

# EL DORADO COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL

## MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** February 24, 2021\*

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

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

**GUESTS:** Alyson McMillan, Patty Moley, Ranell Brown, Cindy Munt, Ashely Smith, Jordan Brushia,  
Timalynn Jaynes, Karen Thomas

### 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:

Gerald Lillpop noted that the City of South Lake Tahoe is going to bring up the CAC vacancy at their next council meeting. More details next month. He noted that the Friends of Seniors have not been able to host any fundraisers due to COVID-19. He also mentioned that emergency grant funds up to \$500 are available through the Senior Emergency Fund.

Jude Wood announced that all BGLT staff are scheduled to be vaccinated. She also noted that the BGLT is slated to have a new Teen Center in the new SLT Recreational Center.

Barbara Raines shared that Senior Wellness Kits are available through El Dorado County Libraries.

Rebecca Drahmman shared that the EDCHC are offering COVID-19 vaccines to current patients, 65 years and older.

### III APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Barbara Raines and seconded by Gerald Lillpop. The Agenda of the 2/24/2021 meeting was approved as written.

#### **IV DISPOSITION OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Kelly Krohn and seconded by Holly Morrison. The Minutes of the 1/27/2021 meeting was approved as written.

#### **V GUEST SPEAKER**

Alyson McMillan, *Housing and Homeless Program Manager, EDC Health and Human Services Agency*  
Alyson McMillan provided a brief overview of Project Roomkey and the Emergency Rental Assistance Program. Project Roomkey is a program of El Dorado County that offers temporary motel stays for community members who are experiencing homelessness and are medically vulnerable to Covid-19. This program provides a safe space for clients to shelter and offers intensive navigation services to encourage transitions to permanent stable housing. Since Project implementation, 96 participants have been served. 36 residents are currently being housed between the two motel locations in South Lake Tahoe and Pollock Pines. McMillan noted that there are no congregate shelters in El Dorado County with the exception of the new Pathways Project which is currently being housed out of the Green Valley Church. This is a day program with meals, case management and navigation services. Six individuals are being served through this new homeless project. McMillan shared information on the new Emergency Rental Assistance Program(ERAP) and noted that there is an estimated \$13,921,136 designated to El Dorado County landlords, tenants, and utility companies. The program is designed to address unpaid rental debts/arrears from April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021 and will serve eligible households with incomes under 80% of the Area Median Income. She noted this program will not be administered by the County. The State of California will operate an application portal and call center. The program is anticipated to be operational by mid-March. For more information on the ERAP, go to: [housingiskey.com](http://housingiskey.com). In closing, McMillan noted that community priorities for Project Roomkey are rehousing current participants and safe closure of non-congregate shelter sites. The community priorities for homeless focus are homeless prevention, permanent housing, temporary supportive housing, and emergency shelters. For more information, please email Alyson McMillan at: [alyson.mcmillan@edcgov.us](mailto:alyson.mcmillan@edcgov.us)

#### **VI INFORMATION ITEMS**

None at this time.

#### **VII DIRECTORS REPORTS (AKA Agency Report)**

Patty Moley announced that Ranell Brown has been appointed to serve as the ED of the El Dorado Community Action Council.

Ranell Brown shared the following agency updates:

-LIHEAP is going good. Currently have 3 open contracts. Appointments are about 1 month out. In 2020, HEAP served over 2135 (unduplicated) households and over 3237 (duplicated) households were served. 2020 Monitoring Report is still pending.

-CSBG 2020 Discretionary Funds are almost expended. The 2020 CSBG CARES project is underway. The project will be implemented in phases.

-Senior Nutrition is preparing 830 HDM/Take-out meals daily between SLT/Placerville. Approximately 400 grocery boxes are distributed weekly.

-Housing-HUD has been awarded PHA rental assistance vouchers for administration of the HUD-VASH Program.

- AARP Taxes received approval to move forward with tax preparation at the Placerville Senior Center. For an appointment, call 530-903-8151.
- Community Action Plan 22/23 planning process is underway. Star Walker would like to put together a group of CAC members to help with this process. Let her know if you would like to participate.
- COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic and Information line is available to seniors, 75 years and older and with no internet access or assistance.
- Face Coverings are available if you need any. Reach out to Star Walker if interested.

**VIII PUBLIC OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

None at this time.

**IX REVIEW OF CAC BYLAWS**

Star Walker asked all members to review the bylaws and provide her with comments/suggestions by March 10, 2021.

**X CORRESPONDENCE/PUBLIC COMMENT**

Star Walker announced that she would like input from CAC members on the Community Action Plan and Needs Assessment. Please reach out to her if you would like to participate.

**XI ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.