

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY
COMMUNITY ACTION BOARD (CAB)
MEETING MINUTES**

July 9, 2020

ONLINE MEETING VIA WEBEX TELECONFERENCE

<u>Present</u>		<u>Excused</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Ana Briones-Espinoza	Gina Jackson	Juana Duenas	Maggie Fenn, Program Manager
Cassandra Schaeg	Connie Cepeda	Erik Bruvold	Abdi Abdillahi, RES Program Manager
Maggie Ta	Parina Parikh	Marlene Ruiz	Monica Melgoza, Admin Analyst II
Madeleine Baudoin	Munqith Alhajjaj	Nicole Murphy	Corinne Rodriguez, Office Assistant
			Terri Foster, Admin Analyst II
			Nancy D'Adamo, Admin Secretary
			Alexandra Talaro, Admin Secretary II

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Vice Chair, Madeleine Baudoin at 3:30 PM
2. **Roll Call:** Eight (8) members were present; quorum was achieved.
3. **Acceptance of Agenda:** Ana Briones-Espinoza made a motion to accept Agenda, Connie Cepeda seconded the motion, motion carried.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Ana Briones-Espinoza made a motion to approve the June 2020 Minutes, Maggie Ta seconded the motion, motion carried.
5. **Public Comments:** No Public Comment.
6. **Information Item: Vacancy Report**

Currently, there are two (2) vacancies in the Private sector:

- Andrew Picard has resigned from Private Sector Seat 15, thereby creating a vacancy.
- Vacancy in Private Sector Seat 18

In the Economically Disadvantaged sector:

- Nicole Murphy's first term in the Economically Disadvantaged sector seat 12 expired on 6/30/2020 – Nicole was re-nominated and approved by CAB members to serve a second term at the last meeting on 6/11/2020.
- Ramon Montano Marquez's first term in Economically Disadvantaged sector, Alternate seat 21 expired on 6/30/2020

CAB members were encouraged to continue outreach efforts to fill the vacancies in the Private sector.

7. **Discussion Item: CAB Nominating Committee Results**
Ana Briones-Espinoza shared the results of contact with Ramon Montano Marquez, Alternate to Nicole Murphy. Ramon is interested in serving a second term.
8. **Action Item: CAB Nomination**
Ana Briones-Espinoza made a motion to re-nominate Ramon to serve a second term in Economically Disadvantaged sector Alternate seat 21. Munqith Alhajjaj seconded the motion, motion carried. A memo will be sent to the Board of Supervisors for approval.
9. **Action Item: Supplemental CSBG CARES Act Funding – Approval of Draft Board Letter**
Maggie Fenn presented the supplemental CSBG Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Board Letter required to recommend the acceptance and authorization of the supplemental CSBG CARES Act Revenue Agreement
 - Draft Board Letter presented for review and comment
10. **Action Item: Approval of Draft Board Letter – Supplemental CSBG CARES Act Funding**
Cassandra Schaeg made a motion to recommend the approval of Board Letter to recommend the

acceptance and authorization of the CARES Act Supplemental Community Services Block Grant funds from the California Department of Community Services and Development, to be presented for acceptance by the County BOS at the August 4, 2020 meeting. Munqith Alhajjaj seconded the motion. Motion carried.

11. Director's Update: Provided by Maggie Fenn

PROGRAM UPDATES

- All Live Well Exchange Program activities through the National Conflict Resolution Center (NCRC) have been revised to be done through virtual channels and to focus on the immediate needs of the community because of the COVID-19 pandemic. In June 2020, NCRC provided the following:
 - 1 Bystander Challenge training that was attended by 21 participants. The topic of the training was "How to Be an Upstander in the COVID Crisis and Beyond". The group practiced how to intervene when encountering disrespectful communication around COVID issues, bias issues, and more.
 - 6 Live Well Exchange trainings that were attended by 85 participants. Topics included conversations for couples focusing on COVID-specific conflicts, COVID safety at work and how to deescalate tense conversations around mask wearing and other safety concerns, and a session with Reality Changers participants on identity and values and how they translate for each individual when working through conflict.
 - 15 Restorative Circles attended by 231 participants, focused on COVID themes and support and allyship for solidarity with the black communities. One circle was held in conjunction with the World Beat Center, specifically for black San Diegans to connect and support one another. NCRC's Center for Community Cohesion office held circles open to all San Diegans but especially for those in Southeast San Diego with focused themes of courage, community, connection, and Strength, Support, and Solidarity.
- The Resident Leadership Academy Coordination Services administered by CHIP provided 2 supplemental trainings in the month of June:
 - Changing Systems Failing Boys and Men of Color, attended by 44 participants
 - Implicit and Explicit Bias in the times of COVID19, attended by 60 participants
- The Communities in Action (CinA) Program providers across the county continue to serve individuals and families seeking assistance for needs such as food, housing, employment, and applications to various benefits/public assistance programs.
 - South Bay Community Services, the provider in the South Region, celebrated their latest Resident Leadership Academy (RLA) graduates with a virtual graduation on June 25, 2020. Nine local leaders completed SBSC's first, fully online RLA; participants were all residents of National City, an intergenerational group aged 16 to 83. Through the training participants enhanced their leadership skills and committed to creating change in their neighborhood through education around public safety, civic engagement, land use, healthy food systems and more. The SBSC RLA team looks forward to supporting, connecting and cheering them on as they work to enact solutions to address homelessness in National City.
 - On June 9th Home Start, the Central Region provider, re-opened their Thrift Store Boutique in Normal Heights on limited schedule (Tuesday to Saturday, 11 AM to 4:30 PM). CinA participants can shop at the store and purchase items with clothing vouchers provided via the CinA Program. All Live Well Exchange Program activities through the National Conflict Resolution Center (NCRC) have been revised to be done through virtual channels and to focus on the immediate needs of the community because of the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - Home Start partnered with Encanto Elementary and Chollas Mead Elementary schools to host an event on June 11, 2020 to provide food cards, hygiene kits and children's books to families who continue to feel the impacts of school closures and COVID-19.

- Amid historic unemployment rates, an unprecedented landscape for small businesses, and a widespread health pandemic, International Rescue Committee, the East Region provider, has supported 423 individuals access unemployment and other financial applications to support individuals and families affected by COVID-19.
- This year's World Refugee Day celebration was held virtually on June 27, 2020. The celebration is held to honor the strength and perseverance of refugees each year worldwide. The video showcasing the event, San Diego's vibrant refugee community, past celebrations, and testimonials from our community can be found here: <https://youtu.be/CDPvhluAzQQ>
- Staff worked with the County's COVID-19 Behavioral Health Taskforce to develop a one-page information sheet focused on mental wellness to be translated into multiple languages. The sheet was translated into Arabic, Creole, Farsi, Karen, Pashto, Spanish, Somali, Swahili, and Vietnamese.

FISCAL UPDATES - None for this month

12. Chair's Update: No Chair's Update.

13. Adjournment - Next Meeting

Ana Briones-Espinosa made a motion to adjourn. Munqith Alhajjaj seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting ended at 4:43 PM. The next regular meeting will be on Thursday, August 13, 2020 at 3:30 PM. Location: TBD