

**METROPOLITAN ACTION COMMISSION  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES  
March 6, 2014 / 12:00 noon / Agency Board Room**

*The Promise: Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community and are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.*

**Present:** Kasey Anderson, Calvin Atchison, Fabian Bedne, Kamel Daouk, Benita Davis, Karen Doty, Brenda Dowdle, Jim Harbison, Flo Kidd, Adinah Robertson, LaVoneia Steele, Cristina Smith, Robert Stockard, and Wendy Tucker

**Absent:** Sara Longhini, Doug Pardue, Renee Pratt, and Misty Stevenson

**Staff/Others:** Camille Baker, Marvin Cox, Karen Crook, Cynthia Croom, Phara Fondren, Corey Harkey (Metro Attorney), Cassandra Johnson-Payne, Lisa McCrady, Rickie McQueen, and Melissa Weaver

*Dr. Steele called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon*

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

**Community Services Assistance Program** – Mrs. Croom stated that because the recent cold weather has brought about extraordinarily high heating bills, she is asking for approval to revise the services provided under the Community Services Assistance Program so as to allow senior citizens who are current on their energy bills and have a history of paying their energy bills on time to receive up to \$500 in energy assistance when extreme weather conditions exist such as the recent cold snap. Age and income eligibility will remain the same.

**Motion:** Approve revision to Community Services Assistance Program so as to allow senior citizens who are current on their energy bills and have a history of paying their energy bills on time to receive up to \$500 in energy assistance when impacted by extreme weather conditions.

**Made by:** Flo Kidd      **Seconded:** Bobby Stockard

**Discussion:** Councilman Bedne stated that Metropolitan Council has recently approved a resolution to reinstate the program in which Nashville Electric Service customers can agree to round up their bills to the nearest dollar with the additional monies funding a program that would assist low income individuals with their electric bills. He asked that Board members to contact Nashville Electric Service board members to adopt this program.

**Passed unanimously.**

**Head Start** – Mrs. Croom shared with the board that the Metropolitan Action Commission is on the third cohort list of agencies that are required to compete for the Head Start grant due to its CLASS scores. A detail discussion of the CLASS scores as well as plans for the agency to move forward. Mrs. Croom shared that this situation presents a New Opportunity for the organization.

Meeting adjourned. Minutes submitted by:

Kasey Anderson, Secretary, Board of Commissioners