



Fairfax County Community Action Advisory Board

Memorandum

To: CAAB Members
From: Michelle Jefferson, Chairman
Date: February 1, 2023
Subject: CAAB Meeting – February 7, 2023

The next CAAB meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 7th at 7:30 PM VIA ZOOM

CAAB Election

The Membership & Elections Committee announced the following slate of nominees at the January 2023 meeting:

Executive Committee

Chair – Michelle Jefferson
Vice Chair – Heather Thomas
Secretary – Morgan Jameson

Membership & Elections Committee

Kevin Hickerson – Appointed Sector
Ken McMillon – Representative Sector
Heather Thomas – Representative Sector
Alice Yam – Private Sector
Shari Zamarra - Private Sector
Ben Zuhl – Appointed Sector

Changes in SNAP Benefits

The federal government recently announced changes that impact the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) program. The changes will end some benefits and services that were temporarily made available due to the Public Health Emergency during the COVID -19 Pandemic. Michael Becketts, Director, Department of Family Services, will provide an overview of these changes.

Neighborhood and Community Services Agency Restructuring

Director Lloyd Tucker, Department of Neighborhood and Community Services, will provide an overview of the restructuring efforts that have occurred within the agency.

CAAB Member Sharing

As a reminder, Member Sharing was established for CAAB members to report the “word on the street” - issues that affect the low-income community about which the CAAB should be aware; ten (10) minutes are allocated to this agenda item.

Membership and Election Committee Report

An update on the actions taken to fill vacancies will be given.

Attachments:

February 2023 Meeting Agenda
January 2023 Meeting Minutes



Fairfax County Community Action Advisory Board

February 7, 2023

7:30 PM

Via Zoom

AGENDA

TIME	ISSUE	INFO/ACTION	PRESENTER
7:30 PM	Call to Order		Michelle Jefferson, Chair
	Approval of Minutes	Action	Michelle Jefferson, Chair
	CAAB Elections	Action	Ben Zuhl, Membership & Elections Committee Member
	Changes in SNAP Benefits	Info	Michael Becketts, Director Department of Family Services
	Neighborhood and Community Services Agency Restructuring	Info	Lloyd Tucker, Director Norma Lopez, Division Director
	Member Sharing	Info	CAAB Members
	Membership and Elections Report	Info	Ben Zuhl, Membership & Elections Committee Member
9:30 PM	Adjourn		

The next CAAB meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.



Fairfax County Community Action Advisory Board (CAAB)
Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, January 3, 2023, 7:30pm
Meeting held electronically due to the COVID-19 pandemic
By ZOOM video/audio platform

The virtual meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Chair Michelle Jefferson, who proceeded with doing the member roll call.

Members in attendance with locations: Matthew Bell, Alexandria, VA; Jim Edwards-Hewitt, Mason District, VA; April Hall, Reston, VA; Kevin Hickerson, Centreville, VA; Michele “Cookie” Hymer Blitz, Herndon, VA; Morgan Jameson, Fairfax, VA; Michelle Jefferson, Fairfax, VA; Maria Isabel Leiva Alfonso, Falls Church, VA; Michael Mahrer, Falls Church, VA; Marcia McDevitt, Reston, VA; Ken McMillon, Falls Church, VA; Michele Menapace, Alexandria, VA; Phil Rosenthal, Fairfax Station, VA; Heather Thomas, Centreville, VA; Alice Yam, Herndon, VA; Shari Zamarra, Fairfax, VA;

Absent: Nermin AbdelWahab; Alicia Doe; Mary Ann Floto; Hawa Hassan; Ann Macpherson; Whitney Richardson; Alex Rodriguez; Benjamin Zuhl

Guest(s): Nadia Pedersen, Sandra Barksdale

The motion that all members present were able to be heard was made by Michelle Jefferson, seconded by Michele Menapace, and passed with no objections. The motion to allow CAAB business be done via an electronic meeting due to the COVID-19 emergency was made by Michele Jefferson, seconded by Michele Menapace, and was carried without objection.

Minutes – December 6, 2022

The motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by Phil Rosenthal, seconded by Ken McMillon and was carried without objection. The minutes will be updated to reflect Michele Menapace’s meeting location and the correct spelling of Michelle Jefferson’s name.

Annandale Resource Center

A 1,800-square-foot space located in the Heritage Shopping plaza will house the Boys & Girls Club of Annandale. Partners and community members will also be able to use the space – those uses are yet to be determined. During the January meeting, the Senior Regional Director of Operations of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington, Nadia Pederson, provided a description of the programs and services that are offered by the Boys and Girls Club. (A description of the programs is attached). Operating hours for the Boys and Girls Club will be from 2pm to 7pm Monday thru Friday (7861-B Heritage Drive, Annandale, 22003). Summer hours may be longer depending on the other programs/services that are housed in the Center.

CAAB Member Information Sharing

- Michele Menapace gave an update on the literacy data included in the 2022 Needs Assessment. The report was completed before programs submitted year end data. The assessment has been updated with the correct data. In the future, reports will include the date when data was gathered to avoid any confusion.
- Michael Mahrer shared that the English Empowerment Center enrollment is opening on January 9th.
- Cookie Blitz shared that the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy will have a Richmond Lobby Day in January.
- Shari Zamara shared that the project for affordable housing at the government center is moving along well.
- Jim Edwards-Hewitt mentioned his term on the CAAB is up in February. He has served on the CAAB for 17 years; he will continue to serve until Supervisor Gross has named a new representative.

Membership and Elections

The current executive committee members (Chair, Vice-chair and Secretary) will make up the slate of officers to be voted on at the February 2023 meeting. Kevin Hickerson will join the Membership and Elections Committee. The Membership and Elections Committee continues to work towards filling the vacant board slots.

Fairfax County Delegation Public Hearing

The Fairfax County delegation to the General Assembly will hold an in-person public hearing regarding the upcoming 2023 session on Saturday, January 7, 2023, at 9 a.m. CAAB members discussed the CAAB funding priorities (Housing, Health & Social/Behavioral Development, Support Services, and Education and Cognitive Development) and how they align with the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors' Legislative Agenda. Michelle Jefferson and Maria Leiva will be making comments; Michelle Jefferson and Heather Thomas will reach out to members not present during the January meeting to determine their interest and availability in providing comments during the public hearing. Staff will work with CAAB members to develop the comments.

CSBG FY23 1st Quarter Report Follow Up

Staff provided an update to the questions raised during the December discussion of the CSBG FY23 1st Quarter Program Progress Report.

- **Cornerstones - Kids & Parents Engage:**
The staffing issues indicated in the report are believed to be a result of the current competitive market. The program is also being reorganized to consolidate staffing at the Herndon location from a Youth Program Aide and Youth Program Coordinator to having a Senior Youth Program Coordinator instead. Both positions have been vacant for an extended period and the critical reason cited by qualified applicants for turning down offers is the salary range, so Cornerstones is consolidating the two positions to allow for a more competitive salary for one individual (proposed salary will now be \$50,500-\$52,000). None of these positions complete virtual work.
- **Family Counseling Center of Greater Washington – Mental Health & Counseling Services:**
Staffing issues indicated in the report were strictly related to summer vacations taken by current staff.
- **Shelter House - Artemis House:**
The reason zero clients achieved the outcome in Q1 is because the outcome is measured by a survey conducted prior to clients exiting the program. No clients completed this survey in Q1.

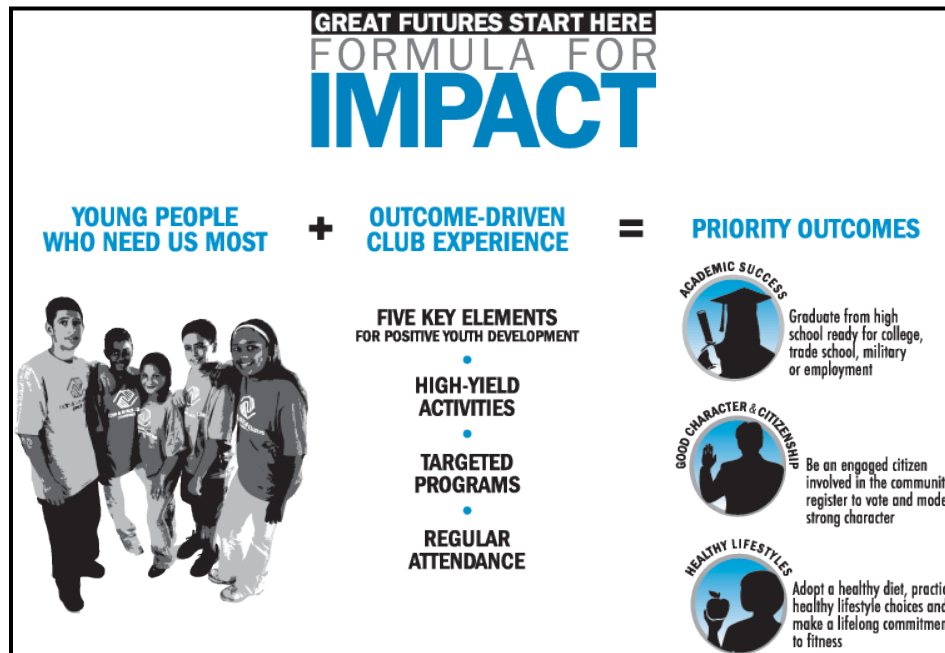
Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 pm.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF GREATER WASHINGTON

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington believes that every child deserves a great future. Unfortunately, today's youth face tremendous obstacles. Unacceptable numbers of children continue to live in poverty and high poverty neighborhoods. Despite significant gains in some aspects of well-being during recent years for children of all races and income levels, 14 percent of children live in communities where poverty rates are 30% or more, and disparities remain deep and persistent. For over 130 years, we have positively changed the lives of children in Greater Washington through our mission **to help boys and girls of all backgrounds, especially those who need us most, build confidence, develop character, and acquire the needed skills to grow into productive, civic-minded, and responsible adults.** Today, we provide a safe, comfortable, and productive alternative for 1,200 youth each day during critical out-of-school time when they may otherwise be at home alone or on the streets through our 12 locations.



reading and/or tutoring.

Power Hour is Boys & Girls Club's signature homework help and tutoring program designed to provide Club staff with the strategies and tools needed to implement a comprehensive homework and tutoring program for all members, ages 5-18. Before any other Club activity begins, members are required to participate in one hour of homework help, scholastic



My.Future provides members with a safe, fun digital platform to showcase their work and earn recognition in the form of stars, badges and master badges. It's a space where kids can interact with each other – free from the prospect of cyberbullying – and share their accomplishments locally and nationally. It's a great way to experience BGCA's digital programming, make friends and build a positive self-image through online achievement.



CareerLaunch encourages Club members ages 13 to 18 to assess their skills and interests, explore careers, make sound educational decisions and prepare to join our nation's work force. Club staff or volunteers help teens build their job-search skills and job readiness by using the CareerLaunch Facilitator Guide and working with teens individually or in small groups. The CareerLaunch page provides Club teens, staff and volunteers with online career exploration, college and job search information and interactive activities. Mentoring, job shadowing and training opportunities round out the program.



diplomas2Degrees (d2D), a college readiness program, guides Club members as they work toward high school graduation and prepare for post-secondary education and career success. d2D helps teens develop both short- and long-term goals, while familiarizing them post-secondary education through experiences like college tours. It also assists youth in securing financial aid and fosters supportive relationships with adults who can provide support throughout the college experience.

Money Matters helps young people learn financial literacy, so they can make good financial choices as adults. Participants learn how to manage a checking account, create a budget, save and invest, start small businesses and pay for college. Teens who complete Money Matters show improved financial management skills, including saving money and sticking to a budget.



The SMART (Skills Mastery and Resistance Training) Series is a prevention program that targets all age groups with various programs centered around helping youth avoid four of the most immediate threats to their well-being: alcohol, tobacco, other drugs, and teen pregnancy. The SMART Girls program focuses on girls ages 9-18. The program was designed to help meet the challenges that youth face physically, emotionally, and socially. During the fall and the winter, and spring the Club offered SMART Girls to three different age groups: 3rd-4th grade, 5th-8th grade, and high school girls.

PASSPORT TO MANHOOD

Passport to Manhood promotes and teaches responsibility in Club boys ages 8-17. Passport to Manhood consists of 14 sessions, each of which concentrates on a specific aspect of manhood through highly interactive activities. Each Club participant receives his own "passport" to underscore the notion that he is on a personal journey of maturation and growth. Passport to Manhood represents a targeted effort to engage young men in discussions activities that reinforce positive behavior. Passport to Manhood consists of sessions, each of which concentrates on a specific aspect of manhood through highly interactive activities. Passport to Manhood represents a targeted effort to engage young men in discussions activities that reinforce positive behavior. It also includes mentoring sessions for each group focused on self-esteem, leadership, hygiene, and personal grooming.



Torch Club is the small-group leadership development program that targets Club members ages 11-13. Members elect officers and plan and implement their own activities and community service projects. Each Torch Club receives an official charter from Boys & Girls Clubs of America. At Clubhouse #14, the Premiere Torch Club has fourteen members. Through surveys and focus groups, members have communicated the importance of Torch Club and how it makes an impact on how they view the six pillars of character: trustworthiness, honesty, caring, respect, citizenship, and responsibility.



Keystone Clubs provide leadership development opportunities for young people ages 14 to 18. Youth participate in activities in three focus areas: academic success, career preparation and community service. With the guidance of an adult advisor, Keystone Clubs aim to have a positive impact on members, the Club and community.



Triple Play demonstrates how eating healthily, keeping fit and forming positive relationships add up to a holistically healthy lifestyle. The multi-faceted program promotes health and wellness for Club members, ages 6-18, teaching them how to become more active and find creative and/or new ways to handle stress, maintain a healthy body and form positive relationships. Triple Play targets the mind by providing nutritional education for our members through the Healthy Habits program; Triple Play targets the body by providing daily physical challenges for our members; Triple Play targets the soul by providing an experience for our members to have a sense of belonging.

Other programs offered:

The Arts

Digital Arts

Healthy Habits

Image Makers

Sports Leagues (BGGW Athletic Association)

STEM and STEAM programs

Summer Camps

UPS Road Code

Youth of the Month

Youth of the Year