

**COMMUNITY ACTION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Hybrid Meeting: in-person at Center for Community Health and through Webex online platform  
March 5, 2025

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>EXCUSED</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>STAFF</u>
Rob Perkins, Chair	Faye Solomone		Abby Molloy
Melanie Green, Vice Chair	Nickeia Hunter		Kayla Renee-Williams
Amy Roark, Secretary	Katie Favela		Luis Nunez
Diana Perez			Nooreen Ebrahim
Clover Spears			
Brittini Lasseigne			
Lilly Pidhainyi			
Sandra Zavala-Ortega			
Megan Mulsoff			
Ernie Suggs			
Brondalyn Clark			

Guests: Adam Wright (Share), Adrienne Mason and Reuban Cottingham (Akin); Steve Mcknight (New Life Youth Recovery); Dana Miller and Ingrid Dankmeyer (Battle Ground Healthcare); Tiffany Hayes (SeaMar), Michelle O'Donnell (Save First Financial); Carl Robinson (New Life Recovery Services); Jana Hak and Al Holschbach (Impact NW); Scott Conger (Janus Youth); Gina Van Dyken (Lifeline Connections); Thalia McDaid O'Neill (Share); Emma Frieberg and Vanessa Yarie (YWCA); Rachel Beck (Clark County Food Bank)

- I. Welcome/Introductions
- II. Approval of January 10 and January 17, 2025 minutes  
Brondalyn Clark made a motion to approve the January minutes as presented which was seconded by Amy Roark. Motion passed unanimously.
- III. July – Dec. 2024 Outcomes Report (Org. Std. 1.3, 4.4, 5.9, 8.7)  
Community Action Programs are on track for spending. Any programs that have issues will receive intervention from their program coordinators. CSSWW and Share Hunger Response Programs have spent out their funding.  
Homeless Crisis Response System programs are about 50% achieved overall. Some intervention has been taken for programs that need assistance with completing quarterly reports.  
Overall, participant satisfaction is at 90.8%, with 554 participants. Almost \$600,000 in volunteer hours. 94 grievances were received, and 76 were resolved. No concerns. For race, most people served are white, with the second largest population being unknown/other. 1,405 people identify as chronically homeless, 307 as veterans, and 2,728 as disabled.

Questions and Comments:

Q: Are grievances repeatable or are there many of the same kind of grievances across programs?

A: Staff shared that while there has only been an instance of a single agency receiving the same grievance multiple times.

Q: Could staff share how race data compares with the City of Vancouver's racial distribution?

A: Staff shared that Council for the Homeless has a page where you can find the County's data compared to that of the City's.

Q: Is there data regarding people's last permanent zip code available?

A: Council for the Homeless does have this information, but it is not CAP specific. Staff will try and have this data the next time the Outcome Report is shared.

IV. HCRS Application Presentations**Physical Health:** Includes dental and food assistance.

Physical Health		Anticipated funding:	\$113,500
Applicant	Program	Requested Amount	
Children's Home Society DBA Akin	Vancouver and Washougal Family Resource Centers Food Assistance Programs	\$40,000	
Share	Share's Meal and Nutrition Programs	\$113,500	
New Life Friends Church	Food Assistance	\$46,000	
Battle Ground Healthcare	Battle Ground HealthCare Dental Services	\$80,000	
Free Clinic of SW WA	Free Clinic Dental Assistance	\$50,000	

**Income and Asset Building:** Includes credit repair, financial planning, and budgeting assistance.

Income and Asset Building		Anticipated funding:	\$99,500
Applicant	Program	Requested Amount	
Save First Financial	Save First Financial Wellness	\$99,500	

**Transitional Housing:** Provides rent assistance, case management, support services, and connections to community resources for persons experiencing homelessness. Household must move into other housing at end of program.

Transportation		Anticipated funding:	\$71,000
Applicant	Program	Requested Amount	
New Life Recovery Services	Support Assistance Transportation (SAT) Program	\$71,000	

**Rapid Re-housing (RRH):** Rapid Re-Housing programs provide housing with supportive services for people who are homeless, through a Housing First Model. RRH has the goal of exiting households to stable, permanent housing in the shortest timeframe possible.

Rapid Re-housing		Anticipated funding:	\$1,986,273
Applicant	Program	Requested Amount	
Impact Northwest	Impact Northwest's Rapid Re-Housing	\$488,415	
Janus Youth Programs	Nest	\$207,858	
Lifeline Connections	Lifeline Connections' Rapid Re-housing Program	\$150,000	
Share	Share's Rapid Re-housing Program	\$400,000	
YWCA Clark County	Rapid Re-Housing for Survivors of Domestic Violence	\$200,000	

**Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH):** Long-term independent supportive housing for people who are literally homeless and have disabilities, high vulnerability, and housing barriers, through a Housing First Model. Services provided address the special needs of individuals, but participation in services is voluntary. Case management is community-based. (Source: CHG Guidelines)

Permanent Supportive Housing		Anticipated funding:	\$1,847,879
Applicant	Program	Requested Amount	
Impact Northwest	Impact Northwest's Rapid Re-Housing	\$266,648	
Janus Youth Programs	Nest	\$20,215	
Lifeline Connections	Lifeline Connections' Rapid Re-housing Program	\$195,000	
Share	Share's Rapid Re-housing Program	\$500,000	
YWCA Clark County	Rapid Re-Housing for Survivors of Domestic Violence	\$195,000	

**Core Supports (SOAR):** Assist eligible individuals struggling with mental or physical disabilities to apply for Social Security disability benefits, while providing education and employment opportunities.

SOAR		Anticipated funding:	\$104,000
Applicant	Program	Requested Amount	
Sea Mar- CNSW	SOAR (SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery)	\$52,000	

V. Open Forum

No discussion.

VI. Other Business

- Legislative Advocacy Updates
  - The task force researched many House Bills and provided a spreadsheet on items that the board supports, is opposed to, or need to research more. Encourages board members to share support or opposition on an individual level as well as through the Board. Currently, this task force can make decision on behalf of the CAAB to take action to support/oppose House Bills with a majority vote.
    - Ernie Suggs was told by officials in Olympia that while funding housing programs is important, the funding may not be available.
- Next meeting 9-12:30 p.m., April 2, CFCH and Webex

Meeting adjourned.



05/08/25

Amy Roark, Board Secretary