

EL DORADO COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: January 27, 2021*

TIME: 10:00 a.m. *Due to COVID-19, Virtual Meeting was held, via ZOOM

PRESENT: Shelley Willey-BOS (IV)(A) Susie Davies-MORE
Ellen Yevdakimov-City of Placerville Rebecca Drahmann-Community Health Center
Gerald Lillpop-Friends of Seniors Rene Evans-Low Income Representative
Wendy Thomas-BOS (III) Jude Wood-B&G Club of Lake Tahoe
Holly Morrison-Community Representative Kelly Krohn-Low Income Representative
Barbara Raines-Commission on Aging Karen Feathers -BOS (III)(A)
Star Walker-HHSA

ABSENT: Jaime Johnson-Marshall Foundation Stephanie Lopez-Vasser-Salvation Army
Todd White/Mark Treat- BOS (II)(A) Tamara Wallace-City of South Lake Tahoe

GUESTS: Brian James, Margaret Williams, Patty Moley, Ranell Brown, Cindy Munt

I CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. with a quorum present.

II UPDATE BY MEMBERS:

Ellen Yevdakimov reported that during the 1/26/21 Placerville City Council meeting, the City Council delivered a Proclamation standing for justice, peace and inclusion and denouncing all acts and forms of hate, racism, intolerance and violent extremism. A Proclamation was also delivered recognizing Brian Veerkamp for his exceptional service as District III Board of Supervisor. Yevdakimov also noted that a report was given on implementing the City's "Placerville Hazardous Vegetation and Combustible Materials Abatement Ordinance".

Jude Wood noted that the Club is continuing to be open to support kids. Staff received the first round of vaccines. She noted that during the holiday season, more families were in need than before. Wood noted that Barton Foundation is providing \$25 gift cards for families with food insecurities and that gift cards for the Tahoe Restaurant Program "Go Local Card" are still available.

III APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Ellen Yevdakimov and seconded by Kelly Krohn. The Agenda of the 1/27/2021 meeting was approved.

A suggestion was made by Karen Feathers to add CAC Member names and sectors to the monthly Agenda. A motion was made by Kelly Krohn and seconded by Holly Morrison to add CAC Member names and sectors to the monthly CAC Agenda.

IV DISPOSITION OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Rene Evans and seconded by Ellen Yevdakimov. The Minutes of the 12/9/2020 meeting was approved as written.

V GUEST SPEAKER

Brian James, *El Dorado Transit, Planning and Marketing Director*

Brian James provided a brief overview of El Dorado Transit (EDT) and program updates. He noted that in 2019 they had 376,000 passengers. However, since COVID-19, they have seen a 70% decrease in ridership and Dial-a-Ride is down 63%. Commuter Bus ridership is down 90%. El Dorado Transit currently has 80 employees and 40 buses. They have six (6) Dial-a-Ride vans. However, due to COVID-19, only two (2) buses are being used. James noted two (2) new projects: First project (pending approval) is the Capital Corridor Project. EDT will operate an EDT bus and will pick up at the Sacramento Valley Station and then travel to the Placerville Station, Tahoe Y and then Stateline. They are considering pick up locations in El Dorado Hills and Cameron Park. If approved, this project will commence in a few months. Second project is the Zero Emissions Project where by 2040 all buses through EDT must be zero-emissions. EDT will be working with a consultant evaluating the best way to go towards zero emissions. James noted that this is a big project that will help guide EDT future. James noted that EDT offers travel/bus training and that now more than ever it's easy to plan a trip on a transit bus. Go to EDT website for training opportunities: <https://eldoradotransit.com/> or call EDT at 530-642-5383.

VI INFORMATION ITEMS

HHSa recommended the BOS to act as the governing body for PHA: 1) Award Request for Proposals (RFP) 20-918-076, for the Project-Based Mainstream Voucher Program, which will provide five (5) housing vouchers to the successful proposer, Mercy Housing California, thereby subsidizing rents for permanent housing units for those individuals transitioning out of institutional settings; 2) Authorize HHSa to award an additional five (5) housing choice vouchers to Mercy Housing California, for a total of ten (10) housing vouchers, which will subsidize rents for permanent housing units for those individuals in need of permanent supportive services to remain housed.

VII DIRECTORS REPORTS (AKA Agency Report)

-LIHEAP is going good. Currently have 3 open contracts. CSD is conducting desk review of the 19/20 HEAP Program this week. The CPUC is proposing to extend the PG&E shut-off moratorium. Program staff are concerned with the large PG&E bills coming in and the inability to help families. The HEAP Program has insulated cooler bags and solar lanterns available to HEAP clients in preparation of PSPS events.

-CSBG 2020 Discretionary Funds Project is going great. To date, we have given out over 540 Senior Activity Kits. The 2020 CSBG CARES project is underway. The project will be implemented in phases. CSD will be conducting a CSBG Desk Monitoring Review for June 15-17, 2021.

-Senior Nutrition is delivering approximately 700 hot meals and 300 frozen meals on a daily basis. 375 grocery boxes are given out on Monday in Placerville and South Lake Tahoe.

-Due to COVID-19 both Adult Day Services locations remain closed through 3/31/21.

-AARP Taxes has proposed a reopening plan for the upcoming tax season in Placerville. More details to come.

- The CSBG Community Action Plan (CAP) 2022/2023 template was just released. For those new to the CAC, the CAP is required from each eligible entity to receive CSBG funding. This is done every 2 years. Star Walker will be reaching out to CAC members in regards to specific sections she would like assistance with. She also wants to include client testimony in the Needs Assessment. More details to come. The CAP 22/23 is due back to CSD by 6/30/2021.

-For COVID-19 clinic and vaccine information, residents are encouraged to call 211 or go to the EDC COVID website.

-New HHSA Staff: a. Ranell Brown, Deputy Director of Community Services; b. Alyson McMillan, Housing and Homelessness Program Manager; c. Daniel DelMonte is returning as our new Chief Assistant Director of HHSA start date: 2/8/21

-Patty Moley briefly spoke about the CAC ByLaws and the direction of the Directors Report (Agency Report). A motion was made by Susie Davies and seconded by Gerald Lillpop to review the CAC ByLaws during the February CAC Meeting.

VIII PUBLIC OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Gerald Lillpop reached out to the Mountain Democrat and notified them of upcoming CAC meeting dates. He will continue to reach out to confirm attendance.

IX CORRESPONDENCE/PUBLIC COMMENT

Rebecca Drahmman announced that EDCHC will offer two vaccine clinics on 1/28/21 and 1/30/21 to current patients who are 65 years and older.

XI ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.