

Monterey County Community Action Commission
Department of Social Services
1000 South Main Street, Suite 110, Salinas, CA 93901
Meeting Minutes from September 19, 2017 4:00-5:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Chair Sivils, 4:08 pm

II. Welcome and Introductions:

Commissioners:

District 1 – Magaly Zagal-Present
Maria Theresa Rodriguez – Absent
Roberto Garcia –Present

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

District 2 – Ronald Holder – Present
Cecilia Correa – Present
Everett Sivils – Present

District 5 – Fernando Elizondo –Present
Linda Coyne – Present
VACANT

District 3 – Ana Vargas – Present
Yanely Martinez- Present
Emma Bojorquez – Excused

Staff Present: Margarita Zarraga, Lauren Suwansupa, Glorietta Rowland

Guests Present: Deanna Rivas, Rosa Gonzalez, Luis Torres

III. Minutes and Financial Statement Review (ACTION ITEM): MOTION to approve Roberto Garcia 2nd by Cecilia Correa of June 2017 Commission Minutes. September Executive Committee minutes and financial statement were reviewed.

IV. Public Comment: None

V. Presentation: Deanna Rivas, Program Coordinator distributed packets of information on the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). NAMI Monterey County is a local affiliate and has served this community since 1984. Main offices are in Salinas. The organization does not provide direct services. The mission of the agency includes reduction of stigma associated with mental illness through education, advocacy, service access, and support of families and their loved ones living with mental illness. Rosa Gonzalez shared her personal experience with NAMI. She related that that she is now a volunteer with NAMI and has conducted Spanish language Familia -a-Familia classes for the past three years. All NAMI classes/courses are free to the public.

VI. Summary Report Review: Margarita distributed and reviewed the Community Action Partnership Summary Report. She stated the report will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, October 10, 2017. Margarita shared that presenting the Summary Report is an opportunity to be more visible to the Board and the community. Commissioners are encouraged to attend the presentation.

VII. Strategic Plan: Margarita shared that the current MCCAP 2016-2017 Strategic Plan will expire in December. Lauren shared an update on progress of the current strategic plan. Chair Everett Sivils related that he is accepting volunteers to serve on the Strategic Plan Workgroup. Commissioners Everett Sivils, Ronald Holder, and Nicole Williams agreed to participate on the Strategic Plan Workgroup. Fernando Elizondo and Yanely Martinez previously volunteered and will be invited as well.

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- VIII. Commission Training:** Glorietta related that in response to feedback from commissioners the CAP team will present a series of trainings during CAC meetings with the intent for commissioners to become better informed and engaged in CAP procedures and activities. Glorietta provided an overview of the CAP 2017 Request for Proposal (RFP) process and reviewed the timeline. Commission members will be invited to participate on the RFP Ranking and Review Panel.
- IX. Staff Report:** An update on homeless coordination and services currently being addressed by the CAP team was provided. Lauren reported on CAC governing documents that need to be completed by commissioners. Margarita reported on the recent State Site visit to CAP and expressed her appreciation to the CAC members that attended the site visit entrance and exit interviews.

X. Commissioner Roundtable:

Chair Sivils: thanked commissioners for their participation in CAC activities during his recent absence. Commissioner Holder accepted the Chairs' invitation to become a member of the CAC Executive Committee. Commissioner Williams: shared her concern regarding community members having difficulty getting medications due to lack of access to primary care practitioners. Commissioners Garcia: discussed the newly opened Veterans Health Clinic in Marina and the expanded services available. Commissioner Stone: mentioned her concern for a female veteran having difficulty with respiratory issues. She reported on a forum held on August 26 regarding Clean Air. The forum was well attended by local students and other community members. She stated that Congressman Panetta will be present at a Food Bank event in Salinas to advocate for a waiver of city fees for a proposed building. Commissioner Kramer: talked about the Social Security Administration and the fact that it has a two-year backlog for persons applying for disability benefits. Commissioner Martinez: expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to participate in the recent state site visit. She also attended "El Día del Trabajador" event in Greenfield. She also participated in a meeting at Soledad High School regarding available grants. Commissioner Martinez encouraged everyone present to discuss and participate in the Census and shared her concern that there is currently no National Census Director appointed. Commissioner Elizondo: stated he sits on a strategic planning committee for Natividad Medical Center. He attended a briefing earlier in the day regarding a huge financial deficit in the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

- XI. Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned by Chair Sivils, 5:50 pm. Next meeting October 16, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
Glorietta Rowland