

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY  
COMMUNITY ACTION BOARD (CAB)  
San Diego County Operations Center  
5560 Overland Avenue, Building 5560, Room 171  
MEETING MINUTES: August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Call to order took place at 3:30 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

- Present: Ana Briones-Espinoza, Monique Fernandez, Gina Jackson, Madeleine Baudoin, Daphyne Watson, Jeannine Nash, Nashaw Jafari, Keith Stevenson
- Excused: Rebecca Huntsman, Ann Durham
- Absence: Stephanie Stephens, Stefanie Benvenuto,
- Staff: Maggie Lujan, Juana Duenas, Maggie Fenn, Nancy D’Adamo

**ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

Daphyne Watson made a motion to accept the agenda. Gina Jackson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF, JULY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2016 MINUTES**

Ana Briones-Espinoza motioned to approve the July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 CAB minutes. Gina Jackson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**VACANCY REPORT: Maggie Lujan**

Current CAB vacancies are as follows:

<b>Sector Vacancies</b>	<b>Primary</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
Public	1	N/A
Economically Disadvantaged	1	3
Private	2	5

Nicole Murphy has given her resignation, creating a vacancy in Private sector seat 15. Madeleine Baudoin asked if Nicole could be considered for another seat. Maggie Lujan replied that it depends on her residence. It is possible she could still serve as a Private sector representative, if the City of Poway approves. Madeleine Baudoin will follow up with Nicole Murphy.

CAB Nominating Committee interviewed Karmin Noar. Karmin could potentially fill the Primary seat for San Diego Workforce Partnership. Madeleine Baudoin said she thinks she would be a great fit for CAB, she seems very passionate and has a lot of experience. Karmin comes from low-income family/neighborhood, is passionate about kids and Connect 2 Careers, she is part of the team that helps to grow and expand the program. Madeleine Baudoin said Karmin would be a great addition to CAB.

**ACTION ITEM: CAB MEMBER NOMINATIONS**

Daphyne Watson made a motion to accept the nomination of Karmin Noar to seat 15 of the Private sector. Monique Fernandez seconded. Motion carried. Maggie Lujan said CAP would be sending an official memo to Clerk of the Board, and to Karmin Noar.

Maggie Lujan said CAP would continue to look for someone to represent the Central region. CAB will have an action item in September or October for nomination and election of Vice Chair.

## **CAP PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Maggie Lujan**

### **Program Update:**

Project MOST delivered 13 (free) trainings over the course of the year. On August 4th, Strategic Plans developed by organizations participating in the targeted Technical Assistance were presented to a panel of local experts that included CAP Executive Director Dale Fleming. The panel asked some questions, gave feedback, and scored the presentations. Two organizations excelled and received seed money to support implementation of their strategic goals.

The organizations included Sherman Heights Community Center, Detour, Jeanne's Garden Program for Children, San Diego Black Health Association, Grid Alternatives, North Park Community Association, Karen Organization (Burmese refugees), Skyline Exchange, and Friends of Skyline Hills Library. Really positive feedback, all agreed it was well worth it. CAP is working on Project MOST program extension and Scope of Work for the next 6 months. The extension will include funding to continue to work with these organizations on Strategic Plan implementation.

LWSD Exchange – CAP met with commander from Sheriff, interested in bringing into Las Colinas and East Mesa for re-entry program. Exploring what they can do, potential.

Connect 2 Careers – The contract with San Diego Workforce Partnership will be extended to continue for the next 4 years, with enhanced services.

50 youths were placed into externships, with very high retention rates. Keith Stevenson asked how many sessions took place. Maggie Lujan replied that sessions during winter and spring break were 2 weeks each. Recruits are from target population within specific zip codes of economically or socially disadvantaged youth ages 16-24 who are at 100% or below FPL. The targeted zip codes are ones with highest number of under the FPL. Daphyne Watson said employment is one of the most important tools to assist youth. Maggie Lujan said that part of our local legislative agenda is to have them increase the threshold. We certainly advocate on behalf of giving us a little bit more (like up to 200%) but right now that is not available. It's a new adventure for us to get involved in youth employment. When CAP partnered with San Diego Workforce Partnership, they were not targeting low income (not necessarily the focus before) so it highlighted where the need is. Connect to Careers is referenced in an article within the Brookings Institute Report.

Juana Duenas said the experiences of the kids and follow up stories were very positive. Keith Stevenson said the success of Connect 2 Careers is suitable for CAP website; it's good to let people know what CAB is doing.

Daphyne Watson said that even if they are not in that percentage category, employment is very beneficial and even crucial for many youth. Juana Duenas asked about opportunities for other kids, Maggie Lujan replied that Karmin can speak to that, and she will ask Karmin to give a brief report on programs for youth. For this board, the funding for CSBG has certain parameters placed on it, but low-income are not the only youth served by San Diego Workforce Partnership.

### **Financial Update:**

The Refugee Programs Bureau visited this past week, to do their audit (every 3 years) and conducted an exit interview last Friday. The preliminary report reflects no significant findings; the final report will be in a few weeks. There are some instances with documentation (I-94) has changed in the last year. That's a federal issue that the State will need to resolve in their policies (the I-94 now has a picture).

The Refugee Employment Services plan went to the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> and will be sent to the State this week.

There was a Refugee State Coordinators meeting this week at the County Administration Center with representatives from Wisconsin, Kentucky, Arizona, and Maryland. The current Refugee Arrival report was shared with CAB.

Monique Fernandez asked about refugee data from Cuba. Maggie Fenn said Cubans usually migrate towards Florida. Most resettlement agencies settle where there are ties; we do not have many ties here. Most Cubans and Haitians do not go thru a resettlement process, and get here differently.

Maggie Lujan spoke of the surge of Haitian asylum seekers at the border. A number of Haitians and others have made their way to Brazil. Brazil had been taking in those who are seeking asylum, but with the economic downturn in that country, migrants have been making their way up to the United States and traffickers are changing their path so that they are arriving in San Ysidro. ICE was not prepared for this surge. The overwhelming majority of Cubans and Haitians want to go to Florida. Currently, Immigration and Customs is taking a number of the arriving Haitians in San Diego to a church in City Heights to transition, they are not staying here, or accessing services. Public Health is working to coordinate with family health centers and do health assessments.

Maggie Fenn said the office of Refugee Resettlement realized an influx of Haitians and had a special funding to help them. Catholic Charities received the money locally. They enrolled 67 or 69 (tending to be single males from Haiti). The State of Calif receives funding (starting in October) to help serve that population.

PRESENTATION: Maggie Lujan gave a presentation on the Community Needs Assessment Process.

### **BOARD DISCUSSION**

Maggie Lujan asked if CAB members were okay with the Needs Assessment process, and if there were any concerns with narrowing the scope. Ana Briones-Espinoza said she thinks it sounds very doable, and that it feels like the progression thru the years gets us to where it is actionable. Maggie Lujan said the economy has changed; the direction has changed, and having *Live Well San Diego* as an umbrella is helping us to use this resource in areas where it is most needed.

It is important for us to make sure we are not duplicating what Workforce Partnership is doing. To match where the community needs are, with where the existing resources are - as opposed to duplicating the resources.

Ana Briones-Espinoza requested info about Refugee data, sees it as an opportunity to build a partnership between CAP and Behavioral Health.

Maggie Lujan said CAP would have more info in the next month about a new, comprehensive assessment for the refugee community.

Ana Briones-Espinoza mentioned the Family Justice Center. She can help to bridge that connection, and assist with anything involving domestic violence or safety. Ana Briones-Espinoza said 211 has incredible data, and she suggested going back to visit them. Maggie Lujan agreed that would be a great idea.

**CAB CHAIR’S REPORT – Madeleine Baudoin**

Ana Briones-Espinoza gave the Chair’s update. Ana suggested that regarding the *Live Well San Diego* 5K, next year, we should confirm a meeting location ahead of time. There was a farmer’s market right outside the parking structure. There were Zumba classes, give aways, etc.

Maggie Lujan said there is a new Farmers Market at the County Administration Center on Sundays.

Daphyne Watson share the “Save the Date” for Meeting of the Minds, an opportunity to participate in forum on different topics about mental health, children, aging, etc. with top-notch speakers. Keith Stevenson asked who the target audience was. Ana Briones-Espinoza replied that it was for behavioral health experts, individuals, and families.

Will be sharing info about a Children’s Conference September 21-23 share with clinical folks.

Ana Briones-Espinoza will be volunteering for the “I’m Here Movement”.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Gina Jackson motioned to adjourn; Monique Fernandez seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

**MINUTES APPROVED BY:** Madeleine Baudoin (Chair)

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Date

**NEXT MEETING:** October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016