

## COMMUNITY ACTION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Hybrid Meeting: in-person at Center for Community Health and through Webex online platform  
May 3, 2023

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

Guests: Jessica Saldivar (CCVLP); Samantha Whitley (City of Vancouver); Keeva Diestra, Scott Conger (Janus); Tanis Morris (guest)

- I. Welcome/Introductions
- II. Approval of March 2023 Minutes  
Alishia Topper made a motion to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Amy Roark and carried.
- III. May is Community Action Month  
Public service announcements, social media, and a proclamation will recognize Community Action Month.
- IV. Task Force Updates
  - Legislative Advocacy  
Recent legislative approvals include: \$4M CSBG proviso, \$400M Housing Trust Fund; \$46M for homeless service contracts, and others. Bills also allow for multifamily construction in single family zoned areas and expedited construction. ABD recipients will no longer have to repay funds they received while trying to get on Social Security Disability Insurance. The TANF five-year lifetime cap for receiving services will be removed. WLIHA and WSCAP websites track and provide more information.
  - CNA Task Force Update  
Survey of Needs was out for 90 days. Consultant will review data once all information is entered.
- V. HB1277 Prevention Rent Assistance overview.  
HB 1277 is included in the county's CHG/SDG (Consolidated Homeless Grant/System Development Grant) funding. It provides additional revenue for eviction prevention and housing stability and continues a requirement that the county work with by and for organizations to serve marginalized populations with a portion of the funds. The funds are captured with the recording of every qualifying housing-related document and allocated to the county through the state, estimated to be approximately \$2M/year. Assistance is prioritized for households most likely to become homeless and/or suffer severe health consequences after an eviction and are disproportionately impacted by public health emergencies and housing instability.  
A special RFA (Request for Applications) will open in June 2023. CAAB subcommittee, to be selected at the July CAAB meeting, will review applications in July 2023. Contracts are estimated to begin September 1, 2023, and run through June 30, 2025, to line up with current contracts selected through the CAAB.

VI. Janus Youth Programs HCRS presentation (Org. Std. 4.4, 5.9)

Janus Youth Programs began by serving youth experiencing homelessness in Clark County in 2011 and have significantly grown their Clark County programs over the years. They assist homeless and couch-surfing youth obtain housing. They start with building trust through an outreach team and welcome youth to a drop-in center for services. Goal is to be the last housing service the youth need, so they do not graduate into adult homelessness. Success rate is 85-90 percent across their programs. Services include PSH, RRH, and prevention.

VII. July-December 2022 All Funding finance report (Org. Std. 8.7)

The Revenue report reflects 50 ongoing funding programs and 58 COVID-funded programs. The report shows the source and the amount received for the spending period. Funds are committed in the three-year application process contracts.

The Expense report shows the annual contract amount, the amount spent in the first half of the contract by fund, and the balance remaining. Grant funding takes priority over local funds. Local funds can be rolled over into following contract years. Battle Ground Healthcare was ramping up during the first six months and did not bill in this period, and Share Hunger Response is fully spent, since they bill Clark County before spending other funds received. All others are on schedule.

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

Downtown Safe Stay community construction delayed for bids. Hope 2 celebrated one-year anniversary. Potential contractor for Safe Stay 4 and 5 to Do Good Multnomah.

HART position open for applications.

Public hearing May 8 for CDBG and HOME awards. June affordable housing fund open for applications to close \$6M/year levy and begin \$10M/year levy. Discussing tax exemption qualifications. Developing Housing Action workplan.

IX. Open Forum

Introduction of Tanis Morris, who would like to join board.

X. Other Business

- Next meeting, Wednesday, July 5

Rob Perkins, Secretary

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