

Leadership Council

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 28, 2023 | 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

1942 Fremont Blvd. Seaside, CA. 93955

Via Zoom

Leadership Council Chair: Luis Alejo (Monterey County Board of Supervisors)

Leadership Council Co-Chair: Cesar E. Flores (City of San Juan Bautista)

Members Present & Affiliations: Anna Velasquez (Mayor of City of Soledad), Dana Cleary (CHISPA), Dan Baldwin (Community Foundation for Monterey County), Enrique Arreola (County of San Benito, Health & Human Services), Ian Oglesby (Mayor of City of Seaside), Karen Cusson (Community Member – LGBTQ+ Community), Kollin Kosmicki (County of San Benito – District 2 Supervisor), Kurt Schake (Veterans Transition Center), Lilia Chagolla (Central California Alliance for Health), Luis Alejo (Monterey County Board of Supervisors), Mia Casey (Mayor of City of Hollister), Mike LeBarre (Mayor of City of King), Roxanne Wilson (County of Monterey), Timothy Heavin (Community Member w/Lived Experience), Zuleika Boykin (County of Monterey Housing Authority)

Guests: Alexa Johnson (Housing Resource Center), Carlos Mena (Member of the Community), Clifford Andrews (CSUMB Community Health Engagement), Derrick Elder (City of Seaside – Family & Community Support Program), Georgina Alvarez (Central Coast Center Independent Living), Jacqui Smith (CSUMB Community Health Engagement), Jill Allen (Dorothy's Place), Joe Farotte (Member of the Community), Kayshla Lopez (City of Salinas), Lauren Suwansupa (Monterey County Department of Social Services), Linda Gonzalez (Member of the Community), Martin Alvarez (Dorothy's Place), Monique Rodriguez (Bay Area Community Services – Share Center), Rita Acosta (Salinas/Monterey County Homeless Union), Rod Powell (City of Salinas), Wes White (Salinas/Monterey County Homeless Union)

CHSP Staff: Genevieve Lucas-Conwell, Veronica Vasquez, Kai Reynolds, Sabrina Barnard, Olga Contreras

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements:

The meeting began at 3:30 PM. Introductions were made to keep order to the call.

2. Additions/Modifications to the Agenda: No Additions or Modifications.

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 two (2) minutes per speaker.

a. No Public Comments.

4. Consent Agenda:

a. April 26, 2023, Leadership Council minutes

b. May 30, 2023, Leadership Council minutes

Recommended Motion: To approve minutes with recommended changes

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda made by Kollin Kosmicki, seconded, by Mike LeBarre. No abstentions. No oppositions. Motion approved by consensus.

5. Homeless Housing Assistance Program (HHAP) Round 4 Funding:

a. CSUMB Community Health Engagement (CHE) Proposal

Genevieve led a presentation with the total funds broken down for HHAP 4 and proposed approval of \$255,00 for CSUMB CHE. Genevieve Lucas-Conwell emphasized the great successes of CSUMB CHE.

Clifford Andrews, CHE Outreach Manager, outlines CHE's work in the community. CHE consists of three (3) outreach workers and an outreach specialist and student undergrads in social work and nursing. They work with engagement seven days a week, case management, housing navigation support, and primarily boots-on-the-ground from King City to Pajaro levy and everything in between on the Peninsula side as well. They go through towns, riverbeds, hilltops, and train tracks and walk the streets daily to find and help those in need. The main goal is to connect people with services and resources that they normally would not get especially in rural communities in Pajaro, King City, and Soledad. CHE connected and engaged 430 individuals/households this fiscal year. However, they were unable to track a lot of the engagement in HMIS because a lot of homeless individuals we encountered are uncomfortable sharing their personal information.

Recommended Motion: To approve \$225K of HHAP 4 funds for CSUMB CHE.

Questions/Comments:

Lauren Suwansupa and Roxanne Wilson made comments in support of these funds being approved.

Anna Velazquez – Inquired if there was more data on where CSUMB CHE is concentrating/working on.

Mike LeBarre – Mentioned that their City Manager was very grateful for CSUMB CHE's work.

Timothy Heavin – Praised CSUMB CHE's work.

Motion to approve made by Mike LeBarre, seconded by Roxanne Wilson. No abstentions. No oppositions. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Coordinated Assessment & Referral System (CARS):

a. Addendum

b. Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV) & Pajaro Update

Due to Zuleika Boykin's efforts, EHV utilization has increased from 30% to 50%. Currently, 180 folks are housed with EHV and 80 people were handed vouchers. Zuleika Boykin confirmed they are doing very well with EHV's – they are working to get them out by the end of September 21, 2023. These include referrals for Pajaro, with a prorated voucher working with Central Coast Center for Independent Living (CCIL) to support them to get to 30 households, and 29 unduplicated vouchers will be dedicated to San Benito County. The vouchers are in the hands of people – housing navigators are needed to assist them.

Roxanne – Acknowledged that HAMC, CCIL, and CHSP will be doing direct outreach for people in Watsonville that were misplaced by the Pajaro floods.

c. Overhaul Timeline

An overhaul in August is anticipated, at the end the of HUD NOFO period. Looking at the assessments to get folks into housing.

Recommended Motion: To approve CARS addendum.

Motion moved by Mike LeBarre, seconded by Ian Oglesby. No abstentions, No Objections. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Encampment Resolution Fund Application Update:

8. CHSP Update:

a. Staff Introductions

Genevieve introduced the new staff at CHSP including, Mahnoor Abbasi, Delia Leal, Olga Contreras, and Sean Aten.

b. NOFO FY 2023

The grants inventory worksheet (GIW) was released two (2) weeks ago - they are due today. On-time with sending them over to HUD. In the next couple of meetings, there will be a vote on the application. If it does not align with the August 30, 2023 meeting, may have a Special Leadership Council meeting.

c. Governance Charter Public Comment

Closing in two (2) days. Thanked the people who submitted the survey and the Governance Committee. Will come up in Leadership Council for a vote on the final draft in August 2023.

d. Lead Me Home Summit

The Lead Me Home Summit will be held on September 28, 2023, at CSUMB @ Salinas City Center – a regional Summit.

e. Year 2 Action & Year 3 Action Plan

Working on the year 3 action plan and finalizing their year 2 progress update. Being brought to approve in August.

Meeting adjourned at 4:24 PM

Minutes taken & prepared by Sabrina Barnard & Olga Contreras