

EL DORADO COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: January 26, 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
Susie Davies-MORE	Jaime Johnson-Marshall Foundation
Karen Feathers -BOS (III)(A)	Barbara Raines-Commission on Aging
Mark Treat- BOS (II)(A)	Rebecca Drahmann-Community Health Center
George Turnboo-BOS (II)	Rene Evans-Only Kindness
Ellen Yevdakimov-City of Placerville (A)	Jude Wood-B&G Club of Lake Tahoe
Gerald Lillpop-Friends of Seniors	Star Walker-HHSA
Ranell Brown-HHSA	

ABSENT: Brian Conway-City of South Lake Tahoe (A), Stephanie Lopez-Vasser-Salvation Army

GUESTS: Aaron Lungren, Colleen Black, Cindy Munt, Janet Kenneweg

I CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. with a quorum present.

II UPDATE BY MEMBERS:

Ellen Yevdikimov announced the City of Placerville has a new Mayor.

Rebecca Drahmann shared building update information on the new Community Health Center under construction off Missouri Flat Road. The anticipated opening date is the end of 2022.

Supervisor Turnboo noted that he is working with DOT to get roads fixed in Grizzly Flats, Caldor Fire vicinity. He is also working with PGE to get power restored in some areas. Supervisor Turnboo also noted that he is addressing ongoing drainage problems in Cameron Park and working to get grant dollars to pay for the repairs. A new Warming Center will be located in downtown Placerville. This was approved at the 1/25/22 BOS meeting.

Jude Wood noted that the SLT community was hit hard by COVID. Schools had to close for some time and are now all reopened. The Club had to close down for a week due to COVID. Jude Wood noted the Free Supper Program has restarted and is distributing approximately 80 meals a day.

III APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Barbara Raines and seconded by Rene Evans. The Agenda of the 1/26/22 meeting was approved as written.

IV DISPOSITION OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ellen Yevdakimov and seconded by Jude Wood. The Minutes of the 12/8/21 meeting was approved as written.

V GUEST SPEAKER

Colleen Black, *Placer Independent Resource Services*

Colleen Black provided a brief overview of the Placer Independent Resource Services (PIRS). Placer Independent Resource Services (PIRS) is the federal and state-designated Independent Living Center serving individuals with disabilities in Placer, El Dorado, and Alpine Counties of California. PIRS provides free technical assistance on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other disability rights laws to address access needs and barrier removal regarding facilities and services, and reasonable accommodations for employees. PIRS mission is to advocate, empower, educate and provide services for people with disabilities enabling them to control their alternatives for independent living. Black shared that PIRS provides assistance with advocacy, Independent living skills training, information and referral, peer support, personal assistant referral, assistive technology services, minor home modification, benefits counseling and housing information, and advocacy. Black noted the overall goal of PIRS is to assist people to live independently. For more information, please call PIRS at (530) 885-6100.

VI INFORMATION ITEMS

Board authorized the Chair to sign Resolution 150-2021, which authorizes HHSA to submit a joint application on behalf of the County and the EDOK CoC to continue to participate in the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) Program, administered by the California Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency's Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council.

Board approved the addition of one (1) mid-size 4-wheel / All-Wheel drive Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV) to the HHSA Fixed Asset List for Fiscal Year 2021-22.

Board authorized the Chair to sign Amendment 1 to Agreement for Services 5919 with The Center for Common Concerns (HomeBase) with an increase of \$175,000 for a new maximum obligation of \$250,000.

Board approved the addition of one (1.0) Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Office Assistant I/II - Limited Term allocation and the addition of one (1.0) FTE Program Assistant – Limited-Term allocation in HHSA.

Board authorized the Chair to sign Resolution 163-2021 to acknowledge the El Dorado County PHA as a high-performing agency exempt from the requirement to annually receive approval from HUD of its Agency Plan and approve the 2021 update to the annual PHA Administrative Plan.

Board authorized HHSA to pay \$600 to Fleet Reserve Association (Branch 275) and pay \$600 to the Veterans of Foreign Wars (Camerado Post 10165) for reimbursement of unrealized donations as described in Att. B & C.

Board authorized the Chair to sign Resolution 004-2022 revising the authorization of the HHS Director to apply for and accept the CA HCD Housing Navigation Program (HNP) Round 2 Allocation Award. Board authorized the HHS Director to sign and administer an amendment to Standard Agreement 20-ESGCV1-00037, for a total Round 2 funding award of \$1,216,000 with a term through September 30, 2022.

Board received and filed a presentation on the roles and responsibilities of the CoC, and the roles and responsibilities of the Administrative Entity / Collaborative Applicant and provide direction to staff if necessary.

Board authorized the Chair to sign Resolution 014-2022 to add one (1.0) Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Social Worker Supervisor I/II allocation and delete one (1.0) FTE vacant Housing Program Coordinator.

VII AGENCY REPORT

Ranell Brown shared the following agency updates:

- **HEAP-** The HEAP Program is very busy. Funding is available for 2020 HEAP, 2021 HEAP, ARPA, 2021 HEAP, and 2022 HEAP. Appointments are approximately 7 weeks out. Staff continues to see an increase of new HEAP applicants. This is mainly due to increased outreach efforts among local HEAP vendors and increased utility costs. The Severe Weather Energy Assistance and Transportation Services (SWEATS) Program was activated in response to the weather and widespread power outages throughout the county. The program assisted 17 households with temporary placements in motels to alleviate the effects of power loss.
- **Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)-** The HEAP Program is very busy. Funding is available for 2020 HEAP, 2021 HEAP ARPA, 2021 HEAP, and 2022 HEAP. Appointments are approximately 7 weeks out. Staff continues to see an increase of new HEAP applicants. This is mainly due to increased outreach efforts among local HEAP vendors and increased utility costs. The Severe Weather Energy Assistance and Transportation Services (SWEATS) Program was activated in response to the weather and widespread power outages throughout the county. The program assisted 17 households with temporary placements in motels to alleviate the effects of power loss.
- **Senior Nutrition Program-** All of the congregate dining sites are still closed. We are working on a reopening schedule for all of the sites and will provide an update when it is available. A tentative reopening date has been scheduled for March 7, 2022.
- **AARP Taxes and VITA-** AARP and VITA will begin offering tax assistance starting in February at several locations throughout El Dorado County, including the Placerville Senior Center. Tax assistance will run through mid-April.
- **Public Housing Authority-** The Public Housing Authority (PHA) continues to support clients with rental assistance to very low-income families, the elderly, veterans, and the disabled to obtain decent and safe housing.

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 CAC-MEMBERSHIP-COMMUNITY SECTOR VACANCY

CAC members reviewed the application for the Community Sector Vacancy. A motion was made by Gerald Lillpop, seconded by Kelly Krohn to accept Aaron Lungren’s application for CAC membership representing the Community Sector.

XI CORRESPONDENCE/PUBLIC COMMENT

Star Walker brought forth the updated draft CAC Bylaws for CAC members to review and approve. Once approved, the draft Bylaws will be sent to CSD. A motion was made by Kelly Krohn and seconded by Gerald Lillpop to approve the submission of the draft CAC Bylaws to County Council.

Star Walker shared information on the Non-Profit COVID-19 Impact Grant. Flyer sent to members.

Kelly Krohn shared her thankfulness towards Supervisor Turnboo for his dedication towards Grizzly Flats residents impacted by the Caldor Fire.

XII ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.