

**ITEM 5A**

**COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 15, 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, November 15, 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 Dale Reynolds  
Councilmember Betty Sanchez (Arrived at 10:04 a.m)  
Mayor Pro Tem Kimberly Muzik  
Mayor Elaine Holmes  
Councilmember Tem John Pena  
Mayor Pro Tem Sabby Jonathan (Chair)  
Mayor Pro Tem Ginny Foat (Arrived at 10:03 a.m)  
Mayor Charles Townsend  
Greg Rodriguez, Legislative Assistant 4<sup>th</sup> District  
Director Carole Rogers (Arrived at 10:04 a.m)

**AGENCY**

City of Blythe  
City of Coachella  
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  
Desert Healthcare District

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT**

Javier Lopez  
Kristii MacEwen, Director of Housing  
Ray Osborn, Executive Director  
Jeffrey Kramer, Chief Financial Officer  
Darla Burkett, CEO  
Linda Barrack, CEO

**AGENCY**

Coachella Valley Housing Coalition  
CoC Representative  
HomeAid Inland Empire  
CoC Representative  
Coachella Valley Rescue Mission (CVRM)  
Martha's Village and Kitchen

**MEMBERS & EX-OFFICIOS ABSENT**

Councilmember Mark Carnevale  
Councilmember Joe McKee (Vice-Chair)  
Paul Flores

**AGENCY**

City of Cathedral City  
City of Desert Hot Springs  
Health to Hope

**SUPPORT STAFF PRESENT**

Gary Leong, Deputy Executive Director  
Cheryll Dahlin, Management Analyst  
Erica Felci, Gov. Projects Manager  
Damien O'Farrell, Executive Director

**AGENCY**

CVAG  
CVAG  
CVAG  
Path of Life Ministries

Herb Schultz, CEO  
Jill Kowalski, Admin. Manager

Desert Healthcare District  
Riverside County DPSS

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Nancy DeLuna  
Jenna LeComte-Hinely  
Chris Morin  
Judy Shea  
Dan Horm  
Jeff Smith  
Brandon Haworth  
Tom Cox  
Sherry Finke  
Jose Ibarra  
Stephanie Minor  
Carol Kocherhans  
Donna Craig  
Peter Castro  
Christian Jelmberg  
Blaire Wagner  
Jessica Meza  
Iris Smotrich, City Council  
Marco Perez

Palm Communities  
HARC  
HARC  
DHS-CTF  
Palm Communities  
RI International  
Indio Police Department  
CVRM  
CVRM  
Indio Police Department  
Martha's Village and Kitchen  
  
Desert Healthcare District  
City of Indian Wells  
Street Life Project  
Street Life Project  
Catholic Charities  
City of Rancho Mirage  
Twenty-Nine Palms

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Member Reynolds led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Judy Shea, DHSCTF, gave update on Veteran's Home in Desert Hot Springs.

Blair Wagner, StreetLife Project, speaks on homeless issue.

Christian Jelmberg, StreetLife Project, speaks on homeless programs.

Councilman Ty Peabody, City of Indian Wells, spoke about CVRM.

**5. COMMITTEE MEMBER/DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Member Jonathan distributed data from the County Homeless Management Information System about CVRM.

A discussion ensued among the members.

Member Pena gave update on La Quinta looking at homeless prevention funding through SB 341.

Member Jonathan presented a certificate to Member Foat recognizing her work on the Homelessness Committee for over 10 years.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

- A. APPROVE SEPTEMBER 20, 2017 COMMITTEE MINUTES**
- B. AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SIGN CATHEDRAL CITY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$51,500 FOR THE CVAG REGIONAL HOMELESS PROGRAM**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 10 AYES AND 2 ABSENT.**

<b>MEMBER REYNOLDS</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MEMBER CARNEVALE</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>MEMBER SANCHEZ</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MEMBER MCKEE</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>MEMBER MUZIK</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MEMBER HOLMES</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MEMBER PENA</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MEMBER JONATHAN</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MEMBER FOAT</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MEMBER TOWNSEND</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MEMBER RODRIGUEZ</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MEMBER ROGERS</b>	<b>AYE</b>

**7. DISCUSSION/ACTION**

- A. Financing Affordable Housing for the Homeless: Danavon Horn, CEO, Palm Communities**

Danavan Horn gave a PowerPoint Presentation. A discussion ensued among the committee.

Tony Mize, CORE Communities gave a public comment.

- B. Third Party Evaluation of CV Housing First and Coachella Valley System of Homeless Services—Cheryll Dahlin**

Cheryll Dahlin gave a staff report to the committee. A discussion ensued among the committee.

Member Rodriguez out 11:03 a.m.

**IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER FOAT AND SECONDED BY MEMBER TOWNSEND TO**

**APPROVE HEALTH ASSESSMENT AND RESEARCH FOR COMMUNITIES (HARC) TO CONDUCT THIRD PARTY EVALUATION OF CV HOUSING FIRST.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 9 AYES AND 3 ABSENT.**

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

**8. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER UPDATES**

Linda Barrack gave an update on Martha’s Village and Kitchen.

Javier Lopez gave an update on Coachella Valley Housing Coalition.

Darla Burkett gave an update from Coachella Valley Rescue Mission.

Ray Osborne gave an update from Home Aid Inland Empire.

**9. CV HOUSING FIRST UPDATE**

Damien O’Farrell gave an update on CV Housing First.

Member Sanchez out at 11:42 a.m.

Member Foat out at 11:46 a.m.

Member Reynolds out at 11:53 a.m.

Member Holmes out at 11:55 a.m.

**10. INFORMATION**

1. **Committee Attendance Roster**
2. **Riverside County Homeless Point in Time Count 2018**
3. **Legislative Update: League of California Cities**
4. **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, December 4, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. (Please Note Special Time)**

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

**10. ADJOURN**

**The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted by,  
Cheryll Dahlin  
Management Analyst, CVAG

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