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MINUTES

El Paso County Community Services Block Grant Advisory Board
Friday, June 13, 2025, 2:00 p.m.
Virtual Via Teams

Present: Board members: Camron Scott, Greg Roosevelt, Amy Stephens, Shelley Cobau, Dan Hoff

(Absent: Bill Wysong)

Guests (public) –Haley Chapin with Tri-Lakes Cares; Crystal Klausmeier and Amy Marx with CASA; Lindsey Craft with Catholic Charities; Kayley Weber with Partners in Housing; Amanda Rogers with CPCD, Keira Connelly with Careers in Construction, Amy Blanchard with StableStrides, Josiah Masingale with Colorado Community Action Association

County Staff: Heather Cross, Becky Hager and Johnna Cravener

1. Greg called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm. It was noted that of the currently filled six positions, five Board members were present so a quorum was established.
2. Camron moved to approve the 06/13/2025 agenda. Amy Stephens seconded. Motion carried.
3. Amy Stephens moved to approve the minutes from the 03/14/2025 meeting. Shelley Cobau seconded. Motion carried.
4. Greg announced the planned 2025 meeting dates: September 12 and December 12. All meetings will be held at 2:00pm, and are planned to be virtual.
5. Board Membership Update: Pamela Herder and Michael Claudio have both resigned their Board positions. Currently, the Board has six of nine positions filled. El Paso County has posted vacancy notices to the EPC website. New members Shelley Cobau and Dan Hoff introduced themselves.
6. Greg Roosevelt moved that Shelley fill the Secretary. Amy Stephens seconded. Motion carried. Shelley will serve in the Secretary position until the March 2026 meeting.
7. El Paso Budget personnel presented the financial review noting that on 06/12/2025 the remaining 2025 CSBG funding allocation was released to EPC. Not including the current release of funds, total allocations to EPC were \$997,330 and total expenditures were \$622,174 leaving \$374,616.

8. Josiah Masingale, Executive Director of Colorado Community Action Association, presented the Board training: CO CSBG Intents, Purposes, Accountability and Responsibilities for Public Community Action Programs. This serves as an orientation for new members and training for current members. He also provided information related to the 2025 Region 8 Community Action conference in July. After the presentation, he noted that HR 3131, a bill in congress to update and reauthorize CSBG was not expected to pass. Further, he noted that there was a possibility that CSBG funding would not be approved for 2026. A brief discussion was held with Board members and Josiah. He will keep us posted as he hears any new information.
9. El Paso County Staff noted that a Customer Satisfaction Survey report was included in the meeting packet. As the meeting was going long, Board members were invited to review and send any questions to EPC staff.
10. El Paso County staff presented an update of the CSBG program and progress on the Strategic Plan.
11. El Paso County staff provided additional information about the July conference and noted that the remaining 2025 subrecipient funding allocations would be completed soon.
12. Programmatic Reports:

Crystal Klausmeier with CASA described their supervised visitation program which is court-ordered while parents go through the courts on domestic violence cases. CASA has been able to hire a bilingual staff member, which has reduced the number of individuals required at some supervised visitations, leading to less stress on the families. Crystal shared a story of a father who started the program a year ago with a 5-month-old daughter. Through this program, he was able to stay involved in her life and has now moved to non-supervised visits.

Haley Chapin with Tri-Lakes Cares noted that TLC fills a service gap in Northern El Paso County. CSBG funds are being used for transportation and housing assistance. She also noted that she is a Board member on CCAA and encouraged attendance at the Reg. 8 Conference in July.

Anne Nelson with CPCD noted that the participants in the IT program will work on certifications this summer, 4 welding participants will be certified at the end of June, and the Early Childhood Education and Child Development participants were credentialed in May. CSBG funds support staff for the program, which includes extensive follow-up and support.

Kayley Weber with Partners in Housing noted that their program provides one year of transitional housing for families to 'get back on their feet'. Through multiple properties they own, families have a secure place to live while attending credit counseling and financial literacy classes. She told of a single mom with three kids who was able to get her GED, find employment with Comcast where she was able to work from home and has started taking community college classes.

Lindsey Craft with Catholic Charities noted that CSBG supports staffing at the Marian House. Services provided include case management which includes employment services, meals, ID services and more. They have recently updated their computer lab and hired a new employee to help with technology training.

Amy Blanchard with StableStrides noted that CSBG funds are used for clients to obtain equine therapy and life coaching services. 9 clients have been added this year. One client was unable to take advantage of the riding services due to weight, but was able to work with a life coach who is helping to set goals and support the client. A new therapist has been hired.

13. Board Discussion: None

14. Public Comments: None

15. Unscheduled Items: None

16. Agenda for the Next Board Meeting: None

Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.