

COMMUNITY ACTION BOARD
May 4, 2022 Meeting Minutes
Meeting held virtually via Zoom
7:30 AM – 9:00 AM

FACILITATOR		Marya Choudhry			
NOTE TAKER		Amy Kelsey			
E	Yelena Voznyuk	E	Juana Hernandez		
E	Nicole Johnson	E	Stephanie Hollingshead		
P	Sonia Agnew	P	Marya Choudhry		
P	Martha Spiers	P	Paul Edgar		
P	Richard Sheldon	S	Brenda Durbin		

P-Present, A -Absent, E-Excused, S-Staff, O-Other Attendee

ITEMS / ISSUES	DISCUSSION	FOLLOW-UP
Meeting Called to Order:	Marya called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.	
Minutes:	Minutes from the April 6, 2022 meeting moved to approve by Richard, seconded by Martha and adopted by the Board.	
Equity Pause	<p style="text-align: center;">The Costs of Code-Switching by <u>Courtney L. McCluney</u>, <u>Kathrina Robotham</u>, <u>Serenity Lee</u>, <u>Richard Smith</u>, and <u>Myles Durkee</u> November 15, 2019 https://hbr.org/2019/11/the-costs-of-codeswitching</p>	

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	<p>CAB members read the article noted above in preparation for a bi-monthly Equity Pause. CAB set aside 20 minutes for reflection, sharing thoughts, feelings and perceptions that the article generated.</p> <p>Key points from the discussion, Code-Switching is...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pragmatic and a safety issue • Stems from a time when people were not able to be fully authentic • Helps one coming from a totally different culture to assimilate • A variety of individuals experience a need to Code-Switch • Everyone's experience with and reasons for Code-Switching are different 	
Finalizing the EFSP Discussion	Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications Due May 20th • A decision will be made by June 10th • CAB decided not to add any additional questions to the application. • An Equity Lens used when reviewing applications. • CAB will review application by Monday May 23rd if they are available for viewing. • During the June 1, 2022 CAB meeting the CAB will review applications and then present Stephanie Hollingshead and Teresa Christopherson regional reps on the EFSP Board with feedback. • Upon final decision EFSP Reps will take the guidance from CAB members to the EFSP Board meeting. 	

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	<p>Background</p> <p>Emergency Food & Shelter Program (EFSP) funds support the critical safety net in Clackamas County by providing much needed emergency food, shelter and rental assistance to vulnerable families and individuals. These funds, which have been in the community for more than 25 years, help provide a safety net to protect the most economically vulnerable.</p> <p>EFSP is preparing to launch its <i>Phase 39 funding cycle</i>, as well as its distribution of American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funds. Clackamas County anticipates receiving \$149,615 in Phase 39 funds and \$462,426 in ARPA funds to distribute within Clackamas County. The Community Action Board (CAB) provides guidance on the amount the county designates to specific allocation categories – Mass Shelter, Food, and Rental Assistance.</p> <p>Previous CAB Recommendations</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="443 699 1776 938"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="443 699 953 740">Phase 36</th><th data-bbox="953 699 1367 740">Phase 37</th><th data-bbox="1367 699 1776 740">Phase 38</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="443 740 953 894"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 38% Mass Shelter • 41% Food • 21% Rental Assistance </td><td data-bbox="953 740 1367 894"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 41% Food • 30% Mass Shelter • 29% Rental Assistance </td><td data-bbox="1367 740 1776 894"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 41% Food • 30% Mass Shelter • 29% Rental Assistance </td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="443 894 953 938">Total Funds: \$153,438</td><td data-bbox="953 894 1367 938">Total Funds: \$129,058</td><td data-bbox="1367 894 1776 938">Total Funds: \$170,237</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Phase 36	Phase 37	Phase 38	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 38% Mass Shelter • 41% Food • 21% Rental Assistance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 41% Food • 30% Mass Shelter • 29% Rental Assistance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 41% Food • 30% Mass Shelter • 29% Rental Assistance 	Total Funds: \$153,438	Total Funds: \$129,058	Total Funds: \$170,237	
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<p>Roundtable Discussion</p>	<p>Roundtable discussion on (reasons CAB members have joined the Board, how can CAB members have the greatest impact on poverty in Clackamas County, etc.)</p> <p>Discussion Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members shared reasons why they chose to join CAB • Finding ways to address homelessness, providing incentives to choose a better path • Chronic homelessness stems many underlying layers of things that people are dealing with, all the layers need to be addressed to effectively end the pattern • \$1000 to \$1200 a month average cost to society for every homeless person 										

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More money be invested into houselessness, or would that mean money will be going down a hole with no return. • Direct funding towards a public education campaign with the goal of developing empathy • The need of a more preventative approach rather than patchwork fixes • Homelessness has been an emergency since 2008 and keeps growing and growing • Having the right tools out in the community and speaking about criminal justice and how it interacts with houselessness • Focus on using the right tools for the right problem, and making sure the right people are receiving the right tools • Communication is key • Review and update of the current Strategic Plan is needed 	
Member Update	No Member Updates	
Public Comment	No Public Comment	
Next Meeting:	June 1, 2022, 7:30am – 9:00am via Zoom. http://www.clackamas.us/socialservices/committee_cab.html	