



CSOC Council Meeting
Health Plan of San Joaquin, 1025 J St., Modesto, CA
September 19, 2019 2:30PM to 4:30PM

MINUTES

1. Opening Session

- a. Roll Call Jean Tang
- b. Consent Item: August Minutes All
Motion: Maryn Pitt / Second: Taryn Muralt
- c. **Public Comment** – Spanish interpretation was made available at this meeting

- i. Community member suggested a conflict of interest for some members who voted on the HEAP funding item in the August meeting. Also, that voting items should be listed as action for voting on the agenda; County counsel is present and confirmed that those items should be listed as voting items.

Same community member recommends for CSOC to check the Limited English Proficiency Services Act: if there are more than 5% of Spanish speakers in the population, documents should be provided in English and Spanish.

- ii. Family Promise announced [A Night Out for the Journey Home](#) event - Friday, Oct 25th 4PM at Modesto Freewill Baptist Church in Modesto: BBQ dinner, open house, family activities and optional overnight stay to stand with families facing homelessness.

2. SHA Update

Kyle DeJesus

- a. The fifth SHA meeting took place last Wednesday, Sept. 11th. County BHRS provided overview of services available for the homeless population; update from CSA on homeless emergency aid program grant funding; overview of the Governor's Homeless Task Force meeting in Modesto; two breakout sessions for mental health services, best practices in shelter/navigation services; and update on SHA Learning Retreat Oct. 4th
- b. Working on spreadsheet of projected increase of 600 additional beds ranging from Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing/Permanent Supported Housing including projects: Berberian Emergency Shelter with 182 beds; Kansas House Project with 103 units/206 individuals; temporary housing for families at the 9th street hotel project; and the Empire Migrant Housing for families for the Winter months.

3. MOES Update

Jeanette Fabela

- a. Agreement with Tuolumne River Trust to clean MOES by the end of year. Plan is to close the outdoor shelter by December 1st, 2019.

- b. Coordinate team of outreach staff to MOES to inform individuals of timeline and present available options.
 - c. Jeannette Fabela and Pam Esparza are tasked to lead the efforts with case management and outreach to help the individuals with the transition.
 - d. There will be over 600 beds made available in the next few weeks.
 - e. Currently have 8 to 10 experienced outreach workers. Hoping to have 20 to 40 volunteers.
 - f. Asking agencies to contribute with the effort by dedicating a staff or two staff and begin to go out in October to continue with relationship building, identify needs and inform resources available. Plan for outreach: twice a week for two to three hours on Tuesdays/Thursdays. Closer to December: every day for two to three hours.
 - g. Pam Esparza: BHRS will provide **Boots on the Ground Training** to community members who want to do outreach led by Alma Torres: **10/1 from 1:30-3:30PM and 10/2 from 10AM-12PM at 800 Scenic Dr. (Redwood Rm) Call 525-6150 to register**
 - h. For more information please contact Kyle DeJesus - DejeKy@stancounty.com & Jeanette Fabela - FabelaJe@stancounty.com
- Public comment:**
- i. Concerns about accommodations for pets.
 - ii. Opportunities for peer-to-peer outreach (DST)
 - iii. 127 signed petitions from the residents of the Empire neighborhood against the reopening of the migrant camp

- 4. CESH NOFA for Emergency Housing Intervention** Angela Freitas, Ana San Nicolas
- a. Presented: Background, 2018-2019 Allocation Summary, debrief of the Stakeholders Meeting, Tentative CESH NOFA Timeline
 - b. For details please refer to the **California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH) Program Handout**

AE Recommendations – County Planning and Community Development Department

- **Funding for the City of Modesto as the CA to contract with Eccovia Solutions for HMIS System Administration – HMIS/CES System Update Funding: \$115,200**
Motion: Maryn Pitt / Second: Esther Rosas / Abstention: Jessica Narayan - Motion passes
- **Release of Emergency Housing Intervention NOFA: \$630,468 and Release of Rental Assistance/Flexible Rental Assistance/HMIS Operating Support/Operational Subsidies NOFA**
Motion: Lise Talbott / Second: Margarita Palomino - Motion passes

- 5. HEAP Update** Kathy Harwell
- a. HEAP Background: CSOC designated \$875K to flex funding and rental assistance
 - b. County of Stanislaus released RFP. Pre-proposal conference was held by Stanislaus County General Services and CSA as the A.E. on June 20, 2019
 - c. Proposals due on July 11, 2019 by 2:30PM. No proposals were submitted. RFP was declared a failed RFP
 - d. Leng Powers and Kyle DeJesus from CSA has informed HCFC of the failed RFP and requested directions related to the use of the HEAP Services Funding.

- e. As the Administrative Entity, CSA brought information related to the failed RFP to CSOC Advisory on August 7, 2019 and informed CSOC Council of the failed RFP on August 15, 2019. Two proposals/recommendations were presented for discussion. Vote was taken and approved. Roll call on the vote: **Motion carried 9 to 5 votes**
- f. The Board of Supervisors received a letter from a community member raising concern over conflict of interest on the August 15th vote. Letter was directed to CSA
- g. **County Counsel Thomas Boze** reviewed the Bylaws and members that voted on the action and determined no conflict of interest. Entitles that voted on the action were not in direct receipt of those funds.
- h. CSA is requesting for the CSOC to take the action back today and rescind the August 15, 2019 vote.
- i. CSOC Council meetings are not subjected to the Brown Act Rules

Rescind the vote from August 15, 2019 - Motion: Maryn Pitt / Second: Sean Scully / Abstention: Kathy Harwell (A.E.)

The Administrative Entity (CSA) is requesting the CSOC to consider the following options related to the reallocation of the HEAP Services Funding:

- 1) Issue new RFP for HEAP Flex Funding and Rental Assistance for portions or all of the HEAP Services Funding and release the same RFP process again; or
- 2) \$375K for Housing Assistance Team (HAT) from January 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021
- 3) \$500K for Emergency Shelter operations for positions of the newly constructed Emergency Shelter – Salvation Army Berberian Shelter site, starting January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.
- 4) Authorize new RFP HEAP NOFA combined in the format of the CESH NOFA process. This is in response to the feedback from community was that the timing of the NOFA released through CSA/GSA was challenging.

Motion is authorizing new RFP and HEAP NOFA with CES for Emergency Shelter Services for all of the \$875K. - Motion: Maryn Pitt / Seconded: Harold Laubach Jr. / Abstention: Kathy Harwell (A.E.) Roll call vote: all members approved.

6. Letters of Agreement – Approval

Nora Breslin (Homebase)

- a. Working with the City of Modesto C.A. to finalize the application for the HUD COC Competition. CSOC Leadership has approved the priority listings.
- b. New COC Application requirements for this year: written agreement between the COC and workforce development agency and a local education or training organization that prioritized serves for people experiencing homelessness.
 - i. Letter of Agreement between Stanislaus CSOC and Stanislaus County Workforce Development Agency that people experiencing homelessness are encompassed within that existing priority; and
 - ii. Letter of Agreement between the Stanislaus CSOC and Downtown Streets Team as the local training organization that prioritizes people experiencing homelessness.

Motion to approve Harold Laubach / Second: Jason Conway / Abstention: Maryn Pitt and Kathy Harwell – Motion carries

7. Racial Disparity Assessment

Nora Breslin (Homebase)

- a. Asking CSOC Leadership to email HomeBase with feedback of the document.

8. Collaborative Applicant Update

Francine DiCiano

- a. At the August 15, 2019 COC Council Meeting Maryn Pitt expressed City of Turlock's interest in becoming the C.A. A letter for consideration was submitted to the CSOC
- b. CSOC Advisory met in September 4, 2019 and came back with the following recommendations:
 - i. City of Turlock and the County to provide a letter or resolution from the City Council with the request to become the C.A. and designate City of Turlock to move forward with the request of becoming the C.A. to the Stanislaus COC no later than October 15, 2019.
 - ii. City of Modesto will share the Roles and Responsibilities of the C.A. with the interested applicants and the CSOC Leadership. The interested parties will meet with the City of Modesto and current C.A. for further information related the roles and processes.
 - iii. City of Modesto will recommend a process and bring the applicant's request to the CSOC Leadership no later then November 21, 2019 CSOC Council Meeting if there's more than one interested applicant.
 - iv. First call with the Stanislaus County HUD Rep and City Community Planning and Development (CPD) Rep is scheduled for October 3, 2019 to help work through the change of C.A. process and timeline. Will report back after the Oct 4th call.

9. HMIS Update

Lynnell Fuller

- a. Mandatory training for active users is tomorrow, September 20, 2019.
- b. The 2020 Data Standards are effective October 1st