

Minutes for Emergency Food & Shelter Program Riverside Local Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

10AM-12PM

Virtual Teams Meeting



TOPIC	PRESENTER	ACTION/ OUTCOME
1. Call to Order a. Welcome and Introduction – Roll Call	Linda Salas, Vice Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Linda Salas the meeting to order at 10:02 AM. Mariel Sarmiento conducts roll call. Quorum was established.
2. Approval of the November 8th, 2023, Meeting Minutes	Linda Salas, Vice Chair	Linda Salas calls for a motion to approve the November 8 th , 2023, meeting minutes. <i>A motion is made by Mark Davis and seconded by Christopher Salazar. One vote to abstain, no objections.</i>
3. Public Comment		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No public comments made or received in the inbox.
4. Old Business a. Phase 39, ARPA-R, 40 Expenditure Deadline Extension	Raushanah Walker, CoC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raushanah Walker announces that the National Board has extended the expenditure deadline for Phases 39, ARPAP, and 40. Walker addresses that some agencies have requested an extension from the Riverside County Local Board. <p>Raushanah Walker calls for a motion to approve the end date extension to 12/31/2024 for Phase 39, ARPAP, and 40. <i>A motion is made by Lorraine Williams and seconded by Gerald Winkel. No votes to abstain or oppose.</i></p>
5. New Business a. Phase 41 Funding Recommendations 10/1/2022-12/31/2024	Raushanah Walker, CoC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raushanah Walker presents the funding recommendations for Phase 41 based on the unemployment and poverty rates. All meeting documents can be found on the meeting google drive folder. Mark Davis asked how many applications were received. Raushanah Walker states that there were 31 applications, and they requested a total of around \$2.3 million. The County was awarded \$1.1 million. Agustin Avantes asked if the numbers presented were final. Raushanah Walker states that it is final based on the percentages that were approved for each of the categories (food, shelter, and utility assistance). Gerald Winkel asks to confirm the percentages. Raushanah Walker states that the Board voted to allocate 35% for food 55% for shelter and 10% for utility assistance. Gerald Winkel asks if we should be concerned that the money will not be expended.

<p>b. HMIS Requirements for Rental Assistance/Other Sheltering (motel assistance)</p>	<p>Raushanah Walker, CoC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raushanah Walker states that she does not see an issue with utility assistance not being spent. Not many agencies requested utility assistance and if they did, they are able to spend it. • Christopher Salazar states that their agency did apply for utility assistance and asks if there is going to be a new manual that will be going out on how to report spending? Ie. what documents to send in. • Raushanah Walker states she spoke with a National Board representative who addressed that they working on it and hopefully it will be released soon. There has only been a release of additional guidelines for certain activities. <p>Raushanah Walker calls for a motion to approve the recommended Phase 41 allocations. <i>A motion is made by Gerald Winkel and seconded by Lorraine Williams. All agencies receiving funding abstained, no objections were made.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raushanah Walker reminder returning agencies and announces to new agencies that it is required to input data into HMIS to ensure the limits within the 90 days for rental assistance and motel sheltering. All organizations new and returning are required to adhere to this new HMIS requirement. If you need assistance with setting up a new project please email HMISsupport@rivco.org.
<p>6. Next Meeting a. Next Local Board Meeting b. Call for Agenda Items</p>	<p>Linda Salas, Vice Chair</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linda Salas announces that the next EFSP Local Board Meeting will be on May 1st, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. • No call for agenda items for next meeting.
<p>7. Announcements</p>	<p>Linda Salas, Vice Chair</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No announcements were made.
<p>8. Adjournment</p>	<p>Linda Salas, Vice Chair</p>	<p>Linda Salas calls for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 am.</p>