

**CSBG Advisory Council
Minutes of Meeting
August 17, 2020**

Members Present:

Chad Rollins, William BeDell Achievement & Resource Center
Maura Wuellner, United Way of Greater St. Louis
Larry Bloemker Chair, Mayor of Hamel
Dionne Jackson, Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services
Alan Winslow, Mayor of Bethalto
Deborah Edelman, LCCC Foundation
Fred Schulte, Edwardsville Township
Carole Meyer, Chouteau Township
Bessie Palmer Harris, Project Helping Hand
Margarette Trushel, Oasis Women's Center
Crystal Jennings, Riverbend Head Start & Family Services

Members Absent:

Walt Harris, Village of Glen Carbon
Lori Rodgers, Beverly Farm Foundation

Staff Present: Joe Bolt, Jenny Pruitt

Chair Bloemker called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. Ms. Pruitt made roll call.

Chair Bloemker asked members to review the minutes from the previous meeting (pages 2-4) of June 22, 2020 and place them on file at MCCD. Margarette Trushel made motion to approve the minutes with a second from Chad Rollins. The motion was approved.

No public comments were made.

Joe Bolt reviewed the 2020 CSBG Work Programs (pages 12-15). He stated that all of the programs are getting a pretty slow start due to the COVID crisis. We haven't received the CSBG Cares Act funding yet, but they have given us a longer time frame to spend the money than they normally do. Many programs were halted due to the COVID crisis. We are not having any client contact at this point, so there were no summer camps and we did not deliver air conditioners as we have in the past. We expect to see some programs that haven't served any clients yet, pick up their numbers as the county begins to open up more. Joe Bolt reported on the financial statement explaining that due to multiple programs not being opened, we have only spent 19% (\$120,126.23) of the current budget (page 7).

Joe Bolt stated that there were no COVID report notes to be reviewed because there has been no CARES ACT money received as of yet. He said there was a report turned in, that stated we have not received any CARES ACT money and have only served individuals with CSBG funds. Ms. Bessie Palmer Harris asked if programs will be able to be carried over into the next year to expend the funds, and Mr. Bolt confirmed they will.

Chair Bloemker asked members to review the Resume' of Jodi Steckel (pages 9-10). Crystal Jennings made motion to accept as New Board Member, **Jodi Steckel, Centerstone, representing client sector**, with a second from Fred Schulte. The motion was approved.

Joe Bolt explained the Scholarship Committee report. He stated that the Scholarship Committee selected 14 individuals to receive a 2020 CSBG Scholarship (page 11). Chair Bloemker thanked the committee for their work.

Chair Bloemker asked for any miscellaneous announcements.

Ms. Bessie Palmer Harris asked how effective the Madison County Homeless Referral line is. Ms. Pruitt explained that the line receives on average anywhere from 15 to 30 calls a day except on Mondays when there is overflow from the weekend. Ms. Margarette Trushel asked what the wait was to receive a call back. Ms. Pruitt explained most callers receive a call back within the hour, however when there a fewer staff working the line, there is a prioritization of homeless individuals over rental assistance, but all callers receive a call back.

Ms. Pruitt asked the members to think about someone from the private sector around Collinsville to join the CSBG Advisory Council in place of Mr. Raymond Otero who has recently resigned, and email their suggestions to Amy, Jenny, or Joe.

There being no further business Carole Meyer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Chad Rollins. The motion was approved. The CSBG Advisory Council meeting was adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

The next CSBG Advisory Council meeting will be on Monday, October 19, 2020.