

STANISLAUS HOMELESS ALLIANCE

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MINUTES

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Chambers – Basement Level, 1010 10th Street, Modesto, CA 95354

Meeting was called to order by Chair Member Brad Hawn at 5:32 p.m.

I. WELCOME AND ROLL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

City of Ceres: Toby Wells, City Manager (Alternate)

City of Oakdale: Councilmember Christopher Smith

City of Patterson: Ken Irwin, City Manager (Alternate)

City of Riverbank: Councilmember Luis Uribe

City of Turlock: Michael Cooke, Interim City Manager (Alternate)

Stanislaus Community System of Care: Jason Conway, Modesto Gospel Mission Executive Director (Alternate)

Focus on Prevention Stewardship Council: Brad Hawn, Chair

Stanislaus County: Supervisor Terry Withrow

Stanislaus Regional Housing Authority: Barbara Kauss, Executive Director (Alternate)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

City of Modesto: Ted Brandvold, Mayor, & Joe Lopez, City Manager, (Alternate)

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD*

Lynette Scott, community member, addressed her concern about the homeless individuals in the vicinity of Santa Barbara Avenue.

Jose Dominguez, Vice President of El Concilio, shared information about the upcoming 2020 Census scheduled for April 1st. Mr. Dominguez informed that online completion will be an available option for the first time and they are working on getting staff trained to survey the individuals in the shelters.

III. AGENDA ITEMS

Informational Items:

1. Receive an Update on the Access Center Emergency Shelter Update

Becky Meredith, Deputy Executive Officer for Stanislaus County, shared update on the shelter opening being pushed back to early/mid February 2020. Captain Samuel Snyder, Assistant Corps Officer of the Salvation Army, provided further information about the ACES and its facilitation with Modesto Outdoor Emergency Shelter's (MOES) closure. Matthew Aguirre, Deputy Director of the Salvation Army, communicated some information about the Berberian Shelter. Mr. Aguirre talked about how the bed capacity has recently been increased to a total of 260 beds and that it is soon to become a 24 hour operated shelter.

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- Doug Holcomb, Homeless Services Manager of Community Services Agency, shared about the eventual coordination with law enforcement to strategically move the emerging tents between the Berberian Shelter and Stanislaus Food Products properties.
- 2. Receive an Update on the Tuolumne River Regional Park (TRRP) Restoration**
Scotty Douglass, Deputy City Manager of City of Modesto, disseminated updates from the MOES closure including that 150 tons of debris has been removed since it 12/13/2019 closure and the following steps scheduled to take place to finalize the closure of the campus and restoration of the park to take place. Brandon Gillespie, Assistant Police Chief of City of Modesto, presented multiple statistics of service calls before, during, and after the closure of MOES.
 - 3. Receive an Update on the California Emergency Solutions Grant (CA-ESG) Program**
Angela Freitas, Director of Planning & Community Development for County of Stanislaus, introduced Ana San Nicolas, Community Development Program Manager, who shared that earlier in the day they conducted the panel interviews for grant applicants. Ms. San Nicolas continued to describe the prospective timeline including the March 2020 funding recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and the Stanislaus County Community System of Care (CSOC) with a tentative funding contract distribution to the 4 applicants of June 2021.
 - 4. Receive an Update on the California Emergency Solution and Housing (CESH) State Funding Grant**
Ana San Nicolas, Community Development Program Manager, gave an update on the timeline of CESH. Ms. San Nicolas informed that panel interviews were conducted early December 2019 and estimated award disbursement by end of January 2020. She explained that out of the 10 applicants with a requested \$3.3 million only a total of \$630,473 funding was available and recommended to the top 2 ranked applicants.
 - 5. Receive an Update on the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) State Grant Funding**
Leng Power, Senior Housing and Homeless Manager of Community Services Agency, presented an update on HEAP which is scheduled to coincide with the CESH timeline.
 - 6. Receive an Update on the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) State Funding Grant**
Leng Power, Senior Housing and Homeless Manager of Community Services Agency, informed about HHAP's estimated funding that would be allocated to the CSOC and the County.

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7. Receive an Update on the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Coordinated Entry System (CES)

Jessica Narayan, Community Development Manager from City of Modesto, presented January updates on the CES and how it operates. Ms. Narayan shared the most current updates from the second conference held earlier in the day about the 10 most vulnerable individuals being very close to housing. Ms. Narayan finished her presentation giving a future outlook on the system and data collection.

8. Receive an Update on the 2020 Homeless Point-In-Time (PIT) Count Planning Efforts

Leng Power, Senior Housing and Homeless Manager of Community Services Agency, gave a PIT Count update sharing that 3 trainings had taken place since the meeting. Ms. Power shared a goal of 250 volunteers has been passed by the 267 individuals that have signed up for training. Make-up training will be provided after the initial trainings conclude at the end of the week and that information will be sent out through the SHA and CSOC public email lists.

9. Receive an Update on Homelessness Matters within each Jurisdiction

Ceres: No updates to report

County: Supervisor Terry Withrow shared that the 9th Street hotel project is at capacity since its opening in November 2019 and suggested public to reach out for a tour of the facility. Leng Power shared the good success rates of finding housing for the inhabitants of the Empire Cold Weather Shelter.

CSOC: No updates to report

Housing Authority: Executive Director Barbara Kauss addressed the status of Kansas House. Kansas House has the asbestos check this Friday, January 10, 2020. Ms. Kauss stated that there should be 2 home units ready by the end of January.

Modesto: Not present

Oakdale: Councilmember Christopher Smith informed about the groundbreaking on a low income housing project in the area and a soon-to-be elderly retirement center project. Mr. Smith also discussed that different seat members should reach out to various local food establishments to attempt to coordinate any leftover items be donated to different shelters as he has had success with a Bay Area owner.

Patterson: City Manager Ken Irwin gave an update on Naomi's House. Groundbreaking took place on December 18, 2019 and they are starting construction on the kitchen. Mr. Irwin stated that 2 separate self-help projects are being discussed – one for low income households and the other for very low income households.

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Riverbank: No updates to report

Turlock: Interim City Manager Michael Cooke shared that there are talks about planning a multi-family housing complex for the students attending Stanislaus State University near campus.

IV. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. N/A

V. ALLIANCE COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Member Brad Hawn, Focus on Prevention Stewardship Council, requested that if persons have any future agenda topics that wish to be discussed at next month's meeting to contact him no later than Tuesday, January 14, 2020.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.