

# **Leadership Council**

## Meeting Minutes

Friday, August 4, 2021 | 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Via Zoom

**Leadership Council Co-Chair: Luis Alejo (Monterey County Board of Supervisors)**

**Leadership Council Co-Chair: César E. Flores (City of San Juan Bautista)**

**Members Present & Affiliations:** Mike LeBarre (Mayor of King City), Kimbley Craig (Mayor of Salinas), Ian Oglesby (Mayor of Seaside), Ignacio Velazquez (Mayor of Hollister), Elsa Jimenez (Monterey County, Health Dept.), Michael Lisman (Monterey County, Health Dept.), Lauren Suwansupa (Monterey County Dept. of Social Services), Donna Smith (Monterey County Office of Education), Dan Baldwin (Community Foundation for Monterey County), Rafael Hernandez (Monterey Bay Economic Partnership), Timothy Heavin, Shawn Stone (Community Human Services), Art Valdez (Department of Adult Parole), Amanda Villareal (Central California Alliance for Health).

**CHSP Staff:** Roxanne Wilson, Reham Abdallah, Molly Machado, Kai Reynolds, Grant Tuioti, Oliver Elbert, Joshua Bryan

**Guests:** Eric Johnsen (Community Homeless Solutions), Glorietta Rowland (DSS), Javier Gomez (County of Monterey), Staci Alziebler-Perkins (Gathering for Women), Alexa Johnson (HRC), Jess Gutierrez (HRC), Wes White (Salinas Homeless Union), Grant Leonard (City of Monterey), Megan Hunter (City of Salinas), Rod Powell (City of Salinas), Kate Bristol (Focus Strategies), Linda Ly (Focus Strategies), Jill Allen (Dorothy's Place), Zac, Erica Parker (office of Senator Mark Stone), Maricruz, Michael Castro (Community Foundation for Monterey County), Pamela Weston, Becky Johnson (Monterey County Homeless Union), Lena Bustamantez (YWCA), Rita Costa, Judith Cabrera (CCCIL), Michael Houston, Georgina Alvarez (CCCIL), Gary Tia (BACS). Bella Maddox, Florence Cattanach.

1. **Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements:** The meeting began at 1:32 pm. Introductions were made to keep order to the call.
2. **Additions/Modifications to the Agenda:** None
3. **Public Comment:** The public is encouraged to attend Leadership Council meetings to observe council activities. Members of the public are asked to sign in so that the record reflects their presence. Public comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker.
  - Maddox expressed her concern about the availability of RVs safe parking through Monterey County.
  - Cattanach seconded Maddox' concerns and highlighted the importance of opening more safe parking programs around the county.
  - Johnson expressed her concern about people living in RVs and vehicles and assured that they shouldn't be "downgraded and live in a shelter" as most of them have pets which are not

- welcome in most shelters. She addressed the need of increasing the number of safe parking programs.
- Heavin asked about the progress on finding land or new places for sanctioned encampments.
  - Weston expressed her concerns about the health and safety of residents after sweeps on Casentini Street and Lake Street
  - White expressed his concerns about sweeps and the lack of an RV parking program

**4. Consent Agenda:**

- a) June 4, 2021 Leadership Council Minutes (attached)
- b) CARS Updated Policies and Procedures (attached)
- c) Emergency Housing Voucher Policy and Procedures (attached)
- d) Lead Me Home Plan June 2021 – 2026 (attached)

**Motion to approve the Consent Agenda made by Mayor Craig. Second by Mayor Oglesby. No abstentions. Motion carries unanimously.**

**5. Continuum of Care Brief Updates**

Wilson presented Continuum of Care updates to the Leadership Council members on the below projects:

**A. Continuum of Care NOFA**

Continuum of Care NOFA is coming soon. Homebase was hired to coordinate NOFA activities and write the grant. PRESTO Software will be used for visualization and ranking. The same timeframe will be used for all projects for the Annual Performance Report - APR (04/01/20-03/31/21), CHSP and Homebase will provide technical assistance on cleaning up data before opening the competition. Three organizations that received community Homeless Solutions' forfeited contracts will be held harmless and will be secured at the bottom of Tier One. Homebase will assist Housing Authority with consolidating their Pueblo del Mar contracts.

**B. Youth Homeless Demonstration Program NOFO**

The Coalition's accomplishments contributed to a smooth application process. In fall 2020, CHSP participated in the 100 Day Challenge to End Youth Homelessness and stood up the Youth Systems Leaders Committee (approx. 35 agencies). In winter 2020, the Youth Action Board (YAB) was fully incorporated into the CoC as a committee with 5 members and represented San Benito, Salinas, and the Peninsula. In spring 2020, CHSP partnered with the YAB to write the Youth-Tailored Homelessness Response System recommendations which include youth-specific coordinated entry. The Youth Homeless Demonstration Notice of Funding Opportunity application was submitted one week early.

**C. Project Roomkey**

18 Homekey bound PRK clients will be staying at the SHARE Center until the completion of the ADA units. Homekey bound client suffer significant illnesses and cannot go to congregate shelters; the City of Salinas is assisting CHSP with this client. 1 Homekey bound client moved to bridge unit. 5 clients will go to Community Homeless Solutions. 1 client will consider housing in the city of Monterey only. The complete closure of the program will be August 30, 2021

**D. Project Homekey**

City of Salinas and Housing Authority are working through additional last-minute requirements; Construction has completely stopped until they are resolved. 57 clients at HomeKey have been affected by delayed installation of their kitchens. 20 Roomkey clients are affected because their

ADA and reasonable accommodation units aren't ready with Roomkey's imminent closing. There is approximately \$5B in Governor's budget for additional Homekeys.

**E. HHAP r3 & r4**

Round 1: one agency has yet to sign its agreement. CHSP will work with the agency to produce a signed contract. Round 2: the majority of the funding is going to Project Homekey as decided by the Leadership Council late last year. The remaining funds have been allocated to King City for the soft costs of developing a homeless program and CHSP for planning. Youth set-aside RRH project RFP is to be released soon. Round 3 & 4: Confirmed in the new budget. Allocations have not been announced yet. There is an intensive application process; however, a small percentage will be released to communities prior to application being due.

**F. People Living in Vehicles & Clean-ups across Monterey County**

Wilson highlighted the influx of people living in vehicles (especially RVs) across the State. She reported that clean-ups or "Sweeps" are being conducted across many jurisdictions in Monterey County. Currently, CHSP is working with County staff to study models of other communities.

**G. CA's Homeless Data Integration System**

The Homeless Data Integration System – HDIS is a statewide data warehouse that compiles data from the 44 CoCs HMIS. CHSP staff participated in a very small group of stakeholders that assisted with building the platform. HDIS provides information about service coordination throughout the state by identifying patterns of service usage across geographic regions and supporting efforts to identify and address racial and other inequalities among people experiencing homelessness. This information can be used to support technical assistance, planning, funding, and coordination decisions.

**6. HEAP Spenddown**

Wilson reports that the overall CoC expended 100%.

**Meeting adjourned at 3:03 pm.**

**Minutes taken and prepared by Reham Abdallah.**