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**MINUTES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CDBGAC)**

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

The Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee convened at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom Meeting, Jim Mustain presiding.

Committee Members

Present:

Jim Mustain, Chair
Audra Smolinski, Vice Chair
Chris Crawford
Madison Collins
Robyn Johnston
Tanya Carlis

Committee Members

Absent:

Staff Members

Present:

Jamey Kirby, Grants Coordinator
Tiffini Hackett, Grants Specialist

Item 1: Jim Mustain called the meeting to order in the presence of a quorum at 6:30 p.m.

Item 2: The committee reviewed the minutes of the August 18, 2020 meeting. Chris Crawford moved to approve the minutes. Audra Smolinski seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Item 3: The committee heard presentations from 9 social service agencies submitting proposals for CDBG-CV Funds. Mr. Mustain welcomed the first presenter and continued to welcome each presenter with direction on how to conduct their presentation via virtual meeting. When CCA presented, Mr. Mustain recused himself and left the meeting and Vice-Chair Ms. Smolinski presided.

Larry Robins, President and CEO of PediPlace, presented a proposal for an expanded program service to address COVID needs related to mental health. PediPlace plans to use funding to add a clinical social worker to facilitate complex cases for clients who experience increased challenges related to mental health due to COVID hardships.

Nesa Grider, CEO of Journey to Dream, presented a proposal for a continued program service to address COVID needs related to mental health to serve hurting, at-risk and homeless teens to overcome adversity living purposeful lives. Funding will provide programming for teens to participate in group sessions and learn how to mitigate past trauma triggered by issues brought on by COVID hardships.

Debbie Jensen, Executive Director of Court Appointed Special Advocates of Denton County (CASA), presented a proposal for continued program services to address COVID needs related to domestic violence. The Court Advocacy program provides community volunteers to advocate in the civil court system for the individual needs and best interests of children who have been removed from their homes by Child Protective Services due to abuse and/or neglect.

Toni Johnson-Simpson, Executive Director of Denton County Friends of Family, presented a proposal for continued program services to address COVID needs related to domestic violence. The emergency shelter program that provides shelter, counseling and advocacy to both adults and children who have become homeless as a result of domestic violence and/or sexual assault victimization, is in need of internet access and improved technology services to better serve their client base during the pandemic.

Daphne Adams, Director of Family Services for Christian Community Action (CCA), presented a proposal for expanded program services to address COVID needs related to child care. CCA provides comprehensive rescue, relief and restorative services to low-to-moderate income families and individuals in financial crisis to help move them towards self-sufficiency. CCA's expanded program would provide funds to support families, who have experienced a job loss or financial hardships due to COVID, with their child care expenses.

Krissy Griffen, Director of New Hope Learning Center, presented a proposal for continued program services to address COVID needs related to child care. New Hope will provide full time child care for school aged children for those families who work and are unable to support remote learning.

Kristen Howell, CEO of Children's Advocacy Center of Denton County (CACDC), presented a proposal for continued program services to address COVID needs related to domestic violence. CACDC coordinates the investigation and prosecution of severe child abuse cases. COVID has increased the number of severe child abuse cases being reported.

Thronn Hicks, CEO and founder of B.A.D.D. Ministry/SBOP, presented a proposal for new program services to address COVID needs related to mental health. B.A.D.D will bring awareness and educate students/ parents, and communities about the effects bullying can have on our society and how to stop it. The program would provide mentorship to Lewisville students to help address emotional hardships created by COVID.

Sue Rider, Board President for Youth & Family Counseling, presented a proposal for continued program services to address COVID needs related to mental health. Youth & Family Counseling provides counseling services for clients that are either covered by grants, or charged on a sliding scale. Their continued services will serve clients who have experienced stress due to hardships created by COVID.

Item 4: Ms. Smolinski made a motion to adjourn, Madison Collins seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 PM

Respectfully Submitted,



Tiffin Hackett
Grants Specialist



Jim Mustain
Committee Chair