

STANISLAUS HOMELESS ALLIANCE

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MINUTES

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5:30PM to 7:30PM

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

I. Welcome and Roll

Meeting was called to order by Chair Member Brad Hawn at 5:32 p.m. Luis Uribe was congratulated on his recent appointment as the Vice Mayor for the City of Riverbank.

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: Luis Uribe, Vice Mayor

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

Community System of Care: Francine DiCiano, United Way of Stanislaus County President/CEO

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*

Jack Eldridge, foreman of Downtown Streets Team, requested information regarding Kansas House.

Lynette Scott, community member, provided an update on the code violation regarding the homeless individuals around the vicinity of Santa Barbara Avenue.

Miguel Donoso, community member, expressed his concerns on the lack of transparency of the SHA and the various funding streams.

Carrie Turnquist, community member, also asked for information concerning the Kansas House requirements.

Councilmember Jenny Kenoyer, City of Modesto, shared her concerns over the current shelter practices as they pertain to medical conditions. She recommended a separate shelter operating 24 hours a day that specializes in medical practices specifically in sterile preparation conditions for various surgical operations.

Tamra Losinski, Director of Family Promise, informed of some inappropriate and offensive comments that were made by an unnamed Supervisor during the Board of Supervisor meeting earlier in the week. She then continued to share a success story of a single mother at the shelter

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who was a victim of domestic violence and offered a job within the shelter due to her unyielding commitment to provide, for not only herself, but also for her children.

III. Consent Items

a. Minutes

Michael Cooke, Interim City Manager for City of Turlock, motioned for January's minutes be approved and Luis Uribe, Vice Mayor for City of Riverbank, seconded.

IV. Action/Public Input Items

No action items or public input items at this time.

V. Informational Items

a. Funding

i. Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Grant Program

Leng Power, Senior Housing & Homeless Services Manager of Community Services Agency, provided an update on the HHAP and the respective timeline for the allocations.

ii. Bringing Families Home (BFH) Grant Program

Leng Power, Senior Housing & Homeless Services Manager of Community Services Agency, gave an overview on the BFH program. After application submission, notification was received on January 8, 2020 that an estimated \$300,000 was awarded to assist 20 families per year over a 3-year cycle. These families will be identified based by the VI-SPADT index.

b. Projects

i. Access Center Emergency Shelter Project

Dana Bailey, Senior Housing & Homeless Services Manager of Community Services Agency, gave an update of the Access Center. In the first week of operation, the Center serviced 254 clients and issued 26 EBT cards. All of the clients that are seen are inputted into the Coordinated Entry System (CES) and Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). Data is being collected throughout each phase of provided service and being updated simultaneously. Supervisor Withrow requested that data continue to be collected and results be presented for continued funding.

ii. Kansas House Project

Jim Kruse, Deputy Director of Stanislaus Regional Housing Authority, shared an update on the remaining construction and opening of Kansas House. The remaining process are all on schedule and opening date has not been pushed back and expected to still take place in March 2020. Jessica Narayan, Community Development Manager for City of Modesto, shared the eligibility requirements and clarification was presented regarding the Kansas House's view on a service animal. Kansas House has been identified as a "Second Step" housing facility – a rapid re-housing type.

c. Other

i. Regional Efforts – The Consolidated Plan and the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice

Angela Freitas, Director of Planning and Community Development, introduced Steve Sachs, Subject Matter Expert at Cloudburst, to discuss the Consolidated Plan effort. It is a 5-year

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plan to submit for various funding from HUD. This plan is to identify the development needs within the community. The creation of this Plan is broken down into key parts of being able to identify priorities within the community and the impediments that come with these needs. There will be multiple community meetings to gather the input from the members of the community and that meeting schedule, when ready, will be posted on the SHA website.

ii. Housing First Technical Assistance

Jean Field, Deputy Director for Homebase, provided a detailed overview of Housing First and all of its components.

iii. Community Accountability, Enforcement Standards, and Efforts to Address Vagrancy in the Community

Jody Hayes, Chief Executive Officer, informed of some vagrancy incidents taking place along the freeways. Mr. Hayes informed that Caltrans was contacted to help coordinate clean-up efforts in a collaborative task force with the City of Modesto. Brandon Gillespie, Assistant Police Chief, gave an update on the Quality of Life (QOL) calls that have been made within the last month and it is higher than average. Lastly, Vice Mayor Luis Uribe requested that standard training be available for cities when the Outreach & Engagement (OE) team is unavailable to deal with incidents – i.e. the outlying county cities.

iv. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Coordinated Entry System (CES)

Jessica Narayan, Community Development Manager for City of Modesto, provided the monthly update on the CES efforts which included an increased total of individuals and upcoming administrative assignments.

v. 2020 Homeless Point-In-Time (PIT) Count Planning Efforts

Kyle DeJesus, Housing & Supportive Services Manager of Community Services Agency, shared the efforts from the 2020 PIT Count. The Count is HUD mandated to receive funding and was separated in two days by sheltered and unsheltered categories. The unsheltered count was assisted by 250 volunteers who participated in collecting this important data.

vi. Stanislaus County Housing Continuum

Jody Hayes, Chief Executive Officer, informed of this year's shift in focus as it pertains to the housing continuum. 2020 will shift to the upper half of the band with affordable housing projects, rental housing, and eventually, home ownership. These development efforts and strategies will be led by a group of city and county officials.

VI. Stanislaus Community System of Care Updates

Francine DiCiano, United Way of Stanislaus County President/CEO, gave an update on CSOC's new chair and vice chair. Jason Conway, Modesto Gospel Mission Executive Director, will take over as chair and Jessica Narayan, Community Development Manager for City of Modesto, will assist as vice chair for the 2020/21 annual term. Next week's, February 20th, meeting will hold elections to appoint additional members to fill the remaining vacancies on the CSOC board.

VII. Jurisdiction Updates

Ceres: No update to report

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Oakdale: Councilmember Christopher Smith shared his appreciation to the Morrison House and all its efforts to assist with the homeless efforts in Oakdale.

Patterson: Ken Irwin, City Manager, informed that Naomi's House and HOST House have both received approval for their respective funding. He also mentioned that the Self Help apartment project is underway with construction having begun. This soon-to-be apartment complex is going to be available to very low income individuals.

Riverbank: No update to report

Turlock: Michael Cooke, Interim City Manager, shared that the Avena Bella apartment project is ahead of schedule and once completed, it will bring 60 new, affordable housing units. The City also just closed escrow on a duplex that is set to be transformed into more affordable units as a rapid re-housing housing option. Finally, funding has been provided to WeCare for additional bed units that will be reserved for police drop-offs.

County: No update to report

Housing Authority: Barbara Kauss, Executive Director, talked about the upcoming 25 days having 3 grand openings of various completed projects: Kansas House, Edwards Estates, and 10 units for MJC agriculture students. On top of these great projects, additional funding is being trickled down for more units for different demographic populations. In total 460 units are in development and 112 of them will be ready within the next 45 days.

VIII. Board Comments

No board comment at this time.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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