

Leadership Council

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 27, 2022 | 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Via Zoom

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: Luis Alejo (Monterey County Board of Supervisors), César E. Flores (City of San Juan Bautista), Mike LeBarre (Mayor of King City), Kimbley Craig (Mayor of Salinas), Donna Smith (Monterey County Office of Education), Timothy Heavin (CoC), Amanda Villareal (Central California Alliance for Health), Enrique Arreola (County of San Benito, Health & Human Services), Dana Cleary (CHISPA), Lori Medina (County of Monterey, Department of Social Services), Phyllis Katz (California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.), Dan Baldwin (Community Foundation for Monterey County), Kurt Schake (Veterans Transition Center), Shawn Stone (Community Human Services), Elsa Jimenez (County of Monterey, Health Department), Ian Oglesby (City of Seaside), Jose Rios (City of Gonzales)

CHSP Staff: Roxanne Wilson, Genevieve Lucas-Conwell, Jake Fenton, Kai Reynolds, Grant Tuioti, Oliver Elbert, Joshua Bryan, Katrina McKenzie, Armando Elizondo

Guests: Lauren Suwansupa (County of Monterey, Department of Social Services), Glorietta Rowland (County of Monterey, Department of Social Services), Travis Beye (County of Monterey, Department of Social Services), Alexa Johnson (Housing Resource Center), Wes White (Monterey/Salinas Homeless Union), Erica Parker (Office of Assembly Member Mark Stone), Rod Powell (City of Salinas), Orlando Osornio (City of Salinas), Christie Cromeenes (City of Salinas), Jill Allen (Dorothy's Place), Michele Dunn (YWCA), Lena Bustamantez (YWCA), Georgina Alvarez (Central Coast Center for Independent Living), Anastacia Wyatt (City of Pacific Grove), Kai Medina Martinez (Community Health Engagement), Jacqui Smith (Community Health Engagement), Gary Tia (Bay Area Community Services), Nykole Sakihara Bay Area Community Services), Jon Drake (County of Monterey, Health Department), Melanie Rhodes (County of Monterey, Health Department), Anastacia Wyatt (City of Pacific Grove), Molly Machado (California Interagency Council on Homelessness), Derrick Elder (City of Seaside), Alicia Lehmer (Homebase), Grant Leonard (City of Monterey), Jason Cameron (County of Monterey, Military & Veterans Affairs), Jean-Jacques Murphy (County of Monterey, Military & Veterans Affairs), Christina Soto (Community Homeless Solutions), Barbara Dickason, Jose Vasquez, Sasha Sage

- 1. Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements:** The meeting began at 3:34 PM. Introductions were made to keep order to the call.
- 2. 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 two (2) minutes per speaker.
 - a.** Wes White reported that the Salinas/Monterey Homeless Union is hosting a family gathering today to discuss ways of keeping encampments safe and clean.

- b. Sasha Sage asked for changes so other people do not have to face the difficulties that she has faced.
- c. Kai Medina Martinez advocated for additional funds to support outreach workers in Monterey County. He explained that outreach workers are connecting with people in need and that funding is needed to complete the work.
 - i. Lori Medina explained that the County of Monterey has a significant funding gap in the Request for Proposals (RFP) for outreach services. She stated that the Community Health Engagement (CHE) program has been one of the more successful County programs, and she doesn't want to lose CHE; it's too significant of a program to lose.

3. Additions/modifications to the agenda

- a. Lori Medina requested adding a discussion on outreach services to the agenda

4. 2022-2023 State ESG Allocations:

Cesar Flores presented the 2022-2023 State ESG Allocations to the Council.

Motion to approve 2022-2023, State ESG Allocations made by Mayor LeBarre. Seconded by Lori Medina. No abstentions. No Opposition. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Consent Agenda:

- a) February 23, 2022, Leadership Council minutes
- b) March 24, 2022, Housing Pipeline minutes

Cesar Flores noted that his name was misspelled in the February 23, 2022, Leadership Council minutes.

Motion to approve February 23, 2022, Leadership Council minutes made by Loria Medina. Seconded by Mayor Rios. No abstentions. No Opposition. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve March 24, 2022, Housing Pipeline minutes made by Luis Alejo. Seconded by Christie Cromeenes. No abstentions. No Opposition. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Project Homekey Updates:

a. King City – Mike LeBarre

- i. Mayor LeBarre reported that the City of King is working with Shangri La on the NEPA review. He explained that The City of King has been going back and forth with HCD providing documents and answering questions, and they are still waiting on the final agreement and the distributions of funding.

b. San Benito County – Enrique Arreola

- i. Enrique Arreola reported that the County of San Benito has not yet received an award notice but he is confident that they still will. He expects to hear about the award in July.

- 7. Veteran Home** –Jason Cameron reported the following. The Office of Military & Veteran Affairs recently attended the Lotus Day homeless event and connected with several veteran women who they are attempting to help. Through the County of San Benito, the Office of Military & Veteran Affairs is hosting an upcoming resource day on May 27. Additionally, the Office of Military & Veteran Affairs has received funding for Veterans Stand Down from the County of Monterey on June 18 and 19. And,

the Office of Military & Veteran Affairs is committed to reaching veterans before homelessness. E.g. school outreach before veterans reach homelessness. Lastly, Cameron presented the Leadership Counsel on California Veterans Homes. A Veterans Home is a California Department of Veterans Affairs home which serves aged veterans 55 and older, eligible spouses, domestic partners, as well as homeless and disabled veterans in need of long-term care.

- a. Supervisor Alejo asked if at the following Leadership Council meeting the Leadership Council can generate a support letter for the nursing and housing needs of California veterans. He reported the following. So far, the County of Monterey has received tremendous support from the Boards of Supervisors of six different counties in the area. The County of Monterey has also received support from numerous Salinas Valley cities including Monterey, Pacific Grove, and Carmel. Furthermore, the County of Monterey is trying to generate as much local support as possible to help convince Cal Vet that it's time to construct a new Veteran's Home because there hasn't been legislation for 20 years to build a new Veteran's Home.

8. Casa de Noche Buena Update –Shawn Stone presented a Casa De Noche Buena update to the Leadership Council. He presented an overview and stats of the program.

- a. Arreola asked for more information on the 27 clients that were placed in permanent housing. Stone responded that Community Human Services has partner agencies that assist with housing, but many of the clients applied for regular apartments. Additionally, Community Human Services checks in with their clients and is working on creating a more regular discharge plan.

9. SHARE Center Update – Nykole Sakihara:

- a. Nykole Sakihara presented the following about the SHARE Center. Forty-three individuals have been placed into permanent housing (6 men, 11 women, and 5 families). Thirty-one individuals have gained employment. Currently, the Share center has 95 clients (23 men, 9 women, and 63 families with 36 total children), and they are expecting about 10 households to move out in the next two months. Additionally, the SHARE Center houses nine animals currently.

10. Youth Homeless Demonstration Project (YHDP):

- a. **Coordinated Community Plan – Kay Reynolds:** Kai Reynolds and Alicia Lehmer gave a presentation on the Coordinated Community plan for YHDP. The purpose of YHDP is to demonstrate how a coordinated community approach to servicing youth experiencing homelessness can dramatically reduce homelessness. The Coordinated Community plan is the roadmap for local efforts to prevent and end youth homelessness.
 - i. Roxane Wilson reported that the CCP is a required component of YHDP. Assuming that the Leadership Council accepts the CCP, CHSP will be releasing an RFP almost immediately, she stated.

Motion to approve the Coordinated Community Plan made by Mayor LeBarre. Seconded by Lori Medina. No abstentions. No Opposition. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Outreach Services

- a. Lori Medina reported that the outreach teams have become a necessity in the County of Monterey; however, the community doesn't have a good funding source for the CHE outreach team. The County of Monterey would like to pick up the funding and keep the outreach services afloat, stated Medina. She explained that the County of Monterey has identified around \$250,000 but \$750,000 is needed to keep the organization running. She asked the Leadership Council to join together to help bridge the funding gap. Roxanne Wilson explained that CHSP is working on the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) application, discussed the HHAP funding and what it will be used for, and explained where the funding could come from to fund CHE. Wilson explained that some of the funding for CHE could also come from the Housing and Homeless Incentive Program (HHIP) — CHSP hopes to obtain funding through HHIP by the end of this year. Wilson added that CHE was instrumental in obtaining EHV applications and losing them would create a very large hole in reaching and serving clients.
 - i. Wes White asked if outreach services can also go towards dissuading sweeps and providing other services such as water and BBQ pits.
 1. Lori Medina responded that sometimes cleanups are necessary, but the MCDSS knows that there is a lack of available beds. She would like to help create safe spaces for people until they transition into places to live but the MCDSS hasn't determined an exact way of helping yet.
 - ii. Phyllis Katz asked about the timeframe for additional CoC money.
 1. Wilson responded that the state has been inconsistent about keeping to its timeframes. CHSP anticipates an HHAP round 4 which would be the last round of the series; the application process would likely start in winter and the funding would come next year, she said.
 - iii. Lori Medina added that the contract with CHE through the City of Salinas would end in June.
 - iv. Timothy Heavin acknowledged his support for the CHE outreach team and announced that the Leadership Council should provide CHE with the necessary funding.
 - v. Luis Alejo suggested voting on the \$250,000 in funding for CHE in an official email vote. Roxanne Wilson agreed to setup an email vote.

Mayor LeBarre reported that Sun Street Centers recently opened up sober living environments in King City. He believes this is a gap measure to prevent homelessness.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM

Minutes taken and prepared by Jake Fenton