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Contra Costa County Opens Recruitment for Four Seats on African American Wellness Hub Advisory Body

(Martinez, CA) - The Board of Supervisors is seeking applicants to fill four seats on the African American Holistic Wellness and Resource Hub Transitional Community Advisory Body (TCAB), a community-driven group guiding the development of a new countywide wellness and support network for vulnerable African American residents.

Created by the Board of Supervisors, the TCAB advises the Office of Racial Equity and Social Justice (ORESJ) on selecting an independent lead entity to manage the hub and identifying community-based organizations to provide rapid-response services.

Applications are due by 5 p.m., Monday, Dec. 15. Applicants will interview with the Board of Supervisors' Equity Committee, which will recommend candidates for board appointment.

The TCAB includes 13 members and three alternates, all county residents with lived or professional experience serving vulnerable African American communities. The group seeks broad demographic and district representation. Meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m., with additional ad hoc meetings as needed.

Open Seats

Contra Costa County is seeking to fill the following vacancies:

- One TCAB member; and
- Three alternate members.

Alternate members may be designated to fill in for absent members and vote during that meeting.

Role of the TCAB

TCAB members review and provide feedback on:

- Eligibility and selection criteria for the implementation lead entity;
- Eligibility and selection criteria for the Executive Director and Board of Directors;
- Eligibility and selection criteria for the Community Council;
- Eligibility and selection criteria for rapid-response service providers; and
- Outreach and recruitment efforts for all positions and roles.

To avoid conflicts of interest, applicants cannot have professional affiliations or close personal ties with any person or entity seeking to participate in these roles.

Who Should Apply

Residents with lived or professional expertise supporting vulnerable African American communities are encouraged to apply, particularly in the following areas:

- **Behavioral Health** services, particularly for African American males
- **Housing Navigation** services and supports, particularly for those at immediate risk and those with young children, including African American males
- **Preventative Health Care**, check-ups, and screenings, especially for elders and young children
- **Infant and Maternal Health** care services and supports
- **Resource Navigation** to enroll in Medi-Cal, Cal Fresh, and other public benefits
- **Reentry Support and Restorative Alternatives** for those transitioning from incarceration, especially African American males

TCAB members serve without compensation or reimbursement.

The TCAB will dissolve once an independent nonprofit organization, its Board of Directors, and a Community Council are established. Service is expected to last about one year.

Recruitment Timeline

- Dec. 15: Final Day of the Application Period, due by 5:00 p.m.
- Jan. 19: Equity Committee Interviews
- Feb. 3: Board of Supervisors Approve Appointments
- Feb. 9: New appointees attend TCAB Meeting

When applying, under “Board and Interest,” please be sure to select “African American Holistic Wellness and Resource Hub Transitional Community Advisory Body.”

Application forms are available from the Clerk of the Board at (925) 655-2000 or online at <https://www.contracosta.ca.gov/3418/>. Completed applications can be submitted online at <https://contracosta.granicus.com/boards/forms/321/apply/>, emailed to ClerkoftheBoard@cob.cccounty.us or mailed to the Clerk of the Board at 1025 Escobar St., 1st Floor, Martinez, CA 94553.

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