

COMMUNITY ACTION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Hybrid Meeting: in-person at Center for Community Health and through Webex online platform
September 7, 2022

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

Guests: Diana Perez, City of Vancouver; Samantha Whitley (City of Vancouver); Cara Kangas (211 info); ASL interpreters

- I. Welcome/Introductions
- II. Approval of July 2022 minutes
Bridget McLeman made a motion to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Rob Perkins and carried.
- III. City of Vancouver Affordable Housing Fund and homeless services updates
City Council reviewing affordable housing fund recommendations on September 12. Work group is proposing a \$10M/year bond for 10 years. Plans to be on February ballot.

Safe Stay Communities' review revealed 30 percent of clients obtained housing, and 20 percent obtained employment. Fire protection areas established limiting camping in much of the Burnt Bridge Creek area. On September 12 City Council will review contract amendment with Outsider's Inn to increase funding to open Safe Stay 3.
- IV. Stipends for board participation, SB5793, update
SB5793, to compensate persons of low income or lived experience up to \$200/day for participation in policy discussions, passed in March. Work is being done to determine how to implement.
- V. July 2021 – June 2022 Outcomes report (Org. Std. 1.3, 4.4, 5.9, 8.7)
Most Community Action programs spent all funds; many Homeless Crisis Response programs were unable to spend all funds due to increased COVID-related funding. Funds not spent are recaptured and allocated to new contracts. Some programs exceeded outcomes expected, where others were impacted by COVID restrictions. Eighty-seven percent of participants completing a satisfaction survey indicated a positive experience working with their program.
- VI. CNA taskforce creation
Looking for up to 5 CAAB members and 5-7 community members to serve on the Community Needs Assessment Task Force. Members will review the Survey of Needs, engage in forums, provide feedback for the report, and inform the CAAB about Community Needs Assessment completion. Participation is October 2022 through May 2024.
- VII. 211 info program presentation
211 info is an information and referral agency that connects community members to appropriate community-based organizations and government agencies online, text, and by phone. The agency also

provides disaster and event information to reduce calls to 911. The agency is working to expand access by offering more multilingual services and materials.

VIII. January meeting training recommendations

Board members prefer meeting two half-days, January 4, 9-12, and an additional day. Training ideas include overview of document recording fees, the homeless crisis response system, ROMA, parliamentary procedures, funding sources and uses, equity, and more information about SB5793.

IX. Legislative advocacy committee update

Time to build committee and strategize on what to advocate for in 2023 session. Interested board members to contact Treasurer Topper to be included in the legislative advocacy committee.

X. Open Forum

No discussion.

XI. Other Business

- Next meeting, November 2, 2022, 9-10:30am, hybrid

Meeting adjourned.

Bridget McLeman, Secretary

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