

Minutes

LARIMER COUNTY CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date: March 18, 2024
Time: 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Location: Zoom
Contact: Laura Walker, Human and Economic Health Director
Ryan Barstow, Behavioral Health Business Operations Coordinator

Participants: Karen Barrett, Cedric Clark, Joshua Fuller, Glenda Kastle, Amber Sullivan, Silen Wellington, Madison Krumwiede, Steve Pietrafeso, Commissioner Shadduck-McNally, Mary Beth Swanson

Absent: Michael Ellis, Sarah McKeen, Hans Pearson, Laura Whitney, Mary Maldonado, Emily Potts

CALL TO ORDER – 9:32 a.m.

DISCUSSION/DECISIONS

1. Ryan Barstow requested a motion to approve the February 12, 2024 CAC meeting minutes. Mary Beth Swanson made the motion, seconded by Amber Sullivan; the motion was approved unanimously.
2. Jessica Plummer led a discussion to finalize the Impact Fund Grant Program recommendations presenting these [slides](#). Topics for discussion, which came from suggestions made at the previous meeting included prioritizing the percentage of funding for targeted areas, prioritizing health equity to address needs, and encouraging collaboration over competition in the grants. Members discussed potential changes to grant evaluation efforts and the implications involved, including the need to have appropriate and common metrics to use across the various project areas. In terms of prioritizing funding distribution, a recommendation was made to set approximately 70% of funding for the 6 targeted areas together (rather than establishing amounts for individual projects) with about 30% going toward responsive grants. Regarding the

prioritization of health equity, the language for that question on the application was revised slightly for that question for 2024. Members said while this information is important, it's difficult to quantify, identify baseline data, develop a consistent scoring rubric for, and that it doesn't necessarily identify areas or populations of the community that need outreach the most. Members also stressed the importance of needing community and organization-level data and using that to identify areas of need while having flexibility in grant funding to address those needs. In a discussion of encouraging collaboration amongst organizations for grants, the group emphasized the need to create specific guidelines to ensure meaningful partnerships and that it may be more relevant for long-term/multi-year funding strategies.

3. Sharing her thoughts on the importance of this process to inform the Impact Fund Grant Program, Commissioner Shadduck-McNally shared that over 80 people are involved in the process, and stressed how data-driven it is. She also commended how thoughtful the discussion and intention to move toward multi-year funding is. The Commissioner said there's a lot to celebrate about this process being so deliberate about where this money is going in the community. She also thanked CAC members for their contributions stating their involvement is critical in this process and greatly appreciated.
4. The meeting concluded with a discussion to plan how recommendations can best be presented to the BHPC at the 4/1/2024 meeting. CAC Vice Chair Amber Sullivan offered the opportunity to present and speak more at length at the April meeting to the other members of the committee. Members felt that encouraging in-depth discussion and having various members speak to the project areas they're most passionate about at the meeting would be the best approach.

The next meeting will be combined with BHPC and TAC and held in person at 2260 W. Trilby Rd. on 4/1/24 at 8:00 a.m.

ADJOURN – 10:22 a.m.