



Stanislaus Community System of Care Council/Continuum of Care Collaborative

Salida Public Library, (Community Room) 4835 Sisk Rd, Salida, CA 95368

Thursday, October 18, 2018 | 2:30 PM – 4:30 PM

MINUTES

1. Opening Session

Francine DiCiano

a. Roll Call

Jean Tang

2. Action Items

a. **HMIS Governance Model**

Francine DiCiano

- I. Francine D. gave an overview of the HMIS Governance Model. The HMIS Governance Committee met on August 8th and 29th developed the proposed HMIS Governance Model which was unanimously approved for recommendation to the CSOC Council Members
- II. Motion was made to approve HMIS Governance Model

ACTION ITEM: Approval of the model

Motion: Maryn Pitt / Second: Lise Talbott – Motion carries

b. **PIT Methodology Presentation**

Kyle DeJesus

- i. PIT count: One day snapshot of the homeless in Stanislaus County. Mandated and required by HUD to receive federal funds.
- ii. Community is eligible for HEAP funding based on PIT count. PIT Count is required once every two years.
- iii. From 2016-2018 nearly 1,500 people were counted with nearly half unsheltered.
- iv. CSOC will be working with **Office of Emergency Services (OES)** to help coordinate the January 2019 PIT count by using the ICS method.
- v. Review of 2019 PIT Count Org Chart: Each city has its own Branch Leader.
- vi. Benefits of using **Incident Command System (ICS)**: Enables coordinated response among multiple jurisdictions. Clarifies chain of command, uses plain language, systematic planning process, helps ensure safety of everyone involved.
- vii. The **Incident Action Plan (IAP)** can be used year after year to give structure to the Count
- viii. The idea is to solicit Branch Directors with local knowledge of the location of homeless where the Directors live and work.
- ix. Review of **2019 PIT Count Planning Team Organizational chart**: Includes command, liaison, public information, safety, operations, planning, logistics and volunteers.
 - o Public Info – Jeanette F. (United Way)
 - o Community Safety Officer – TBD
 - o Operations – Maryn P.
 - o Planning – Francine D.
 - o Logistics – TBD (Pam S. Christina K.)
 - o Tech Spec --Lynelle F.
 - o Finance – United Way

- Volunteers – need to know how to complete the survey and how to engage the homeless. Lynelle will be doing a training with OEC staff who will train the volunteers.
- x. Volunteer training dates - **Part A Section:** how to conduct surveys, and **Part B Section:** how to engage the homeless. Repeat volunteers only need to do part A. Encouraged to attend both sessions.
- xi. **Donation Drop Off:** Will come up with flyer of items needed.
- xii. **Sheltered Count:** Wed, Jan 23rd and **Unsheltered Count:** Thu, Jan 24th.
- xiii. Reviewed PIT Count Timeline: held info sessions and designated roles and member
- xiv. **Volunteer Portal** active as of November 1, 2018.
- xv. Will conduct meetings to identify youth within the system.
- xvi. Meeting with shelter providers for feedback.
- xvii. Rick DeGette noted the importance of connecting with **CSU Stanislaus** and **MJC** to account for percentage of students that are homeless.
- xviii. Please look for emails from Kyle DeJesus regarding volunteers.
- xix. Derek McGinnis wishes to attend meetings on 11/1 and 11/14 for the drafting of the PIT Count survey with veteran related questions. Will Connect with Lynnell Fuller.

ACTION ITEM: Approval of the ICS methodology

Motion: Taryn Muralt / Second: Rick DeGette – Motion carries

3. Action Collaborative Updates • Planning

Ruben Imperial

- a. Homelessness Update
 - I. The County is working closely with City of Modesto on Beard Brook Park (high priority) Meeting everyday /every other day.
 - II. Working on a Permanent Access Center site for the last couple of months.
 - III. Put out RFQ for potential sites for the Permanent Access Center. Reviewing the multiple bids. Proposals will be made public. Process could also inform where we might put an Emergency Shelter in the interim. We should have more information within the next month or so.
 - IV. Continue to be engaged with HEAP funding and are having multiple conversations with City and County leaders about homelessness.

4. HEAP Overview

HomeBase

- a. Jean W.F. gave intro of HomeBase and short overview of HEAP.
- b. Overview of different funding sources: (HEAP, CESH, No-Place-Like-Home (NPLH)).
 - I. Already approved what CESH funds will be used for – to bolster system (planning, CES, and HMIS).
 - II. **NPLH** – Requires more planning and a more detailed application because it is for more complicated structures. Planning grant for 100K will help do the planning for NPLH specifically. January 2019, competition is done on a rolling basis. There are planning funds coming into the community.
 - III. HEAP is more flexible. Over 7 million has to be spent by 2021. 5% must be set aside for youth. In order to get this money, county must 1) have a shelter crisis declaration and 2) community collaborative planning process.
 - IV. Cannot use HEAP funds for rental subsidies or anything to do with buildings in locations where there is no shelter declaration.
 - V. Community collaborative planning process for HEAP is already underway.
 - VI. **HEAP Highlights:** One-time funds permanent results. It can be a permanent investment and not a short term one. Interim shelters often do not solve homeless unless they are paired with

services support and pathway to permanent housing. Any state funding must be Housing First Model.

- VII. Identify ways fill the gaps in your current system of care.
- VIII. Eligible activities from Monday's CSOC Leadership Meeting: Services, rental assistance subsidies (discusses flex funds), capital improvements (discusses hotels, derelict buildings, rehab) and youth services (highlights importance of youth input, youth have different needs, youth shelter, transitional housing, rental vouchers, roommate matching, navigation center, alternative housing).
- IX. **Kathy Harwell from CSA:** AE for HEAP funds
- X. **Angela Freitas from Stanislaus County Planning and Community Development:** AE for CESH funds
- XI. **BHRS:** AE for No-Place-Like-Home (NPLH)

5. Discussion of Workgroup

Francine DiCiano, Kathy Harwell

- a. Structure of workgroup
 - I. Francine D. gave an overview of the workgroup and HomeBase's role.
 - II. **The HRW representation** will consist of city and county officials and other stakeholders: CSOC Chairs, Stanislaus County Chief Executive Officer, City Managers from Modesto, Turlock, Ceres, East County City Representatives, West County City Manager Representative, Focus on Prevention Stewardship Council Chairs, and other approved key stakeholders.
 - III. Workgroup will work with HomeBase on the proposals and all decisions come back through CSOC and membership will have multiple opportunities for feedback.
 - IV. Kathy H. emphasized the importance of community process. Workgroup and CSOC membership input are key.
 - V. There has been training and education on shelter declaration and how these funds can be used.
 - VI. CSOC member noted that it is important to keep in mind that these are one-time funds, and in order to be effective they need to identify funding for operational costs on an ongoing basis to sustain operation after funding ends. Need to identify all the funding sources that can go in. It can also be layered with other funding.
 - VII. The planning process for HEAP will help inform the community about other funding sources i.e., NPLH
 - VIII. Ruben I.: County staff in the workgroup will help advance policy recommendations. There is a lot of political will and interest around increasing housing units and hotel rehab.

6. ACTION ITEM: Endorse Workgroup and Timeline

Francine DiCiano, Kathy Harwell

Motion carries

7. HEAP Ideas

HomeBase

- a. HEAP funding brainstorming activity

CSOC membership – breakout activity. Ideas for HEAP on post-its in eligibility buckets.

- I. **Rental assistance Ideas:**
 - Landlord mitigation fund
 - Homelessness prevention/eviction prevention/ability to assist before 3-day notice.
 - Keeping people housed through flex funding
 - Low barrier shelter
 - Developing landlord relationships
 - Shared housing
 - Homelessness prevention that is more than one-time assistance
 - Flexible prevention/diversion subsidies.

- Transitional bridge housing to help families coming out of shelters that are not ready or cannot obtain a lease
- Building out landlord referral capacity

II. Rental Assistance Discussion:

- Discussion of diversion and prevention.
- Extended homeless prevention subsidies. CSOC member explains that right now, those subsidies are short term. We should be coordinating what that funding looks like if they still haven't found housing.
- Earmarked shelter beds specifically for families.
- Shared housing, working with good landlords and property management to make this happen.
- With flex funds, you can encourage landlords to rent to folks. Can use flex funding to make improvements which may foster good relationship with tenants.

III. Capital Improvements:

- Project based HUD and VASH units
- Buy an apartment complex for low-income tenants
- Renovate old county hospital for temporary housing
- Rehab hotel for transitional or PSH
- Rehab vacant property for housing for families
- Using vacant downtown space for affordable housing
- Purchase motels for PSH
- Multi-family combination bridge housing
- Low barrier shelter beds

IV. Capital Improvements Discussion:

- Low barrier shelter beds. Could use this funding to build out services out and connections to permanent housing.
- Multi-family combination shelter and bridge housing. One CSOC member explains that when shelter ends some folks are not quite ready to go into private housing. It would be great if they could rent to that person for a while (master lease) that would help the client stabilized before transition to private housing.
- Vacant space above businesses. This is a model that cities do use.
- Jean of HB notes it is important to think about who the CSOC needs to get on board to make these ideas happen.
- Buying motels for transitional housing, CSOC member explains, is not the traditional transitional model of two years. Member is talking about shelter to bridge model. Doing master lease for temporary housing before transition into rapid rehousing. This will help build rental history and develop success.
- CSOC member notes, we need a focus on new units, as part of flex fund. You can contract with a housing navigator to find more units.
- There is a shortage of housing, and a lot of college students competing so more units is important.
- CSOC member discusses need for a day center. Right now, the day centers operate as the city park so there is definitely a need there.
- There is one day center for families, but they are at capacity if they get more clients they won't be able to serve them, one CSOC member noted that day center would be a great idea because it could serve as an access point for coordinated entry.

V. **Youth Services:**

- Extending housing support for former foster youth
- Youth center for transitional housing
- Youth navigation center that includes emergency housing/transitional shelter

VI. **Youth Services Discussion:**

- Extending support for former foster youth.
- Navigation center that includes ER shelter
- It is important to note that these projects do not have to be developed within a special youth program. If you run a rapid rehousing program, you can earmark some of those services that for youth

VII. **Services**

- Assigned social worker for homeless individuals
- Encourage shared housing
- Homeless prevention services for families that exceed the ESG 30% gap
- Additional rapid rehousing teams
- Housing chronically homeless with no income
- Pot of money for household supplies like toilet paper as well as food
- Case management after housing
- Landlord and shared housing matchmaking events
- Jobs program
- Transitional or emergency housing for veterans that need skilled care and seniors
- Innovative engagement program
- Resources for families

VIII. **Services**

- Pot of money for household supplies
- Flex pools for services and additional rapid rehousing response team.
- Homeless prevention for families that go beyond ESG gap
- Assigned worker for homeless individuals, seems like people are more successful when they have one person to go to.
- There are really good family centers throughout the county that might be a good fit for these ideas.

b. Identify who we need to bring at the table

8. **Closing Comments/Adjournment**

4:30 PM

Next Meeting: **Thursday, November 15, 2018**