



MEETING AGENDA

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Tuesday, June 21, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.
Room 330, City Hall

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Sterner calls meeting to order at 5:30pm

PRESENT: Pat Sterner, Jennifer Harris, Ryan Glenn, Theresa O'Halloran-Johnson, Patrice, Mary Garness

ABSENT: Steve Wick

2. Approval of Meeting Summary:
April 13, 2022 Meeting

→ striking from the agenda; summary was approved at May meeting

3. PUBLIC HEARING for 2021 and CV Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation (CAPER)

a. Overview of 2021 and CV CAPER document and performance report (Suzanne Kelley presents this info from performance chart)

b. Questions for Sub-recipients

c. Public Hearing (Each speaker has up to 3 minutes to speak)

1. Kate Bradley (Duluth HRA)

- Reads a statement from ED of HRA re. Coordinated Entry System; Duluth Coordinated Entry System processed 3876 people.
- TBRA (HOME) supports 13-20 families in Duluth every year; lets them build good rental history before transferring to Section 8 program (served 15 families in 2021, five of whom have moved into permanent housing)
- HRA is dealing with decreased access to affordable units county-wide
- Chair Sterner asks what is happening with the end of eviction moratorium; HRA is very concerned about eviction given the amount that renters o

2. Jodi from Eco3

- Pandemic has caused a shift in the scope of work; focus is on fuel oil conversion and costs have nearly doubled over the course of the pandemic



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- Eco3 has been working on the broadband issue and converting an existing space in Lincoln Park for workforce development
 - Has been working with Duluth Aging Support towards housing solutions and partnering with the Duluth Age Friendly Initiative; will be sponsoring an event at Harvest Fest where participants can “design” their ideal 400-800sq ft living space—the size of an ADU.
3. Jake Morgan (Duluth HRA)
- Warming Center: opened in 2/22 and has served 554 non-duplicate persons (hoping to open 11/1-3/31 each year) – 10 year commitment (report from Jill Keppers)
 - Eviction Prevention During a Pandemic: 26 public housing residents helped ; fewer than expected because people didn’t apply and / or because they didn’t have a COVID-19 related reason for not paying rent
 - Rental rehab: completed 27, 23 still in progress; delays because of supply chain issues and construction delays; 20 projects in the ; moving forward the HRA has a construction training program in partnership with CAD—sold the first house and two more will be sold soon, have also trained many people through the program
4. Colleen Kelly (CCHC) – 5 contracts
- Two contracts were ESG
 - Deferred maintenance during COVID; huge increase in damage to property during the course of the pandemic (attributed to mental health challenges during pandemic and longer tenant stays)
 - Passed all inspections despite these challenges
 - Housing Wait List: 6 families in X units that overstayed a combined 42 months!
 - CDBG for transitional housing & permanent supportive housing (32 total units)
 - Service team had to work very hard to keep up with challenges tenants faced because of the pandemic
 - CCHC went through a transition moving property management in-house
 - Purchased laptops for staff; purchase laptops & chromebooks for student program and worked with ISD 709 for training
5. Jordan Johnson (LifeHouse)
- Futures Program: did really well, worked closely with CAD & SOAR to help young people launch their own careers; education program
 - Loft Program (emergency shelter): helped 25 youth, noticed that young people are staying in shelter longer—19 did transition out to safe non-homeless
 - Youth Center: 651 youth were helped.



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- Neighborhood Youth Services: in the process of transitioning out but helped to stabilize the program after taking it over from Woodland Hills
6. Jason Beckman (SOAR)
- Identified two specific trainings: (1) IT support training, (2) Auto Tech training program (partnership with Lake Superior College and Lakestar Ford) → starting at the end of August; 4 spots filled but have capacity for 10
 - Challenge: with more and more jobs available, fewer people come in looking for careers and people who do come are staying longer
 - 56 intakes, 10 are ready to go to class because the other 46 are experiencing other barriers to employment and stability (access to driver's license & vehicle)
 - Self-reporting of mental health challenges is usually ~30%, that rate has been 60% over the past year.
7. Jeff Corey (One Roof Community Housing)
- CLT → finished those goals and received ~200+ applications and were able to help about 25 people buy homes – crazy high demand
 - Home Rehab program → playing catch up because of supply chain issues, construction delays, and pandemic related nervousness over working in someone else's home
 - TLC → hit its goals and what doesn't show up is all the evictions that were prevented when Eviction Moratorium expired in November/December 2021
 - Decker Dwellings → 2020 project but finally completed in 2022
8. John Cole (CHUM)
- Provided shelter for 1340 individuals → reflects increase demand on shelter system (COVID required some creativity around how to keep people safe)
 - Funding helped to create additional toilet stalls, improved sanitation, and upgrading kitchen
 - Level of drug abuse is worse than before; more and more people with disabilities; mental illness continues to present new challenges
 - Seeing an escalation of violence, drug use, drug sales, self-harm and human trafficking at the Warm Shelter
 - Created CHUM To-Go: food delivery service delivered food to 360 people
 - Funds went towards expanding shelter space (purchasing former motel)
 - Street Outreach / Stepping on Up (5 year plan to address homeless) → in this year CHUM will add two additional outreach workers; currently in



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Phase 1—trying to identify safe places for people to live in vehicles,
trying to identify safe spaces for people to live in tents

- d. Chair Sterner: interested to hear from agencies about how to address growing Mental Health challenges throughout community

9. Leanne & Darryl (AICHO)

- Food Distribution & Indigenous Food Market

10. Kevin Beichler (MACV)

- Exceeded goal for outreach (ESG)
- Exceeded goal for CDBG
- CV funding helped them reach
- Never shut doors during the pandemic; housed 22 of 25 vets from the CE list during the pandemic

11. Brittney Robb (Safe Haven)

- Continue to serve record numbers of people over the past two years
- COVID presented the opportunity to partner with the City on shelter expansion project→construction should wrap up by end of summer

Chair Sterner closes public hearing at 6:59pm

4. Community Needs Assessment Discussion (see powerpoint)
5. HOME ARP Update-see Memo
6. Allocation of 2022 Program Funds- See Memo
7. 2023 Priority Funding Discussion – July 12th CD Meeting Date
8. Other Business
 - a. Comment from Jodi: 1) see if there's \$ for healthy housing; 2) reach out to agencies to see if anyone else
9. Adjourn – 7:31pm