

EL DORADO COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: April 27, 2022*

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

PRESENT: Shelley Willey-BOS (IV)(A) Kelly Krohn-Low Income Representative
Brian Conway-City of South Lake Tahoe (A) Rebecca Drahnann-Community Health Center
Gerald Lillpop-Friends of Seniors Jaime Johnson-Marshall Foundation
Karen Feathers -BOS (III)(A) Mark Treat- BOS (II)(A)
Star Walker-HHSA Ranell Brown-HHSA

ABSENT: Ellen Yevdakimov-City of Placerville (A), Barbara Raines-Commission on Aging, Stephanie Lopez-Vasser-Salvation Army, Jude Wood-B&G Club of Lake Tahoe, Aaron Lungren-Church of LDS, Rene Evans-Only Kindness Susie Davies-MORE

I CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. with a quorum present.

II UPDATE BY MEMBERS

None at this time.

III APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Gerald Lillpop and seconded by Jaime Johnson. The Agenda of the 4/27/22 meeting was approved as written.

IV DISPOSITION OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Kellie Krohn and seconded by Gerald Lillpop. The Minutes of the 3/23/22 meeting was approved as written.

V GUEST SPEAKER

CJ Freeland, *Housing, Community and Economic Development (HCED) Programs*
CJ Freeland provided a brief overview of the Housing, Community and Economic Development Programs in El Dorado County. Programs include Community Development Block Grant Program, Economic Development Block Grant Program, Fair Housing, First Time Homebuyer Loan Program, Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program, Mortgage Credit Certificate Program, and the TIM Fee Offset Program. CJ announced that the County Code of Ordinances allows homeowners to build ADUs in zones that permit residential development and incorporates those provisions in Title 130 of the Code. ADUs support the County's efforts to encourage a variety of housing options for local residents. They provide an innovative, affordable, and effective option for adding much-needed housing in El Dorado County without diminishing the rural character of local communities. The owner-occupancy

requirement has been suspended by the state until January 2025. She also noted there are new measures with the Housing Element in regards to affordable housing. CJ invited the CAC to attend a workshop on May 10th at 1:30pm at the BOS chambers for an informational workshop to solicit input on developing affordable housing policies that will encourage and accelerate the development of housing affordable to low and moderate-income households through an Affordable Housing Ordinance. For more information about HCED programs, please contact CJ Freeland at cynthia.freeland@edcgov.us

VI INFORMATION ITEMS

The Board adopted and authorized the Chair to sign a Proclamation recognizing April 10, 2022 through April 16, 2022 as “National Animal Care and Control Appreciation Week” in the County of El Dorado.

The Board received a presentation regarding potential shorter and longer term sites for a congregate Navigation Center with an emergency shelter component, and authorized the Chair to sign Resolution 061-2022 for a Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration which would allow for a shorter-term Navigation Center to be operational before Fall 2022 and directed staff to explore two short-term and long-term project sites.

VII AGENCY REPORT

Ranell Brown shared the following agency updates:

- **LIHEAP Program-** The HEAP Program is very busy. Funding is available for 2021 HEAP ARPA, 2021 HEAP, and 2022 HEAP. HEAP has reopened all outlying sites in Somerset, Pollock Pines, Cameron Park, El Dorado Hills and Georgetown. The Agency received the LIHWAP Contract. Staff plan to open the program in May 2022. Eligible households may receive assistance up to \$2,000 to assist with water/sewer arrearages. Staff is working with El Dorado and Alpine County water purveyors to ensure they are signed up with the State to participate in the LIHWAP Program.
- **Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)-** The Agency has almost expended the 2021 CSBG Discretionary Funds. No word yet on when we will receive the 2022 CSBG Discretionary Grant. The 2020 CSBG CARES Contract funding Project Roomkey is almost expended. The contract ends August 31, 2022.
- **Senior Nutrition Program-** On March 7, 2022, we reopened the Senior Nutrition Congregate sites. With the exception of the El Dorado location, all sites are now open for business. Additionally, we are still providing take-out meals at each site. Beginning on May 2, 2022 there will be some changes to the senior nutrition program. The time for Take-out meals is changing to 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Take-out meal service will no longer be able to provide the courtesy of frozen entrees.
- **Public Housing Authority/Housing & Homelessness-** The Public Housing Authority (PHA) continues to support clients with rental assistance to very low-income families, individuals experiencing homelessness, the elderly, veterans, and the disabled to obtain decent and safe housing through multiple voucher programs, including the Emergency Housing Vouchers, which is accessed through the Coordinate Entry System (CES), The Front Door. More information is available at the following website: <https://www.edcgov.us/Government/HumanServices/Housing/Pages/EHVs.aspx>.
- **Senior Day Care Program-** The Senior Day Program in Placerville “The Club” opened their doors on March 21, 2022. While the attendance is still limited, the staff and members attending are grateful

that the program has reopened. The EDH Club is still being renovated due to a flood. When the renovation is complete a reopening date will be announced.

- **Senior of the Year**- The Senior of the Year event is being held on May 17, 2022 at the BOS Chambers. Nominations for the Senior of the Year closed on April 20th. 13 nomination forms were received.
- **AARP/VITA**- AARP and VITA Tax Assistance locations in Placerville and SLT closed on April 17th. This year they assisted 614 households with tax assistance. The number of households served is down about 75% percent pre-COVID.
- **Point in Time (PIT) Count**- Point in Time (PIT) and Housing Inventory County (HIC) data is due to HUD this week. Once the counts are verified by HUD the information will be shared with the community.

VIII CSBG FISCAL

Star Walker provided members with a copy of the YTD CSBG budget expenditures.

IX PUBLIC OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Nothing to report at this time.

X CORRESPONDENCE/PUBLIC COMMENT

Rebecca Drahmann announced the new El Dorado Community Health Center is on target to open by the end of August/early September 2022.

XI ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.