

**CSBG Advisory Council
Minutes of Meeting
December 21, 2020**

Members Present:

Larry Bloemker Chair, Mayor of Hamel
Fred Schulte, Edwardsville Township
Bessie Palmer Harris, Project Helping Hand
Crystal Jennings, Riverbend Head Start & Family Services
Walt Harris, Village of Glen Carbon
Lori Rodgers, Beverly Farm Foundation
Jodi Steckel, Centerstone
Chad Rollins, William BeDell Achievement & Resource Center
Deborah Edelman, LCCC Foundation
Alan Winslow, Mayor of Bethalto

Members Absent:

Maura Wuellner, United Way of Greater St. Louis
Carole Meyer, Chouteau Township
Margarette Trushel, Oasis Women's Center
Dionne Jackson, Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services

Staff Present: Amy Lyerla, Joe Bolt, Jenny Pruitt

Chair Bloemker called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Ms. Lyerla made roll call.

Chair Bloemker asked members to review the minutes from the previous meeting (pages 4-5) of October 19, 2020 and place them on file at MCCD. Walt Harris made motion to approve the minutes with a second from Debby Edelman. The motion was approved.

No Public Comment

Amy Lyerla gave update on the 2020 CSBG Report (pages 6-11) which she discussed the Work Programs and explained that the programs are a little behind because of the shutdown. Our numbers are increasing. We have really high numbers for the food pantries because they have been using monthly log in sheets instead of the 30 day income applications and counting the entire household. The State will allow us to make adjustments. Joe explained the money will be rolled over into the next year so that we will have the opportunity to spend all the money.

Financial report given by Amy Lyerla. She stated that as of 11/30/2020 MCCD has spent up \$407,764.65 (63%). The individual program categories spent for Program Support is at \$319,521.21 (62%) expended, Direct Client assistance is at \$30,874.64 (46%) expended, Administration at \$57,764.65 (97%) expended. We will be a little higher as all agencies are

turning in their payment requests and salaries still need to be paid. Joe reassured the council that the State will allow our money to roll over and we will not have any disturbances in our services.

Joe Bolt gave the 2020 CSBG CARES Report and Financial Report (pages 12-15). This grant goes until September 2022. As of 11/30/2020 MCCD has spent up \$61,013.12 (7%) of the total \$903,669.00. The individual program categories spend for Program Support is at \$57,525.23 (9%) expended, Direct Client assistance is at \$1,425.25 (1%) expended, Administration at \$2,062.64 (12%) expended. We have begun to spend the funds and are focusing on using them wherever possible. Residents can call the Madison County Referral Line at 618-296-5300 for assistance and will be referred to the appropriate community partner. We are collaborating with our community partners we already work with to run programs and assist with spending funds.

Next item on the Agenda was for the approval of a new board member Bob Ramsey of Bob Ramsey Seminars however he has now declined to serve. Discussion was made on adding Ms. Valerie Jones to serve a 2 year term on the Advisory Board – this will be put on February agenda.

Motion to accept 2021 meeting schedule was made by Fred Schulte, seconded by Chad Rollins. Motion accepted.

Miscellaneous – Amy mentioned that she was working on scheduling Board Training in February. Tuesday, February 16, 2021 was suggested. Amy will reach out to the trainer to find some dates that work for the board.

No other business before the board. Motion to Adjourn Meeting and have a Merry Christmas was made by Walt Harris, seconded by Bessie Palmer Harris. Meeting adjourned 3:53 pm.