

Monterey County Community Action Commission
Department of Social Services
1000 South Main Street, Suite 110, Salinas, CA 93901
Meeting Minutes from May 15, 2017 4:00-5:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Chair Sivils, 4:17 pm

II. Welcome and Introductions:

Commissioners:

District 1 – Vacant

Maria Theresa Rodriguez – Present

Roberto Garcia – Absent

District 4 – Nicole Williams – Excused

LeVonne Stone – Present

Jim Kramer – Present

District 2 – Ronald Holder – Present

Cecilia Correa – Present

Everett Sivils – Present

District 5 – Fernando Elizondo – Excused

Linda Coyne – Present

Angel Rivera – Excused

District 3 – Ana Vargas – Excused

Vacant

Emma Bojorquez – Present

Staff Present: Lauren Miller, Margarita Zarraga, Liz Hutton

III. Minutes and Financial Statement Review (ACTION ITEM): **MOTION to approve** by Cecilia Correa 2nd by Ronald Holder of January 2017 Commission Minutes, February 2017 Commission Minutes, and April 2017 Commission Minutes. Executive committee minutes and financial statement will be held for review at meeting. Lauren explained new format will be released next month which better reflects actual spending abilities of contractors.

IV. Public Comment: None

V. Community Action Plan (ACTION ITEM): CAP staff will be presenting the CAP plan to the Board of Supervisors on May 23, 2017 at 10:30am. Commissioners are welcome to attend the presentation and speak if they wish during the comment period. The final document has been reviewed several times by staff and Commissioners and is ready to be presented for endorsement. Liz and Margarita presented some highlights of the plan. Commissioner Stone commented on current state of homeless shelters closing and impact of housing costs in our region. **MOTION to approve** by Cecilia Correa, 2nd by Emma Bojorquez.

VI. Annual Report Content: Subcommittee met on Wednesday May 10th. Ronald and Everett attended, Jim Kramer was unable to attend. Margarita provided an update from that meeting and shared the input by the Commissioners.

VII. Low Income Rep Election: Next CAC meeting will be held at the Chinatown Health Services Center. Magaly Zagal has expressed interest in becoming a Commissioner for the district. Nomination and endorsement is being arranged for the next meeting. Located at 115 East Lake Street in Salinas. Supervisor Alejo will attend the meeting.

VIII. Staff Report: Margarita provided an update on homeless coordination and services. Spoke to emerging challenges to locate a new location for homeless when the winter shelter closes at the end of this month. No definitive location has been determined at this time. Margarita shared concerns that families have

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been staying at the shelter and special work is being done with them to be sure they have a plan in place before the shelter closes. Margarita shared an update from the CalCAPA Conference that staff attended. Shared an update from the CSBG lobbyist, David Bradley. Strong faith in continued support for CSBG funding. Liz shared that she will be presenting her capstone event later this week. Commissioner are invited to attend. This is her last meeting as our intern as she will be graduating next week. **CAC Vacancies Update:** Supervisor Alejo's staff nominated Magaly Zagal. Her election is scheduled for the next meeting. Vacancy in District 3 remains open and still seeking a candidate.

- IX. Commissioner Roundtable:** Commissioner Stone shared concerns for large amount of funding provided to Methodist Church in Salinas. Received over \$500k in CDBG. Margarita will look into the matter and report back to the group. Commissioner Stone also reported visiting the shelter and concerns about housing not being built or built for low-income or seniors. Commissioner Kramer brought up concerns about finding out more information regarding the issues Commissioner Stone reported. Commissioner Kramer interested in learning more about where to find out information from the City of Salinas and their plans. Commissioner Correa shared Artichoke Festival event outcomes. Commissioner Bojorquez will be sharing information about the vacancy in district 3 will the SCORE committee in South County. Commissioner Rodriguez shared frustrations with grant application processes and knowledge of how funding appropriated can be used.
- X. Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned by Chair Sivils, 5:00 pm. Next meeting: June 19, 2017 at the Chinatown Health Services Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Lauren Miller