

Leadership Council

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 22, 2022 | 1:00 PM - 2:30 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: César E. Flores (City of San Juan Bautista), Mike LeBarre (Mayor of King City), Timothy Heavin (CoC), Enrique Arreola (County of San Benito, Health & Human Services), Lori Medina (County of Monterey, Department of Social Services), Phyllis Katz (California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.), Dan Baldwin (Community Foundation for Monterey County), Ian Oglesby (City of Seaside), Jose Rios (City of Gonzales), Christie Cromeenes (City of Salinas), Alyssa Kroeger (Monterey Bay Economic Partnership), Mike Stull (Veterans Transition Center), Tory Gunsolley (Housing Authority, County of Monterey), Dana Cleary (CHISPA)

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), Travis Beye (County of Monterey, Department of Social Services), Erica Parker (Office of Assembly Member Mark Stone), Jill Allen (Dorothy's Place), Nykole Sakihara (Bay Area Community Services), Gary Tia (Bay Area Community Services), Marissa Kobylenski (Outreach Unlimited), Maria Gurrola (Community Health Engagement), Renie Rondon Jackson (Community Health Engagement), Greg Baker (Community Homeless Solutions), Eric Johnsen (Community Homeless Solutions), Michelle Dunn (YWCA), Karen Morgan (Gathering for Women), Jane Barr (Eden Housing), Alexa Johnson (Housing Resource Center), Anna Foglia (Sun Street Centers), Megan Hunter (City of Salinas), Hana Gossett (Focus Strategies), Vanessa Fenley (Focus Strategies), Michael Castro (Community Foundation for Monterey County), Kate Nester (Central California Alliance for Health), Lilia Chagolla (Central Coast Alliance for Health), Yuri Anderson (County of Monterey), Anthony Rocha (City of Salinas), Collen Courtney (County of Monterey), Jose Vasques

1. **Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements:** The meeting was called to order at 1:02 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. Timothy Heavin asked if Project Roomkey will close at the end of June. Megan Hunter responded that the City of Salinas plans to ramp up rooms and continue beyond this month. She added that the City of Salinas entered into a contract with the County of Monterey to continue to operate Project Roomkey. Lauren Suwansupa announced that the Board of Supervisors approved a continuation of the project. Megan Hunter stated that Maria Cambron is in charge of Project Roomkey and please reach out to her if you have any questions.

3. **Additions/modifications to the agenda:** Roxanne Wilson announced that Genevieve Lucas-Conwell has been selected as the Executive Director of CHSP. Anna Foglia stated that the CHSP board is confident that Genevieve can step into the role of Executive Director.

Wilson reported that there is a brand new NOFO although the guidance has not yet been released. CHSP plans to pursue the funding and has the infrastructure to do so, stated Wilson, and CHSP will likely reach out to the Leadership Council with more information and the next steps.

Wilson added that CHSP has been working with consultants to complete the five-year plan dashboard. That dashboard will be released publicly, she said.

4. **Consent Agenda:**

- a) April 27, 2021, Leadership Council Minutes
- b) Email Vote: Outreach Services Minutes
- c) Year 1 Progress Report

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda made by Christie Cromeenes. Seconded by Ian Oglesby. No abstentions. No Opposition. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Emergency Shelter Guidelines:** Roxanne Wilson explained that people have expressed concern about shelter inconsistencies. As a result, CHSP held a meeting with the emergency shelters to create shared guidelines, she said.

Motion to approve the Emergency Shelter Guidelines made by Lori Medina. Seconded by Christie Cromeenes. No abstentions. No Opposition. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP) Round 3 Application Review:** Roxanne Wilson presented the HHAP Round 3 application. Cesar Flores asked for public comment. Timothy Heavin stated that he noticed the number of people in the foster system experiencing homelessness is higher than expected. He asked if this was considered. Wilson responded that there is a voucher program called Foster Youth for Independence. She added that CHSP is aware of and discussing this issue during Youth System Meetings. CHSP is in the process of developing a Youth CARS system and will be able to identify people in the foster system, said Wilson. Timothy Heavin responded that reducing the number of people entering the foster system can help reduce homelessness. Megan Hunter asked if the City of Salinas has permission to post the presentation on their website. Wilson said yes and agreed to pass it along. Lori Medina stated that MCDSS has seen a downward trend in entry into foster care. She's not sure why this is happening, but it's happening statewide. Timothy Heavin asked if it is true that federal funding is lost based on the number of children entering the foster system. Lori Medina answered that there is more funding provided for children in foster care; however, there is new federal legislation focused on keeping children in their homes and providing preventative or secondary services for families when using evidence-based programs. Phyllis Katz asked, how many youth exit foster care each year? Lori Medina responded that she doesn't know those exact numbers, but some kids stay in foster care to obtain supportive services.

7. **Shelter Cove Significant Contract Amendment:** Roxanne Wilson explained the Shelter Cove contract amendment to the Leadership Council.

Motion to approve the Shelter Cove Contract Amendment made by Timothy Heavin. Seconded by Christie Cromeenes. No abstentions. No Opposition. Motion carried unanimously.

8. **Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) Funding Recommendations:** Roxanne Wilson explained the YHDP program funding recommendations to the Leadership Council. She reported that 5/6 applicants were selected to receive funding. Youth were involved in the entire process of selecting the programs for funding, shared Wilson. Lori Medina stated she was excited about this proposal because the Epicenter (one of the selected applicants) always stays true to its mission and doesn't get involved in any politics. Lori Medina added that Epicenter may need some technical assistance. Wilson responded that CHSP plans to help them along with CHSP's technical assistance providers. Megan Hunter asked if the unallocated money can be used for Permanent Supportive Housing. Wilson responded that it can. Phyllis Katz asked for a brief explanation of the housing navigation services for YHDP. Wilson responded that the navigation for YHDP is for system navigation and not just housing navigation. Katz said she is concerned that it will be difficult to find housing for the youth because of the lack of places to live in this area.

Motion to approve the YHDP funding recommendations made by Tory Gunsolley. Seconded by Ian Oglesby. No abstentions. Phyllis Katz opposed. Motion carried.

9. **LMH Governance Policies Recommended Update:** Roxane Wilson explained the LMH Governance Policies recommended update to the Leadership Council. She explained the difference between Category One and Two seats. She asked to consider adding four more seats to Category One. One for her new County position. One for the Central Coast Alliance for Health (CCAH), and Two for Youth Action Board. Lilia Chagolla and Kate Nester of CCAH explained what CCAH does and how they would like to participate in the CoC. Megan Hunter asked if the City of Salinas Mayor could be explicitly stated as being on the Leadership Council Board. Mayor LeBarre asked if the City of King mayor could also have a permanent seat. The Leadership Council collectively discussed how they should handle the Leadership Council seats. The LC agreed to form a committee to discuss this further.

Motion to approve adding the proposed seats to the Leadership Council as well as to create a committee to review the current Leadership Council seat structure and have their suggestions brought up to the Leadership Council within 90 days made by Christie Cromeenes. Seconded by Dan Baldwin. No abstentions. No Opposition. Motion carried unanimously.

10. **Year 2 Action Plan:** Roxanne Wilson explained the Year 2 action plan to the Leadership Council. Mayor LeBarre expressed the importance of engaging with jurisdictions. Lori Medina recognized the engagement with jurisdiction in our area.

Motion to approve the Year 2 Action Plan made by Mayor LeBarre. Seconded by Ian Oglesby. No abstentions. No Opposition. Motion carried unanimously.

11. **Roxanne's Farewell:** Several members spoke about Roxanne Wilson's accomplishments and growth and gave their farewells and wished her luck.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 PM

Minutes taken and prepared by Jake Fenton