

COMMUNITY ACTION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Center for Community Health
1601 E Fourth Plain, Room C210C
July 10, 2018

PRESENT	EXCUSED	ABSENT	STAFF
Mavis Nickels	Lydia Sanders		Rebecca Royce
Bridget McLeman			Kelly Molina
Sheree Thun			Janet Snook
Laurie Lebowski			
Judith Walseth			

Guests: Peggy Sheehan (City of Vancouver); Samantha Whitley (Clark County)

- I. Call to Order/Introductions
- II. May 8, 2018, Minutes
The minutes were approved following a motion by Mavis Nickels that was seconded by Sheree Thun.
- III. Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) Phase 35 Funding Allocation
Clark County was granted \$14,215 from state set-aside funding in EFSP Phase 35. Laurie Lebowski made a motion to allocate the funds at 60 percent to emergency shelters and 40 percent to food assistance. Judith Walseth seconded the motion, and it passed. The county is appealing to the national board. If approved for additional funding, staff will ask the board to approve a new allocation plan.
- IV. Review Report to the Community draft (org. standard 5.9, 8.7)
The Clark County communications department is finalizing the report. A copy will be sent by email to review for approval at the September meeting.
- V. Jan-Mar 2018 All Funding Outcomes Report (org. standard 4.4, 5.9, 8.7)
All contracts are on-target for spending and outcomes. Additional clarity and definition will be included in the reports. Stars next to the agency's name denote agencies that have had a risk assessment within the past three years, as required by department policy. A risk assessment will be completed prior to funding for all agencies selected for funding in the next RFA process.
- VI. City of Vancouver Housing Fund update
In the housing fund's first year, eight construction projects providing 237 new housing units for persons with incomes below 50 percent of the area median were awarded. The levy also provides housing preservation and homeless prevention assistance. Additionally, the City is conducting a request for proposals for shelter improvements, with \$600,000 available. The City's general fund purchased the day center, and most of the construction work is donated. Opening is anticipated for October.
- VII. Advocacy Task Force
The Task Force is developing resources for members regarding outreach and advocacy. At the last meeting, members approved a CAAB letterhead, an introductory email template, an outreach list, and an advocacy email alerts list.
- VIII. Legislative Update
State: No discussion at this time.

Federal: Both legislative houses had indicated support to raise CSBG funding to \$750 million, but now the Senate has reduced its proposed budgeted allocation. This may be an advocacy opportunity.

IX. Trauma Informed Care Training

Training is postponed to a future meeting.

X. Open Forum

Applications have been received for the low-income representative and the community representative positions, but none has been received from elected officials. Completed applications will be emailed to members for review.

XI. Other Business

WLIHA Conference Feedback

Bridget McLeman shared that this year's conference focused on mental health housing needs and the demonstration grant, helping people become more self-sufficient.

Next meeting: September 11, 2018, 8-10 a.m. at the Center for Community Health, to include discussion of RFA release on October 1.

Meeting adjourned.

Mavis Nickels, Secretary

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