

St. Charles County Community Assistance Board

Meeting Site:
Community Council of St. Charles County
427 Spencer Road, St. Peters
At Spencer Library

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 10, 2017

CAB Members in attendance: John Glenn, David Bardgett, Cindy Syberg, Catherine Williams, Bob Schnur, Allen Loesel, Caty Beilsmith

Absent: Penny Henke

Guests in Attendance: Dottie Kastigar, Community Council; Todd Barnes, Community Council; Pinar Turker, St. Charles County; Jack Lipin, Sts. Joachim & Ann; Brittany Ponteus, St. Louis Crisis Nursery; Dawn Hiatt, Youth in Need; Shannon Nicholson, YWCA Woman's Place; Nancy Cope, Habitat for Humanity.

Call to Order: 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment: Todd Barnes introduced himself. Todd retired from JC Penney after 35 years and had a history of volunteering with other nonprofits, etc. Wanted to work with Nonprofits so he applied for and was selected as the new Executive Director for Community Council, replacing Mary Hutchison. Todd gave an update on the Warming Program: Last year the Warming program operated as a motel program for 14 days. This year, the program is scheduled to operate from Nov-March. For Nov-Dec, a motel program placed 40 people in motels in December at a program cost of about \$6,500; Cabs were used for transportation 7 times.

- Beginning in January, 9 different churches are housing guests on a rotating schedule – one in the eastern part of the county, and one in the western part of the county.
- 175 church volunteers showed up for initial training
- 2nd training - 60 participated
- Churches intake guests at 9pm when weather is predicted at 20 degrees or below overnight. Guest leave around 7am.
- To date, the Warming program has housed 44 individuals, with 83 entries into CaseWorthy
- Sts. Joachim & Ann street outreach program is providing follow-up to persons housed overnight

Pinar Turker shared that CAB funding recommendations were approved by County Council. Contracts will be sent out within the next week.

Approval of December 13, 2016 minutes: Motion to approve was made by John Glenn, seconded by Bob Schnur. Minutes approved.

New Business

The CAB board held a discussion on eligibility rules for Project Care Funds. Should funds be restricted from being awarded to same agency 2 yrs. in a row? John Glenn thinks the funding should be rotated between groups. Multiple groups (6) applied for CARE funds. A total of seven votes were made for the 2017 CARE allocation – 5 votes were for Sts. Joachim and Ann, and 2 were for LINC. Sts. Joachim & Ann received 2017 CARE funds.

Motion was initially made by Bob Schnur stating that “an agency can’t be awarded project CARE funds 2 years in a row.” CAB board members discussed the motion. Funding is very limited right now in the CARE fund. David argued that we should just award the funds based on who has the best applications. On a larger scale, this might be more of an issue, but current CARE funding is low enough it doesn’t have much impact. A discussion was made about how much funding in the CARE fund was too much to follow this rule? John suggested (made a motion?) that if the funds reached \$10,000, a different allocation/fund process could be developed. Dawn Hiatt asked if funds could be awarded to a collaborative project, like the Continuum of Care request for funding for Coordinated Assessment. A suggestion was made by Bob that if there was an attitude of sharing, CARE funding could be lumped into Indigent funds, and awarded as a percentage of the other Indigent fund allocations. Bob rescinded his initial motion, and John withdrew his follow-up motion. Bob then moved that “until there is more \$ in project CARE, funds will be rolled into Indigent fund, until amount reaches \$10,000. Alternatively, fund a community initiative like Coordinated Assessment.” After further conversation, Bob rescinded his second motion. A decision was made by the group to defer the conversation/decision until the Board had more information on how much money was available in the Project Care fund. The discussion was tabled until next agenda.

Catherine asked how many CAB funded organizations participate in CaseWorthy, and how many don’t. She also asked about user fees for CaseWorthy. Dottie will get further information to the CAB board on CaseWorthy participation.

Election of new Chair and Vice Chair: Dave Bardgett nominated John Glenn as new Chair of CAB board. Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Bob and Dave asked if Cynthia was willing to serve as vice-chair. Cynthia said she would be willing. David nominated Cynthia to serve as Vice-chair, and Catherine seconded the motion. Bob motioned that motion cease, Allen seconded. Motion passed.

Announcements: Jack Lipton announced the Martin Luther King Day celebration at Sts. Joachim & Ann on January 16th, and invited CAB board members to attend.

Adjourn: Bob motioned for meeting to adjourn, Dave seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:40p.

***Next meeting date February 14, 2017. – Habitat for Humanity, 186 Mid Rivers Center, St. Peters MO 63376**