

Monterey County Community Action Commission

Department of Social Services

1000 South Main Street, Suite 110, Salinas, CA 93901

Meeting Minutes from May 16, 2016 4:00-5:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order – Vice-Chair, Tony Acosta 4:15 pm

II. Welcome and Introductions

District 1 – Berna Maya – Excused
Vacant
Roberto Garcia - Present

District 4 – Nicole Williams – Present
LeVonne Stone – Present
Jim Kramer - Present

District 2 – Ronald Holder, Chair – Excused
Cecilia Correa – Present
Everett Sivils - Excused

District 5 – Fernando Elizondo – Excused
Linda Coyne – Present
Angel Rivera – Present

District 3 – Ana Vargas – Present
Tony Acosta- Present
Emma Bojorquez – Present

Staff Present: Margarita Zarraga, Glorietta Rowland, Lauren Miller, Elizabeth Hutton

Guests: Thelma McIntosh, Deborah Carrillo, Pearl Sanchez, Carmen Favila

- III. Approval of April 2016 Commission Minutes: **APPROVED; CORREA; 2ND VARGAS;**
Review Exec. Committee Minutes and Financial Statement for May 2016.
- IV. Public Comments- Thelma McIntosh expressed concern regarding a family member in the county mental health system for several years. Margarita will follow-up with the County Mental Health Commission.
- V. Presentation: Turning Point- Carmen Favila and Pearl Sanchez presented information and distributed information on the Youth Employment Program administered by Turning Point at Rancho Cielo. Deborah Carrillo, Regional Director, was also available to answer questions. Ms Carrillo stated Turning Point staff are excited about being a CAP grantee in 2016. The Youth Employment Program serves at-risk youth ages 15-24. Students in the youth program are referred by Monterey County Office of Education, Behavioral Health and the Probation Department. They served youth countywide. CAP recently conducted a site visit to Rancho Cielo, where the Youth Employment Program is based. Commissioners Garcia and Stone shared their experiences and observations from the site visit.
- VI. Report from Nominating Committee-Commissioner Rivera reported on the nominating committee results for FY 2016-2017. Commissioner Rivera suggested the section of the Bylaws be reviewed in regards to eligibility of the commissioners. Margarita will provide copies of this section of the Bylaws for the next meeting. The election will be conducted at the next CAC meeting in June. Commissioner Acosta mentioned that a revision of the By-laws is being considered. Liz Hutton, CAP intern, will take the Bylaws revision as a project including an update to the CAP brochure. Ms. Hutton requested volunteers

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from the commission. Commissioners Williams and Rivera and Acosta volunteered to assist Ms. Hutton with both projects.

- VII. Margarita shared information regarding current efforts to fill the District 1 vacancy. She also reviewed the process to fill the low-income representative.
- VIII. Staff Report- Liz Hutton, CAP intern, presented the Staff Report. Commissioner Garcia shared his experience when he attended the Strategic Planning Session. Commissioner Stone suggested the Strategic Plan to be closely monitored.
- IX. Commission Roundtable-
 - a. Commissioner Kramer distributed Veteran Transition Center program brochures and talked about the agency success in housing homeless veterans. He asked that if anyone knew of a veteran experiencing homelessness, they should refer them to Veteran Transition Center. Commissioner Stone expressed concern that many veterans leave the area due to lack of housing.
 - b. Commissioner Stone shared that a symposium will be held at the Monterey College of Law in July. Several topics regarding health effects will be discussed.
 - c. Commissioner Correa reported on the recent Artichoke Parade and Car Show held in Castroville. She stated it was very successful.
- XII. **Adjourn** – Meeting adjourned at 5:25pm. Next Meeting: June 20, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Glorietta Rowland