

**St. Charles County
Community Assistance Board**

Teams Virtual Meeting

Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2021

Meeting Facilitator: Caty Beilsmith, chair

Attendance: Christy Weber; David Bardgett; Carissa Figgins; Cindy Syberg; John Glenn; Melinda McAliney; Jenna Conley; Pat Leone

Guests: Pinar Turker (St. Charles County); Dottie Kastigar (Community Council); Kathy Henderson (Sts. Joachim and Ann); Lindsay Kyonka (Crisis Nursery); Karen Ehlmann (VIM), Don Brennam; Kathleen Thompson (City of St. Charles); LaKeysha Fields (Sal Army); Cheryl Clerkley (NECAC); Dawn Tegeler (YIN).

- I. **Call to order** at 7:04pm

- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**

- III. **Public Comment** – Dawn Tegeler, Chair of the EWR committee commented that the committee spent between \$8,000-\$9,000 on Friday and Saturday. Monday night they rented 20 motel rooms for 7 days. They were going to “pause” the program”, but then immediately received donations of several thousand dollars. There is a “go fund me” link for persons who want to donate to keep people safe this winter. Donations can also be made to LINC for the EWR program.

- IV. **Approval of December 8, 2020 Minutes** – A motion was made John, and seconded by David to approve the minutes. Minutes were approved. There is one correction in the public comment section – a run on sentence that needs fixed.

- V. **New Business**
 - a. Budget Revision Request from NECAC - Any discussion needed? Standard process to revise the budget. NECAC would like to move the majority of funds to mortgage and rental assistance. Cheryl commented that people need rental assistance more than food right now. Motion to approve a budget change request made by Cindy, seconded by Melinda.

- VI. **Update on Community Needs and Resources -introduced Kathleen Thompson**
 - a. CDBG-CV3 Allocation - \$1 more in CARES funding to prepare and respond to COVID. County had meetings with health and mental health agencies, and had an online survey to help determine needs. Asked community to prioritize needs. Got 200 responses, mostly from residents. Budget allocation will be presented to County Council for approval. CAB board will

again be evaluating and prioritizing \$650,000; \$200,000 small business assistance; rental assistance \$140,000; CE - \$160,000; \$ 350,000 for mental health. In April, will put out applications for additional mortgage and rental assistance. Budget should be approved at March 8th; County Council meeting. Posting for public hearing is ready to go. Kathleen will let us know when there will be a hearing. COVID funding is different. Plans and funding are changing daily. We are trying to spend the best we can.

b. New rent/utility resources from MHDC -
SAPHR program: Direct assistance to tenants
<https://www.mohousingresources.com/safhr>
ERAP program: assistance to landlords
<https://www.mohousingresources.com/erap>

Volunteers in Medicine is beginning to see clients again. 30 volunteers were immunized so that they can begin seeing patients again. Dawn was asked for contact info for EWR.

VII. **Adjournment - Meeting adjourned 7:40 pm**

VIII. **Next Meeting Date (proposed): Tuesday, April 13, 2021; 7:00pm**

Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting (Remote) / TBD