

Leadership Council

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 24, 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: Luis Alejo (Monterey County Board of Supervisors), 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), Phyllis Katz (California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.), Dan Baldwin (Community Foundation for Monterey County), Ian Oglesby (City of Seaside), Kurt Schake (Veterans Transition Center), Dana Cleary (CHISPA), Lilia Chagolla (Central Coast Alliance for Health), Roxanne Wilson (County of Monterey), Donna Smith (Monterey County Office of Education), Elsa Jimenez (Monterey County Health Department), Robin McCrae (Community Human Services)

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

Guests: Lisa Griffin Burns (Community Homeless Solutions), 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), Greg Baker (Community Homeless Solutions), Michelle Dunn (YWCA), Alexa Johnson (Housing Resource Center), Megan Hunter (City of Salinas), Hana Gossett (Focus Strategies), Vanessa Fenley (Focus Strategies), Kate Nester (Central California Alliance for Health), Colleen Courtney (County of Monterey), Georgina Alvarez (CCCIL), Grant Leonard (City of Monterey), Jack Murphy- MVAO, Jasmine Mejia Cortez (Office of Luis Alejo), Maria Magallanes (VA Palo Alto Health Care System), Rod Powell (City of Salinas), Shawn Stone (Community Human Services), Staci Alziebler-Perkins (Gathering for Women)

1. **Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements:** The meeting was called to order at 1:03 PM. Introductions were made to keep order to the call.
2. **Additions/modifications to the agenda:** No Additions or modifications
3. **Public Comment:** No public comment
4. **Consent Agenda:**
 - a) June 22, 2022, Leadership Council Minutes
Motion to approve the Consent Agenda made by Cesar Flores Seconded by Timothy Heavin. No abstentions. No Opposition. Motion carried unanimously.
 - b) July 28, 2022 Housing pipeline minutes
Approved by Consensus

5. Project Homekey Updates

- a. **King City:** Mayor Mike LaBarre updates on permits being issued, city is proud, a grant for a ladder truck has been granted, so adding a third story will to the senior units has been approved. Encampment clean-up after getting all persons into housing – there are enough beds to house those individuals who have been identified in King City. Units should start to be available in 5 – 6 months. Once the H2A workers have been moved the plan is to move in the homeless residents temporarily to the Monarch Inn while the work is finished on the permanent supportive housing by the end of October. Over 6 – 8 months have been spent engaging the encampment population regarding these housing opportunities.
- b. **Salinas:** Megan Hunter updates the council regarding the Goodnight Inn was awarded project-based vouchers prematurely without doing the NEPA, which has caused many delays in moving forward as construction has been stopped. It is currently at 50% occupancy. Not much progress has been made going through many assessments required by HUD which took a good part of the year. We have reached out to Congressman Panetta's office for assistance, and he is planning on reaching out in support. We may ask the Leadership Council to submit a letter to HUD. Hunter went on to update on Step Up on Fairview the permits have been issued, and work should begin shortly. Step up on Sanborn – H2A workers are currently residing due to a contract with the previous owner – leaving them in place – this project has been able to move forward with support from the community and other organizations. The community has pushed back – City has taken a stance that homeless services cannot be concentrated in one area and has ensured not only one neighborhood is impacted. Roxanne Wilson suggests a letter-writing campaign to move HUD along.

6. CoC Updates:

- a. **Point in Time Count 2022** – Genevieve Lucas-Conwell gives an overview of the PIT counts for both Monterey County and San Benito County both available on chsp.org – Lucas also gave a lead me home update. Increase in houselessness and self-reported health. Alejo thanks Roxanne Wilson and Genevieve Lucas-Conwell for such a good summit. Megan Hunter asks if there is any info on less than a year in San Benito County, is there a reason? Roxanne Wilson reports regarding funding that has come in and changes that the coalition made as far as aligning with national best practices, implementation of the housing first model, PRK was a huge success, this puts as a good fit for qualifying to become a high performing CoC, which is a federal class of CoC. Phyllis Katz via chat What is the percentage of increased rent in both counties? – Mr. Alejo – Put that on the agenda for another discussion. Enrique Arreola comments on 2 data points, first, the RV/car population increased, 67% unsheltered in vehicles, Mr. Arreola reached out to the groups who collected the data to confirm the numbers– the count is unfortunately accurate. The second point of data is the 85% one year or less in San Benito County is questionable, because the wording was asked about living in Monterey County – This is believed to have caused confusion on the questionnaire. Lucas Conwell thanks Enrique for his partnership in this process.

Lucas Conwell touches on that a goal as a CoC is to become a High performing CoC. That would provide more funding for different opportunities which not only includes having high system performance measures such as HMIS quality data, CES Data, and referral data quality and also showing that our system works in a way that we are moving people into permanent housing – that looks at the census and how we are decreasing our numbers over time. There is also bonus funding for high-performing CoC's that decrease their PIT counts. This could open another door for funding, and make us a lot more competitive

Mr. Alejo would like to put this on the agenda for next meeting to discuss supporting/making goal to be a HPCOC.

- b. **Homeless Summit Update** – Genevieve Lucas-Conwell presented an overview of the Summit on Homelessness that took place. It was successful and generated substantial attendance. CHSP has received positive feedback. There were over 500 logins, 300 of which stayed throughout the entire summit. Would we like to do this again, annually, every other year, tie in with the PIT count? How would this look to this council?
Mike LaBarre suggests yearly would be great, or at least minimum after every PIT count to keep up the momentum, annually would be best even if it is a shorter summit.
Lisa Griffin Burns shares that she thought it was an amazing summit – keeping up the momentum is important and also is another way in order to achieve our goals we need to gain more political and community will. Educating the community and the local government and inviting them to these summits is a great way to do that. Annually this should move forward
Roxanne Wilson adds that The Coalition needs support to pull off this kind of event annually. If it was not for the help and partnerships that the coalition had it would have been impossible to pull off alone. If the Coalition decides to do this annually, all the partners would have to step in and help with the support needed.

- c. **CoC Trainings** – Events coming up:

- August 25th, 2022 @ 3:30 pm MC Choice presents Mainstream Benefits –
- August 30th, 2022 @ 2:00 pm Donna Smith presents McKenny Vento Services Training – different parameters than the PIT count
- September 9th, 2022 @ 11:00 am YWCA presents Domestic Violence Education
- August 30th, 2022 @ 2:00 pm Workforce Development Board presents their array of services

Donna Smith gives a brief explanation of McKenny Vento services.

- d. **Coordinated Entry System (CES/CARS) Update:**

- i. **Youth CES (CARS):** Joshua Bryan explains that over the past several months his team has been working on ways that can make the coordinated entry system a more effective tool for our community. This process started in the fall of last year when the team started to drill down into the data to get a clearer picture of how our system is working now and then embarked on an evaluation process to match people (racial disparities, transition-aged youth, etc.) with the best chance for exiting to a permanent housing destination – we combined that CE evaluation with a racial disparities analysis to understand where the shortcomings in our system are. We identified that the most underserved population is transition-aged youth 18-24 years old. Joshua provided a timeline for writing new policies, procedures, and a new

survey tool that will accurately get a picture of the vulnerabilities that this population is facing and what programs can assist. The launch of a youth-focused CES will be Spring of 2023

- ii. **Policies & Procedures update:** Joshua Bryan brought to light the changes that can be made to reduce the lack of supportive housing. The support of partners would help get the right people into units, where the clients are serviced, instead of places that are service deserts.

7. **FY22 HUD NOFO**

- a. **General NOFO** – Genevieve explains the process of a regular NOFO. Vanessa Fenley explains the scoring factors for renewals and new projects as well as the difference between the two
 - i. Due Date 9/30 via esnaps – 2.79 billion in funds to be granted
 - ii. Special Meeting: 09/26 to review consolidated application, including finalized priority list for approval
 - iii. FY22 CoC NOFO Rank & Review Policies
- b. **Special (Unsheltered) NOFO**
 - i. Due Date: 10/20 via esnaps – 322 million available nationally
 - ii. Special Meeting: 10/13 to review consolidated application, including finalized priority list for approval
 - iii. FY22 Special (Unsheltered) CoC NOFO Rank & Review

Motion to approve the Rank and Review policies for the CoC General NOFO recommendations made by Mike LeBarre. Seconded by Roxanne Wilson. No abstentions. Motion carried.
Motion to approve the Rank and Review policies for the Special NOFO passes unanimously

- 8. **Governance Sub-Committee Update:** Genevieve Lucas Conwell states that the governance committee is going to be pushed to late November/early December.

Meeting adjourned at 2:32 PM

Minutes taken and prepared by Krystal Kay Estrada