

**St. Charles County
Community Assistance Board**

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2021

Meeting Facilitator: Caty Beilsmith, chair

Attendance: Christy Weber; David Bardgett; Carissa Figgins; Cindy Syberg; John Glenn;

Guests: Pinar Turker (St. Charles County); Dottie Kastigar (Community Council); Kathy Henderson (Sts. Joachim and Ann); Kathleen Thompson (City of St. Charles); Cheryl Clerkley (NECAC); Dawn Tegeler (YIN); Katrina McDonald & Brian Martin (Compass Health); Kathy Thompson (LINC); Mary Jones (Bridgeway); Karen Elhmann (VIM); guest

- I. **Call to order** at 7:04 pm
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Public Comment** – Kathy Thompson reported that there were 4 activations, with 15 days in a row; 170 unduplicated people were served; spent \$50,000; have \$47,000 extra. Dawn thanked all the EWR volunteers and the community who really responded to the need. Dottie reported that CE is now seeing an increase in call volume after several slower months.
- IV. **Approval of February 9, 2021 Minutes** – A motion was made by John, and seconded by Dave to approve the minutes with corrections. Minutes were approved.
- V. **New Business**
 - a. Applications for CDBG-CV3 Public Services Funding – [LINC](#) and [Compass Health](#)

Two applications have been received for the third allocation. An application for \$54,500 has been received from LINC; an application of \$288,000 has been received from Compass Health for mental health services. The amount requested from the two agencies is less than the amount set aside. Many CDBG-CV1 applicants did not apply for the second allocation. For this CDBG-CV3 allocation, mental health was in part of the need analysis. Both LINC and Compass Health applied for mental health funding. A question was asked about how quickly funds needed to be spent. Kathleen answered that 80% must be spent within 3 years. The county will work with agencies to spend the funding that has been allocated, even if contracts need to be extended. At this point, there is a lot of federal funding out there with a lot of programs, so the need for this funding is lower. However, things change daily.

Katrina from Compass Health reviewed the scope of Compass Health services, and presented their application for mental health services. Compass has seen an increase in call volume for the crisis

hotline for stress related to COVID. Psychiatry, counseling, and case management for uninsured persons experiencing a psychiatric crisis. Proposal request is for \$288,000 for mental health services. Compass has been very active in the COVID response. Compass distributed over 55,000 doses of COVID vaccines so far. They have been strategic in leveraging COVID resources to help with telehealth, etc. David Bardgett asked about the estimate of 70 persons per month for the three mental health services in the application, and the mix of services. Katrina explained the open access process and that there would be no wait for persons to receive psychiatric services. The service application indicates that services will be provided from July through the end of the year. John Glenn noted that the immediate availability of has become a game changer. With CCBHC, this has helped Compass Health reach more people. Kathleen asked if Compass Health will have challenges in tying their needs back to COVID-19. Katrina said no.

Kathy from LINC wanted to recap round one of funding (CDBG-CV1). They are getting a lot of calls, but not all are related to COVID. They have spent about 40% of their CDBG-CV1 funding so far. She shared a success of a mom referred by Crisis Nursery, with 6 children. Dad became depressed and abandoned the family. This family has been getting counseling and housing assistance. LINC's application for CDBG-CV3 funding is similar to their round application. They applied for homeless and prevention of homeless funding, but not for food. LINC also asked for a little bit for mental health funding. 'They have less than a 10% ask for administrative funding. Dave asked about the mental health services for 83 households. LINC will expand counseling services currently provided by CCRB, with the same rate of \$60 hr. However, CDBG-CV3 mental health services will be targeted to persons impacted by COVID-19. John commented that with the cuts from the state, the demand will grow.

John would like us to do a look back of potential impact of decreases in unemployment, etc. Recommends a re-evaluation of fallout of impending changes. Carissa noted that we have a shortage of childcare and other needs. We budgeted \$452,000 of CDBG-CV1; but have only dispersed \$59,000 so far. Regarding CDBG-CV3, \$140,00 was allocated for housing and utility assistance, and \$350,000 for mental health funding. The two applications are for less than amount allocated. Dottie suggested that the CAB board consider a second application late summer or fall, to allocate the rest of the funds that the county counsel has designated for housing, utility, and mental health assistance if the need seems to be there.

John makes a motion to approve both applications as submitted, Dave seconded. Motion carried.

- VI. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm
- VII. **Next Meeting Date:** Tuesday, September 14, 2021
Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting (Remote)/TBD