

Monterey County Community Action Commission
Department of Social Services
1000 South Main Street, Suite 110, Salinas, CA 93901
Meeting Minutes from January 23, 2017 4:00-5:30 p.m.

I. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Chair Sivils, 4:05pm

II. **Welcome and Introductions:**

Commissioners:

District 1 – Vacant

Maria Theresa Rodriguez – Present

Roberto Garcia – Present

District 4 – Nicole Williams – Present

LeVonne Stone – Present

Jim Kramer – Excused

District 2 – Ronald Holder – Present

Cecilia Correa – Present

Everett Sivils – Present

District 5 – Fernando Elizondo – Present

Linda Coyne – Present

Angel Rivera – Present

District 3 – Ana Vargas – Excused

VACANT

Emma Bojorquez – Excused

Staff: Margarita Zarraga, Glorietta Rowland, Lauren Miller

Guests: Bertha Alfaro, Bertha Bell, Jesusita Alcorcha, Rocio Rodriguez, Ana Vazquez, Segundo Vigo,

III. **Minutes and Financial Statement Review (ACTION ITEM):** Approval of October and December 2016 Commission Minutes, **APPROVED; Correa; 2ND Rivera;** Reviewed January Executive Committee Minutes, reviewed January 2016 Financial Statement.

IV. **Public Comment:** Jesusita Alcorcha Center for Employment Training (CET) introduced herself and distributed information. Ms Alcorcha shared that CET is celebrating their 50 year anniversary. CET originated in San Jose and has grown to 13 locations. The agency presently has 20 openings for job training. Bertha Bell related her concern to the commission regarding the lack of affordable housing in Monterey County. She is a caregiver and is often told her income is too high to qualify for low-income housing programs.

V. **Action Item:** The 2017 Community Services and Development Contract was presented for endorsement. **APPROVED:** Elizondo, 2ND Coyne; MSC.

VI. **Update Community Action Plan:** Margarita provided an update on the successful January 12, 2017 CAP Public Hearing at the Vineyard Church of Salinas. She shared that it was very well-attended by CAP contractors, their customers, and other community members. Commissioner Stone commented that many in attendance expressed concerns about a lack of services in the community. Margarita emphasized that this event occurs every two years in conjunction with the CAP Plan and CAC member assistance in conducting the forum and administering community surveys is very helpful.

VII. **Strategic Plan Progress Report:** Margarita reported that the CAC Bylaws revision is scheduled to go before the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, January 31, 2017. Margarita reviewed the “CAC Talking Points” distributed to commissioners and invited them to familiarize themselves with them and offer input at future meetings, if desired. Lauren distributed copies of the updated CAP brochure.

VIII. **Staff Report:** Margarita reported that Consumer Action, a non-profit agency in the Bay area has invited CAP to co-sponsor a workshop here in Monterey County on March 23, 2017. More information will be

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provided as it becomes available. Glorietta provided an update on the 2017 homeless census planned for January 25. Volunteers are needed.

- IX. Commissioner Roundtable:** Commissioner Sivils mentioned that he is very interested in gaining more knowledge on strategies to address issues and improve outcomes as a member of the commission. Commissioner Stone believes there should be an opportunity to sit down with elected officials and voice concerns. Commissioner Elizondo states he would like to ask Supervisors what their expectations are from their CAC appointee. He believes drafting three good questions in preparation for a meeting would be helpful. Commissioner Stone shared that last year, the Board of supervisors designated February as Environmental Justice month. She will let the CAC know when the presentation this year will occur.
- X. Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned by Chair Sivils, 5:20 pm. Next meeting: January 23, 2017

Respectfully submitted,
Glorietta Rowland