



# MINUTES



## Alameda County – Oakland Community Action Partnership (AC-OCAP)

### **Administering Board Teleconference**

**Monday, May 10, 2021**

Granicus Recording Link: [https://oakland.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?clip\\_id=4221](https://oakland.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?clip_id=4221)

**Board Members Present:** Gladys Green (Chair), Monique Rivera (Vice Chair), Andrea Ford (Treasurer), Sandra Johnson (Secretary), Samantha Columbus, Njeri McGee-Tyner, John Michael Baratta, Councilmember Noel Gallo (Emilia Ordaz-Salto), Councilmember Treva Reid (Rosa Velazquez), Supervisor Wilma Chan (Sarah Oddie), and Sean Callum

**Board Members Excused:** Mayor Libby Schaaf (Lisa Ruhland), Councilmember Carroll Fife (Tonya Love), Alicia Rossetti, Mitchell Margolis, and David Walker

**Board Member Absent:** Councilmember Nate Miley (Angelica Gums)

**Staff:** Estelle Clemons, Dwight Williams, Don Raulston, Vanessa Floyd-Rodriguez, and Melissa Francisco

**Guests:** Michael Munson (City of Oakland, KTOP), Laura Guevara (Oakland District 1 Applicant), Rashida Washington (Alameda County Administrator's Office), and Oscar Garcia.

#### **A. Call to Order/Recite AC-OCAP Promise**

G. Green called the May 10, 2021 Administering Board Teleconference to order at 5:36 p.m. The AC-OCAP Promise was recited.

#### **B. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum/Approval of Agenda**

Roll call was performed by M. Francisco. A quorum was established 5:38 p.m.

**MOTION:** To approve the May 10, 2021 Administering Board Agenda.

**M/S/Carried:** A. Ford / S. Johnson / Motion Carried Unanimously.

#### **C. Approval of Draft April 12, 2021 Administering Board Minutes – Attachment C1**

**MOTION:** To approve the Draft April 12, 2021 Administering Board Minutes.

**M/S/Carried:** A. Ford / S. Columbus / Motion Carried Unanimously.

#### **D. Open Forum – None.**

#### **E. Community Action Partnership (CAP) Updates (E. Clemons)**

##### **1. Board Update**

##### **A. Board Vacancy – Attachment E1A**

Laura Guevara gave a brief introduction and explained her motivation for applying for membership to the AC-OCAP Administering Board.

**MOTION:** To approve Laura Guevara's AC-OCAP Board Membership Application for Oakland District 1.

**M/S/Carried:** M. Rivera / E. Ordaz-Salto / Motion Carried Unanimously.

##### **B. 2021 National Community Action Partnership (NCAP) Equity Summit, Report Out**

(N. McGee-Tyner, M. Baratta, A. Rossetti, and Staff)

E. Clemons reported on her Equity Summit participation, emphasizing the session, *Belonging – Starting With the End in Mind*, in which expert panelists Dr. Raquel Hatter, Dr. Michael McAfee and Gary Cunningham presented an analysis of systems level barriers to economic mobility and belonging. E. Clemons asked panelists if establishing an equivalent of South Africa's restorative justice, *Truth and Reconciliation* model, should be considered? Dr. McAfee confirmed *we should be headed in that direction*. E. Clemons encouraged Board Members to continue their education in advancing equity, and shared G. Cunningham's book recommendation, "The Upswing: How America Came Together a Century Ago and How We Do It Again" by Robert Putnam. N. McGee-Tyner reported on the depth of information offered at the Equity Summit, including actionable strategies; she particularly valued the workshops and table talks available

to attendees. M. Baratta reported his appreciation for the issues raised and solutions proposed by Equity Summit expert panelists. He discussed the critical need for leadership to guide actions toward closing the wealth gap, as well as Mr. Rothstein's proposal that federal government purchase properties and sell them at reduced rates to people who have been systematically denied the right to live in middle-class neighborhoods due to racial segregation and discrimination.

### **C. 2021 AC-OCAP Board Retreat**

The date of the Board Retreat has not been determined. E. Clemons reminded Board Members that the Board Retreat requires a quorum. **ACTION ITEM:** Staff to email Doodle Poll to collect Board Member availability to set Board Retreat date.

### **D. Conferences/Travel**

**NCAP Annual Convention, Hybrid | Boston, MA, August 30 – September 3, 2021** The NCAP Annual Convention is a Hybrid event, attendees have the option of in-person or virtual participation. New Board Members were encouraged by Board Chair G. Green and Vice Chair M. Rivera to consider participating in the Annual Convention. Completed Board Member Travel Requests Forms are due June 1, 2021.

**2021 National Community Action Foundation (NCAF) Conference, Virtual, September 27-28 and October 4-5, 2021** The NCAF Conference is held annually in Washington, DC. Due to the pandemic, the event will take place virtually. E. Clemons encouraged Board Members to save the dates if interested in participating in the conference.

## **2. AC-OCAP Programming**

### **A. AC-OCAP Update Community Services Block Grants (CSBG) 2020, 2021 and 2020-2022 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) – Attachment E2A**

The 2020 CSBG contracts will be fully expended and closed out as of May 31, 2021. With the exception of employment, grantees met their outcomes despite having to pivot due to the COVID-19 Shelter-in-Place. Grantees will begin presentations to the Administering Board in July. The CSBG 2021 contracts are executed, permitting grantees to spend their funds now. Family Independence Initiative (FII) is under contract to help distribute CARES funds to clients who have been directly or indirectly impacted by COVID-19 in addition to CARES programmatic funding with AC-OCAP's Community Economic Opportunity (C.E.O) Network. With Governor Newsom's announcement of a \$76 billion budget surplus, E. Clemons anticipates Newsom's proposed budget will be passed, expanding eligibility for the Golden State Stimulus, reducing mounting back rent and utility bills, and making "people whole again" as we recover from the Pandemic.

The [2020 AC-OCAP Factsheet \(Attachment E2A\)](#) was shared on the Teleconference screen and included in the Agenda Packet. E. Clemons highlighted specific achievements accomplished during the COVID-19 Pandemic, including permanent housing 122 families and providing 95,210 nutritious bags of groceries to residents with low-income in Alameda County.

### **B. 2022-2023 Draft Community Needs Assessment**

As data synthesis nears completion, the raw data was provided to the Board by staff V. Floyd-Rodriguez and E. Clemons on the Teleconference screen. The [Draft Needs Assessment Presentation](#) slides identified Alameda County's demographics, racial/ethnic breakdown, and geographic distribution of those living in poverty. The AC-OCAP Community Survey responses were also reviewed; 271 survey respondents indicated they lived in a city or area of Alameda County, 88 respondents resided in the City of Oakland, and 42% had a household income below \$40,000. Preliminary conclusions based on the assessment and survey were discussed, and Board member questions were answered. The Draft Community Action Plan will be posted next, followed by a 30-day public comment period.

### **C. Community Action Plan Timeline and Public Hearing, Monday, June 14, 2021 – Attachment E2C**

The Agenda Packet included the Community Action Timeline and [Save the Date Announcement \(Attachment E2C\)](#) for the Public Hearing. Community Partners are encouraged to spread the word about the Public Hearing and plan to attend on June 14, 2021 at 6 PM. To RSVP for the Public Hearing please send an email to [AC-OCAP@oaklandca.gov](mailto:AC-OCAP@oaklandca.gov) or call (510) 238 – 2362.

### **D. 2021 Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Campaign | Tax Day May 17, 2021**

As of May 3, 2021, the [getyourrefund.org](http://getyourrefund.org) Oakland Hub is no longer accepting new tax clients; however, the Downtown Oakland Senior Center drop-off site will remain open until May 13, 2021. Don Raulston, EITC Coordinator, has supervised the filing of 59 tax returns by program volunteers. There is still time to file your taxes; to do so online visit [getyourrefund.org](http://getyourrefund.org) , or call 2-1-1 for further assistance.

### **3. Open Forum: None.**

**MOTION:** To accept E. Clemons Community Action Partnership Updates.

**M/S/Carried:** M. Rivera / A. Ford / Motion Carried Unanimously.

**F. Future/Proposed Agenda Items**

July – October - Grantee Presentations

September – Barbara Leslie (Oakland Chamber of Commerce)

**G. Committee Report(s)**

**Executive Committee “Special Meeting”** – Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at 5:30pm. Zoom Panelist invites were sent to Executive Committee Members, please check your email. The Special Meeting is required to obtain approval from the Executive Committee before the 2022-2023 Community Action Plan is submitted to the State on June 30, 2021.

**H. Announcements**

**Oakland Rotary** – None.

**United Seniors of Oakland and Alameda County (USOAC)** (S. Johnson) – [Virtual 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention](#), June 4, 2021 9 am - 3 pm.

**Alameda County/Social Services/All IN/ Board of Supervisors** – None.

**City of Oakland** (R. Velazquez) - [District 7 Town Halls](#): May 19 Budget; May 26 Fireworks Safety; June 6 Keep Oakland Housed, June 23 Transportation Safety, and July 14 Oakland Animal Services.

(E. Ordaz-Salto) District 5 Budget Town Hall, May 27, 2021 at 6pm via Zoom.

**Board Members/Others** – None.

**ACTION ITEM:** Staff M. Francisco to share flyers/announcements by email.

**I. Open Forum:** To request AC-OCAP Updates, Teleconference Notices, Agenda Packets please email [AC-OCAP@oaklandca.gov](mailto:AC-OCAP@oaklandca.gov) or call (510) 238 – 2362.

**J. Attachments**

**C1** Draft April 12, 2021 Administering Board Minutes

**E1A** Oakland District 1 Board Membership Application

**E1D** Board Member Travel Request Form

**E2A** 2020 AC-OCAP Factsheet

**E2C** CAP Timeline and [Public Hearing Save the Date](#)

**K. Adjournment – Next Teleconference “Public Hearing”:** June 14, 2021

**MOTION:** To adjourn the May 10, 2021 AC-OCAP Administering Board Teleconference at 6:46 p.m.

**M/S/Carried:** S. Johnson / A. Ford / Motion Carried Unanimously.