



COUNTY OF YOLO

Health and Human Services Agency

Community Services Action Board

Minutes

Date & Time: July 14, 2020 from 4:30pm. to 6:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom Meeting Link
<https://yolocounty.zoom.us/j/93347276417?pwd=a1BWS0d5TjdLUzNqeTg4bEpWTFdQUT09>
Meeting ID: 933 4727 6417
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Organizer: Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency

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Members Present: Isaac Blackstock, David Lichtenhan, Irma Rodriguez, Greta Eoff, Fran Maguire, Vincent Olvera, Maria Chairez, Irma Rodriguez

Members Excused: Pamela Byrd-Dunn Bill Pride, Manuela Melbourne, Roz Stone and, Maria Elena Alvilar,

HHSA Staff Present: Ian Evans and Anisa Vallejo

Guest Presenters: Liane Moody from STEAC, Janis Holt from Yolo County Housing, and Kelly Stachowicz from the City of Davis

Public Guests: None

The meeting was brought to order at 4:35pm by Isaac Blackstock. A quorum was established with seven members present.

1. Pledge of Allegiance, Introductions and Community Updates

Isaac Blackstock led members in the pledge of allegiance.

2. Introductions and Community Updates

- Isaac Blackstock – District 1 representative; CSAB chair
- Maria Chairez – concerns with effects of COVID-19 and loss of jobs; she would like an update on the Food Bank

- David Lichtenhan – District 2 representative; there are organizations that are trying to inform people of how to avoid evictions.
- Greta Eoff – no updates
- Fran Maguire – no updates
- Irma Rodriguez – no updates
- Vince Olvera – District 3 representative; American Legions is delivering meals to approximately 55 veterans in Yolo County every Tuesday; if you know a veterans who is unable to get out, please give me their name and I can coordinate it
- Liane Moody – STEAC presenter
- Janis Holt - Yolo County Housing presenter; if you have concerns be sure to contact Legal Services and write the letters to landlords and exercise your rights; for our program the amount that clients pay for rent is based on their income
- Kelly Stachowicz; City of Davis is trying to help those in our community and trying to track community questions related to COVID-19
- Anisa Vallejo – Yolo County HHSA Program Coordinator
- Ian Evans – Homeless Services Manager for Yolo County HHSA; Today is Sandra Sigrist's last day at HHSA and she will be moving to Yolo County Housing. Food Bank has been a significant partner in providing food for those that are high risk and can't get out due to COVID and in providing food Project Roomkey clients; they have increased distribution sites; PRK is currently running through October 1st and are hoping to get more funding for the program.

3. Public Comments – none

4. Approval of 9/8/2020 Agenda.

The 9/8/20 agenda was reviewed and approved.

Motion: David Lichtenhan

Second: Vincent Olvera

Ayes: Unanimous

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

5. Approval of 7/14/20 Minutes

The minutes from the meeting held on 7/14/2020 were reviewed and approved.

Motion: David Blackstock

Second: Irma Rodriguez

Ayes: Unanimous

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

6. Provider Presentations

A. **Liane Moody from Short Term Emergency Aid Committee** presented on their program funded by CSBG. Reference the attached PowerPoint presentation for complete details. Presentation highlights include:

- STEAC Mission: To provide immediate short-term assistance with necessities to Yolo County families and individuals with income below the poverty level.
- STEAC has been a volunteer-based organization for over 50 years
- Most of STEAC's day-to-day work is done by over 100 active volunteers
- Types of help provided by STEAC
 - Helping Hand – food programs that operate in Davis
 - Homeless Prevention – eviction prevention program
 - Road to Independence – provides resources to gain independence such as job training, paying for textbooks or help getting legal documents
- CSBG funds go towards our Eviction Prevention Program and paying for short term emergencies
 - Unexpected car repairs or medical expenses.
 - Missed work due to sickness of oneself or family member.
 - Employee hours unexpectedly reduced by management.
 - Delays in receiving unemployment and disability benefits
- In 19-20, STEAC provided EP support to 94 families made up of 128 adults and 144 children
- Surveys of landlords who received STEAC Eviction Prevention support in 2019 for their tenants reveals:
 - 87% of those clients who received STEAC support to prevent an eviction were still in the same residence 6 months later.
 - 10% of those clients who received STEAC support to prevent an eviction moved out voluntarily.
 - 3% of those clients who received STEAC support to prevent an eviction were ultimately evicted

B. **Janis Holt from Yolo County Housing and Kelly Stachowicz from City of Davis** presented on their Getting to Zero (GTZ) program funded by CSBG. Reference the attached PowerPoint presentation for complete details. Presentation highlights include:

- Program Elements include housing navigation assistance, move-in assistance, temporary rental assistance, and supportive services
- Part of the funding goes to the personal costs for a landlord/tenant intermediary
- GTZ process includes outreach, direct referral, eligibility, housing search and lease up, and case management provided by Yolo County Housing
- As of 6/30/20 there were 7 participants permanently housed with a GTZ voucher and transitioned to a HUD voucher
- The program collaborates with several community partners Davis Community Meals and Housing, HPAC (CofC), HHS, STEAC, HEAP, etc.

7. CSBG-CV Funding Discussion

Ian presented information on the CSBG CARES funding. Yolo County received an allocation of \$406,299. CSBG-CV are to address the short-term and long-term impacts of CSBG and must support emergency responses that are consistent with allowable activities focused on mitigating the impact of COVID-19. Agencies must demonstrate that their expenditures support the short- or long-term impacts of COVID -19 for low-income individuals and households within their

communities. CSBG-CV funds may not be used for the purchase or permanent improvement of land, the purchase of any building or facility, construction of any building or facility, or permanent improvement of any building or facility (other than low-cost residential weatherization or other energy-related home repairs). But funds can be used to make necessary improvements to agency workspaces to protect employees and clients to reduce the spread of COVID 19.

Ian presented three possible funding considerations:

- Allocate funds to current CSBG recipients based on current percentage of funds – note, expenditures must be specific to COVID-19 response, and outcomes clearly distinguished from non-CARES Act CSBG
- Allocate funds for the county-wide collaboration on Project Roomkey/Project Homekey
- Discuss and allocate to a third option

Issac Blackstock recused himself from this discussion as he is employed by a previous funding recipient

Questions/Discussion:

- If we go with option 1 what would that allocation to current providers look like
 - The current providers would get about double of their current allocation
- When reviewing some of the performance measures some agencies were not able to meet their outcome goals. How do we ensure that agencies meet their goals
- If we go with option one we can go with strong language and greater accountability to meet expectations
- If we go with funding Project Roomkey/Homekey what impact does it have on the current CSBG providers
 - These are not all or nothing options. Another options is to partially fund both option 1 and 2
- The \$32,000 CSBG discretionary funds went to Project Roomkey
- Does the county need additional funds to sustain Project Roomkey?
 - The current budget for PRK ends on August 31, we are putting a request for more funding to continue the program through December
- CARES funds are not supplanting funds for current providers but are in addition to those funds
- We can give the current providers, the same amount that was awarded this year in the total amount of \$210,000 and gave the County the remainder.
- Funds will be kept separate and in a separate contract with its own performance measures; the scopes will be slightly different because it is in response to COVID

Motion: That the CSBG-CARES will use the past funding allocation percentages to distribute \$210,000 to the current 5 awardees. The remainder of the allocation of \$206,000 will go to Yolo County to be used for Project Romekey and Project Homekey.

Motion: Irma Rodriguez

Second: Maria Chairez

Ayes: 6

Nays: None

Abstentions: Isaac Blackstock

8. A vote to table agenda items

Motion: to table items 8 & 9 to be moved to the next meeting's agenda

Motion: David Lichtenhan

Second: Irma Rodriguez

Ayes: Unanimous

Nays: None

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:07pm

Motion: Irma Rodriguez

Second: David Lichtenhan

Ayes: Unanimous

Nays: None

Abstentions: None