

St. Clair County Community Action Agency

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Friday, April 13, 2018

TIME: 12:00 p.m.

PLACE: 19 Public Square, Suite 200, Belleville, IL

BOARD MEMBERS: Dennis Korte, Gerard Hasenstab, Barbara Cempura, Margaret Simmons, Dorothy Meyer, Norman Geolat, Mary Miller, Tracy Williams, Mercedes Collado

EXCUSED ABSENCES: Eugene Verdu, Vanessa Chapman, Janice Floyd

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES: None

ALTERNATES: Denita Jacox, Timothy Lockett, Sr.

STAFF: Ken Kimball, Latosha Johnson, Tracey Hall, Nancy Wilson, Connie DeRousse, Jennifer Johnson, Jennifer Little

QUORUM: Yes

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Barbara Cempura.

Attendees rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Barbara Cempura asked if there were comments from the public on the agenda. There were no public comments.

A motion was called to confirm the newly elected CAA Advisory Council Officers: Margaret Simmons, Chairman; Eugene Verdu, Vice Chairman; Janice Floyd, Treasurer. A motion was made and seconded (Gerard Hasenstab/Dorothy Meyer). Motion carried.

Barbara Cempura turned the meeting over to newly elected Chairman Margaret Simmons.

Public Comment on the Agenda

None

Fiscal Report

Jennifer Johnson presented the Fiscal Report. She stated Weatherization will be receiving additional funding; IGD has received email confirmation from the Department of Energy of \$117,000 in additional funding. Ken Kimball stated Weatherization will receive \$95,000 in state funding and \$75,000 from the Department of Energy. Barbara Cempura asked about the deadline for expending those funds. Mr. Kimball responded by the end of September; he added it will not be a problem to do so. There are 100 homes on the waiting list; 40 have already been

assessed. Weatherization is prepared to begin approximately half of them beginning July of the following program year.

Consent Items

A motion was called to approve the CAA Advisory Council Meeting Minutes from February 2, 2018. A motion was made and seconded (Barbara Cempura/Gerard Hasenstab). Motion carried.

Action Items:

Ken Kimball stated the 2019 Weatherization Implementation Plan was including in members packets. He asked if there were any questions. There were no comments.

A motion was called to approve the 2019 Weatherization Implementation Plan. A motion was made and seconded (Mary Miller/Tim Lockett). Motion carried.

Discussion Items:

A. HOUSING RESOURCE CENTER (HRC) REPORT

Latosha Johnson stated HRC has approximately eight projects/programs at this time and is assisting 324 individuals. She referenced the monthly report and asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

B. LIHEAP/PIPP REPORT

Tracey Hall stated the LIHEAP program will end on May 31st; there are limited appointments available. Ms. Hall stated 4,360 applications have been taken to date. PIPP re-certifications will start this month and will continue after LIHEAP applications end. She does expect to enroll new customers starting in October. Ms. Hall, along with 3 IGD staff members, worked in collaboration with Ameren at an event held March 13th at the JJK Center; 621 households were assisted and received a \$150 payment on their Ameren bill. She asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

C. WEATHERIZATION REPORT

Ken Kimball referenced the additional funding he discussed during the Fiscal report. He added the program is working ahead of schedule. He asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

D. CSBG REPORT

Ken Kimball updated members regarding the scholarship program. Mr. Kimball reached out to the St. Clair County Regional Office of Education who in turn emailed scholarship packets to all superintendents in St. Clair County. Mr. Kimball has received ten responses from interested schools to date. He is optimistic IGD will receive good applications this year; depending on the number of applications received, the scholarship may be increased to \$2000 with four scholarships being awarded. Latosha Johnson stated a SWIC instructor recently announced the scholarship opportunity at a night class; she expressed the information is getting out. Ken Kimball responded that is good to hear. There were no other comments or questions.

A motion was called to approve the reports as presented. A motion was made and seconded (Dorothy Meyer/Barbara Cempura). Motion carried.

New Business

Ken Kimball introduced a resolution to draw attention to the Administration's Fiscal Year 2019 proposed budget and its effect on the St. Clair County Community Action Agency's service area. He stated the purpose is to encourage the government to not cut the CSBG program and to maintain current funding levels. While the program was funded this year, there is a possibility a line-item veto will end in cuts. Our agency will join others in submitting a resolution in support of continued funding.

A motion was called to approve the resolution. A motion was made and seconded (Barbara Cempura/Norm Geolat). Motion carried.

Barbara Cempura commented that she noticed money was in the budget for CAA programs however she was unable to see how much. Ken Kimball responded there is funding in the budget and programs actually saw an increase; he added the President may line-item veto funding. Mrs. Cempura responded she did not believe that would happen; Mr. Kimball agreed but the resolution will be sent in support of continued funding. The resolution will be submitted to the Community Action Partnership. There were no further questions regarding the resolution.

Norm Geolat requested a list of contact information for CAA Advisory Council members. Ken Kimball responded a list can be included in the next Council meeting packet.

Executive Director's Comments

None

Announcements

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Friday, June 8, 2018.

Adjournment

Margaret Simmons entertained a motion to adjourn. A motion was made and seconded (Norm Geolat/Dorothy Meyer) for adjournment. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:18 p.m.