



COMMUNITY ACTION BOARD

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEES MEETING

**Pine Hills Community Center, 6408 Jennings Road
Orlando, Florida 32818**

October 23, 2019, 4:00 p.m.

CAB Members present:

Evangeline Richardson, Rose-Nancy Joseph, and Hudie Stone

Staff: Catina Williams, Trellany Williams, Maleka Mobley, and Atalie Ashley West

Chair Evangeline Richardson called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. A quorum was met.

Mrs. Evangeline Richardson gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments: No public comments were made.

A. Community Services

Ms. Trellany Williams provided the board with a brief program update on Community Services update thru October 21, 2019. A copy of the Community Services Report was provided at the meeting.

Ms. Williams gave the board a brief update on the National Performance Indicator (NPI) Goals and Outcomes for the 2019 Fiscal year (4/1/2019-3/31/2020): Unemployed and Obtained Job- Goal 100 - Achieved 40 (40%); Obtained Increase in Income or Benefits- Goal 35 - Achieved 13 (37%); Maintained Job 90 Days or More- Goal 40 - Achieved 15 (38%); Obtained Skills and Competencies for Employment – Goal 125 - Achieved 48 (38%); Completed ABE/GED- Goal 5 - Achieved 2 (40%).

Ms. Williams gave a brief update on recruiting strategies. The Family Self Sufficiency Program (FSSP) continues to recruit from the targeted areas. They recently attended a Section 8 event as well as visited the Orlando Rescue Mission. The goal is to get the word out about the FSSP program to those who may benefit from the program. The

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Family Self Sufficiency Program (FSSP) currently have FSSP workers in the schools and Orange County Tech Programs for recruitment. Ms. Williams expressed that the FSSP Program has also tried to recruit at Evans High School for those undecided students that may need an alternative to regular college programs. There was a great amount of interest, but no follow up presence from parents of those students. Ms. Williams informed the committee the FSSP program receive referrals from organizations such as the Salvation Army, Coalition and Orlando Rescue Mission on a regular basis.

Ms. Rose-Nancy suggested that the FSSP program focuses more on special interest groups such as the United Foundation of Central Florida for recruitment. The United Foundation of Central Florida meets every Tuesday at 3pm, at Evans High School.

Ms. Trellany Williams informed the committee that the Valencia and the Truck Driving Schools have better success rates for placement in jobs.

Dr. Atalie Ashley West informed the board that Community Action is not the only Self Sufficiency Agency in Orange County, so Community Action tries to collaborate with other government entities and other partners such as Good Will.

B. Other Business

Dr. Atalie Ashley West gave a brief update on the feedback that was given on Community Action Needs Assessment in last month's meeting. Dr. West addressed Ms. Rose-Nancy Joseph's inquire from last meeting regarding including additional racial and ethnic categories. According to the American Community Survey the closest ethnic category that we have to Haitian American is West Indian excluding Spanish origin, so West Indian will be included as a demographic break out. According to the 2017 estimate there are currently 82,203 that identify as West Indian in Orange County. Those citizens make-up 6.4% of the total Orange County population. Dr. West informed the Community Service Committee that the Policy Advisory Committee asked that we include more information in the Needs Assessment on children as we do case management on families. A copy of the Kids County Data Center report from the Annie E. Casey Project was provided at the meeting. Dr. West reviewed the education category indicators with the committee. The committee was to review the indicators and submit any feedback by Friday, October 25th, to the Community Action Staff.

Ms. Hudie Stone shared information on Prosperitas Leadership Academy, which is a charter school in Orange County that has a dropout prevention program. Prosperitas students can attend free of charge and also receive free or reduced breakfast and lunch. Student must be at least 16 years of age and no older than 22 years of age.

Dr. Atalie Ashley West asked the committee to complete the CAB Key Informant Interview questions that were sent to them via email last month. Catina Williams will re-send those questions to all board members for completion.

Ms. Rose-Nancy Joseph announced that Mayor Jerry Demings' Town Hall meeting will be held in District 6, on November 19, 2019 at the Barnett Park, 6:30pm-9:30pm. Ms. Joseph suggested that Community Action have a table at the Town Hall meeting. Dr. Atalie Ashley West will inquire about Community Action having a table at the Mayor's Town Hall meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

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