

**MERCED CONTINUUM OF CARE
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
369 West 18th Street, Merced, CA
Friday, March 12, 2010
8:30 a.m.**

- 1. Welcome**
 - Introductions

- 2. Oral Communications**
 - At this time any person may comment on any item that is not on the Agenda. Comments are limited to three minutes per person.
 - Please state your name for the record.
 - Action will not be taken on an item that is not on the agenda. If it requires action, it will be referred to staff and/or placed on the next agenda.

- #* 3. Minutes of the February 10, 2010 Executive Council Meeting**
Requires motion to approve and file.

- * 4. Executive Council Structure / Process**
Discussion with possible action.
 - Application(s) Received
 - Policies & Procedure Review
 - Invitation/Appointment Process

- 5. MCAG Governing Board Study Sessions**
 - February 18 Study Session

- # 6. Homeless Committee Polling Community Partners**
Discussion with possible action.
 - Press Release – March 4, 2010

- # 7. Announcements/Information**
 - Homeless Roundtable, February 25, 2010
 - Mercy Medical Grants Distribution
 - General Collaborative Agenda

- 8. Adjourn**

* *Action*

Attachment

+ *Enclosure*

Next CoC Executive Council Meeting – Wednesday, April 14, 2010 @ 8:30 a.m.

Copies of staff reports or other written documentation relating to items of business referred to on the agenda are on file in the office of Merced County Association of Governments.

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MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Su Briggs, Merced County Community Action Agency
See Lee (Mae Pierini), Merced County Office of Education
Masoud Niroumand, City of Merced
Fred Risard, Faith-based Representative
Terry Tatum, Concerned Citizen

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kiley Carrillo, Rainbow Valley Group Homes
Herb Opalek, Merced County Rescue Mission
VACANT, Business Representative
VACANT, Government Representative

OTHERS PRESENT

Jeanette Garcia, MCAG
Matt Hirota
Christina Smith, MCAG

1. Welcome

Council Chair Su Briggs called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. Introductions followed.

2. Oral Communications

Discussion ensued regarding alternates and voting capabilities. Current by-laws do not address this issue. Specific questions include:

- a. Can we have alternates?
- b. If so, can alternates vote?
- c. How many times per year can a member send their alternate?

Matt Hirota expressed concern regarding the need for a ten-year plan to end homelessness and his intent to promote its development.

3. Minutes of the February 10, 2010 Executive Council Meeting

Tatum moved to approve the minutes dated February 10, 2010, Risard seconded, approved unanimously.

4. Executive Council Structure/Process

- a. Merced City Council Member John Carlisle submitted an Executive Council application dated February 12, 2010. The application was distributed to the Executive Council and will be presented as an action item on the March 18 General Collaborative Agenda.

- b. CoC Coordinator Jeanette Garcia asked the Council if an ongoing review of the CoC policies and procedure would be constructive to keep members oriented. The Council concurred and directed Garcia to present sections of the policies and procedures for brief, but in-depth, reviews each month.
- c. Discussion took place regarding candidates for the business vacancy and possible outreach. This item will be continued to the April Agenda.

5. MCAG Governing Board Study Sessions

Garcia presented an informal summary regarding the MCAG Governing Board's February 18 CoC Study Session. On March 18, the Governing Board will vote on whether to assume governance authority of the CoC. Goals of this action would include countywide leadership and partnership. CoC Coordinator responsibilities might increase.

Executive Council discussed the need for:

- Local projects that meet HUD criteria
- Matching funds to fulfill grant requirements
- Project planning and implementation strategies
- Supportive housing for chronically mentally ill
- Funding for services not encompassed under HUD's priorities
- Strengthening existing resources through collaboration
- Assisting nonprofits to manage government funding so that they can effectively meet their mission while demonstrating accountability
- Mapping services (with United Way)

6. Homeless Committee Polling Community Partners

This item, pertaining to the City of Merced's Homelessness Committee pole, was presented for Executive Council advisement. No action taken.

7. Executive Council/Coordinator Announcements

- a. Garcia presented the HEARTH act summary (attachment 7a) distributed by HomeBase at the February 25 Northern California/Central Valley CoC Roundtable. Acted into law May 2009, HUD was given an 18-month planning/implementation period. One major change on the horizon includes a broader definition of homelessness. More information will be available from HUD late 2010/early 2011.
- b. Mercy Medical Center's 2010 grant distribution was provided (attachment 7b).
- c. The draft General Collaborative Agenda was presented for review (attachment 7c).

8. Meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.