

Item 6A

**Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Homelessness Committee
Meeting Minutes of September 20, 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, September 20, 2017 9:04 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 Dale Reynolds
Councilmember Mark Carnevale
Councilmember Betty Sanchez
Councilmember Joe McKee (Vice-Chair)
Mayor Pro Tem Kimberly Muzik
Mayor Elaine Holmes
Councilmember Tem John Pena
Mayor Pro Tem Sabby Jonathan (Chair)
Mayor Charles Townsend
Greg Rodriguez, Public Policy Advisor

AGENCY

City of Blythe
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 Rancho Mirage
County of Riverside

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Kristii MacEwen, Vice-Chair
Darla Burkett, Executive Director
Angelina Coe, CEO
Ray Osborne, Executive Director
Linda Barrack, CEO
Kristina Starkey, Donors Relations Director

AGENCY

CoC Representative
Coachella Valley Rescue Mission (CVRM)
Shelter from the Storm-CoC Representative
HomeAid Inland Empire
Martha's Village and Kitchen
The Salvation Army

MEMBERS & EX-OFFICIOS ABSENT

Mayor Pro Tem Ginny Foat
Director Jennifer Wortham
Paul Flores
Julie Bornstein

AGENCY

City of Palm Springs

Health to Hope
Coachella Valley Housing Coalition

SUPPORT STAFF PRESENT

Cheryll Dahlin, Management Analyst

AGENCY

CVAG

Tom Kirk, Executive Director
Jill Kowalski, Admin. Manager
Lynne Brockmeier
Damien O'Farrell, Executive Director

CVAG
Riverside County DPSS
Riverside University Health System
Path of Life Ministries

OTHERS PRESENT

Kathleen Kelly, Councilmember
Frankie Riddle, Director
Tom Cox, Program Director
Rosalie Murphy, Reporter
Blair Wagner, Director of Operations
Christian Jelmsberg, Founder/President
Isaiah Hagerman
Jenna LeComte-Hinely, CEO
Tony Mize, VP-Acquisitions
Jay Virata, Dir. Economic Development
Dale Cook, Community Development Admin.
Judy Burton
Mary McKenzie
Crystal Freeman
Peter Castro
Carol Kocherhans
Joshua Baeza, Navigator

City of Palm Desert
Division of Community Services, Palm Desert
Coachella Valley Rescue Mission (CVRM)
The Desert Sun
Street Life Project
Street Life Project
City of Rancho Mirage
HARC, Inc.
National CORE
City of Palm Springs
City of Palm Springs
Palm Desert Resident
Palm Desert Resident
Palm Desert Deputy, RSO
City of Indian Wells

Path of Life Ministries

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Member Greg Rodriguez led the pledge of allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Christian Jelmsberg and Blair Wagner, StreetLife Project used their public comment time to show a video.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- A. APPROVE MAY 17, 2017 COMMITTEE MINUTES**
- B. APPROVE JUNE 6, 2017 COMMITTEE MINUTES**
- C. APPROVE JUNE 21, 2017 COMMITTEE MINUTES**

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 9 AYES AND 2 ABSENT.

**MEMBER REYNOLDS
MEMBER CARNEVALE
MEMBER SANCHEZ
MEMBER MCKEE**

**AYE
AYE
AYE
AYE**

MEMBER MUZIK	AYE
MEMBER HOLMES	ABSENT
MEMBER PENA	AYE
MEMBER JONATHAN	AYE
MEMBER FOAT	ABSENT
MEMBER TOWNSEND	AYE
MEMBER RODRIGUEZ	AYE

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION

A. Election for Chair and Vice Chair for FY 17/18—Tom Kirk

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

ELECT MEMBER JONATHAN AS CHAIR AND MEMBER MCKEE AS VICE-CHAIR OF THE HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE FOR FY 17/18.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 10 AYES AND 1 ABSENT.

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

B. Equipment and Vehicles from Homeless Program Transition—Cheryll Dahlin

Staff presented a staff report. A discussion ensued among the committee.

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

REDIRECT AND SURPLUS EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES PURCHASED FOR THE HOMELESS PROGRAM; AND APPROVE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR TO SIGN LEASE AGREEMENT WITH PATH OF LIFE MINISTRIES.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 10 AYES AND 1 ABSENT.

MEMBER REYNOLDS	AYE
MEMBER CARNEVALE	AYE
MEMBER SANCHEZ	AYE
MEMBER MCKEE	AYE
MEMBER MUZIK	AYE

MEMBER HOLMES	AYE
MEMBER PENA	AYE
MEMBER JONATHAN	AYE
MEMBER FOAT	ABSENT
MEMBER TOWNSEND	AYE
MEMBER RODRIGUEZ	AYE

C. Desert Healthcare District Memorandum of Understanding for Matching Funds—Cheryll Dahlin

Staff presented a staff report. A discussion ensued among the committee.

IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER SANCHEZ AND MEMBER MCKEE TO:

APPROVE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR TO SIGN MOU WITH DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT FOR MATCHING FUNDS TO CVAG FOR WEST VALLEY HOUSING NAVIGATION PROGRAM ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 10 AYES AND 1 ABSENT.

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

Isaiah Hagerman, City of Rancho Mirage, gave a public comment on the Desert Healthcare District match.

D. Expansion of West Valley Housing Navigation Program to CV Housing First —Cheryll Dahlin

Staff presented a staff report.

Councilman Peabody gave a public comment on Roy’s Desert Resource Center.

A discussion ensued among the committee.

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

APPROVE AMENDMENT #1 TO EXPAND PATH OF LIFE MINISTRIES SCOPE OF WORK THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE COACHELLA VALLEY WITH A NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$2.5 MILLION AND EXTEND CONTRACT TO END JUNE 30, 2019 WITH AN EVALUATION TO OCCUR JUNE 30, 2018.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 9 AYES, 1 ABSTENTION AND 1 ABSENT.

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

E. Third Party Evaluation for Homelessness Programs in the Coachella Valley—Tom Kirk

Staff presented a staff report.

Jenna LeComte-Hinely, HARC, Inc. provided public comment.

A discussion ensued among the committee.

IT MOVED BY MEMBER MCKEE AND MEMBER RODRIGUEZ TO:

DIRECT STAFF TO DEVELOP AN INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY BASED MONITORING PROGRAM OF HOMELESS PROGRAMS AND SEEK COMMITMENT FROM SERVICE PROVIDERS TO PARTICIPATE.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 10 AYES AND 1 ABSENT.

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

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER/EX-OFFICIO MEMBER COMMENTS

Darla Burkett, CVRM gave an update on her program.

Member Reynolds gave some remarks.

Member Carnevale gave some remarks.

Member Muzik gave some remarks.

Member McKee gave some remarks.

Member Sanchez gave some remarks.

Member Townsend gave some remarks.

Member Holmes gave some remarks.

Member Jonathan gave some remarks.

Member Pena gave some remarks.

Herb Schultz gave some remarks.

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

Lynne Brockmeier gave some remarks.

Angelina Coe announced events from her organization.

Kristina Starkey gave some remarks.

8. INFORMATION

1. Committee Attendance Roster

2. Riverside County Building Industry Association Affordable Housing and Homelessness Panel Invite

3. Legislative Update: Housing Bills

4. 2017/18 Meeting Schedule

5. Topic Working Group Updates: None

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Executive Committee – Monday, September 25, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

Homelessness Committee—Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

10. **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Cheryll Dahlin
Management Analyst, CVAG

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