

COMMUNITY ACTION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Center for Community Health

1601 E Fourth Plain, Room C210C

January 13, 2015

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>EXCUSED</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>STAFF</u>	<u>GUESTS</u>
Armando Herrera	Jessica Ghiglieri		Kate Budd	Peggy Sheehan
Joyce Lindsay			Pete Munroe	Andy Silver
Paula Martin			Rebecca Royce	James Fitzgerald
Anne McEnery-Ogle			Janet Snook	Janius
Mavis Nickels			Vanessa Gaston	
Melodie Pazolt				
Lydia Sanders				
Sheree Thun				

I. Call to Order/Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chair Armando Herrera.

II. Election of Executive Officers

Councilwoman Anne McEnery-Ogle moved to approve the nominations of Armando Herrera, Chair; Joyce Lindsay, Vice Chair; and Lydia Sanders, Secretary, to serve another term. Mavis Nickels seconded. The nominations were approved.

III. Approval of November 4, 2014, Meeting Minutes

Mavis Nickels made a motion to approve the November 4, 2014, minutes. The motion was seconded by Lydia Sanders. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Director Update

Vanessa Gaston, Director of the Department of Community Services, presented the healthcare innovation five-year reform plan. All counties in the state formed Regional Health Alliances. Clark joined with Skamania and Klickitat, and is working to enact the Early Adopter method of integrating Medicaid into a total-care program. Early Adopter is a single source provider model, focusing on holistic care to streamline navigation of multiple programs.

Vanessa also discussed the 2015 WSCAP legislative agenda and the Theory of Change model, which emphasizes performance-based outcomes.

V. Community Action Advisory Board Basics

Kate Budd reported that Community Action Programs were created in 1964, with the purpose of promoting change and reducing poverty. Objectives for the CAAB in 2015 include allocating funds for the Requests for Applications (RFAs), advocating for low-income populations, producing an annual report, and understanding how CAAB relates to other efforts. Funding for community action programs comes from a variety of sources.

VI. Results Oriented Management and Accountability

Rebecca Royce provided an introductory to ROMA (Results Oriented Management and Accountability) presentation. ROMA reports on outcomes, which reflect change, whereas outputs reflect the number of services provided. Community Action Agencies report on six national goals pertaining to individuals and families, the community, and the agency.

VII. Landlord Engagement Collaborative Impact Process

Andy Silver, Council for the Homeless Executive Director, expressed that Clark County is experiencing an extremely tight rental market, which hinders people with barriers from finding housing. A draft Clark County Homeless Action Plan has been outlined to identify possible improvements to increase access to housing, focusing on specific populations, and monitoring outcomes. The plan is scheduled to be finalized in February 2015.

VIII. Snapshot Hunger Insecurity in Clark County

The Clark County Food Bank (CCFB) receives and distributes six-million pounds of food each year, according to James Fitzgerald, Director of Operations. This food is supplied to 35,000 people and 34 agencies. CCFB seeks to alleviate hunger and its root causes, and provides instruction in nutrition, cooking, farming, and composting.

IX. Personal Narrative

Janius shared his life experience and how the Share ASPIRE program helped him find housing, get off TANF, enter into recovery, and rent his first apartment.

X. Advocacy and Collaborative Opportunities

Advocacy is defined as pleading for someone else's case or cause, as presented by Board member, Lydia Sanders. She related the importance of avoiding excuses, identifying an interest, collaborating with others, and speaking out on the issue. Opportunities are available through programs such as the Battle Ground Mentor Collaboration, Faith-based organizations, advocacy groups, government agencies, and others. The Washington Low Income Housing Alliance website (www.wliha.org) offers resources and alerts.

XI. Draft 2015 CAAB Work Plan

Kate informed the group that the CAAB is expected to meet more frequently in 2015, due to a large Request for Applications (RFA). A calendar of expected dates and a work plan of monthly topics were provided.

XII. Strategic Advocacy Plan

Kate provided the Strategic Advocacy Plan that was adopted in January 2014. She recommended the board keep working towards these goals and report on individual advocacy efforts at each meeting.

XIII. Other Business

Kate announced she will no longer be with Clark County effective January 29, 2015. Rebecca Royce will be filling her vacancy as staff to the CAAB.

Sheree Thun and Paula Martin, new board members representing district 3, were introduced and welcomed to the CAAB.

The County's Point-in-Time count will start at 6:00 a.m. on January 29. City of Vancouver meets at the Marshall Center at 7:00 a.m. If a member is interested in volunteering in the County efforts, please let Kate know.

Project Homeless Connect is 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., January 29, at St. Joseph's Church. This event provides services and resources to individuals who are homeless, such as medical, dental, vision, clothing, and lunch.

Homeless Housing Advocacy Day is February 17, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This is an opportunity to meet with legislators to support people who are homeless.

The goals of this Retreat were to better:

1. Know each other;
2. Understand advocacy;
3. Identify community services; and
4. Recognize what Clark County can do for the CAAB.

It was suggested to repeat the Retreat annually.

Retreat adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Next meeting: March 10, 2015, 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m., Center for Community Health, Room C210 C

Lydia Sanders, Secretary

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