

# **Leadership Council Meeting**

**Wednesday, March 24, 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), Christie Cromeenes (Salinas City Council), Dave Pacheco (Seaside City Council), Ignacio Velazquez (Mayor of Hollister), Jose Rios (Mayor of Gonzales), Lisa Berkley (Marina City Council), 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), Dana Cleary (CHISPA), Karen Cusson (Victory Mission), Robin McCrae (Community Human Services), Shown Stone (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).

**CHSP Staff:** Roxanne Wilson, Nykole Sakihara, Reham Abdallah, Derek Ferree

**Guests:** Glorietta Rowland (DSS), Javier Gomez (County of Monterey), Jill Allen (Dorothy's Place), Erica Parker (ASM), Dollie Pope (I-Help), Jess Gutierrez (HRC), Wes White (Salinas Homeless Union), Beatriz Trujillo (City of Salinas), Grant Leonard (City of Monterey), Megan Hunter (City of Salinas), Michael Castro (Community Foundation Monterey County), Rod Powell (City of Salinas), Tracy Bennett (Focus Strategies), Linda Gonzalez (Supervisor Alejo's office), Melissa Ruiz (City of Salinas)

1. **Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements:** The meeting began at 1:35 pm. Introductions made to keep order to the call. Newly elected Mayor of Salinas, Kimbley Craig, introduces herself to the members.
2. **Additions/Modifications to the Agenda:** None.
3. **Appointment of Gonzales Mayor, Jose Rios**  
**Motion to approve the appointment of Gonzales Mayor Jose Rios made by Mike LeBarre.**  
**Second by Dan Baldwin. The rest are in favor. Motion carries.**
4. **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 after COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

5. **Consent Agenda:**

- a) February 3, 2021 Leadership Council Minutes (attached)

**Motion to approve the meeting minutes made by Robin McCrae. Second by Dave Pacheco. Motion carries unanimously. Mayor Rios abstains since he was not appointed yet.**

6. **Continuum of Care Brief Updates**

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

**A. Project Roomkey (PRK)**

Project Roomkey has been extended by the County of Monterey till June 30.

**B. Governor's 100 Day Challenge**

Governor Newsom's office has invited Monterey County to participate in the 100 Day Challenge Initiative to fight homelessness which will start by the end of April.

**C. COVID Vaccination Task Force**

Vaccination Task Force had their first meeting yesterday and the main goal is to help get the vaccine for the sheltered/unsheltered population.

**D. HEAP Expenditure**

Wilson presented HEAP spend down report to the members. She reported that CoC-wide expenditures are approximately \$10,485,859.84. 3 projects completed: Community Homeless Solutions renovated 14 units and converted them to PSH, Community Human Services has completed Casa de Noche Buena in Seaside and is now open for service, and County of Monterey has expended all funds for Year-Round Shelter. 8 projects in progress & there are 3 months until the grant deadline.

7. **Modeling Workbook Presentation by Focus Strategies**

Bennett presented the Lead Me Home: Regional 10 Year Plan Predictive Modeling which predicts the likely implications of different choices and supports more intentional and deliberate strategic planning. Also, it used to peek into the future to estimate how the numbers of people experiencing homelessness in the community might grow or shrink as changes are made to the homelessness response system. They used the data available in different reports such as the 2019 PIT count, 2019 System Performance Measures, and the current available inventory of beds in the system. She also presented the performance targets & the next steps.

8. **State ESG 2021-2022 Funding Recommendation #1**

**Motion to accept the funding recommendations of the City of Salinas for State ESG funding allocations made by Michael Lisman. Second by Kurt Schake. The rest are in favor. Motion carries.**

9. **HEAP Funding – Recommendation #2-6**

**a. County of Monterey HHAP Round 1 & HHAP Round 2 Youth Set-Aside**

Authorize CHSP to integrate HHAP youth set-aside funds from the County of Monterey to RFP in conjunction with CoC HHAP round 2 youth set-aside funds

**Motion to accept the recommendation made by Dan Baldwin. Second by Robin McCrae. The rest are in favor. Motion carries.**

**b. Dedicate HHAP Youth Set-Aside for Rapid Re-housing**

Authorize CHSP to release an RFP for the HHAP youth set-aside funds that specifically identifies a qualified rapid re-housing provider to build a youth-specific RRH program, with the stipulation that the selected provider would support the Housing Authority Foster Youth Initiative, should they receive the vouchers.

**Motion to accept the recommendation made by Karen Cusson. Second by Jose Rios. The rest are in favor. Motion carries.**

**c. HHAP Round 2 Funds for Systems Development**

Authorize CHSP to utilize all remaining funds of HHAP R2 to continue building the homeless response system.

**Motion to accept the recommendation made by Robin McCrae. Second by Kurt Schake. The rest are in favor. Motion carries.**

**d. Remaining HHAP Round 2 - \$47,942.95 for S. County Planning**

Authorize CHSP to contract \$47,942.95 of the total remaining HHAP R2 funds to the city of King for the planning of a permanent housing development for the homeless.

**Motion to accept the recommendation made by Supervisor Luis Alejo. Second by Lori Madena. The rest are in favor. Motion carries.**

**e. County of San Benito HHAP Allocation of \$134,131.57**

Authorize CHSP to bypass the RFP process and contract the entire San Benito County allocation in the amount of \$134,131.57 to San Benito County Community Services and Workforce Development to utilize for any eligible activity.

**Motion to accept the recommendation made by Dana Cleary. Second by Supervisor Luis Alejo. Enrique Arreola Abstains. The rest are in favor. Motion carries.**

**10. HEAP Contract Amendment-Recommendation #7**

Authorize CHSP to amend San Benito County's HEAP contract, reducing the number of transitional housing tiny homes from 14 to 5-6.

**Motion to accept the recommendation made by Mayor Ignacio Velazquez. Second by Mayor Kimbley Craig. Phyllis Katz opposed. The rest are in favor. Motion carries.**

**Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.**

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