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**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
COMMUNITY ACTION BOARD**

DATE: Monday, May 24, 2021

TIME: 11:00 a.m.

LOCATION:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85696035357?pwd=eVRxcGZxeVBSRlpQc3FGS1dQZWdSQTO9>

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AGENDA

- I. **Call to Order/Roll Call**
- II. **Consent Item**
 - A. Approval of Minutes of the April 14, 2021 Regular Meeting
- III. **Action/Discussion Items:** None

“Preparing People for Success: in School, in Work, in Life”

IV. **Information Items:** None

V. **Reports to the Board**

- A. Chair
- B. Executive Director
- C. Program Manager
- D. Members of the Board
- E. Public

VI. **Public Hearing for the 2022-2023 Community Action Plan**

VII. **Adjournment**

DISTRIBUTION DATE: MONDAY, MAY 17, 2021

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY ACTION BOARD

Minutes/Synopsis

(The minutes reflect the actual progression of the meeting.)

Electronic meeting

Wednesday, April 14, 2021
10:00 a.m.

I. **Call to Order/Roll Call**

Mr. Migge called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. The roll was called and a quorum was established.

Members Present:

Shannon Pierce, Head Start Policy Council
LaShelle Dozier, Sacramento Housing & Redevelopment Agency
Donald Migge, Chair; California Community Credit Union
Sam Starks, Secretary/Treasurer; SMUD (arrived 10:08 a.m.)
Fienishia Wash, Head Start Policy Council
John Foley, Sacramento Self-Help Housing
Dominique Espinosa, Vice Chair; Mutual Housing California

Members Absent:

Anthony Garcia, Child Action, Inc.
Kristin Gibbons, Sacramento County Department of Human Assistance
Rivkah Sass, Sacramento Public Library Authority
Genevieve Levy, Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services

II. **Consent Item**

A. Approval of Minutes of the March 10, 2021 Regular Meeting

Minutes were reviewed;
Moved/Starks; second/Espinosa
Aye- 7 (Pierce, Dozier, Migge, Starks, Wash, Foley, Espinosa)
Nay: 0
Abstentions: 0
Absent: (Garcia, Gibbons, Sass, Levy)

III. **Information Items**

A. Community Services Block Grant Provider Presentation International Rescue Committee - Arghawan Ahmadza-Employment Specialist with The International Rescue Committee's Safety Net and Family Self- Sufficiency programs.

IRC's services include resettlement, employment, economic opportunities, health & wellness and new roots for women in the Sacramento County area. IRC has been around nearly 90 years and operates in a dozen countries around the world and in 20 cities in the U.S.

Family Self-Sufficiency services include: case management, focus on refugee and other low-income populations, specifically women and funds for training such as driver's training and credential support. The services expand into comprehensive and holistic assessments with service plans, emergency assistance and community referrals.

Safety Net/CARES services include: eviction avoidance, utility assistance, employment support to start work and transportation. These services expand into job readiness training, resume building, interview preparation and job applications. Additionally, services assist with entry in driver's training and receiving driver's licenses, and job development with employers and after job placement, extensive follow up to see how they are doing.

Most of their clients did not have the opportunity in their countries to do any of the above. They were limited to take care of the house and children. The women were not allowed to work outside the home or to drive.

When the women came to the U.S., they had many challenges. The clients did not have U.S. work experience, no driving experience or driver's license, little English/Literacy, a need for childcare and a lack of empowerment. IRC assists the clients in attaining an entry-level job and helps them become self-sufficient. The clients are connected with Child Action and Child Protective Services. Some women have their permit but not their license; IRC helps them go to driving school.

Many clients have secured a job only 23 days after enrolling in the program.

Two success stories were shared with examples of how IRC assisted them with the help of CSBG funding.

B. Community Services Block Grant Fiscal Monitoring Reports

- Folsom Cordova Community Partnership
- International Rescue Committee
- St. John's Program for Real Change
- South County Services, Inc.
- Volunteers of America
- Waking the Village
- Women's Empowerment

Ms. Davis-Jaffe stated there are no observations or corrective actions on the Fiscal monitoring reports included in the packet.

IV. Reports to the Board

- A. Chair - no report
- B. Executive Director
Ms. Kossick stated that SETA is continuing to roll out our Head Start locations throughout the County, and it is going very well.
- C. Program Manager
Ms. Davis-Jaffe thanked the IRC presenter. The information was very good. A poll will be sent out in May to the board members for special meetings with the public. One meeting will be for the Public Hearing to discuss the Draft Community Action Plan and the second will be to approve the Community Action Plan.
- D. Members of the Board
Mr. Foley thanked IRC for a wonderful presentation. He asked if the PowerPoint is included in the minutes. Ms. Davis-Jaffe she will ask for a copy of the presentation to be sent out to the Board members.
Ms. Dozier welcomed Mr. Foley to the Board. Also, she thanked the IRC presenter and said she thought the presentation was great.
- E. Public - no questions or comments.

V. Public Forum for the 2022-2023 Community Action Plan

Brenda Cioli - La Familia Counseling Center

Ms. Cioli thanked the Community Action Board (CAB) for the assistance provided to them, which helps the youth. The support and resources provided to the youth is so imperative. The youth are so grateful. They have their freedom back, they are able to get off probation, they are attending virtual learning, and some of them are going back to in-person school. Some of the youth's stories are heartbreaking.

The counseling and mentoring for the youth is so important. La Familia also helps them with housing, COVID-19 testing, food resources, job assistance and vaccinations.

Ms. Cioli thanked the Board for the funding received, which helps so many people.

Michele Cook - Folsom Cordova Community Partnership

Thank you for the CSBG funding and support with Safety Net, Family Self-Sufficiency, and other programs. The east part of the County is seeing the same thing as other areas. There has been an increase in food, support, transportation, and gas cards, housing and utility services requests. Many of the

clients found themselves with fewer hours of work or no longer have employment. SMUD has been very gracious over the past year to help with utility bills that are overdue. Many clients are up to eight months past due in rent payments.

Children are at home so it affects the home environment. Child Action has provided some assistance. They are continuing flexibility, financial support, job recovery or training, and access to basic needs support.

Dr. Shinder Gill – Folsom Cordova Community Partnership

The support and funding that has been provided by CSBG has gone a long way. Folsom Cordova has seen a large group of families with children, especially very young children, and many are single mothers. The need for these women to go out of the home to work and provide the support for their families has been very difficult.

Dee Horsley – Lao Family Community Development

During the pandemic, mental health issues and domestic violence have gone up. Lao Family has been experiencing an influx of women. They have been trying to provide women with hope and self-esteem, and most of the women have been able to get off of TANF. CSBG funding has assisted in rent, utilities, clothes, shoes and other necessities. With the men, help is provided with transportation, interview skills, and self-esteem.

Bo Cassell – Program Administrator for The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army offers transitional housing, emergency housing, workforce development programs, Family Services, food distribution and rental and utility assistance. Mr. Cassell expressed their gratitude for what the CSBG funds mean to them in being able to help so many people.

There has been a 220% increase in demand over this past year, and they continue to provide resources. 60,000+ food boxes were distributed over the past year. They have provided workforce training, in particular in the culinary arts and construction, for 34 graduates last year at an 83% completion rate. They are glad to have wrap-around services.

Again, The Salvation Army is grateful for the support and help from SETA.

Elizabeth Bonilla on behalf of Gina Wandell - Site Supervisor at Elk Grove Adult and Community Education Sacramento Works Job Center.

Their staff of 8 has spoken with over 1,600 people since March 2020.

The clients were from 16 different zip code areas in Sacramento County. There has been a need for assistance with food, gas money, rent, utilities, requests for help in understanding how to access unemployment insurance, and assistance with applying for work. These concerns are ongoing from month to month. Many

parents have to stay home for distance learning with their children and are not able to work.

Jynnah Love – Waking the Village - At age 24, she found out she was pregnant and lost her job and housing. She was fortunate to find Waking the Village. Since she was a baby, she had been in foster care. Due to her pregnancy, she messed up with her schooling at college. Since finding Waking the Village, she has been able to continue on her career path, save \$20,000, buy her own car, and slowly pay her prior debts, as well as be a mother to the one who saved her life. She has been able to work through the underlying trauma in her life.

Grace Loescher - Waking the Village – Wants to thank SETA for their ongoing support. Waking the Village assists with transitional living programs and alternative wellness programs. Supporting youth and finding physical permanent housing and job opportunities are the primary needs and make the most positive impact on their lives. Mental health intervention also has a positive impact on their lives. Many thanks to SETA!

Susie Alcalá – La Familia Counseling Center

La Familia could not have remained open and helped youth, adults, families with books, lunches Monday-Friday, COVID testing and vaccinations. There is a great need for these things. La Familia went out to the clients in the fields to provide COVID-19 vaccinations. They have a long-time commitment to the community. Elderly, families with 3-4 children and others would be at their doors for assistance with food, housing, and utilities. Because of the CSBG program, La Familia was able to help the clients in various ways.

Julia Baumgartner - VOA

Ms. Baumgartner thanked SETA for the funding for veterans of the National Guard and Reserves. Because these two groups are not considered veterans of regular military, without the funding, these men and women would not get services and resources that VOA can provide.

Arghawan Ahmadza, The International Rescue Committee – Expressed gratitude and appreciation to SETA from all the people they serve.

Mr. Migge stated that this is good information for all the statements from various organizations.

He thanked the Board members for being at the meeting.

VI. Adjournment at 11:04 a.m.

ITEM V - REPORTS TO THE BOARD

A. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair of the SETA Community Action Board on a regular basis receives numerous items of information concerning legislation, current programs and agency activities.

The important information from the material received and meetings attended will be shared with the entire Board and the method proposed by the Chair is to give a verbal report at each regular meeting. It will also allow time for the Board to provide input on items that may require future action.

B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

This item is set aside to allow the Executive Director of the Community Action Program to report to the Board on any items of important information or to deal with special requests which need to be addressed but, because of time constraints, were not included in the formal SETA Community Action Board packet.

The Executive Director's Report also allows the opportunity for the Executive Director to apprise the Board of upcoming events, significant agency activities, or conferences.

C. PROGRAM MANAGER

This item provides an opportunity for Ms. Julie Davis-Jaffe, the CSBG program manager, to provide an oral report on issues not included in the agenda packet.

D. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

This item provides the opportunity for SETA Community Action Board members to raise any items for consideration not covered under the formal agenda. It also provides the opportunity for Board members to request staff to research or follow up on specific requests or to ask that certain items be placed on the next agenda.

E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Participation of the general public at SETA Community Action Board meetings is encouraged. Members of the audience are asked to address their requests to the Chair, if they wish to speak.