



Contra Costa County Economic Opportunity Meeting Minutes

Meeting: Economic Opportunity Council General Meeting
Location: 40 Douglas Drive, Martinez



Date: 7-14-11 Time Convened: 6:00 pm Time Terminated: 7:11 pm Recorder: Michelle Cooper

Attendees: Abiud Amaro, Christine Sevier, Deatra Pope Sherman, Deborah Polk, De'Shawn Woolridge, Joanne Denardo, Joe McFerran, John Jewell, Kathy Jones (Vice-Chair), Lydia Ned-Jones, Michelle Cooper, Sung Kim

Absent: Fred Jackson (Chair), Delphine Smith, Domingo Delgadillo, James Sullivan, Julie Mason, Melissa Alfaro, Tracy Fraas

TOPIC	RECOMMENDATION / SUMMARY
Review Desired Outcomes	Kathy reviewed the desired outcomes.
Public Comment	<p>Abiud Amaro:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EOC Member candidate • He works at Park One Properties, and is the Treasurer for the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Contra Costa County. He would like to contribute his 13 years of working for the Congressional Office. He has experience working in the public sector and brings a quantitative/qualitative look at program. Abiud would like to see how we can leverage the remaining resources. He is happy to see that we've supported programs that he's familiar with such as the Women's Initiative. He believes in self-sufficiency and that in our current state of our budget we really need to help. He has 3 primary interests: microenterprise, microloans, and affordable housing. He believes that with a little creativity we can really help people move forward an cease other opportunities. • Christine asked about Abiud's creativity. He responded by referring to bridge loans, matching funds, and defining loans agreements. He is interested to help residents in lower-middle income bracket.
EOC Membership Recommendations Vote	We will table the vote until the September meeting.
June Meeting Minutes Approval	We will table the vote until the September meeting.

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<p>Review of Next Steps from the Previous Meeting</p>	<p>We have moved forward with Board recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christine will be the new District 4 Delegate for Supervisor Mitchoff (Effective July 26th) • De'shawn will be the new Private/Non-Profit Seat 5 representative. (Effective August 9th) • Julie Mason is the District 5 Delegate for Supervisor Glover. • Joe will be the Private/Non-Profit Seat 1 representative. (Effective July 26th) <p>Since 40 Douglas Drive, Martinez is a secure building, staff will need to escort guests to the lavatory.</p>
<p>CSBG Fiscal Reports</p>	<p>We are awaiting an updated report of which we will have in September; it will cover May through June.</p>
<p>EOC's Paperless Transition</p>	<p>Printed meeting packets will be available upon request.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital versions will be emailed and available online.
<p>EOC Subcommittees Protocol & Sign-ups</p>	<p>The EOC members reviewed their areas of interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John is interested in Unemployment. He supports the Byron Boys ranch because it gives young men an opportunity to learn vocational skills, and self-discipline. • Deborah works for EHSD welfare-to-work for 30+ years. She is concerned about the survival of low-income families in the midst of limited resources. • Christine's passion is for the youth and entrepreneurship. • De'shawn is passionate about the youth and unemployment. Unemployment leads to crime and additional problems. • Abiud is interested in microenterprise, microloans, and affordable housing. • Lydia is passionate about helping all in the low-income communities and volunteering. • Kathy is passionate about helping the reentry community locate housing and resources. • Deatra's passion surrounds helping people ages 30 and beyond to advance. • Joe's passion is teaching fiscal responsibility to low-income people and youth. <p>Kathy gave an overview about the areas of interest and subcommittees. The Areas of Interest were</p>

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	<p>derived from the 2012-2013 Community Action Plan. All EOC members should commit to an Area of Interest and get out into the community individually. If multiple members are interested to work collaboratively, we could create a subcommittee around that Area of Interest. If a subcommittee is created, we will need to work on the logistics of conducting the meeting per Brown Act as well as devoting staff time to the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EOC members may sign the Areas of Interest sheet after the meeting.
<p>Staff Reports</p>	<p><u>Joanne:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fred has been selected receive the Jayne Thomas Grassroots Volunteer Recognition award granted by the national Community Action Partnership (CAP). He will be presented with the award on August 25th at the CAP Convention. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ You may read the narrative on Facebook http://on.fb.me/neyvJa • Save-the-date for the EOC Orientation September 24th. We'll have a joint training for the EOC and Policy Council (PC) around facilitative leadership. • We will need to create an ad-hoc review committee for the CSBG Request for Proposal. We would like to have the bidder's conference in October. If you're interested to join the subcommittee, please contact Joanne Denardo. <p><u>Michelle:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are on recess for the month of August, and we will not hold a business meeting. • In August 2010, the EOC volunteered at the Greater Richmond Interfaith Programs shelter. If interested, the EOC may volunteer during the month of August. Please forward you suggestions to Michelle. • We are currently seeking new locations to host our EOC meetings throughout Contra Costa County. Christine has suggested New Hope Church located at 2120 Olivera Road in Concord. If you have an alternate meeting location that can hold about 25 people, and is wheelchair accessible, please notify Michelle. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Staff will create schedule of meeting location rotations.
<p>EOC Member Reports</p>	<p><u>Deborah Polk:</u></p> <p>Visited CC Clubhouse which is day center for adults recovering from mental-illness. She was very impressed with the services. Deborah would like for the EOC members to visit the website www.ccclubhouse.com She believes that the money is well spent. They have many aspects to the</p>

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	<p>program. The 9 staff members serve 247 people annually about 40,000 volunteer hours. They receive referrals from hospitals as well as conduct outreach.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christine asked if they advocate for people going through Social Security program. Deborah will follow-up with Molly. <p><u>Kathy Jones (Vice-Chair):</u></p> <p>Visited Opportunity Junction and was very impressed by the professional & clean environment. They also had a therapist onsite to help build the client's confidence; she felt that component was wonderful.</p> <p><u>Lydia Ned-Jones:</u></p> <p>Visited Opportunity Junction with Deborah. She was pleased that the paid internship and job placement upon completion of the training was a component of the program.</p> <p><u>Deatra Pope-Sherman:</u></p> <p>Visited the EHSD CSB Assistant Trainee Program. The program is designed to help low-income people gain clerical skills; priority is given the HS parents. 12 people are selected for the 6 month program. They received 60 applications for the 12 slots. Participants are paid \$8.50/hour and they learn technical skills on the job. She has no suggestions for the program and believes that it's a model program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary added that they also receive paid college tuition. The program will end in December and they will now be focusing on transitioning into permanent positions. This is the second group of trainees; many of them had rolled over from the first group. <p><u>Christine:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richmond has sober living homes and Christine is aware of the available locations. She is happy to forward the information to anyone who is interested.
Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite new EOC Members to Facebook • Table action items until September Meeting
Adjournment	Adjourned at 7:11pm