

# Washtenaw County Community Action Board

415 W. Michigan Ave, Suite 2200, Ypsilanti, MI 48197

February 27, 2019

6:00pm to 8:00pm

General Session/Regular Meeting

**Members Present:** Mark McBride, Danyelle Reynolds, Joann McCollum, Stacie Davis, Justin Hodge, Shoshana DeMaria, Mary Phillips-Smith, Commissioner Ricky Jefferson,

**Members Absent:** Desmond Miller, Rhonda Weathers, Commissioner Ruth Ann Jamnick, Elizabeth Janovic, Ashley Jordan, Juanita House, Ryan Hunter, Cherisa Allen

**Staff Present:** Teresa Gillotti, Caitlin Nagler

**Staff Absent:** Morghan Williams

**Guest:** N/A

- I. **Call to Order**
  - Chair called the meeting to order at 6:07
- II. **Welcome and Introductions**
  - CAB members, OCED staff
- III. **Public Comments**
  - No public comments at this time
- IV. **Approval of February 27, 2019 Meeting Agenda**
  - A MOTION was made by DeMaria to approve the agenda. MOTION SUPPORTED by McBride. Motion Carried.
- V. **Approval of September 26, 2018 Meeting Minutes**
  - A MOTION was made by Phillips-Smith to approve the minutes. MOTION SUPPORTED by DeMaria. Motion carried.
- VI. **Approval of November 28, 2018 Meeting Minutes**
  - A MOTION was made by Reynolds to approve the minutes. MOTION SUPPORTED by Commissioner Jefferson. Motion carried.
- VII. **Approval of 2019 Meeting Schedule**
  - A MOTION was made by McBride to approve the minutes. MOTION SUPPORTED by DeMaria. Motion carried.
  - Schedule approved for March 20, Nov 20 meeting dates; motion carried, meeting schedule set
- VIII. **Election of Officers**
  - CAB members interested in filling positions of Chair and Vice Chair can self-nominate. Members can also nominate others
  - **Chair Nomination**
    - a. McCollum nominated self; Davis seconded

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1. 8 votes for McCollum as Chair
  2. JoAnn McCollum: Chair
- **Vice Chair Nomination**
    - a. Davis for vice chair, nominated by DeMaria,
    - b. Reynolds for vice chair, nominated by Phillips Smith
      1. Both candidates gave speeches
      2. Discussion: CAB members ask if both candidates can serve as Vice Chair? After referring to bylaws, determine that this is allowed
    - c. 8 votes for Davis and Reynolds to serve as Co-Vice Chairs
    - d. Co-Vice Chairs: Danyelle Reynolds and Stacie Davis
- IX. **CSBG Requirements Update**
- **Conflict of Interest Form:** CAB members to complete annual conflict of interest form
  - **Mileage Reimbursement Policy Change:** Gillotti explains new mileage reimbursement policy; each CAB member can fill out form to receive mileage reimbursement for attending meeting
  - DeMaria has question about this, wonders if there is a federal policy mandating the \$25 stipend
  - Gillotti says we will be looking into questions about stipend vs. mileage, as there are various federal/state/local policies about each—staff will update CAB at next meeting
- X. **Community Action Orientation/Presentation**
- Gillotti and Nagler give presentation on community action orientation
  - Questions and discussion
  - DeMaria interested in having CAB members attend the statewide community action conference. Asks if there is funding available for this?
  - Response from Gillotti, funding for trainings and travel is pretty limited, but we will hopefully have some trainings coming up at meetings this year
  - DeMaria interested in more activity and advocacy work, wants to start making more recommendations to Board of Commissioners.
- XI. **2019 Workplan Approval, and CAB Work Groups Discussion**
- Discussion of forming work groups and committees among CAB members, to be more active on work they are interested in
  - McCollum discussed article about vouchers and segregation
  - Gillotti discussed affordable housing, what's been done in the past, potential options for work groups on this topic
  - Gillotti mentioned idea about an expert coming in to talk about issue of vouchers with CAB, possibly someone from the Ann Arbor Housing Commission—CAB members responded well to this idea, possibility for presentation at future meeting
  - Reynolds request more detail about what committees will be formed
  - Reynolds requested update about where CSBG funding goes
  - Davis question about CAB fundraising—potential for there to be a workgroup focused on fundraising to go towards community action related work

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- Approved workplan, need to send around with more detail
- XII. **Summer 2019 Youth Program**
- Gillotti discussed program; looking for more employers to get involved
- XIII. **Washtenaw County Equity Officer Updates**
- McCollum talked about experience as community volunteer on the hiring committee
  - Good candidates/ good presentations; final decision will be made this coming Monday
- XIV. **CAB Member Discussion – Emerging Issues**
- Davis mentioned Chidester Place Apartments and mistreatment of tenants
  - McCollum further discussion of article on modern day segregation, on vouchers
- XV. **BOC Representative Report**
- Commissioner Jefferson discusses new BOC members, updates on the 4 year budget, and updates to Master Plan
- XVI. **Public Comment**
- No public comments at this time
- XVII. **Adjourn**
- Meeting adjourned at 8:07