

**CSBG Advisory Council
Minutes of Meeting
August 16, 2021**

Members Present:

Chad Rollins, William BeDell Achievement & Resource Center
Maura Wuellner, United Way of Greater St. Louis
Larry Bloemker Chair, Mayor of Hamel
Dionne Jackson, Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services
Carole Meyer, Chouteau Township
Valerie Jones, Jones Cleaning & Remodeling Services
Debra Angleton, East Alton Village Board
Ashley Stewart, Collinsville Township Trustee

Members Absent:

Bessie Palmer Harris, Project Helping Hand
Margarette Trushel, Oasis Women's Center
Deborah Edelman, LCCC Foundation
Crystal Jennings, Riverbend Head Start & Family Services
Walt Harris, Village of Glen Carbon
Lori Rodgers, Beverly Farm Foundation
April Reeder, Centerstone

Staff Present: Amy Lyerla

Chair Bloemker called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Ms. Lyerla made roll call. Introduction of our newest members were made for Debra Angleton, Valerie Jones and Ashley Stewart. Updated membership attached to packet (pages 1-2).

Chair Bloemker asked members to review the minutes from the previous meeting (pages 3-4) of June 21, 2021 and place them on file at MCCD. Chad Rollins made motion to approve the minutes with a second from Maura Wuellner. The motion was approved.

No Public Comment.

Amy Lyerla reported on the 2020 CSBG CARES Work Programs – Relief Employment, Housing, Health and Case Management (page 5). According to current reports 25 customers have completed training in employment, this includes passing training class as well as obtaining employment as a result of the training. Reports indicates 168 customers have received Housing assistance in the aid of rental, mortgage, or utility assistance (water, sewer, trash). These numbers should increase in 2022 as the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) program will end in December and customers may still need housing assistance. Reports indicate 19,752 customers have received assistance for Health with food, dental and prepared meals. The reason this number is so high is that DCEO is allowing us to include the food pantry monthly food log sheets and counting everyone food is given to. Reports indicate 7,047 customers receiving assistance under Case Management. This includes transportation assistance from local food pantry delivering food assistance to those not able to pick up groceries. The characteristic report was reviewed (pages 6-7) indicating total of 317 individuals served. Ms. Lyerla reported on the

financial statement indicating the budget has spent 36% as of August 2, 2021. MCCD has spent \$326,315.38 (36%) of the 2020 CSBG CARES allocation of \$903,669.00. The individual program categories spent for Program Support is at \$297,469.21 (38%) expended, Direct Client assistance is at \$13,296.96 (12%) expended, Administration at \$15,565.59 (91%) expended (page 8). This grant ends September 30, 2022.

Ms. Lyerla reported on the 2021 CSBG Work Programs – only a few programs currently operating under the 2021 grant as those services are being reported under the CARES grant (pages 9-11). So far, 46 youths have received counseling services, 10 scholarships have been selected, several applications are pending for home repair and ramp programs. Reports indicate 7,700 customers have received assistance for Health with food. Also, 248 seniors have been served for home delivered and/or congregate meals. Reports indicate 19 customers served in the Rapid Re-Housing program and 1,705 received referral services. The characteristic report was reviewed (pages 12-13) indicating 1,861 clients served. Ms. Lyerla reported on the financial statement indicating that MCCD has spent \$141, 140.26 (22%) of the 2021 CSBG allocation of \$656,372.00. The individual program categories spent for Program Support is at \$82,282.10 (18%) expended, Direct Client assistance is at \$17,277.34 (17%) expended, Scholarships at \$10,000.00 (50%), Administration at \$30,330.82 (43%) expended and Special Category at \$1,250.00 (17%) expended (page 14). This grant ends December 31, 2021. DCEO will allow MCCD to carryover funds not spent in the 2021 program year to the 2022 program year.

Ms. Lyerla provided update on the Scholarships. The scholarship committee was made of Larry Bloemker, Maura Wuellner and Debra Angleton. Committee meet in July and selected 10 recipients. Each applicant had to complete a college application, one page essay, letter of recommendation, transcripts, intake applications and income documentation. Lewis & Clark Community College students – Abigale Waters and Sheklia Bolden. Southern Illinois University Edwardsville students – Sherrie A Daniel, Marcus Key, Areej Khan and Seth Terry. Southwestern Illinois College students – Yuqing Coulson, Gineta McMillen, Sonia Schuler and Miguel Villablanca Jerez. Each recipient received an award letter along with certificate (page 15). Ms. Lyerla passed around a Thank You email from scholarship recipient.

Ms. Lyerla reviewed the Fact Sheet (page 16-17) for the 2022 CSBG grant program. Motion to accept the Submission of the 2022 CSBG Grant Application, Needs Assessment and Community Action Plan made by Carole Meyer seconded by Valerie Jones. Motion approved. Documents will be emailed out when completed.

Ms. Lyerla announced a new program Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) to help with back water and/or sewer bills. Madison County is currently in the process of setting up the program and as soon as all the logistics are in place, Madison County will make the announcement.

The next CSBG Advisory Council meeting will be held on Monday, October 18, 2021.

There being no further business Chad Rollins made a motion to adjourn, second by Maura Wuellner.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.