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| Present: | **Voting Board Members:**  Craig Volwiler- Finance Sector, Chair  Mike Rizzitiello, City of College Place, Chair  ☐Jay Potts, City of Prescott  Byron Olson, City of Walla Walla  Randy Hinchliffe, City of Waitsburg  Jim Johnson, BOCC  Juli Reinholz  Kathy Covey | VETERANS VACANT-Dawn Avery  Renee Rooker, WWHA  Andrea Weckmueller-Behringer, Transportation  Norrie Gregoire, Corrections/Safety  Tyler Graber, Legal  Anne-Marie Zell-Schwerin, DV shelter  Tim Meliah, Youth Services  HOSPITAL VACANT- Becky Betts |
| **Non-Voting Participants:**  Rachel Elfenbein, Catherine Veninga  DCH Staff: Nikki Sharp, Sam Jackle | | |

**Quorum Present – Yes**

**Welcome:** Mike called the meeting to order at approximately 11:05 AM. We went around the Zoom room and did introductions.

**Approval of April 9, 2020 Minutes:** Review of notes by board, Kathy Covey motioned to approve minutes, Anne-Marie Zell-Schwerin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of 5-Year Homeless/Housing Plan:**

* Discussion that the 5-year plan is a living document, motion to approve with incorporated edits, questions/comments addressed and/or corrected, CDBG addendum, and Covid-19 response and impacts reflected. Knowledge that efforts will be taken to improve and submit a revised approval down the road.
* Kathy Covey moves to approve, Renee Rooker seconds. Motion passes.

**COH Workgroup: Homeless Housing Covid-19 Needs Update:**

* That group has met a couple of times (Renee Rooker, Liz Guerra, Jennifer Beckmeyer, Sam Jackle) regarding rental assistance dollars from multiple sources, including CDBG dollars from the City of Walla Walla
* Renee is working with Liz and the state on their rental assistance
* Dept of Community Health is working on an interlocal agreement for HB 1406; should expect 20-30% less than the original projected revenue for HB 1406

**COH Workgroup: CDBG Micro-business Update:**

* City of Walla Walla has a well thought out program, the thought process is that it would be easiest for Walla Walla County to partner and direct County dollars to the City’s program
* Port of Walla Walla - working WA small business grant; the need here is extremely high (the $5 million grant is a drop in the bucket; maybe 9 businesses will be funded, but they received 300 applications)
* Assisting small businesses and doing it in a TIMELY manner so it isn't too little, too late is especially important right now
* City is getting closer to having agreements with Mercy Corps and Craft 3 to be lending conduits; using a model that Spokane just put into effect this week and one that Seattle used. Anticipate being open for applications for about 1 week; want to get it out and into their hands no later than the middle of May. Working with Chamber of Commerce and WW Downtown Foundation on a weekly roundtable Zoom meeting (~600 views), they have helpful resources available, guests discussing important things, etc.
* City of Walla Walla will be seeking outside capital contributions from outside sponsors so that they can build that fund or nearly double it; this could also extend it to Walla Walla County as well

**Other Business:**

* Monthly housing provider meetings are now occurring twice monthly, on the 1st and 3rd Fridays at Noon to account for changes to program services, eligibility, etc. due to Covid-19

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 AM