

BOARD MEETING MINUTES			DATE: JUNE 21, 2022		
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY:	Tiffany Dancer called the meeting to order at 10:02am.				
TYPE OF MEETING	Regular	QUORUM MET:	Yes		
BOARD MEMBER ATTENDEES	Private Sector: Julie Craig, Tiffany Dancer, Jordan Brummett Poverty Sector: Angela Williams, Kim Starrett (joined at 10:30 after action items were presented) Public Sector: David Turner				
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT	Public Sector: Tim LaVergne Poverty Sector: Trish McElvy				
STAFF ATTENDEES	Judy Fullylove, Energy Services Director				
GUEST ATTENDEES	Virginia Brooks, MasterKey Ministries, Getting Ahead Program				
Agenda Topics					
TOPIC 1:	Approval of Minutes from April 19, 2022	PRESENTER	Tiffany Dancer, Chair		
DISCUSSION	The Chair asked for council members to review minutes for corrections.				
CONCLUSIONS	There were no corrections presented by council members. The Chair asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented.				
ACTION		PERSON RESPONSIBLE		OUTCOME	
A motion was made to approve the minutes from April 19, 2022		Angela Williams		YEA: 5	NAY: 0
The motion was seconded.		Jordan Brummett		ABSTAIN: 0	
TOPIC 2:	Accept changes to CSAC By-Laws	PRESENTER	Judy Fullylove, Energy Services Director		
DISCUSSION					
CONCLUSIONS					
ACTION		PERSON RESPONSIBLE		OUTCOME	
A motion was made to accept the changes to the CSAC By-Laws as presented.		Jordan Brummett		Yea: 5	Nay: 0
The motion was seconded.		David Turner		Abstain: 0	
TOPIC 3:	NA	PRESENTER			
DISCUSSION					
CONCLUSIONS					
ACTION		PERSON RESPONSIBLE		OUTCOME	
				Yea: 0	Nay: 0
				Abstain: 0	

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TOPIC 4:	NA	PRESENTER		
DISCUSSION				
CONCLUSIONS				
ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE		OUTCOME	
			Yea:	Nay:
				0
			Abstain:	0
BOARD CHAIR SIGNATURE:		BOARD SECRETARY SIGNATURE:		
Tiffany Dancer		Julie Craig		

Director's Program Report

E.1. Presentation: Getting Ahead, Virginia Brooks, Master Key Ministries

Bridges Out of Poverty was established by the aha! Process.com. Dr. Ruby Payne was an educator and researcher, and she began to wonder why children that were from poverty backgrounds did not do well in school, even though they had the same curriculum and teachers as other children. The Getting Ahead Program is designed for people who are living in poverty, it is a 16-week course held on Tuesday evening from 6-8:30 PM for people that want to make a change in their lives and pull themselves out of poverty. The program is limited to twelve individuals and will assist them in creating stability in their lives and build resources to assist. The next class will start in the fall after Labor Day. During the program, a meal is provided, along with childcare through the Foster Grandparent program. The Grayson program has graduated nine classes while the Fannin County Program is on its fifth class (next class starting in August). They are looking forward to Cooke County starting soon. They are taking applications now and the program is about half-full. Each participant receives a \$25 gift card each week.

Getting Ahead Investigators (graduates) are asked to come back to help with the class and two graduates have been hired at TCOG.

MasterKey Ministries has a food bank where they offer help for today, but also education programs, where they offer help for tomorrow. They go into the community and teach the basics of what causes poverty, offer resource information, education, physical health, and a network of people for support. If interested in a presentation, contact Ms. Brooks.

E.2. Job Openings at TCOG

There are currently ten job openings at TCOG, from Finance Director to Program Director for Weatherization, and several in the Area Agency on Aging, as well. Encourage potential applicants to apply.

E.3 Program Reports – Utility Assistance, Weatherization and Community Services Block Grant

Per Ms. Fullylove, they have a \$4.2 budget for Utility Assistance and have approximately \$1M left to expend in about 6 months. She reported that they are now allowed to pay one lump sum for utility payments instead of having to spread it out over the course of this year, this has made the process easier.

Regarding the Water Assistance Program, they are currently working on vendor agreements that will allow them to make a payment on behalf of customers. However, they are finding that several water districts do not want to participate, with only about 25% of potential vendors signed up for the water program so far. Ms. Fullylove reported that she believes this process will be customer driven as they reach out to their water departments to ask why they are not signing and encouraging them to do so for assistance. This program has \$2M through 2023.

Regarding the Weatherization Program, they have accepted the resignation of longtime Program Manager, Evan Brown, as he is leaving for another job.

For the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG), they are currently case managing thirteen, with twenty-one individuals enrolled in a training program in 2022 (health science courses mostly).

For the transition out of Poverty performance requirement, they will have eleven candidate left-over from 2021 (the requirement is nine). To qualify for performance, these participants must earn above 125% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines when they have completed the program.

The Diaper Bank continues to distribute in Gainesville for Cooke County and in Denison for Grayson Counties once a month. Ms. Fullylove

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reported they are working on a partnership with ABBA to conduct the work in Cooke County going forward.

E.4. Financial Report – see attachments for four major programs.**F. Community announcements**

Ms. Fullylove reported that two clients were referred from Trish McElvy to On the Road Lending and that they are close to getting cars through this program.

Angela Williams stated she is still getting people into the Bridges Program training in Cooke County by working with Virginia Brooks.

Julie Craig reported that Child Care Services (CCS) is still seeking enrollments and asked that agencies encourage their customers to apply as there is no waitlist at this time.

Ms. Fullylove reported that she will forward along an email from the Child and Family Guidance Center and its attachments as it contained great community information and she wants to share it with the group (original email from Cheryl Gomez).

The next meeting is scheduled for August 16th and the community action plan is on the agenda, so a quorum is necessary. Ms. Fullylove reported that she is still looking for an elected official to join the council and that they do not have to be from Cooke County. One member suggested Sean Vanderveer at the Sherman Housing Authority.

G. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.