

SUMMARY MINUTES



STRATEGIC ACTION COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS

- Increase Access to Permanent Housing
- Increase Access to Services to Support Exits from Homelessness
 - Expand Services for Subpopulations with Special Needs
 - Prevent Homelessness for Those at Risk
- Strengthen Public Engagement and Community Partnerships

Tuesday, May 26, 2020 – 5:00 PM

ZOOM Meeting

<http://zoom.us/j/9017758969>

Public Call-In Number: 559-972-4124

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Clevenger, Felicia Espinoza, Samantha Gomez, Susan Henard, Chuck Miguel, Terry Sayre, Carolyn Wong

OTHERS PRESENT: Chaz Felix, Artie Gonzalez, Julian Grijalva, Josh McDonald, Patrick Moore, Jim Piegon, David Renard, Richard Renard, Machael Smith, Simon Todd

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chuck Miguel called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chuck Miguel gave the pledge.

III. INVOCATION

Carolyn Wong gave the invocation.

IV. CITIZENS COMMENTS – Comments from the public are limited to items listed on the agenda (GC 54954.3a). Speakers will be allowed 3 minutes. Please begin your comments by stating your name and providing your city of residence.

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

- (1) Approval of the minutes of April 28, 2020. Committee members received minutes to review via email prior to the meeting. Motion to approve the minutes, C. Wong. Second by S. Henard. No abstentions, motion carried.

(2) Dave Clevenger, Lighthouse Presentation Update from City Council.

D. Clevenger notes that city council also had similar questions to the Light House presentation that was given on April 28, 2020. Questions from the council included: feasibility, sit recommendations, police enforcement, and potential possibilities.

Questions and concerns included the need to push for transparency between committee members about conversations between committee and city council.

(3) Chaz Felix, HHSA Homeless Task Force Update.

C. Miguel combined agenda items three & seven with updates from Chaz Felix & Machael Smith.

C. Felix informed attendees that currently there are four hotels across the county and one in the City of Tulare that are apart of Project Room Key. Currently this program has provided over 500-night stays. Although this program is not a solution for homelessness, all individuals are receiving wrap around services while under quarantine.

M. Smith informed attendees of current funding opportunity, current operations with the Kaweah Delta & HHSA street medicine program.

C. Miguel provided a question of number of referrals per day, transportation from hotel to medical appointments.

M. Smith responded and reported that currently there are 5-15 referrals per day, and Project Room Key is looking at other hotels, and supportive housing once COVID-19 funding in no longer available.

(4) Artie Gonzalez- PATH Presentation

A. Gonzalez informed attendees that the PATH program is working closely with Project Room Key. A. Gonzalez also elaborated on the Kaweah Delta Street Medicine Program and discussed location of services, information regarding testing, and kits that were being handed out to the homeless. In addition, it was also addressed that a small number of homeless have COVID-19 and have been self-isolating and staying away from others.

A. Gonzalez also reported that currently within the last year the PATH program has assisted with placing close to 50 people into stable housing programs.

(5) Josh McDonald, Property Presentation

J. McDonald informed the attendees of potential property locations that are currently owned by the city and don't have plans to be used.

J. McDonald will provide a list of properties with detailed notes. Notes will be attached to the June 23, 2020 agenda.

J. McDonald during Q&A answered all questions that were provided by attendees.

(6) David Renard, Homeless Solutions Presentation

D. Renard provided attendees information on the Rapid Project Management (RMP) program. D. Renard will be putting together a more formal proposal and will be added to the June 23, 2020 agenda.

The RMP program included a variety of shelter options for homeless individuals. Sites are tailored to the needs of the community. Units can be permanent or moved depending on need.

D. Renard provided attendees with a short video of the housing units that are in Kern County.

Questions and concerns from the meeting attendees included:

- Section/Area marked off for pets
- Trash Cans vs shipping containers to hold personal belongings.
- Committee members who are interested will be setting up a tour.

(7) Future Agenda Items for June 23, 2020 will include: Proposal from T. Sayre, Site location update from J. McDonald, Rapid Project Management discussion, Transitional Housing discussion from D. Clevenger, Meeting Time Discussion.

(8) Next meeting Tuesday, June 23, 2020 (Location/Time TBD)

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Miguel adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.