

**Executive Committee  
Monterey County Children's Council  
November 1, 2018  
901 Blanco Circle Salinas, CA**

**Executive Committee Members Present:** Katy Castagna ∞ Elsa Jimenez∞ Nancy Kotowski∞  
Marcia Parsons

**Others Present:** Cynthia Holmsky-Nelson∞ Sonja Khoeler ∞ Mayra Perez Diaz ∞ Francine  
Rodd

**Welcome**

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Kotowski called meeting to order at 8:03am.

**Administrative Items**

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Parsons motioned to approve September 9, 2018 meeting meetings and Jimenez second.  
Motion approved.

Jimenez motioned to approve October 4, 2018 meeting minutes and Parsons second.  
Motioned approved.

**Information/Discussion:**

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- I. Debrief of October General Assembly meeting and plan for November meeting
  - a. Members finalized minor details for the "Champion for Children" award.
  - b. Members all agreed housing presentations were very informative for the entire council. Kotowski asked how to better frame and continue the dialogue on what the council can do for housing and the impact on children after these presentations.
  - c. Castagna mentioned the most pressing is the HEAP grant money and asked as a council, what can be done to make sure this is successful.
  - d. Parsons mentioned county had forums with other agencies but was very concerned on the direction it was going ex: more tiny houses.
  - e. Khoeler provided more in-depth information on the Homeless Coalition county wide forum meetings and suggested to encourage council to attend if possible. Dates for the forums are only in November. Members agreed this would be part of the call to action for the council.
  - f. Jimenez mentioned Leadership Council would decide at next council meeting in December and that most proposals seem to be for shelters. Jimenez will provide another brief update regarding HEAP grant to the council.
  - g. Rodd proposed having an individual or small group activity with council members about underlying values regarding homelessness as a council so that members can think about their organization and own values to help come up with a shared values statement as a council to support and move the conversation forward for members to champion solutions around housing and homelessness. Members agreed and came up with a quick write up activity asking the following questions:

- What are your beliefs and goals for your organization?
- What does your organization need to know more about regarding cross cutting topics?

## II. Annual Report

- a. To be discussed at the next Executive meeting.

## **General Assembly Agenda Setting**

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- I. Action Items
  - a. Approve the minutes of the October 8, 2018 Monterey County Children's Council meeting
- II. Presentations
  - a. Homeless and affordable housing
    - Recap on HEAP grant – Elsa Jimenez, Health Department
    - Call to Action
  - b. Underlying Values regarding Homelessness as a Council
    - Quick Write up
  - c. Champion for Children Award and Recognition Luncheon  
12:30pm in Room A and B, MCOE
- III. Information/Announcements

## **Adjourn**

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The meeting adjourned at 9:08am