

Board Meetings

Please join us at our next Community Action Advisory Board meeting.

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each **odd** month starting at 9am (January, March, May, July, September, November). Meetings are available in person at the Center for Community Health or virtually.

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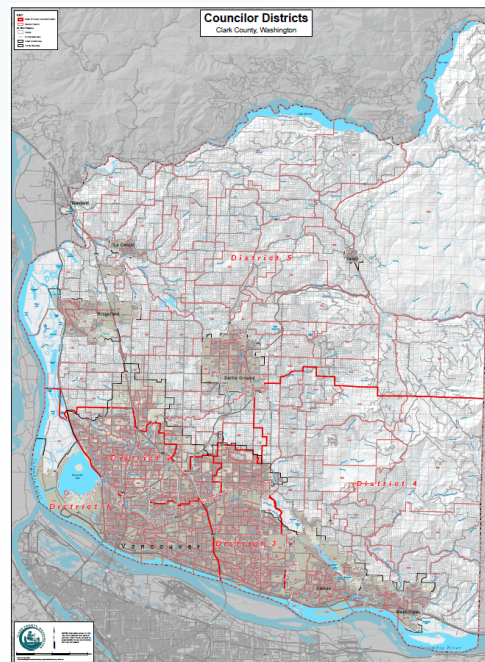


Current Board Members

The Community Action Advisory Board (CAAB) is a tripartite board comprised of fifteen members representing a cross section of the community. Board membership includes:

- local elected officials;
- community representatives; and
- low-income representatives.

Community Action Advisory Board Districts are



Community Action Advisory Board (CAAB)





Advocacy

The act of pleading or arguing in favor of something, such as a cause, policy, or interests or active support of an idea or c

Board Member Benefits

Community Action Advisory Board (CAAB) members play an important role in the allocation of local, state and federal funds for homelessness and self-sufficiency programs in our community. Participating in the CAAB provides:

- * A stronger understanding of local social services and community needs;
- * Opportunities to advocate on local and state levels;
- * Knowledge about funding sources;
- * Involvement in the allocation of resources; and
- * Networking opportunities.

Board Member Responsibilities

Clark County Community Services (CS) has primary responsibility for developing and implementing human service programs for residents of Clark County. Many of the programs operated by CS are managed with the oversight and guidance of community advisory boards.

To ensure decisions are made in the best interest of our community, board members are asked to:

- ⇒ Facilitate a process for integrating community input and other expertise with the perspectives of the advisory board members as a basis for recommendations to County Council.
- ⇒ Recommend long range program plans, annual program priorities and service delivery funding allocations to County Council.
- ⇒ Maintain public awareness of program policies, priorities and direction.
- ⇒ Maintain formal and informal periodic communication with County Council.
- ⇒ Review funding proposals and make recommendations to County Council.

History of Community Action

In his address to Congress on January 8, 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson created the "War on Poverty". By August, the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 (EOA) was passed.

In the EOA, Congress bypassed state and local governments and provided for direct funding of community groups; the community action concept.

In late 1967, Congress passed the Edith Green Amendment which required that a Community Action Agency (CAA) must be designated as the official CAA for that area by local elected officials in order to operate in that community. Congress also passed the Quie Amendment which required that CAA boards of directors be composed of one-third elected officials, at least one-third low-income representatives and the balance from the private sector.

By 1969, many successful programs had been initiated including Head Start, Family Planning, Community Health Centers, Legal Services, VISTA, Foster Grandparents, Summer Youth Programs, Adult Basic Education, Senior Centers and others.

