

Region 7 Meeting

July 1, 2020

Attendance: Marie Watson (Region 7 Lead), Manuel Hyman, Tami Carter, Laura Spivey, Quiotti Ratliff, Kay Johnson, Kelly Hutchins, Debra Cole, Rachel Picard, Nina Walker

1. CARES Discussion

Region 7 received over one million dollars in CARES funds. Applications are due for this funding by July 17. Applications must go through Balance of State. Of the 1.2 million, \$700,000+ has to go to rapid rehousing and prevention. The other 40% (\$493,495) has to go to crisis response (shelter/outreach). 60% has to be used for stabilization. Applications do not have to go through Region 7. If your agency applies through the Back @ Home process then Region 7 does not have to vote on the application; If you don't want to go through Back @ Home then your agency has to send a letter opting out. The State prefers agencies to go through the Back @ Home process. JHCA is applying for RRH through the Back @ Home process. The regional applications will go through NCCEH. The application will have a fast turnaround, and is ranked on a point system. The application itself is on a Smart Form. We need to make sure this money is spread throughout all nine counties. The grant is for two years; It will end in September 2021.

Another round of money will probably be coming too, and will possibly be even more money than this round. It's good to have this money, but is there any affordable housing in this region? We can't end homelessness without housing. Laura Spivey/OMI is considering applying. JHCA would have to increase staff if they receive the money. Everyone should watch the webinars for more information. Agencies do not have to be current ESG recipients to apply. There will still be the normal application in fall for the regular yearly Region 7 money. Email or call Brian Alexander with NCCEH if you have questions.

Nina Walker motioned to adjourn. Manuel Hyman seconded.