

**Contra Costa County Employment & Human Services Department
Community Services Bureau
2013 Advisory Body Annual Report**

Advisory Body: Economic Opportunity Council (EOC)

Meeting Time/Location: Every 2nd Thursday of the month/40 Douglas Dr, Martinez, CA

Chair: Rachele Gomez, Low-Income Seat 2

Staff Support: Jagjit Bhambra, Administrative Services Assistant III

Reporting Period: January 2013 – December 2013

Recommendation

ACCEPT the 2013 Annual Report of the Economic Opportunity Council Advisory Board.

Activities

- Onsite monitoring of the recipients of Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funds and their impact on addressing community needs and access to services:
 - ❖ CCC Health Services Department Emergency Youth Shelter
 - ❖ Opportunity Junction
 - ❖ Contra Costa ClubhousesAll programs were reported as meeting their contract requirements and fulfilling their contracts for addressing and meeting community needs.

- EOC members participated in the following community service outreach projects.
 - Rachele Gomez and 1 EOC staff member volunteered during the Week of the Young Child event at Community Services Bureau in Brentwood.
 - Nicholas Alexander and 1 EOC staff member participated in Men and Women of Purpose event in Richmond.
 - Christine Sevier and 1 EOC staff member participated in the 2013 Project Homeless Connect 9 in Antioch.
 - Uche Uwahemu met with the Executive Directors of Rubicon and Contra Costa Clubhouses.

Accomplishments

- The BOS Community Action Month presentation occurred on May 7th.

- 4,670 households were served in the LIHEAP services and 360 homes were weatherized through the Weatherization Program.

- 24 Clerical Assistant Trainees completed this CSB program. Two obtained employment.

Attendance/Representation

- Nine general business meetings were scheduled in 2013. Seven of the nine general business meetings achieved quorum.

- Joint meeting of the EOC, Head Start/Early Head Start Policy Council, and Board of Supervisors occurred on April 19th.

- Joint orientation and training was held with the Head Start/Early Head Start Policy Council in October.

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Training/Certification

- 1 EOC member attended Policy 101 Workshop in Alameda on September 6th.
- Joint Meeting of the EOC, PC, and the Board of Supervisors was held in April.
- Chair, Rachele Gomez, Private/Non-Profit members, Jelani Killings and Uche Uwahemu, and 2 EOC staff members attended the Cal/Neva Learning Institute training on March 19-20, 2013 in Sacramento.
- Chair, Rachele Gomez and 1 EOC staff member attended the Cal/Neva Region IX Annual Conference in April.
- Chair, Rachele Gomez and 2 EOC staff members participated in the Community Action Partnership Annual Convention on August 27-30, 2013 in Chicago.
- 2 EOC staff members completed Phase II of the Result Oriented Management and Accountability Training on October 17th in Burbank.
- The EOC and PC Joint Orientation and Training was held on October 26th.
- 1 EOC member participated in the Community Action Partnership 50th Anniversary of the War on Poverty webinar on November 7th.

2014 Proposed Work Plan

- Hold the Community Action Public Hearing in Spring of 2014. The EOC will receive public input on needed services in the community.
- The 2015-2016 Community Action Plan will be submitted to Ca Department of Community Services and Development June 2014. The CAP will include results of the Community Assessment, Public Hearing, and Strategic Plan.
- Increase community involvement and information sharing in the areas of interest identified in the Community Action Plan, which are: violence awareness, unemployment, safety, housing, and access to health care, accessing nutritional food
- Release Request for Proposals for Community Action service providers to be funded by the Community Services Block Grant in 2015-2016.