

Leadership Council Meeting

Friday, June 4, 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), Kimbley Craig (Mayor of Salinas), Ignacio Velazquez (Mayor of Hollister), Jose Rios (Mayor of Gonzales), Michael Lisman (Monterey County, Health Dept.), Enrique Arreola (San Benito County, Health & Human Services Agency), Lori Medina (Monterey Co. Dept. of Social Services), Lauren Suwansupa (Monterey County Dept. of Social Services), Donna Smith (Monterey County Office of Education), Cheryl Camany (Family Resource Center), Karen Cusson (Victory Mission), Rafael Hernandez (Monterey Bay Economic Partnership), Robin McCrae (Community Human Services), Shawn Stone (Community Human Services), Kurt Schake (VTC).

CHSP Staff: Roxanne Wilson, Nykole Sakihara, Reham Abdallah, Molly Machado, Kai Reynolds

Guests: Tim Heavin, 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), Tracy Bennett (Focus Strategies), John Bennett (Salvation Army), Lorena Macias, Melanie Beretti, Michael, Patterson Emesibe (CHE), Jacqui Smith (CHE), Janet Mason (I-Help).

1. **Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements:** The meeting began at 1:37 pm. Introductions were made to keep order to the call.
2. **Additions/Modifications to the Agenda:** Wilson requested to reschedule item # 6 (CARS Updated Policies & Procedures) for the next meeting and add Monterey County RV status update to the agenda.
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 expressed his concern about sweeps especially in Robert's Lake in Seaside after COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

4. Consent Agenda:

- a) March 24, 2021 Leadership Council Minutes (attached)
- b) May 14, 2021 Emergency Vote: Reallocation of \$60K HEAP Funds (attached)

Motion to approve the meeting minutes and the Emergency Vote made by Lori Medina. Second by César Flores. Motion carries unanimously. No abstentions.

5. Appointment of Tim Heavin to fill Lived Experience Position

Motion to approve the appointment of Tim Heavin made by Kimbley Craig. Second by Mike LeBarre. Motion carries unanimously. No abstentions.

6. Monterey County RV Status Update

Wilson reported that there were 25 RVs parked at Robert's lake and the city of Seaside moved them to Colonel Durham and planning to move them again on June 15. The outreach team tried to connect those clients with services but the concern still stands as there's no RV parking available in Monterey County. Wilson mentioned that she reached to the State and they confirmed that HEAP & HHAP funds can be used to help RV owners with renewing their registration and paying for them to park anywhere.

7. Housing Market Analysis Presentation by Focus Strategies

Bennett presented the Housing Market Analysis to the members. She described the purpose of the housing market analyses as it shapes the context of homeless crisis response and explained the 3 different aspects of local housing market conditions, then a review of results, and finally presented the conclusions/recommendations as follows:

- Historically, population growth has exceeded the production of new housing at an aggregate level in both Monterey & San Benito Counties, resulting in very tight housing markets.
- A severe shortage of affordable housing for low-income households in both Monterey & San Benito Counties
- The need more affordable housing developed for ELI households
- Incorporate racial equity lens in new housing development and homeless response system
- More affordable housing for ELI households is critical to the success of the community's efforts to reduce homelessness and to address equity in access to affordable housing
- Modeling shows that homelessness can be significantly reduced by increasing rates of exit from the homeless system to permanent housing
- Only a portion of households will be able to secure housing in the existing market using services and rental assistance; new ELI housing units are needed

8. Continuum of Care Brief Updates

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

A. Project Roomkey

Project Roomkey has been extended by the Board of Supervisors to August 31st.

B. Governor Newsom's \$12B Homeless Plan

Governor's \$12B plan to confront the homelessness crisis including a massive expansion of HomeKey, investing \$8.75B to unlock at least 46,000 new homeless housing units/placements and affordable apartments. The plan will also functionally end family homelessness within five years through a new \$3.5B investment in homeless prevention, housing, and rental support.

C. Emergency Housing Vouchers

Wilson presents Emergency Housing Vouchers Program that was released earlier by HUD and the Housing Authority of Monterey received 241 EHV's for Monterey County and 28 EHV's for San Benito County.

D. Youth Homeless Demonstration Program NOFA

Wilson reported that the YHDP NOFA finally dropped and CHSP is well prepared for the competition.

9. Lead Me Home Action Plan Timeline

Plan drafting is in progress and the final draft is to be completed by July 5 and posted for public input. Community input meeting to gather feedback on draft in mid-July then the plan will be finalized by July 28th and it will be presented to Leadership Council on August 4 for adoption. Wilson recommended reducing the planned timeline from 10 years to 5 years.

Motion to approve reducing the timeline of Lead Me Home Action plan from 10 years to 5 years made by Mike LeBarre. Second by Craig Kimbley. Motion carries unanimously. No abstentions.

10. HEAP Spenddown

Wilson presented HEAP spend-down report to the members. CoC-wide expenditures are approximately 91%. 3 projects completed: Community Human Services (Emergency Shelter), San Benito County (Rental Assistance Program), CHSP (Admin.), and County of Monterey (Year- Round Shelter) has expended all funds. 7 projects in progress.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Minutes taken and prepared by Reham Abdallah.