

Leadership Council

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 26, 2023, | 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), Timothy Heavin (CoC), Erika Parker (Veterans Transition Center), Jonan Blount (Youth Action Board), Robin McCrae (Community Human Services), Roxanne Wilson (Community Homeless Services), Dan Baldwin (Community Foundation), Kollin Kosmicki (San Benito County Supervisor), Mia Casey (Mayor of Hollister), Alyssa Kroeger (Pacific Grove Housing Program), Dana Cleary (CHISPA), Enrique Arreola (San Benito County Health and Human Services Agency), Mike LeBarre (Mayor of King City), Phyllis Katz (CRLA), Zuleika Boykin (HACM), Ian Oglesby (Mayor of Seaside), Lauren Suwansupa (MCDSS),

CHSP Staff: Genevieve Lucas-Conwell, Kai Reynolds, Grant Túoti, Katrina McKenzie, Krystal Kay Estrada, Veronica Vasquez, Sabrina Barnard, Danielle Francisco, Willow Celeste

Guests: Barbara Dickason (IOC), Alec Manas (CHISPA), Alicia Lehmer (Homebase), Andrew Sandoval (City of Salinas), Anjanette Love (Gathering for Women), Derrick Elder (City of Seaside Family and Community Support Program), Eloise Shim (District 3 Salinas Resident), Greg Baker (Community Homeless Solutions), Jacob Shafer (Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula), Jill Allen (Dorothy's Place), John Falkenburg (City of Salinas), Jon Drake (County of Monterey), Rod Powell (City of Salinas), Frank Green (Victory Mission), Jocelyn Curran (Downtown Streets Team)

Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements: The meeting began at 3:33 PM. Introductions were made to keep order to the call.

1. **Additions/Modifications to the Agenda:** No Additions or modifications
2. **Public Comment:** Phyllis Katz – CRLA is holding a record clinic and walk-ins are accepted. At 3 Williams St. They are also gearing up to do appeals for FEMA. FEMA is not providing the adequate amount the 1st time through, and you have the right to appeal.
3. **Consent Agenda**
 - a.) February 2023 Leadership Minutes
 - b.) March 2023 Housing Pipeline Minutes
 - c.) April 10th 2023 Special Leadership Minutes

Motion to approve the consent agenda made by Kollin Kosmicki. Seconded by Mia Casey. No abstentions. Approved by consensus.

4. Introduction

a.) Zulieka Boykin – Executive Director of Housing Authority of Monterey County (HACM)

Zulieka introduced herself and provided some of her background in the field and her education. She came to HACM in December. Has increased EHV and affordable housing utilization. Getting into good standing with financials especially with HUD. Working with the city and county on development deals. Working with Genevieve on vouchers and referrals.

Questions: Dana Cleary – is HUD going to be issuing more project-based section 8 to HACM?

Zulieka – project-based vouchers are part of their overall allocation. HUD allows them to use up to 30%. Before issuing new ones, they are trying to increase their utilization.

5. City of Salinas – Emergency Solution Grant Funding (ESG) Recommendation

Rod Powell presented the recommended actions for the ESG (included in the agenda packet that was sent out).

Recommendation:

Authorize the allocation of approximately \$269,709 of 2023 HCD Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds as recommended by the City of Salinas, acting as the Administrative Entity for the California Department of Housing and Community Development Continuum of Care ESG program.

Questions: Jill Allen – since we don't know the allocations, if there is money in excess, how will it be allocated?

Rod – what we do is try to be as close as possible to previous years in our estimate. There could be a small increase or decrease of a few thousand what we would look to do is to feed them through to the applicants that have already been selected. If it is a dramatic increase, we would look at other applicants.

Enrique - clarification on the HRC was not recommended for funding, and there was a certain amount specified for San Benito County is that the same?

Rod – there is not a specific amount set aside for San Benito. For the ones that were not approved, we can provide feedback on why they were not approved.

Luis – can you provide what is being approved?

Rod – The top chart was who requested the funds, and the bottom table is the recommendation by staff on who should receive the funding.

Motion for approval made by Robin McCrae, seconded by Roxanne Wilson. No opposition or abstentions. Approved by consensus.

6. Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP) Round 3 – Funding Recommendation.

Genevieve leads a presentation about HHAP, the Local Competition Process, and Rank & Review. HHAP Round 3 is a \$1 Billion block grant program authorized by AB140 signed by Governor Newsom on July 19, 2021. HHAP Round 1 total allocation was \$3,185,326.18. HHAP Round 2 total allocation was \$1,507,181.00. The eligible uses are outreach and coordination, rental assistance and rapid rehousing, operation subsidies, landlord incentives, new navigation and emergency shelters, prevention and shelter diversion to permanent housing, systems support to create regional partnerships and delivery of permanent housing. Genevieve then reviews the recommendations and applications for Round 3. The impact of funding is 2 emergency shelter programs, 2 RRH programs, 1 PSH program, and 1 new outreach program.

Recommendation for approval: To move forward with the recommended funding for HHAP.

Questions:

Roxanne Wilson – 127 housing for 4 mil is that per year?

Genevieve – yes

Roxanne – for San Benito County, because the HRC was submitted by CHSP, does Enrique have thoughts on supporting the HRC or was that already programmed?

Enrique – we do have other funds that we will be used for operations.

Motion to approve made by Kollin Kosmicki, seconded by Roxanne Wilson. Enrique Arreola, Erica Parker, Robin McCrae, and Alyssa Kroeger abstained. No objections. Approved by consensus.

7. Homekey Round 3 NOFA

Genevieve leads reviews the NOFA but wants to iterate that the application has been sent out and is due by June 28, 2023. Allocations are by region and the allocation for the Central Coast is \$22,657,376.

8. CoC Updates

a.) CoC Governance Committee Update

Genevieve: In the process of the draft and working alongside the charter drafting group. Wanting to review the draft with the governance committee and then bring it before the Leadership Committee in a special meeting once finalized.

Luis Alejo: We will have a special meeting with the committee on this item to review the document in depth.

b.) Youth Systems

Genevieve welcomes Danielle Francisco and Alicia Lehmer. They run a presentation on the Youth Coordinated Assessment and Referral System (CARS) Redesign Progress Update. Alicia starts with Context: started this conversation in 2020 during the 100-Day Challenge on Youth Homelessness. Danielle and Alicia then review the redesign progress update. Including the vision for Youth Cars Redesign and the Youth CARS Redesign Methodology. They are currently in the Prioritization Scheme step in their progress plan. They then review their assessment and

prioritization questionnaires. Their next step is testing with case managers and clients and making any implementation revisions.

c.) Year 2 Progress Report & Year 3 Action Plan

Genevieve states they have engaged Focus strategies on the Year 2 Progress Report and Year 3 Action Report for the Lead Me Home Summit in September. More info to come.

The meeting adjourned at 4:43 PM

Minutes taken and prepared by Sabrina Barnard