

Monterey County Community Action Commission

Department of Social Services

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

Meeting Minutes from January 22, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Chair Everett Sivils, 4:10 p.m.

II. Welcome and Introductions:

Commissioners:

District 1-Roberto Garcia-Absent
Maria Theresa Rodriguez-Excuse
Magaly Zagal-Excused

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

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

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

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

Staff Present: Margarita Zarraga, Glorietta Rowland, Lauren Suwansupa, Arlene Boyd

Guests Present: Segundo Vigo, Maritika Velasquez

III. Action- Minutes and Financial Statement Review: MOTION to approve Fernando Elizondo, 2nd by Ronald Holder. January Executive Committee minutes and financial statement were reviewed.

IV. Public Comment: None

V. 2018 Subcontracts Update: Glorietta shared that CAP contracts went into effect in January, have been executed and we are waiting for purchase orders to be mailed to them. They will start invoicing for Jan. 9th. Agencies were allocated for 2018/ 2019 with option for renewal and 3 agencies were new. We have asked them to give a presentation here at the commission meetings so you will become familiar with them. Starting at the next meeting, 2 agencies per meeting, will give a short 10-minute presentation and this will be for old and new agencies. At the February meeting it will be United Way and Gathering for Women. We had 14 applications and 9 were selected for funding. Gaps were found in the proposals of those that weren't funded. A minimum of \$30,00 was funded to each agency. Commissioner Stone asked for a copy of the criteria/process that we use to choose an agency, and Margarita provided it to her.

Homeless Services Update: Glorietta shared that the Winter warming shelter opened on December 1, 2017, 111 W. Alisal St., Salinas. Capacity is 70 and numbers are steadily increasing. Plans are to have case management and housing navigation services available by appointment. The County is working with City of Salinas and Community Homeless Solutions on this project. Chair Sivils shared an update from the City of Salinas on their partnership with the County to begin planning a year-round homeless services center at 1220 Natividad Rd.

The inclement weather program is also currently activated. During times of cold and wet weather, motel vouchers are accessible at specific providers when shelters are at capacity. Breaking ground

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The Safe Parking program was implemented in the city of Marina and is in Supervisor Parker's Dist. 4 parking lot. It is available 7 days a week, 7 am to 7 pm. Capacity up to 15 vehicles or RVs, 6 people who have applied and received permits, all don't park there regularly since Dec. 15. We are still looking for alternate sights.

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- VI. Strategic Plan Review:** Lauren put together draft of ideas that were previously discussed for 2018/2019; reviewed what was achieved in past plan. She went over the Goals for the new plan and what Commissioners would like to see included. One thing they brought up is they would like to see the Board of Supervisors or their staff come to our meeting and give a presentation.
- VII. Staff Report:** Margarita went over the staff report with the commissioners and shared that she will be retiring on January 31, 2018.
- VIII. Commission Roundtable:** Commissioner Stone shared interest in pursuing local jurisdictions to take up rent control laws. Chair Sivils expressed interested in learning more. CAP staff will send info and reach out to local partners for more information. Chair Sivils presented an appreciation to Margarita Zarraga for her years of service and dedication to MCCAP. Ms. Zarraga is retiring at the end of the month. Light refreshments are provided to the Commission to celebrate her retirement following adjournment. Commissioner Sivils shared that the New Food Bank is opened at 334 Rossi St. Commissioner Elisondo is having a gathering at his house, January 26th, from 5:00pm-10:00pm, with community members of different commissions, everyone invited. Several commissioners thanked Margarita for her service and kindness and wished her well for the future.
- IX. Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned by Chair Everett Sivils, 5:26 pm. Next meeting February 26, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,
Arlene Boyd