

**CSBG Advisory Council
Minutes of Meeting
October 19, 2015**

Members Present: Amy Meyer, Ben McCall, Scott Rose, Larry Bloemker, Maura Wuellner, Chad Rollins, Bessie Palmer-Harris, Larry Wise, Randall Viessman, Jennifer Roth and Debby Edelman.

Members Absent: Polly Curtin, Anne Tyree, Margarete Trushel, and Alan Winslow.

Staff Present: Joe Bolt and Amy Lyerla.

Chairman Amy Meyer called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm and made roll call.

Chairman Meyer asked the members to review the minutes from the previous meeting (page 2-3) on July 20, 2015 and place them on file at MCCD. Mr. Wise made motioned to approve the minutes with a second from Mr. Rose. The motion was approved.

No public comments were made.

Ms. Lyerla reported that Madison County received the 2014 CSBG Close-Out letter on the final financial status report determining that we were in compliance with the 2014 CSBG grant (page 4).

Ms. Lyerla reported on the CSBG activities for the 2015 CSBG program year. Referring to the client activity on page 5, several of the work programs have had no activity and/or not enough interest to generate services so the council would like more detailed information about the service requirements for each program. Page 6 of the packet includes the demographic characteristics of people served during the 2015 program year and page 7 indicates the budget showing all funds expended so far in 2015 - MCCD has currently spent \$213,609.25 (36%) of the 2015 allocation of \$588,390.00. The individual program categories spent for Program Support is at 41% expended, Direct Client assistance is at 37%, Administration at 9%, and Category D – Skills Training is at 45% expended.

On page 8 is a copy of an article in The Edwardsville Intelligencer announcing the 14 students who received the CSBG Scholarship. Congratulations to the 2015 CSBG Scholarship recipients: Cory Howard, Virgil Lockett III, Patrick Mays, Brandy McCall-Leal, Michael Nance, Daton Rippley, Dennis Hodge, Vanessa Murray, Genesis Young, Gloria Brown, Brittany Carroll, Zachary Ford, Nicole Malherek and Veronica Thomas. Madison County was able to pay for the fall tuition of the recipients without students being dropped from class despite the budget crisis. We hope to host an awards ceremony next year without any crisis.

Madison County is up and running the CSBG program with full funding access. The Illinois Association of Community Action Agencies (IACAA) led efforts to release federal funds that were caught up in the state budget impasse by advocating for the passage of a standalone budget that authorized spending of federal pass through funds that did not require state matching funds.

This year, Madison County partnered with New Shining Light Church Community Outreach & Feed the Hungry Ministry and the Venice School District to provide school supplies to low-income students at their back to school events. New Shining Light sent a Thank You letter and photos of children receiving their supplies.

Ms. Lyerla reported on the 2016 CSBG application. Madison County submitted the Community Action Plan on August 26th as well as the 2016 CSBG Application on September 28th along with the Budget, Work Programs, and the Contractual Agreement (pages 10-20).

Mr. Bolt briefly commented on the Organizational Standards. All board members should have reviewed Category 1 – Consumer Input and Involvement, a link was sent on email providing the website and access to the CSBG Organization Standards. There are 9 categories featuring 68 standards. Madison County's perception is that we were accomplishing these standards however we needed to document our efforts thoroughly.

The next CSBG Advisory Council meeting will be held on Monday, December 21st.

There being no further business Mr. Rose made a motion to adjourn, second by Mr. Bloemker. The CSBG Advisory Council meeting was adjourned.