

Committee Summary

Origin

Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 268.53, the Hennepin County Board, at its June 5, 1984, meeting, adopted Res. 84-6-404, indicating its intent to designate a community action agency for suburban and rural Hennepin County. Subsequently, on Sept. 25, 1984, the County Board designated (Res. 84-9-599) the agency, later incorporated as Community Action Partnership of Suburban Hennepin (CAPSH), as the community action agency serving the 45 municipalities of Hennepin County outside Minneapolis. The resolution provided that the agency be a private, non-profit corporation with one board of directors, which would be both a governing and administrative board. On November 20, 2015, the Minneapolis City Council adopted Res. 2015R-457, indicating its intent to designate CAPSH as the community action agency for the City of Minneapolis. Subsequently, on April 29, 2016, the City Council designated (Res. 2016R-152) as the community action agency for the City of Minneapolis, making CAPSH the community action agency for all of Hennepin County.

Composition

21 members in three equal categories:

- Public Sector:
 - Three are commissioners appointed by the County Board or their designees.
 - Two are elected officials of suburban or rural Hennepin County, and are mayors, councilpersons, school board members, or state legislators appointed by the County Board pursuant to the Open Appointments process.
 - Two are Minneapolis City Council members or their designees.
- Community Sector:
 - CAPSH selects members through a democratic process in which all the nominees must be low-income persons and only low-income persons may vote.
- Private Sector:
 - CAPSH solicits applicants from business, industry, labor, religious, welfare, or educational organizations or other major groups in the community. The CAPSH board selects members from those applicants.

Duties/Responsibilities

Adapted from the Statement of Purpose in the CAPSH bylaws: Community Action Partnership is the anti-poverty agency that serves Hennepin County. Its purpose is to:

- Identify the contributing causes of poverty in the midst of affluence.
- Work to advance the economic well-being of those among us with the least resources through advocating, community organizing, providing direct services, and encouraging institutional change.

Among their specific purposes is to provide programs that assist low-income persons and only low-income persons to:

- Secure and retain meaningful employment.
- Attain an adequate education.

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Community Action Partnership

- Obtain and maintain decent housing that is affordable to low- and moderate-income people.
- Make better use of available income.
- Obtain emergency assistance.
- Meet immediate and urgent individual and family needs, including the need for health services, nutritious food, housing, and employment-related assistance.
- Remove obstacles and solve problems that block the achievement of self-sufficiency.
- Achieve greater participation in the affairs of the community.
- Make more effective use of other programs.

Term

Public Sector: 2 years

Meetings

The board usually meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m., generally at the CAPSH office, 8800 Highway 7, #401, St. Louis Park, MN.

Eligibility Requirements

See "Composition."

Compensation

None

Reimbursement

Community sector members receive travel reimbursement. Other members receive no reimbursement.

Other Information

Visit the CAPSH website: <http://www.capsh.org/about-us/board-directors/>

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