

Leadership Council Meeting

Wednesday, July 22, 2020 | 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Via Zoom Conference for members

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

Members Present & Affiliations: Mike LeBarre (Mayor of King City), Lori Medina (Monterey County Dept. of Social Services), Jack Murphy (Veterans Transition Center), Rafael Hernandez (Monterey Bay Economic Partnership), Elliott C. Robinson (Former Director of MC-DSS), Michael Lisman (Monterey County, Health Dept.), César E. Flores (City of San Juan Bautista), Dana Cleary (CHISPA), Donna Smith (MCOE), Enrique Arreola (San Benito Co. Health and Human Services), Mick Erickson (Bethlehem Church), Dan Baldwin (Community Foundation for Monterey County)

CHSP Staff: Roxanne Wilson, Nykole Sakihara

Guests: Marisol Vasquez (YWCA), Glorietta Rowland (County of Monterey), Lauren Suwansupa (MCDSS), Anastacia Wyatt (County of Monterey), Georgina Alvarez (CCCIL), Megan Hunter (City of Salinas), Wes White (Salinas Homeless Union), Javier Gomez (County of Monterey), Giselle Cortez (County of Monterey), Stacie Alziebler-Perkins (Gathering for Women), Cheryl Camany (Family Resource Center), Linda Ly (Focus Strategies), Traci Bennett (Focus Strategies), Jacqui Smith (Community Health Engagement), Ali Garcia (Community Human Services)

1. **Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements:** The meeting began at 1:40 pm. Introductions 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.

White advocates for those at Robert's Lake in Seaside. He also elaborates on his concerns about the sweeping.

4. **Consent Agenda:**

- a) June 25, 2020 Leadership Council Minutes (attached)
- b) July 1, 2020 Emergency Vote – Change of funding categories (CHS)

Motion to approve the meeting minutes and emergency vote with the change of Donna Smith's title made by Mike Lebarre. Second by Lori Medina. 1 abstention. The rest are in favor. Motion carries.

- **Alejo, Luis** - Board of Supervisors, Monterey County
- **Lebarre, Mike** – Mayor of King City
- **Flores, César E.** - Council Member, City of San Juan Bautista

- **Hernandez, Rafael** - Monterey Bay Economic Partnership
- **Lisman, Michael** - Monterey County Health Department
- **Medina, Lori** - Monterey County Dept. of Social Services
- **Smith, Donna** – MCOE
- **Cleary, Dana** - CHISPA
- **Erickson, Mick** – Bethlehem Church
- **Murphy, Jack** – Veterans Transition Center
- **Robinson, Elliott C.** - Former Director of MCDSS

Abstention: Enrique Arreola, San Benito Co, Health & Human Services

5. Brief Updates

Wilson provided the Council with the following updates:

- A. **Leadership Council Category 2 Term Limits**– The two year term limits for the Category 2 Term limits are approaching. Wilson explains that they would like to start the recruitment process, which calls for the creation of a small ad-hoc committee. This committee will also appoint a co-chair from the private sector and/or San Benito County. Supervisor Alejo calls for volunteers for the committee; Lebarre, Robinson and Cleary volunteer for this committee.

- B. **HEAP Spenddown Status**- the Coalition of Homeless Services Providers (CHSP) has been working with the entirety of their HEAP funded organizations. To adjust their scopes of work and budgets of their HEAP grants so that they can totally expend by June 30 of next year. They believe that the plans will be a success but if there are any concerns or projects to be considered for reallocation, there will be a review ready by the next Leadership Council Meeting.

- C. **HEAP Updates** – CHSP is currently in possession of the HHAP check and are also in the process of contracting with all HHAP entities. They expect all execution of the contracts to be done in the next month. They are excited about the upcoming programs that will be funded, and there will be a noticeable startup.

- D. **COVID updates** – CHSP is in process of working with the county to take over Project RoomKey. They will be creating a project with The Coalition’s providers. Wilson explains that they have learned a lot but are just working on the contract to finalize this effort. They have been working close with these clients that are currently in PRK and are priority for rehousing. There is money and resources set aside for them, though there is a delay with COVID. They are also working with the County of Monterey and City of Salinas to apply for Project HomeKey. CHSP is here as support for this cause. Medina reiterates Monterey County and CHSP’s partnership and commends the coalition for their hard work. Arreola also mentions that they are discussing with their team if they will apply for Project HomeKey. Wyatt explains that they would like to apply for \$15 million more for services so that this can convert into a PSH. Timeline is very short; August 13 is when this application is due.

- E. **Growing Encampment Concerns** - Wilson reports that the sanitation stations were also able to be kept out for another month. They are also trying to setup COVID testing in Chinatown with Clinica de Salud. There have been growing encampment concerns since the sweeps by Union Pacific to get homeless off the tracks, which has displaced homeless back into Salinas and more

specifically Chinatown. Hunter asks if Sherwood is a possibility for housing those who have been displaced. Medina confirms this can be a possible route, but explains some of the drawbacks such as staffing concerns. The CDC provided guidance for CoC providers and local officials, they explain that individuals should allow homeless to stay where they are so that they do not disperse into the community and break connection with their providers. This also allows the minimization of infectious disease to spread. Across Monterey, there are new encampments being found. Wilson explains that they are trying to build a County wide outreach team or find ways to accommodate these individuals. Wilson also provides quick updates on the CoC NOFA, YAB, YHDP, PIT Count and technical assistance provided by the state.

6. Ten Year Plan Presentation (Focus Strategies)

Bennett shares a brief presentation on where Focus Strategies is at and where they are going with this Ten Year Plan Rewrite. Bennett explains the initial observations and recommendations report. They give an overview of the work they are going to do with our CoC and the phases of this rewrite. They explain the process they went through to get to this report. The document they created summarizes all the things they learned about the community, identifying areas of strength and weakness to jumpstart the plan. They looked at the homeless system in the area through the lens of the Homeless Crisis Response System. Throughout the recommendations, agencies and providers give their feedback on what is said and their experiences. Bennett ends with what will happen in the next phase and what everyone should expect. Their measures that they will use to assess each agency's performance are HMIS Data Quality, Bed/Unit Utilization, Entries from Literal Homelessness, Length of Stay in Programs, Exits to PH, Cost per Permanent Housing Exit, and Returns to Homelessness. Baldwin makes a point for those in philanthropy, whether this report will help those who are trying to give funds an efficient way to know who to fund.

7. Recommendation to create Funding Committee

Wilson explains that they have already been creating a funding committee unofficially with the City of Salinas and spoken to both counties and Dan Baldwin. Included in the packet is a draft of this committee to bring together funders to be more strategic of funding the programs of this Ten Year Plan. This is a means to make it more official.

Motion to approve made by Mike Lebarre. Second by Elliot Robinson. All in Favor. Motion Carries.

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Meeting adjourned 3 pm.

Minutes taken and prepared by Kai Reynolds.