



## **COMMUNITY ACTION BOARD**

### **Special Called Executive Committee Meeting**

#### **Via WebEx:**

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*July 20, 2020, 3:00 p.m.*

*Secretary, Evangeline Richardson*

#### **CAB Members present:**

Diali Coll-Mercado, Barbara Hoosier, Vivian Tindal, Commissioner Maribel Gomez Cordero, Mariely Velez, and Evangeline Richardson

**Staff:** Lavon Williams, Catina Williams, Trellany Williams, and Maleka Mobley

Secretary Evangeline Richardson called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. A quorum was met. Invocation was given by Ms. Vivian Tindal followed by the pledge of allegiance

***Public Comments:*** No public comments were made.

#### **1. CARES Needs Assessment**

Mrs. Lavon Williams gave an overview of the CARES Needs Assessment. A brief review of each section of the Needs Assessment was given: Area and Individuals impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, Distressed Communities, Total Population Demographics, Poverty Demographics, and Affected Employment Industries.

Mrs. Williams reviewed the Community Assessment Survey questions responses:

- How has coronavirus impacted your home? 80% responded wages and employment; 54.9% responded Housing and Utilities; and 48.47% responded Education and Schooling.
- Are you currently employed? 50% indicated they were employed but 38.4% also reflected their work status changed with decreased hours due to COVID-19.
- Primary concerns for your households during the pandemic: 30.56% responded that Employment/Unemployment and Housing and Utilities
- Primary Concern for the Community: 38.89% responded Employment/Unemployment and 30.56% responded Housing/Utilities

## **2. CARES Community Action Plan (CAP)**

Mrs. Lavon Williams gave an overview of the CARES Community Action Plan. The CARES Act Program will target the unemployment and underemployed population impacted by COVID-19 with outcome driven employment services. Mrs. Williams informed the committee that the funds will be used for wage subsidies. Community Action has received an additional 1.2 million dollars in CARES Act funding. Community Action will be targeting small businesses as employers that will be paid directly to add a \$3 dollar per hour subsidy to the employee's wages for a 6 month period. Community Action is expected to serve approximately 200 people through this program. After a brief discussion the committee agreed to revisit the current plan to evaluate ways to help more household.

A Motion to approve the CARES Needs Assessment was made by Vivian Tindal and seconded by Commissioner Maribel Gomez-Cordero. Motion carried.

A Motion to approve the CARES Community Action Plan (CAP) was made by Vivian Tindal and seconded by Commissioner Maribel Gomez-Cordero. Motion carried.

A Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Maribel Gomez-Cordero and seconded by Vivian Tindal. Motion carried.

***Meeting adjourned at 3:49 p.m.***

***Minutes Approved September 9, 2020***