

Leadership Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 3, 2021 | 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Via Zoom Conference for members

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), Ian Oglesby (Mayor of Seaside), Dave Pacheco (Seaside City Council), Kimbley Craig (Mayor of Salinas), 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), Dana Cleary (CHISPA), Cheryl Camany (Family Resource Center), Amanda Villareal (Central California Alliance for Health), Robin McCrae (Community Human Services), Art Valdez (Dept. of Adult Parole), Dan Baldwin (Community Foundation Monterey County), Kurt Schake (Veterans Transition Center), Phyllis Katz (California Rural Legal Assistance), Enrique Arreola (San Benito County, Health & Human Services Agency), Karen Cusson (Victory Mission), Rocio Gonzalez (Center for Employment Training).

CHSP Staff: Roxanne Wilson, Kai Reynolds, Nykole Sakihara, Reham Abdallah, Katrina McKenzie, Derek Ferree, Molly Machado, Grant Tuioti.

Guests: Glorietta Rowland (DSS), Javier Gomez (County of Monterey), Erica Parker, Kathy Whilden, Steve Carrigan (City of Salinas), Alexa Johnson (HRC), Amy Stocker (Gathering for Women), Anastacia Wyatt (Monterey County, Administrative Office), Beatriz Trujillo (City of Salinas), Betsy Wilson (MidPen), Eric Johnsen (Community Homeless Solutions), Grant Leonard (City of Monterey), Jane Barr (Eden Housing), Megan Hunter (City of Salinas), Michael Castro (Community Foundation Monterey County), Paris De la Rosa (ASN), Rod Powell (City of Salinas).

1. **Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements:** The meeting began at 1:35 pm. Introductions made to keep order to the call. McCrae announces the opening of Seaside new shelter. Newly elected Mayor of Salinas, Kimbley Craig, introduces herself to the members.
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.

No public comments made.

4. **Consent Agenda:**
 - a) December 2, 2020 Leadership Council Minutes (attached)

Motion to approve the meeting minutes made by Mike LeBarre. Second by Kurt Schake. 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. Funding Updates

A. CoC NOFA

Wilson notified the council that the 2020 CoC NOFA has been canceled. Current CoC-funded organizations will automatically be renewed and we can expect the mini-NOFA to be released for bonus projects in summer 2021.

Youth Homeless Demonstration Program

2020 NOFA didn't drop as expected and according to HUD partners, NOFA is likely going to drop after the new administration settles in. YAB has met several times and has been attending Federal webinars. Gladly, CHSP raised \$15K from MCGives to fund the YAB for the first year.

B. HomeKey Round 2

Wilson reports that the Governor has proposed in his budget another round of HomeKey funding. CHSP will start working with jurisdictions to identify potential properties to purchase for PHK Round 2.

C. HHAP Round 2

CHSP worked with San Benito & Monterey Counties to submit a comprehensive and cohesive HHAP round 2 application. The CoC has received an allocation of \$1,507,181.00, of which \$1M was set-aside by Leadership Council to fund the efforts of Homekey R1. The usage of remaining funds is yet to be determined.

B. Rapid Re-Housing Systems Build - RRH

CHSP contracted Homebase to work with providers to build a comprehensive RRH system.

C. Youth Coordinated Entry System Build

During the 100 Day Challenge to End Youth Homelessness, CHSP identified gaps in the efficacy of CARS for youth. As such, CHSP is contracting Focus Strategies to work with providers to build a comprehensive RRH system which includes the development of a specialized CARS process tailored to youth and young adults in two phases. Phase one will focus on procedures of CARS and phase two will focus on the development of a special tool for young adults. All decisions will be approved by the Youth Action Board (YAB) before final recommendation to the Leadership Council.

D. Project RoomKey (PRK)

Wilson reports that the current number of clients in PRK is 37 and the total number of clients served since the start of the project is 138, the highest number of clients in PRK is 119 clients and the highest number of rooms is 89 rooms. 50 households exited to permanent housing including Project Homekey and Community Homeless Solutions, 5 households exited to transitional housing including House of Peace, Pueblo del Mar, Bridge Housing, and VTC. 18 households exited to other destinations (released from the program or self-exited). The housing plans for the current 37 clients in PHK (29 households) are as follows: 11 approved for Community Homeless Solutions, 9 clients with Homeless Set-Aside Vouchers, 9 Homekey (ADA units are currently under construction), and 8 individuals with complex barriers to housing. The program is expected to end on February 19, 2021.

E. Sanitation Stations

The Sanitation Stations project started in March 2020, original budget of \$160,000 out of HEAP interest and an additional \$60K authorized by the Leadership Council the current expenditures \$203,629.03. Recently, CHSP applied for 2 months of funding to Community Foundation which

should cover all jurisdictions currently benefiting from the program (except for the City of Salinas).

6. Chinatown Navigation Center/Sprung Shelter (Megan Hunter)

Hunter thanked the Leadership Council for the continued support. She reports that through a collaborative effort between the City of Salinas, County of Monterey, and Coalition of Homeless Service Providers (CHSP), the Sprung Shelter and five trailers at the Chinatown Navigation Center (CNC) opened on December 15, 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Sprung Shelter opened its doors with a 31-bed capacity and as of today they have 22 individuals.

7. SHARE Center (Laurel Street Navigation Center)

A. Construction (Lauren Suwansupa)

Suwansupa reports that the SHARE Center is a joint project with the City of Salinas which is located at 845 E. Laurel Street, Salinas. Construction is led by the County's Public Works and Facilities Department and they are about 90% of the way through construction. Construction is performed by Avila Construction Company who is currently doing the final inspections and environmental checks, as scheduled. They are working on furnishings and equipment and the facility will be ready by late-March 2021. Supervisor Alejo expressed his excitement about the project. Alejo added the Board of Supervisors decided to postpone the decision of the SHARE Center operator for one to two weeks so Monterey County Board of Supervisors and Salinas City Council could meet jointly.

B. Operation (Megan Hunter)

Hunter reports that the operator of the SHARE Center will be announced after the meeting between the City & County as mentioned by Supervisor Alejo. She highlighted that the priority of the SHARE Center is to prevent chronic homelessness, reduce the length of time people experience homelessness, and provide people with direct pathways back to safe living arrangements and/or permanent housing. The City and County envision SHARE Center clients will be provided opportunities and support to be successful in permanent housing. The Operator will follow the Housing First model and use motivational interviewing, trauma-informed approach, and other best practices in providing services to people experiencing homelessness.

8. Appointment of Salinas Mayor, Kimbley Craig

Motion to approve the appointment of Salinas Mayor Craig Kimbley made by Mike LeBarre. Second by Luis Alejo. The rest are in favor. Motion carries.

9. HEAP Expenditures Discussion – Reallocation of COSB HEAP funds

Wilson presented HEAP Spends down Report to the members. She reported that CoC-wide expenditures are at \$9,092,552.62 approximately 73% of total funds and the remaining balance is \$3,412,696.90.

3 projects completed, 8 projects in progress & there are almost 5 months until the grant deadline. San Benito County requested to reallocate the \$20,000 from the Youth Alliance to Homeless Services Projects (Motel Vouchers).

Motion to authorize the reallocation of \$20,000 from the COSB Youth Services to COSB Homeless Services made by Dan Baldwin. Second by Ian Oglesby. The rest are in favor. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm.

Minutes taken and prepared by Reham Abdallah.