
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Lived Experience Advisory Directive (LEAD)

Monterey and San Benito Counties' Continuum of Care Standing Committee

Thank you for your interest in participating on the Lived Experience Advisory Directive (LEAD). This advisor council is responsible for Board of Directors for Monterey and San Benito Counties, California. The LC is broadly based, with representation from all sectors of the community, including but not limited to, individuals who are currently homeless or formerly experienced homelessness, homeless services providers, philanthropy, representatives of government and other local stakeholders.

- The **LEAD** is a nine (9) member body.

The Continuum of Care is coordinated and staffed by the Coalition of Homeless Services Providers the largest local collaborative of non-profits missioned to address the complex issues surrounding homelessness. The Lived Experience Advisory Directive (LEAD) reports directly to the CoC with any, and all recommendations. Serves as the initial preliminary vote prior to final vote taking place with the CoC leadership Council.

Last Name:	First Name:
Organizations you currently work with/participating in:	
What are some other activities you're involved in (ex: community activism, volunteering, leadership roles, etc):	
What are some things you are interested in accomplishing through this committee?	
Best way to contact you Phone Number:	
Email:	
If the information above is someone that's working with you, please list their name:	
Do you know anyone with Lived-Experience that you think we should reach out to as well? Please list their contact information:	

LMH CoC Mission:

Monterey and San Benito Counties' Lead Me Home Continuum platform to evaluate and shift power from traditional systems of care to those with lived experience. The LMH Continuum of Care ("LMH CoC") promotes broad involvement of all members of the community in forging the end to homelessness. The LMH CoC, under the guidance of the Leadership Council, will faithfully endeavor to:

- Understand the problem
- Recognize the solutions
- Agree to implement the solutions
- Find the funding to execute the solutions
- Support those who do the work through the transitions ahead
- Guide the direction of a 2-county effort with multiple partners and players

- Lead! Promote, request, allocate, dedicate, advocate for continued implementation of the Plan.

LMH CoC Vision:

Members of our Central Coast communities live in decent, secure and affordable housing from which they access services and supports that stabilize their lives.

LMH CoC Guiding Principles:

- Treat people with dignity and respect.
- Aim for the highest quality of life for the community by integrating community standards of care into all housing and services delivery.
- Achieve results and demonstrate positive outcomes.
- Foster comprehensive solutions within a system-wide perspective.
- Make coordinated, cost-effective, strategic, and continuous investment in the housing and services needed to assure that our people are homeless no more.

LEAD Mission:

As we work to prevent and end homelessness, it is vital that people with lived experience be at the forefront of policy development, implementation, and evaluation. Borrowing from disability activists, youth organizations use the phrase, “**Nothing About Us Without Us.**” It means that no policy should be decided by any representative without the full and direct participation of the members of the group(s) affected by that policy. Provide a platform to evaluate and shift power from traditional systems of care to those with lived experience.

- Statement of Commitment

By signing below, if elected to the Advisory Directive, I understand Governing Board members, committee members, and other CoC agents and employees must exercise care, diligence, and prudence when acting on behalf of Monterey and San Benito Counties.

Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Motion to approve membership by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Membership Vote: _____

Election Date: _____

Please submit to lead@chsp.org