

## COMMUNITY ACTION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Hybrid Meeting: in-person at Public Service Center and through Webex online platform  
March 1, 2023

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>EXCUSED</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>STAFF</u>
Alishia Topper, vice chair	Karyn Kameroff	Megan Mulsoff	Rebecca Royce
Amy Roark			Janet Snook
Bridget McLeman			Michael Torres
Chris Hullum			
David Poland			
Diana Perez			
Jamie Spinelli			
Joyce Cooper			
Lance Carter			
Melanie Green, chair			
Nickeia Hunter			
Rob Perkins, secretary			

Guests: Lisa Galvin, Diane McWhithey (Share); Jessica Saldivar (CCVLP); Samantha Whitley (City of Vancouver); CODAS interpreters

- I. Welcome/Introductions
- II. Approval of January 2023 Minutes  
Alishia Topper made a motion to approve the minutes with a correction to the Open Forum notes requested by David. Motion was seconded by Amy Roark and carried.
- III. Share Hunger Response presentation (Org. Std 4.4, 5.9)  
Food insecurity occurs as household's experience limited or uncertain access to adequate food. Backpacks are handed out at 85 school sites, delivering over 1,000 bags of non-perishable food weekly to 2,500 students. Share also operates 18 fresh food pantries at school locations. Hot meals are provided daily at Share House for the public along with meals delivered to other local shelters and Lincoln Place, serving 90,000 meals annually. Volunteers provided nearly 19,000 hours of service.
- IV. Draft Outcomes Report  
The draft outcome report was designed to mirror the new finance reports created last year. The report includes each program awarded funding, a short description of the program, three activity goals, data achieved to date, and funding awarded and spent to date. The report will also show graphs of participant satisfaction, community engagement, agency grievances, and demographics. Adding subtotal lines was requested. Adjusting colors for people with limited vision was also requested.
- V. Task Force Updates
  - Legislative Advocacy  
Bill 1541 to compensate low-income persons for participation in committees, HBI 128 personal needs allowance, and HB 1652 child support for people on TANF, are out of executive committee. Over 100 bills targeting homelessness are in review.
  - CNA Task Force Update  
Survey of Needs is out. Rebecca is attending community meetings to make broadly known. Task Force will meet in March.
- VI. Document Recording Fee revenue update (Org. Std. 8.7)  
Revenue has dropped due to housing market slowdown. Funds are collected when documents are recorded. Approximately 60 percent is maintained by county for low-income housing and shelters and

homeless services; and part is sent back to county through State. Clark County saw a 47 percent drop in 2022 over 2021. Funds are legislated under HB2060, HB1359, and HB2163. A projected shortfall of projected expenses of \$3.4M is expected by year-end. Staff looking to request \$5M of repurposed ARPA funds to help fill the gap if Commerce is unable to.

VII. City of Vancouver Affordable Housing Fund and Homeless Services Updates

The new affordable housing fund levy of \$10M/year for 10 years was approved by voters in the February 14 election. HOME ARP plan of \$2M for supportive services approved by Council. CDBG and HOME applications reviewed. Applicants will be informed soon, and Council approval will be sought in April. Multi-family tax exemption to waive taxes on new construction for 8-10 years open for public comment. The city is working on a third Safe Stay community in downtown Vancouver. Permit was approved. Six-month report on Safe Stay 2 and annual report on Safe Stay 1 coming out soon. Sites are being plumbed for all facilities.

VIII. Open Forum

No discussion

IX. Other Business

- Next meeting, Wednesday, May 3

Rob Perkins, Secretary

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