Committee to renew the affordable housing fund has met. If Vancouver City Council approves committee recommendation, can be put on fall ballot. Safe Stay sites are running very well. Options for Safe Stay 3 being researched. Looking for another Safe Park location.

- VIII. Point-in-Time and Project Homeless Connect
Point in Time is a single night snapshot of sheltered and unsheltered homelessness, required annually by Washington State. It shows trends used for planning and funding. In 2022, the PIT count was done February 24, due to COVID-19. Count total was 1,197, with a 21 percent increase over 2020 in

unsheltered households; 45 percent increase in persons accessing emergency shelters; and 39 percent increase in transitional housing participants. Emergency shelter beds increased in late 2019, and February 24 was a severe weather night where additional shelter locations are available. Persons of color remain disproportionately affected by homelessness. Unsheltered seniors remained the same as 2020, primarily due to the new Bertha's Place shelter that prioritizes seniors. 36 percent of those surveyed reported regularly sleeping outside. Apartment vacancy is less than 3 percent in Clark County.

IX. Open Forum

No discussion.

X. Other Business

- CSBG Modernization Act Advocacy opportunities: The National Community Action Foundation is seeking reauthorization of CSBG for ten years. Has passed the House and is waiting for Senate approval. Also seeking to be able to serve people up to 200 percent of Federal Poverty Level.
- SB5397 requires more people with lived experience be included to participate on boards designating funding, and that these people be compensated. Amy Roark is participating in the workgroup.
- Next meeting, September 7, 2022, 9-10:30am, hybrid

Meeting adjourned.

Bridget McLeman, Secretary

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