

ITEM 5A

**COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 16, 2016**



1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) Homelessness Committee meeting was called to order on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 10:00 a.m. by Joe McKee, Vice-Chair at Roy's Desert Resource Center, 19531 McLane Street, North Palm Springs, CA 92258.

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 Betty Sanchez
Councilmember Joe McKee
Mayor Pro Tem John Pena
Councilmember Sabby Jonathan (Chair)
Councilmember Ginny Foat
Mayor Pro Tem Charles Townsend
Supervisor John J. Benoit

AGENCY

City of Coachella
City of Desert Hot Springs
City of La Quinta
City of Palm Desert
City of Palm Springs
City of Rancho Mirage
County of Riverside

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Darla Burkett
David Leahy, CFO
Angelina Coe, CEO
Dale Cook, Community Dev. Administrator
Paul Flores

AGENCY

Coachella Valley Rescue Mission (CVRM)
ABC Recovery
Shelter from the Storm
City of Palm Springs
Health to Hope

MEMBERS & EX-OFFICIOS ABSENT

Councilmember Lupe Ramos Watson
Councilmember Mark Carnevale
Mayor Dana Reed
Connie Golds, President
Steve Brown, Dir. of Community Relations
Linda Barrack, CEO

AGENCY

City of Indio
City of Cathedral City
City of Indian Wells
Desert Best Friends Closet
Desert Healthcare District
Martha's Village and Kitchen

SUPPORT STAFF PRESENT

Tom Kirk, Executive Director
Cheryll Dahlin, Management Analyst
Jill Kowalski, Admin. Manager
Lisa Shiner
Lynne Brockmeier
Le McClellan

AGENCY

CVAG
CVAG
Riverside County DPSS
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Riverside University Health System
Roy's Desert Resource Center

OTHERS PRESENT

Amina Aun, Roy's Desert Resource Center
Deborah Lucky, Riverside County District Attorney's Office
Heidi Marshall, Riverside County Housing Authority
John Aguilar, Riverside County Housing Authority
Erica Felci, CVAG
Judy Shay
Jeffrey Moritz, Convergent Center

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Chair Joe McKee led the pledge of allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Judy Shay from Desert Hot Springs addressed the committee about Roy's Desert Resource Center

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION

A. Ex-Officio Call for Applications-Cheryll Dahlin

Cheryll Dahlin gave an update that a Call for Applications will be available for the public and CVAG will be accepting applications.

B. Work Group Update: Roy's Working Group-Cheryll Dahlin and Dr. Ron Stewart

Supervisor Benoit updated the committee on the County's plan to transition Roy's Desert Resource Center. The building will remain in late County Supervisor Roy Wilson's name, per the wishes of his widow, Aurora Wilson. The Riverside University Health System-Behavioral Health department will repurpose Roy's into an augmented board and care, a much needed service for the Coachella Valley.

1. Riverside County Department of Public Social Services -Jill Kowalski, Administrative Services Manager II, Homeless Programs Unit

Jill Kowalski gave a PowerPoint presentation to the committee. A discussion ensued.

2. Opportunities for Improved Sheltering

Dr. Ron Stewart gave a verbal update on opportunities for improved sheltering.

C. Work Group Update: Best Practices in Law Enforcement/Homelessness Impact Working Group-Cheryll Dahlin

Cheryll Dahlin gave a verbal update to the committee.

D. Work Group Update: Prevention/Housing, Funding Resource, Resource Mapping Working Group-Cheryll Dahlin

Cheryll Dahlin gave a verbal update to the committee.

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

Cheryll Dahlin gave an announcement on the 2017 January Point in Time Count.

7. INFORMATION

1. **Committee Attendance Roster**
2. **Roy's Desert Resource Center Reports (August – September 2016)**
3. **Roy's Desert Resource Center Day Program Report**

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Homelessness Committee—Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Executive Committee—Monday, December 5, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

9. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Cheryll Dahlin
Management Analyst, CVAG