

**COMMUNITY ACTION ADVISORY BOARD**

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Center for Community Health

1601 E Fourth Plain, C210C

May 13, 2014

MEETING MINUTES

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>EXCUSED</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>STAFF</u>	<u>GUESTS</u>
Jessica Ghiglieri	Kelly Adams		Kate Budd	Peggy Sheehan
Armando Herrera	Joyce Lindsay		Rhonda Dimick	Andy Silver
Anne McEnerny-Ogle	Sandra Schmidt		Cathy Higley	Mavis Nickels
Lydia Sanders	Melodie Pazolt		Pete Munroe	
			Rebecca Royce	

I. Call to Order/Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 8:06am by Armando Herrera.

II. Approval of March 11, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Jessica Ghiglieri motioned to approve the March 11, 2014, minutes; seconded by Lydia Sanders. Motion approved.

III. Legislation Update

Kate Budd provided an update on the last legislative session. The sunset for the document recording fees has been extended to 2019. The original intent was to make the fees permanent; however, that did not happen. The new legislation includes a provision that specifies 38 percent of state documenting recording funds must go to for-profit landlords for rental assistance. In order to achieve the 38 percent locally, five programs need to shift out of CHG funding and three rental assistance programs, which are currently funded through Community Funds, will be shifted into CHG. Kate explained that Community Funds are more flexible than CHG funds, which means there will be more guidelines to follow. Kate felt confident that Clark County would achieve the 38 percent; however, a few communities throughout the state were concerned they may not be able to meet the 38 percent requirement.

Kate announced that the Community Action Proclamation will be held at 10am today at the Public Service Center. Kate encouraged everyone to go and explained that the CAAB meeting would adjourn early so everyone could attend.

Kate told the group that a new Clark County Commissioner is expected to be appointed on May 27, 2014, to replace former Commissioner Steve Stuart.

#### IV. Funding Reports

Rhonda Dimick distributed the 2013 and 2014 Community Funds reports. On the 2014 report, Rhonda added an additional column for the 2013 portion in order to see the total spent to date for the two-year period. Rhonda commented that Big Brothers, Big Sisters was spending slowly. Rebecca explained that was because they don't bill every month. Janus Youth – Alliance Project and Share – Ending Family Homelessness programs are new and have been slow starting up. The WDVA is billing quarterly, so it won't show funds spent in the first quarter.

Peggy requested the total grant amount be added to the financial reports. Rhonda shared it may be more difficult with the House Bill money since some grants have calendar years and some have fiscal years so they may not line up easily.

#### V. Prevention Presentation

Andy Silver gave a presentation of homelessness prevention models. Currently there are no national best practices for homeless prevention. Prevention is focused on people who are at risk of homelessness rather than literally homeless. It's not necessarily about the best way to serve people in poverty; it's about how to prevent more families and individuals from living in cars or outside. Most prevention models across the country look similar to the types of prevention programs Clark County funded in the past; which focused on serving people with higher incomes that are likely to sustain housing by providing them short-term housing assistance.

Andy shared a study from Hennepin County, Minnesota, focused on prevention. The study showed that providers were not targeting people with high needs and in order to inspire providers to serve high need households, they needed to relax performance measure standards.

Another study focused on the Homebase program in New York. It compared people who are having a hard time paying rent, but end up staying in their apartment to people who have a hard time paying their rent and end up getting evicted and becoming homeless. Andy told the group that the CHG guidelines required grantees to use evidence-based indicators related to risk of homelessness, to determine program eligibility.

#### VI. 2014 Point in Time (PIT) Count Report

Andy distributed information regarding the 2014 PIT Count. The number of people who are homeless in 2014 (695) is slightly higher than 2013 (693). This includes people who are unsheltered, in emergency shelters, or in site-based transitional housing. The number of people who were unsheltered climbed from 190 in 2013 to 217 in 2014. There was a drop in the number of individuals and an increase in the number of families, which was the reverse of last year's trend. There was an increase in the number of unsheltered families reported through the Evergreen School District and Project Homeless Connect. The number of people who are chronically homeless dropped from 71 last year to 60 this year. Families identified as chronically homeless jumped from 8 last year to 20 this year; however, at least 3 of the families are now in housing.

#### VII. 2060 Request for Application

Kate discussed the 2060 Document Recording Fees and told the group that Clark County is planning on doing a request for application (RFA) using \$250,000 of 2060 funds. Kate explained that the 2060 funds were originally created to help development and operations of housing. When the County first received the fees, the community decided \$250,000 would go towards land banking. For the last five years the County has been paying a \$250,000 bond payment annually. In the beginning of 2014, the County held a community meeting to identify how the \$250,000 would be spent. At this point, the County is proposing to allocate \$125,000-\$150,000 for operations of emergency shelters or operations and maintenance of transitional housing and permanent supportive housing. Then, \$100,000 dollars would be allocated for match, development, construction or rehabilitation of permanent supporting housing units for people who are chronically homeless. The intention is to open the RFA in mid-summer and have the Board review and score the applications in the fall. Zoomgrants will be used so the Board can review and score the applications online. County staff will provide trainings on the new system for board members who are interested.

#### VIII. Other Business

Kate talked about the upcoming Washington Low-Income Housing Alliance (WLIHA) Conference for Ending Homelessness in Yakima on May 21 and 22, 2014. Lydia, Rebecca, Pete, and Kate will be attending.

Kate also shared that the Coalition of Service Providers will be held tomorrow, May 14<sup>th</sup>, at 10am at the YWCA.

Kate provided flyers from the Washington State Community Action Partnership commemorating 50 years of Community Action. The flyer provides succinct information about what Community Action does statewide.

Kate announced that the next meeting would start at 7:45am in order to utilize as much time as possible to invite service providers to meet with the Board. Kate added that there would be time after the meeting to network with providers.

**Next meeting: July 8, 2014, Center for Community Health, Conference Room C210C at 7:45am.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:08am.