

EL DORADO COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: March 23, 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 Drahmann-Community Health Center
Gerald Lillpop-Friends of Seniors	Aaron Lungren-Church of LDS
Karen Feathers -BOS (III)(A)	Stephanie Lopez-Vasser-Salvation Army
Mark Treat- BOS (II)(A)	Ellen Yevdakimov-City of Placerville (A)
Rene Evans-Only Kindness	Jude Wood-B&G Club of Lake Tahoe
Barbara Raines-Commission on Aging	Star Walker-HHSA
Ranell Brown-HHSA	

ABSENT: Susie Davies-MORE, Jaime Johnson-Marshall Foundation

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:

Rene Evans announced that there is \$20k left in Rapid Rehousing funds with only three (3) months left to spend the dollars. Direct all referrals to Rene.

Ellen Yevadakimov announced the annual Fishing Derby is set for 4/23/22 at Lumsden Park in Placerville.

III APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Kelly Krohn and seconded by Ellen Yevdakimov. The Agenda of the 3/23/22 meeting was approved as written.

IV DISPOSITION OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Gerald Lillpop and seconded by Kelly Krohn. The Minutes of the 2/23/22 meeting was approved as written.

V GUEST SPEAKER

Robert Lainez, *California Telephone Access Program*

California Phones from California Telephone Access Program (CTAP) provides free specialized phones and accessories for your mobile phone to all qualified Californians. These devices make it easier to hear, dial, and call. A Program of the California Public Utilities Commission, CTAP has been around for over 40 years. CTAP is funded by a small surcharge that appears on your telephone bill noted as "CA

Relay Service and Communication Device Fund”. There are no income or age requirements to apply for a CTAP device. The only requirements are one must live in California, have telephone service, and have difficulty hearing, seeing, or speaking. Lainez stated that there is a California Phone for every need. For example, there are amplified phones that make it easier to hear conversations. Big button phones that are easier to dial. Phones with lights that flash for incoming calls. Convenient portable phones – and more. CTAP also offers phones that are specially designed for individuals with more significant disabilities. For more information about CTAP, please call 1-800-806-1191.

VI INFORMATION ITEMS

The Board received a presentation from El Dorado Opportunity Knocks representatives and community participants on the first draft of the 5-Year Countywide Homeless Strategic Plan and give feedback to the draft plan.

The Board approved the Veterans Affairs Commission recommendation for utilization of the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) allocation to the Veterans Affairs Commission.

The Board accepted a donation of \$10,000 from Kathleen Castro, to the Pet Aid Fund, to support efforts by the Animal Services Program.

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. Since January 1, 2022, over 575 HEAP applications have been received and processed. Appointments are approximately 7 weeks out. Staff is hosting HEAP Pop-Up sites to give families another option to be served. In addition to these sites, staff host off-site events once a month in Pollock Pines, Georgetown, and Somerset. We are hoping to open our El Dorado Hills site soon. The Agency is due to receive the LIHWAP contract next month. This contract will run through August 31, 2023, and is approximately \$400,000. The agency will be able to assist with up to \$1000 in water and sewer bill arrearages.
- **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.
- **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 indoor dining. Additionally, we are still providing take-out meals at each site. As a reminder, reservations for dining-in and take-out are required.
- **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 Club Placerville site reopened on March 21, 2022 with limited capacity. The Club members have been isolated and without services for such an extended period that it is with great joy and excitement that we reopened. Face coverings and maintaining social distancing will be in place and will present their own challenges, but will allow us to open within the safest manner we can base on current guidance and state licensing requirements. The Club El Dorado Hills location is still closed due to flooding in the building. It is anticipated to open in the next couple of months.
- **Senior of the Year:** The Senior of the Year event is being held on May 17, 2022 at the BOS Chambers. Senior of the Year nomination forms are being accepted through April 20, 2022. Contact Star for more information.
- **Point in Time (PIT) Count:** We are still reviewing the PIT data from the count on February 23, 2022 and February 24, 2022. The final numbers will be shared with this group once they are finalized.

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

None at this time.

XI ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.