

**ITEM 5A**

**COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 2017**



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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) Homelessness Committee meeting was called to order on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 10:01 a.m. by Sabby Jonathan, Chair, at CVAG Offices, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 119, Palm Desert, CA 92260.

**2. ROLL CALL**

A roll call was conducted and it was determined that a quorum was present. Those in attendance were as follows:

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Councilmember Mark Carnevale  
Councilmember Betty Sanchez  
Councilmember Joe McKee (Vice Chair)  
Councilmember Kimberly Muzik  
Councilmember Lupe Ramos Watson  
Mayor Pro Tem John Pena  
Mayor Pro Tem Sabby Jonathan (Chair)  
Mayor Pro Tem Charles Townsend  
John Aguilar

**AGENCY**

City of Cathedral City  
City of Coachella (Arrived at 10:08 a.m.)  
City of Desert Hot Springs  
City of Indian Wells  
City of Indio  
City of La Quinta  
City of Palm Desert  
City of Rancho Mirage  
County of Riverside

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT**

Darla Burkett, Executive Director  
Angelina Coe, CEO  
Linda Barrack, CEO  
Julie Bornstein, CEO  
Kristii MacEwen, Director of Housing  
Paul Flores  
Kristina Starkey, Donor Relations Director  
Erica Harnik

**AGENCY**

Coachella Valley Rescue Mission (CVRM)  
Shelter from the Storm-CoC Representative  
Martha's Village and Kitchen  
Coachella Valley Housing Coalition  
Path of Life Ministries-CoC Representative  
Health to Hope  
The Salvation Army  
HomeAid Inland Empire

**MEMBERS & EX-OFFICIOS ABSENT**

Mayor Pro Tem Ginny Foat

**AGENCY**

City of Palm Springs

**SUPPORT STAFF PRESENT**

Tom Kirk, Executive Director  
Cheryll Dahlin, Management Analyst  
Gary Leong, Dep. Exec. Dir.  
Erica Felci, Governmental Projects Mgr.  
Jill Kowalski, Admin. Manager

**AGENCY**

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Riverside County DPSS

Lynne Brockmeier, Admin. Manager  
Joel Craddock, Senior Director

Riverside University Health System  
Roy's Desert Resource Center

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Kathleen Kelly, Councilmember, City of Palm Desert  
Elaine Holmes, Mayor, City of Indio  
Amina Aun, JFSSD  
Angie Cota, Housing Agent, Path of Life  
Jeff Moritz, President, Convergent Center  
Laurie Baldwin, Palm Desert Area Chamber of Commerce  
Rosalie Murphy, The Desert Sun  
Jose Ibarra, Indio Police Department  
Brandon Haworth, Indio Police Department  
Frankie Riddle, City of Palm Desert  
Coby Webb, RSO Palm Desert  
Jorge Ramirez, RSO Palm Desert  
Tom Cox, CVRM  
Sherry Finke, CVRM  
Jessica Meza, Catholic Charities  
Judy Shae, Desert Hot Springs Community Task Force  
Maria Becerra, Riverside County, 4<sup>th</sup> District  
Carol Kocherhans, Palm Desert  
Elizabeth Hernandez, Riverside DPSS  
Greg Varra, Homeless Advocate  
Le McClellan, Private Citizen  
Jocelyn Guerrero, Riverside County Probation  
Jonathan Brewer, Riverside County Probation  
Martha Wardrup, Riverside County Probation  
Stephanie Minor, Martha's Village and Kitchen  
Deiter Crawford, Resident  
Terry Friedman  
Donna Craig, Desert Healthcare District

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Member Ramos Watson led the pledge of allegiance.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Judy Shae spoke about homelessness.

Erica Harnik gave an update of event with HomeAid Inland Empire.

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER SANCHEZ AND SECONDED BY MEMBER TOWNSEND TO:**

**A. APPROVAL OF MARCH 15, 2017 MINUTES**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 9 AYES, 1 ABSENT.**

MEMBER CARNEVALE	AYE
MEMBER SANCHEZ	AYE
MEMBER MCKEE	AYE
MEMBER MUZIK	AYE
MEMBER RAMOS WATSON	AYE
MEMBER PENA	AYE
MEMBER JONATHAN	AYE
MEMBER FOAT	ABSENT
MEMBER TOWNSEND	AYE
MEMBER AGUILAR	AYE

**6. DISCUSSION/ACTION**

**A. West Valley Housing Navigation Program Update—Cheryll Dahlin**

Cheryll Dahlin gave a PowerPoint presentation.

**Chair Jonathan called for Public Comment on this item.**

Judy Shae spoke about a Desert Hot Springs facility.

Dieter Crawford, Palm Springs, gave comments on the Well in the Desert.

**Chair closed the public comment period.**

A discussion ensued.

**IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER MCKEE AND SECONDED BY MEMBER TOWNSEND TO:**

**APPROVE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION SUBMISSION BY PATH OF LIFE MINISTRIES.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 8 AYES, 1 ABSTENTION, 1 ABSENT.**

MEMBER CARNEVALE	AYE
MEMBER SANCHEZ	AYE
MEMBER MCKEE	AYE
MEMBER MUZIK	AYE
MEMBER RAMOS WATSON	ABSTENTION
MEMBER PENA	AYE
MEMBER JONATHAN	AYE
MEMBER FOAT	ABSENT
MEMBER TOWNSEND	AYE
MEMBER AGUILAR	AYE

**B. Funding Formula for West Valley Housing Navigation Program—Cheryll Dahlin**

A discussion ensued. The Chair asked staff to prepare a letter to Supervisor Ashley in regard to funding to support regional homelessness efforts.

**C. 2017 Homeless Point in Time Count Presentation—Donyielle Holley, Riverside County Department of Public Social Services**

Donyielle Holley gave a PowerPoint presentation. A discussion ensued.

**7. CONTINUUM OF CARE RIVERSIDE COUNTY / EX-OFFICIO AND DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Jill Kowalski spoke briefly about transition of Roy's Desert Resource Center Clients.

Steve Steinberg spoke briefly to explore ideas for pathways to long term care facility.

**Chair Jonathan opened public comment period.**

Greg Varra spoke about homelessness funding.

Francisco Ramos spoke about NIMBY, housing, Whitewater area.

Patrick Weiss spoke about homeless dumping.

**Chair closed the public comment period.**

Member Ramos Watson asked committee to research how tribes are affected by homelessness and how they combat homelessness.

Member Aguilar mentioned visit by Ben Metcalf, Director of Housing and Community Development to Riverside County.

Member Sanchez wanted update from subcommittees. She would also like legislative updates.

Member McKee spoke about NIMBYism.

Member Muzik wanted to thank the subcommittee and mentioned legislative package.

Member Carnevale gave an update of Officer Hodge's success and plans to add a second homeless officer.

Member Townsend commented on the committee's work.

Member Jonathan updated the committee on the City of Palm Desert's adoption of the Community Outreach Resource Program. The City is also looking at ways to make affordable housing available to homeless individuals.

**8. INFORMATION (The committee received the following for information)**

**1. Committee Attendance Roster**

**2. Roy's Desert Resource Center Report March 2017**

3. **Funding Resources Research Update**
4. **Riverside County Department of Social Services Partnership with Roy's Desert Resource Center Transition of Clients (Distributed at Meeting)**
5. **Invitation: Homelessness: Helping Without Hurting, May 18, 2017**

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Upcoming Regularly Scheduled Meetings at CVAG, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert, Conference Room 119:**

**Homelessness Committee—Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.**

**Executive Committee—Monday, April 24, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.**

10. **ADJOURN**

**The meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted by,  
Cheryll Dahlin  
Management Analyst, CVAG

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