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



Advocacy Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 6:30 PM

Committee Member Present: William B. "Quantum" Norwood II (Chair), Councilmember Carroll Fife (Tonya Love), and Councilmember Noel Gallo (Josephine Guzman)

Guest(s): Laura Calvert (Spectrum Community Services), and Angelica Gums.

Staff: Dwight Williams, Thea On, and Maria Huynh

1. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum

Staff T. On performed Roll Call, and a quorum was established at 6:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: To approve the February 19, 2025, Advocacy Committee Meeting Agenda.

M/S/Carried: T. Love / Motion Carried by Acclamation.

3. Public Comment: (Specific Agenda Item(s): Audience Comment Period) – None

4. Discussion Item #1: Rescheduling Advocacy Committee meeting days and times – The Advocacy Committee discussed changing their meeting schedule as follows:

- Proposed Meeting Schedule:
 - Formal meeting: Second Thursday of the month at 5:30-6:30 PM
 - Ad hoc working meeting: Fourth Thursday of the month at 5:30 PM via Teams
- Rationale for Changes:
 - To have a working meeting to re-evaluate accomplishments
 - To prepare targets and execution plans
 - To have a more flexible meeting structure.
- Specific Considerations:
 - The second Thursday meeting will be in person
 - The fourth Thursday meeting will be virtual/via Teams
 - Staff noted the fourth Thursday conflicts with the executive meeting.
- Next Steps:
 - Staff T. On will send a confirmation email about the new meeting schedule
 - The first ad hoc working meeting will be on February 27th
 - Committee Chair Q. Norwood will email committee members attachments for review.

ACTION ITEM: Adjournment

MOTION: To approve changing the dates of the advocacy meetings to a formal meeting on the second Thursday, the ad hoc work meeting on the fourth Thursday, and then the second meeting at 5:30 PM.

M/S/Carried: T. Love / Motion Carried by Acclamation.

5. Discussion Item #2: Proposed Target or Milestones for presentation to Administering Board:

- Advocacy Committee Responsibilities:
 - Advocate for and support education
 - increased awareness
 - Develop strategies to impact issues affecting low-income populations.
- Proposed Targets/Activities:
 - Identify legislative issues affecting poverty and inequality
 - Conduct "bill watch" tracking state and federal bills
 - Make a list of organizations with stakes in key issues
 - Join Cal CAPA (California Community Action Partnership Association)
 - Attend Cal CAPA training sessions
 - Contact elected officials
 - Study elected officials' agendas
 - Register and participate in 2025 Cal CAPA Advocacy Day (April 3, 2025)
- Next Steps:
 - Q. Norwood will send attachments including:
 - Cal CAPA 2024-2025 policy priorities
 - Script describing who they are and what they do
 - Spreadsheet to track milestones and targets.
- Timeline:
 - Review the legislative platform before the next meeting
 - Submit targets/milestones to Monique by March 3rd
 - Present to the board on March 10th
 - Prepare for April 3rd Advocacy Day in Sacramento

6. Discussion Item #3: Review Policy Priorities of the California Community Action Partnership

Association – Committee Chair Q. Norwood noted he has a copy of the 2024-2025 policy priorities draft which has not yet been approved by the board. It provides direction for their advocacy efforts.

- Planned Actions:
 - Quantum will send the draft policy priorities to committee members
 - The committee plans to review the priorities before their next meeting
 - They intend to identify specific legislation to advocate for
 - Will present selected priorities to the board on March 10th.

7. Open Forum: (General Audience Comment Period) – Laura Calvert from Spectrum Community Services appreciated the Advocacy Committee's planning and encouraged looking into Cal Nonprofits' legislative bills. She mentioned only one bill was fully signed last year. She also highlighted key legislative concerns: the issue of prompt payment for nonprofits, the Governor's veto of a prompt payment bill, how nonprofits are not paid as promptly as regular businesses, and noted the state finance department relies on nonprofits' cash flow. She offered to share specific bill information and agreed to send details via email the next day. She expressed a willingness to collaborate offline. Staff D. Williams requested that Laura send specific bill information to AC-OCAP email address. He added this would help the ad hoc committee's research.

8. ACTION ITEM: Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm

M/S/Carried: T. Love / J. Guzman / Motion Carried.

The Next-In-Person Meeting: **March 13, 2025**