



Maricopa County

Human Services Department

Community Services Division

Maricopa County Community Services Commission

Introduction

The Maricopa County Community Services Commission is the Community Action Board of the Maricopa County Community Action Agency as established pursuant to a Resolution adopted by the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors on February 24, 1970. The Maricopa County Community Action Agency is the Maricopa County Human Services Department Community Services Division.

Maricopa County Human Services Department, Community Services Division is one of eleven (11) designated Community Action Agencies (CAAs) in the state of Arizona. Community Action Agencies are the largest part of the Community Services Network, which is comprised of approximately 1,140 local, private, non-profit and public agencies working to alleviate poverty and empower low-income families and communities throughout the United States.

Purpose

The purpose of the Community Services Commission is to advise the Maricopa County Human Services Department/Community Services Division. The commission will provide oversight on the extent and quality of services for low-income populations served by the Community Action Agency.

The commission will also be responsible for assisting in the development and monitoring of the Community Action Agency's strategic plan and plan of actions. Furthermore, the commission will also provide direction on all priorities, approve all evaluations, review and provide feedback on reports and assessment studies. All above activities are subject to pre-emption by the policies of the Maricopa County Human Services Department.

The purpose of the community services commission is to focus on the following priorities:

1. Individuals and families with low incomes are stable and achieve economic security.
2. Communities where people with low incomes live are healthy and offer economic opportunity.
3. People with low incomes are engaged and active in building opportunities in communities.

Composition

The Maricopa County Community Services Commission shall consist of no more than fifteen (15) persons for a term as defined by the current By-laws. Such membership shall be constituted as follows:

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- Low Income Representatives: Not less than one-third (1/3) of the members of the Commission shall be representatives of the low-income residents. The membership belongs to the individual.
- Elected Public Officials: Members of the Commission shall include elected public officials of communities within Maricopa County. The membership belongs to the community represented.
- Public/Private Organization Representatives: The remainder of the members of the Commission shall be officials or members of public agencies, business, industry, labor, religious, welfare, education, law enforcement, or other private groups and interests in the community. The membership belongs to the organization represented.

No person may sit on the Commission who is an officer or an employee of an organization contracting to perform a component of the Community Action Agency work program funded by the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) except Category II, Elected Public Officials, whose jurisdiction may contract for such a component without being in conflict.

Community Action Programs

The Maricopa County Human Services Department contracts with 7 Governmental Agencies and 3 Non-Profit Agencies to provide services through the Community Action Programs (CAPs) in 13 communities in Maricopa County outside the cities of Phoenix and Mesa. CAPs provide assistance with Eviction Prevention, Rent and Mortgage, Utility assistance and Food programs. Some of the programs and projects that CAPs have in their communities include Back-to-School Clothing Drives, Youth Work experience, Health Fairs, Landlord/Tenant Workshops, Budgeting Workshops, Holiday projects, includes gift giving to local children and seniors. Each Community Action Program is unique because of the community and resources.

Meetings

Commission meetings are held quarterly, at 6:00 PM. Meeting location is 234 North Central, 3rd Floor, Phoenix, AZ 85004.

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