



El Dorado County Committee/Commission Overview 2025 Community Services Community Action Council (CAC)

PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON
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Purpose/Objective

- ▶ Community Action Agencies are mandated through the receipt of Community Service Block Grants (CSBG). In El Dorado County, the Health and Human Services Agency administers CSBG and facilitates Community Action Council meetings.
- ▶ The Community Action Council (CAC) seeks to involve the community, including elected public officials, private sector representatives, and especially low-income residents, in assessing local needs and addressing the causes and conditions of poverty.
- ▶ In order to reduce poverty in El Dorado County, the CAC focuses on available local, state, federal and private resources to assist low-income individuals and families to acquire useful skills and knowledge, to gain access to new opportunities, and to achieve economic self-sufficiency.

History and Governing Documents

- ▶ Community Action Agencies are private or public nonprofit organizations that were created by the federal government in 1964 to combat poverty in geographically designated areas. Status as a Community Action Agency is the result of an explicit designation by local or state government.
- ▶ Community Services Block Grant Program (CSBG) regulations, Title 42 United States Code 9910(b) and CA Government Code Section 12751, require the Community Action Agency to maintain a tripartite board structure made up of elected public officials, private sector community agencies and low-income representation by residents or organizations, to promote the participation of the community in the reduction of poverty.
- ▶ The council reviews the bylaws annually and is provided the option to make changes or edits to the bylaws at any time. The council recently drafted a Governance document that explains the roles of membership and the democratic selection process for new council members more in detail.

Membership

- ▶ Membership is comprised of fifteen (15) with five (5) members in each of the three categories (3). (tripartite board)
 1. Public Official Sector: Elected/Appointed members
 2. Low Income Sector: Individuals or an agency representatives of the low- income community
 3. Community Sector: An agency or community group representing services to support the low-income community.

- ▶ The Officers of the Council are Chair and Vice Chair.
 1. Officers are nominated and elected by a majority vote annually in May.

CAC Members

► Public Official Sector

- George Turnboo, BOS Dist.II
 - Alternate Mark Treat
- Brian Veerkamp, BOS Dist. III
- Alternate Kathy Witherow
- Lori Parlin, BOS Dist. IV
 - Alternate Shelley Wiley
- John Clerici, City of Placerville
 - Alternate Patty Borelli
- Alberto Manfredi, City of South Lake Tahoe

► Low-Income Sector

- Kelly Krohn, Chair, Individual
- Misha Lee, Vice Chair, Individual
- Melissa Williams, Individual
- Shannon Maguire-Estrada, Marshall Medical Center

► Community Sector

- Stephanie Lopez-Vassar, Salvation Army
- Aaron Lungren, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
- Kathryn Marrone, Liberty
- Kim McPherson, Food Bank of El Dorado County
- Caleb Armstrong, Non-Profit Construction Corporation

What we do:

- ▶ Provide valuable community resource information to residents through a comprehensive community resources webpage that was established in 2024. The webpage address is [Community Resources - El Dorado County](#).
- ▶ Council members attend various local outreach events throughout the year to ensure they maintain an accurate and thorough listing of available resources.
- ▶ Collaboration and communication at monthly meetings between council members and members of the community to share resources that benefit the community and identify focus areas surrounding emerging issues and needs.
- ▶ Elevate needs and concerns to the council and County leadership to work collectively on solutions or additional community supports.

Challenges

- ▶ El Dorado County's CSBG funding is limited providing limited opportunities for direct community supports beyond the direct services provided through HHSA.
- ▶ Cross Community service integration.
- ▶ CAC Membership and participation

Upcoming Goals/Workplan

- ▶ Prioritize needs identified in the Biannual Community Needs Assessment to develop action plan for addressing the highest community needs.
- ▶ As an Advisory Committee to the Board of Supervisors, provide recommendations for improvements in services that support low-income residents in the County.
- ▶ Increased Council member outreach participation.
- ▶ Increase opportunities for community input.

Questions?

Thank you for your time!