

ITEM 5A

**COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 21, 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, June 21, 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 (Arrived at 10:05am)
Councilmember Betty Sanchez
Councilmember Joe McKee (Vice-Chair)
Mayor Pro Tem Kimberly Muzik
Mayor Elaine Holmes (Arrived at 10:10am)
Councilmember Tem John Pena
Mayor Pro Tem Sabby Jonathan (Chair)
Mayor Pro Tem Ginny Foat
Mayor Charles Townsend
Greg Rodriguez, Legislative Assistant 4th District

AGENCY

City of Cathedral City
City of Coachella
City of Desert Hot Springs
City of Indian Wells
City of Indio
City of La Quinta
City of Palm Desert
City of Palm Springs
City of Rancho Mirage
County of Riverside

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Julie Bornstein, CEO
Kristii MacEwen, Director of Housing
Erica Harnik, Representative
Jeffrey Kramer, Chief Financial Officer

AGENCY

Coachella Valley Housing Coalition
Path of Life Ministries-CoC Representative
HomeAid Inland Empire
Shelter from the Storm-CoC Representative

MEMBERS & EX-OFFICIOS ABSENT

Councilmember Dale Reynolds
Director Jennifer Wortham
Darla Burkett, CEO
Linda Barrack, CEO
Paul Flores

AGENCY

City of Blythe
Desert Healthcare District
Coachella Valley Rescue Mission (CVRM)
Martha's Village and Kitchen
Health to Hope

SUPPORT STAFF PRESENT

Cheryll Dahlin, Management Analyst
Erica Felci, Gov. Projects Manager
Jill Kowalski, Admin. Manager

AGENCY

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Riverside County DPSS

Lynne Brockmeier
Joel Craddock, Senior Director
Tanya Torno, Senior Development Specialist

Riverside University Health System
JFSSD @ Roy's Desert Resource Center
RC Housing Authority

OTHERS PRESENT

Steven Hernandez, Chief of Staff
Ivette Zamora Cruz, Case Worker
Iris Smotrich, City Council
Laurie Larson
Lt. Coby Webb, Asst. Chief
Amina Aun, Shelter manager
Wanda West, Veteran Outreach
Clarke Staehle, Veteran's Representative
Ron Stewart, Consultant
Steve Brown, Councilmember
Herb Schultz, CEO
Talie Rosa
Bill Rich

Supervisor V. Manuel Perez
Catholic Charities
City of Rancho Mirage
Desert Outreach Program
Palm Desert Police/Riverside Sheriff Dept.
Jewish Family Services
EDD, State of California
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CVAG
City of Coachella
Desert Healthcare District

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Member Muzik led the pledge of allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Judy Shae, Desert Hot Springs Community Task Force, spoke on issues in the community.

Blair Wagner, StreetLife Project, speaks on homeless issue.

Christian Jelmsberg, StreetLife Project, speaks on homeless programs.

Rhonda Doyle, StreetLife Project, speaks on homeless issue.

Talie Rosa, StreetLife Project speaks on homeless issue and shows a 3-minute video to the committee.

Andrea Chapa, StreetLife Project speaks on homeless issue.

Lily Choate speaks on homeless programs.

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION

A. Roy's Desert Resource Center Transition Update—Jill Kowalski, Riverside County Department of Public Social Services and Joel Craddock, Jewish Family Services of San Diego

Jill Kowalski and Joel Craddock gave an update on the transition of clients

B. Riverside County Contribution to CVAG for FY 17/18—Cheryll Dahlin

Cheryll Dahlin gave a brief verbal presentation.

IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER PENA AND SECONDED BY MEMBER MCKEE TO:

APPROVE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SIGN CONTRACT BETWEEN THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES (DPSS) AND CVAG FOR THE COUNTY CONTRIBUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$359,711 FOR FY 17/18.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 10 AYES AND 2 ABSENT

MEMBER REYNOLDS	ABSENT
MEMBER CARNEVALE	AYE
MEMBER SANCHEZ	AYE
MEMBER MCKEE	AYE
MEMBER MUZIK	AYE
MEMBER HOLMES	AYE
MEMBER PENA	AYE
MEMBER JONATHAN	AYE
MEMBER FOAT	AYE
MEMBER TOWNSEND	AYE
MEMBER RODRIGUEZ	AYE
MEMBER WORTHAM	ABSENT

Recommendation: Approval Executive Director to Sign Contract between the Riverside County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) and CVAG for the County Contribution in the Amount of \$359,711 for FY 17/18.

C. West Valley Housing Navigation Program Contract—Cheryll Dahlin

Cheryll Dahlin gave a brief verbal presentation.

Member Foat asked to put together a committee to make presentations to cities. The members are Members Jonathan, Foat, and Sanchez.

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

APPROVE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PATH OF LIFE MINISTRIES TO PROVIDE WEST VALLEY HOUSING NAVIGATION PROGRAM SERVICES WITH A MAXIMUM REIMBURSABLE AMOUNT OF \$864,737.22; AND ALLOW STAFF DISCRETION TO IMMEDIATELY PHASE IN SERVICES TO PALM SPRINGS AND CATHEDRAL CITY IN JULY AND AUGUST AND REVISIT DESERT HOT SPRINGS SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 8 AYES, 2 NOES, AND TWO ABSENT.

MEMBER REYNOLDS	ABSENT
MEMBER CARNEVALE	AYE
MEMBER SANCHEZ	AYE
MEMBER MCKEE	NO
MEMBER MUZIK	AYE
MEMBER HOLMES	ABSTAIN
MEMBER PENA	AYE

**MEMBER JONATHAN
MEMBER FOAT
MEMBER TOWNSEND
MEMBER RODRIGUEZ
MEMBER WORTHAM**

**AYE
AYE
AYE
AYE
ABSENT**

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

Kristii MacEwen gave an update on the Riverside County Continuum of Care.

Jeffrey Kramer gave an update on Shelter from the Storm.

Tanya Torno spoke about the Housing Authority's support of the West Valley Housing Navigation Program.

Julie Bornstein congratulate the committee and updated on federal budget.

Lynne Brockmeier expressed support for the program.

Jill Kowalski expressed her support for the program.

Erica Harnik congratulate the committee and expressed support for the committee.

Cheryll Dahlin gave an update on the Regional Access Program presentation and RFP process.

7. INFORMATION

- 1. Committee Attendance Roster**
- 2. Roy's Desert Resource Center Report**
- 3. Letter to Jewish Family Services of San Diego**
- 4. Letter from Mayor Pro Tem Sabby Jonathan to City of Indian Wells**
- 5. Topic Working Group Updates: None**

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Homelessness Committee—Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Other Upcoming Meetings at Miramonte Resort & Spa, 45000 Indian Wells Lane, Indian Wells:

Executive Committee – Monday, June 26, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

General Assembly – Monday, June 26, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Cheryll Dahlin
Management Analyst, CVAG

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