

Leadership Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 27, 2020 | 1:30-3:00 PM

Via Zoom Conference for members

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

Members Present & Affiliations: Joseph Gunter (Mayor of Salinas), Mike LeBarre (Mayor of King City), Ian Oglesby (Mayor of Seaside), Robin McCrae (Community Human Services), Dana Cleary (CHISPA), Lori Medina (Monterey County Dept. of Social Services), Dan Baldwin (Community Foundation for Monterey County), Kurt Schake (Veterans Transition Center), Enrique Arreola (San Benito Health & Human Services), Mick Erickson (Hospice Chaplin VNA), Rafael Hernandez (Monterey Bay Economic Partnership), Elliott C. Robinson (Former Director of MC-DSS), Mick Erickson (Pastor, Bethlehem Church), Jose Gomez (Housing Authority), Michael Lisman (Monterey County, Health Dept.), Lisa Berkley (Council Member, City of Marina), Cheryl Camany (Family Resource Center), Dave Pacheco (Council Member, Seaside)

CHSP Staff: Roxanne Wilson, Katrina McKenzie, Reham Abdallah, Nykole Sakihara

Guests: Barbara Mitchell (Interim Inc.), Glorietta Rowland (County of Monterey), Wes White (Salinas Homeless Union), Shawn Stone (Community Human Services), Tina Le Perle (City of Salinas), Georgina Alvarez (CCCIL), Megan Hunter (City of Salinas), Kathy Whilden (Fund for Homeless Women), César E. Flores (San Juan Bautista City), Kate Bristol (Focus Strategies), Linda Ly (Focus Strategies), Lisa Palma, Linda Gonzalez, Backy Cromer

- 1. Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements:** The meeting began at 1:30 pm. Introductions made to keep order to the call.
- 2. Additions/Modifications to the Agenda:** Wilson requested to add the appointment of César E. Flores (Councilmember, San Juan Bautista) to the Agenda.

Supervisor Alejo called for a motion to add the appointment of César E. Flores to the Agenda.

Motion made by Mayor Gunter. Second by Mayor LeBarre. No abstentions. Motion carries unanimously.

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- **Hernandez, Rafael** - Monterey Bay Economic Partnership
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- **McCrae, Robin** - Community Human Services

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Motion to approve the appointment of César E. Flores (Council Member, San Juan Bautista) made by Mayor Gunter. Second by Mayor LeBarre, No abstentions. Motion carries unanimously.

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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.

None.

4. Consent Agenda:

- March 25, 2020 Leadership Council Minutes (attachment)
- March 16, 2020 Leadership Council Emergency Vote (attachment)
Re: Using HEAP interest toward COVID-19 Risk Mitigation
- April 1, 2020 Leadership Council Emergency Vote (attachment)
Re: Disbursement of California Emergency Homeless Funding (EHF)
- May 13, 2020 Leadership Council Emergency Vote (attachment)
Re: Modification to the HHAP RFP to include COVID-19 priorities

Motion to approve meeting minutes & Emergency Votes (4. B, C, D) made by Elliott Robinson. Second by Michael Lisman, No abstentions. Motion carries unanimously.

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5. Brief Updates

Wilson provided the Council with the following updates:

- A. **CoC Motel Program** – On April 1st, the Coalition asked the Leadership Council to approve the redirection of Emergency Homeless Funds proportionately to both counties to support the efforts of their respective EOCs. However, after a few conversations with the State and the County of Monterey, the Coalition got the okay to move forward with standing up its own version of Project Roomkey, lovingly titled Project Refuge. Immediately, the Coalition, VTC, Dorothy’s Place, Community Human Services, Interim, CCCIL and HRC worked collaboratively to put together the program, moving the first wave of 25 people into the motels within 24 hours. Today, there are 110 of some of the most vulnerable homeless persons in the safety of motels. The Coalition and the County of Monterey is putting in a collaborative application for Project Roomkey funding to the State. In addition, the Coalition is also working on negotiating the merging of Project Refuge and the County of Monterey’s Project Roomkey, so that the homeless service providers can start working on the exit strategy of clients for both programs. The Coalition received a grant from Community Foundation which will help keep clients in the motels as we work through our negotiations.

- B. **HHAP**- The HHAP RFP process is still open for applications. To date there has only been two submissions, however Wilson is confident and expecting many more by the deadline of June 1st. The Coalition will take about one week to prepare the applications for the Ranking Committee, who will have one week to turn around their scoring sheets. Upon receipt of the scoring sheets and a small team will work together to finalize the recommendation to the Leadership Council for approval. The LC will be able to see the results of both team’s recommendations for comparison. With HEAP, the LC was very much involved in working through each application and deciding the allocations, however the two small teams will take on the majority of the burden and will collaboratively put forth a worthy recommendation for your consideration. To note: both teams are comprised of non-conflicted persons from foundations, developers and the County of Monterey. We do expect that the County of San Benito will be the sole applicant for the full amount dedicated to their community, therefore it is likely unnecessary to use the same process.

However, should there be more competition for the San Benito allocation, CHSP will adjust accordingly. Final recommendation due by this time next month for approval.

- C. **CARS Policy Adjustment for Motel Clients** – In response to recent directives from HUD and the State of CA, the Coalition and its partners made adjustments to the CARS Policies that prioritized clients participating in Project Roomkey for open housing interventions for the next 60 days. In addition, medically frail priority points will be added to their vulnerability index scores so that even after the 60-day timeframe, the remaining unhoused clients will still have preference for future interventions.

- D. **10 Year Plan Rewrite** – The County of San Benito, County of Monterey, City of Salinas and the Coalition are collaborating on the rewrite of the 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness. Most quantitative data has been submitted for analysis and CHSP is about halfway through the stakeholder interviews. The Collaborative is working on strategizing one of the most important components of the rewrite which is focus groups of unsheltered individuals and families. The Shelter in Place order adds complexities to an already complicated process, and this particular group of impacted individuals deserve the proper time, space and attention for their opinions to be heard. Also, the Collaborative has identified geographic areas of focus, including the Peninsula, the City of Salinas, S. County and Pajaro. All four locations have issues that drastically differ from one another and will be addressed them independently in the Plan.

- E. **YHDP Preparation** – The Coalition has been diligently working towards positioning the CoC to compete for HUD’s Youth Homeless Demonstration Project, a highly competitive grant that, if received will bring in no less than \$1M a year for homeless services for youth. The CoC can apply as a rural community, one of HUD’s preferences for this upcoming cycle. In addition, because Monterey/San Benito CoC is a 100-Day Challenge community, we are exhibiting an aggressive approach in addressing this vulnerable population, yet another strong point of consideration for the application. The Coalition will be hiring Homebase to assist with the process. Our HUD rep referred us to Homebase as their firm has coordinated the highest scoring YHDP application in the entire state of CA. The Coalition has worked with Homebase numerous times, but most notably was this last round of CoC funding, where Monterey and San Benito’s Collaborative Application only scored 7 points lower than the highest in the nation. Finally, the Coalition has charged one of our unhoused volunteers to start collecting data on where she finds homeless youth while doing her rounds of food delivery to encampments with the City of Salinas. Soon, she will partner with the Salinas Valley Youth Outreach Team to bridge the introduction of the outreach workers to the youth.

6. Salinas Shelter Updates:

Medina reported that 100 bed Salinas Shelter is currently under construction but had some delays due to COVID-19. They are still on the schedule to be open by February 2021 and they are expect to fully expand the six million dollar of HEAP fund by June 2021. In collaboration with the Health Department, City of Salinas & Housing Department, the Monterey County Department of Social Services applied for small grant and were awarded \$100k to support resident with pets. They are working on releasing RFP out by September 2020 for the services operation.

7. Seaside Homeless Shelter:

McCrae reported that CHS has selected the contractor in March and has all permits. Demolition began in May and the timeframe to complete the project is in November 2020. The shelter is designed to provide homeless women and families with children a place to stay overnight with access to supportive services and intensive case management during the day, including links to income, employment and housing as well as assessment and referrals for mental health, substance abuse and other services. CHS will be doing case management for families & children. Gathering for Women will be doing case management for women and providing meals.

8. Salinas Sprung Shelter Updates:

Hunter provided the Council with the following updates: The Sprung Shelter is part of Chinatown Navigation Center in Salinas to shelter up to an additional 50 individuals living on the streets of Salinas. Phase One started with having restrooms & showers. Phase Two began and allows for occupancy of 15 individuals. The City is currently in the planning stages of Phase Three that includes five trailers and upon approval of Environmental Health, the trailers will be up within three weeks. The City is planning to apply for various grants to fund the operation of the shelter such as HHAP.

9. ESG Funding Recommendation:

Hunter presents City of Salinas Action Plan for State HCD ESG Funds for Fiscal Year 20-21, Staff recommendations are based on highest priority needs:

- 1- Funding restrictions (40% min. for Rapid Rehousing)
- 2- Maintaining shelter bed capacity.

City of Salinas requested the Leadership Council to approve ESG Funding Recommendation. (Attached.)

Motion to approve made by Mayor Gunter Second by Rafael Hernandez. No abstentions, Motion carries unanimously.

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10. CESH Funding Recommendation :

Hunter presents City of Salinas Action Plan for State HCD CESH Funds for Fiscal Year 19-20 Recommendations.

City of Salinas requested the Leadership Council to approve CESH Funding Recommendation. (Attached.)

Motion to approve made by Mayor Gunter Second by Enrique Arreola. No abstentions, Motion carries unanimously.

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11. HEAP Update:

Wilson provided an overview of the HEAP spenddown status. (Attached.)

- \$1.1M has been spent to date on HEAP funded projects “\$260k on Youth, \$665k on Capital, \$120k on Services, \$107k on RA/RRH.
- 400+ individuals and families served by HEAP funds.
- \$8.6M Allocated to capital projects for the building, rehabilitation, or acquisition of multiple housing types.
- 14 individuals and families have been housed using Rapid Rehousing/Rental Assistance HEAP funds.
- A total of 274 beds will be created and added to our housing inventory for people experiencing homelessness.
- 12 Youth receiving case management services through the Salinas Valley Street Outreach Program (SVSOP).

Meeting adjourned 2:40 pm.

Minutes taken and prepared by Reham Abdallah.