

Special Leadership Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 10, 2023, | 4:00 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), Mike LeBarre (Mayor of King City), Timothy Heavin (CoC), Enrique Arreola (County of San Benito, Health & Human Services), Ian Oglesby (City of Seaside), Kurt Schake (Veterans Transition Center), Roxanne Wilson (County of Monterey), Zuleika Boykin (County of Monterey Housing Authority), Lilia Chagolla (Central California Alliance for Health), Karen Cusson (LGBT Community / Faith Community), Mia Casey (Mayor of Hollister), Dan Baldwin (Community Foundation), Dana Cleary (CHISPA), Jill Allen (Dorothy's Place),

Guests: Georgina Alvarez (Central Coast Center Independent Living), Alexa Johnson (Housing Resource Center), Derrick Elder (), Jacqui Smith (CSUMB CHE), Joe Farotte, Kayshla Lopez (City of Salinas), Lauren Suwansupa (Monterey County Department of Social Services), Linda Gonzales (Office of Supervisor Alejo), Martin Alvarez (Dorothy's Place), Monique Rodriguez (Share Center Bay Area Community Services), Rod Powell (City of Salinas), Wes White (Salinas/Monterey County Homeless Union), Rita Acossa (Salinas/Monterey County Homeless Union), Anna Velasquez (City of Soledad), Carlos Menna (Member of the Community),

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

1. **Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements:** The meeting began at 4:02 PM. Introductions were made to keep order to the call.
2. **Additions/Modifications to the Agenda:** No Additions or modifications
3. **City of Salinas CESH Funding Allocation:** Rod Powell – City serves as the Administrative Entity for the CoC's CESH Funds. This is Round 2 funding. Looking back on the achievements of Round 1, the City is proposing a reallocation for CESH funds for a more global distribution of Rapid Rehousing funds. In general, reallocation of \$309,000 originally to CCIL for Rental Assistance and Housing Subsidies to a more general fund for more people to access. CCIL still has a majority of their round 1 funds \$252,000 that remains available until 6/24/2024.

Questions/Comments:

Luis Alejo – we are wanting to use these funds before they expire, is there a deadline?

Rod Powell – These funds are available until June 2025. We want the funds to be used for what they are intended for.

Georgina Alvarez – On behalf of CCIL – they fully support the decision of the City of Salinas to reallocate. Their Round 1 CESH is expended to May of 2024.

Motion to reallocate the funds from CESH Round 2 from CCIL to the City of Salinas for Rapid Rehousing funds.

Motion to approve made by Mike LeBarre. Seconded by Anna Velasquez. Unanimous vote.

4. **HHAP Interest Fund:** Genevieve led a PowerPoint presentation on the History, Introduction, HHAP Eligible Uses, Interest Accrued on HHAP.

Recommended Motion: 1. To use the interest accrued from HHAP 1,2, &3 for regional emergency response. iE rental assistance, motel vouchers, landlord mitigation fund, etc.
2. The funding to be used for the Pajaro Community Emergency Funds. The funding will be awarded to CCIL to support housing navigation and potential rental assistance within the Pajaro Community.

Questions / Comments:

Dan Baldwin – the interest that's been accrued, where are we keeping it?

- Genevieve Lucas Conwell – just moved to an interest-bearing account in November of 2022 in Pinnacle Bank.

Motion to Approve: Luis Alejo motioned. Seconded by Ian Oglesby. Unanimous vote.

5. **CARS Committee Policy – EHV:** Genevieve Lucas Conwell led a PowerPoint presentation about the CARS P&P Addendum. Genevieve reviewed the History of EHV's, How the Process Works with the CoC, the Challenges of EHV's, Problem Solving, and the Recommendations.

Recommendation for Motion:

1. To give the ability for the CARS Committee to make decisions on behalf of the Leadership Council.
- This would enable CARS Committee to make decisions such as narrowing the window of referral to ensure that case managers will be attached to them (RRH, TH).
2. To set aside 20-30 vouchers for the Pajaro Community.

Questions/Comments:

Mike LeBarre – would be in favor of 30.

Genevieve Lucas-Conwell– we have 96 vouchers in hand, no guarantee, 20% denial rate due to no contact. 114 currently being housed, but 96 in hand which is expected to be reduced.

Dan Baldwin – the number of affected family's vs case managers and only 30 vouchers. What is the prioritization.

Genevieve Lucas-Conwell – we will use our same prioritization.

Zuleika Boykin –Working on making sure the agencies have processes in place to expedite the EHV's being utilized in hopes of getting to 100%. Case management has been the number 1 problem.

Roxanne Wilson –There are organizations that help with long-term disaster case management but looking at CCIL to help with the initial organization of it.

Motion by Mike LeBarre. Seconded by Anna Velasquez. Unanimous vote.

6. Public Comment:

Wes White – Wes makes comment regarding the email he sent to stop the China Town encampment sweep.

Unnamed Public Member- Team volunteer for 3 years states they are the ones that did most of the work. Wanting to know where people will go after the sweep. Goes on to explain their situation and that the sweep needs to stop.

Lopez –explains their situation on how they are homeless and why sweep needs to be canceled.

Carlos Menna – explains their situation and why the sweep needs to stop.

Rita Acoosa – states they have come a long way but needs to take into consideration that it's hard to get into housing. Help the residents of the encampments to get into housing instead of clean ups/sweeps.

Tim Heavin – talks about the sweep and how many people are there. Stating there is no plan in place for the people that have not gotten the help they need, even the ones that are on waitlists. Hoping the sweep could be postponed.

Jill Allen – clarification on the motion that was approved. For the EHV's and the 2 recommendations.

Genevieve Lucas-Conwell – reviews the 2 recommendations that were approved. No specific timeline.

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM

Minutes taken and prepared by Sabrina Barnard