

MINUTES

Thursday, May 21, 2020
2:30 pm to 4:30 pm
Zoom Meeting

I. Roll Call – CSOC Council

Chairperson Jason Conway called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. (See Attachment A for Roll Call)

II. Public Comment

None

III. Consent Items

a. Minutes - Approval of February 20, 2020 meeting minutes

On a motion by Kathy Harwell and seconded by Jessica Narayan, the minutes were unanimously approved with three abstentions (16/0/3).

b. Minutes - Approval of March 27, 2020 emergency meeting minutes

On a motion by Jason Conway and seconded by Linda Murphy-Julien, the minutes were unanimously approved with three abstentions (16/0/3).

IV. COVID-19 Emergency Updates

a. Existing Shelters

Dana Bailey, Senior Housing & Homeless Services Manager of the Community Services Agency, shared that Weekly Shelter Directors meetings have been hosted to connect and identify needs/gaps. If a shelter is in need of supplies, the Emergency Operations Center will help obtain them.

b. Project Roomkey – The Modesto Hotel

Tina Rocha, Interim Housing & Homeless Services Assistant Director of the Community Services Agency, provided an update on Project Roomkey in Stanislaus County. Project Roomkey is an initiative from the Governor's office to procure 15,000 hotel rooms state wide to slow the spread of COVID-19. Stanislaus County has secured 121 rooms at the Modesto Hotel for the At-Risk Population (65 and over or with underlying health conditions). Linda Murphy-Julien requested clarification on allocation of funds for restoration. Tina Rocha explained the difference between the fund allocation for room decontamination and restoration.

c. Governor's 100-Day Challenge

Tina Rocha informed the Board about a change in the focus of the 100-Day Challenge, per Governor Newsom's direction in light of COVID-19. The new goal of the 100-Day Challenge is to exit all Project Roomkey guests into permanent housing. This new

focus will be incorporated into the previously identified focus area of landlord engagement.

d. Funding Sources

i. COVID-19 Emergency Homeless Funding

Dana Bailey shared on March 27, 2020, the Stanislaus Community System of Care (CSOC) established the following categories for use of the COVID-19 Emergency Homeless Funding received from the State of California:

- Support of existing homeless shelters to address COVID-19;
- Develop new shelter space and support outreach and hygiene needs of unsheltered homeless to address COVID-19; and
- Allocate funds to provide wraparound services at new shelter spaces to address COVID-19.

To date, \$3,500 in supplies have been purchased.

ii. Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act

Angela Freitas shared information on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) funding specific to homelessness activities available through the CARES Act. This funding is available to provide support to various homeless services that were impacted by COVID-19. Collaboration with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is continuous for guidance on appropriate uses for these allocations.

iii. Emergency Food and Shelter (EFSP)

Dana Bailey provided an update, stating that the Stanislaus EFSP has been awarded \$437,044 to provide services between March 2020 and January 2021. Applications will be reviewed on May 27, 2020 and a decision announced on May 29, 2020.

e. Survey Results

Dana Bailey presented results for the Stanislaus Community System of Care – Needs Assessment Survey. The top service needs included:

- Food insecurity
- Homeless Outreach
- Homeless Shelter
- COVID-19 Hygiene and Sanitation
- Health / Mental Health Services

The survey closed on May 10, 2020 and the Housing and Homeless Division will use these results, paired with results from the Community Foundation & United Way survey, to provide guidance for future funds.

Angela Freitas shared the Stanislaus Community Foundation & United Way – Needs Assessment survey results. The following reflect the top needs identified and the baseline of prioritization:

- Mental Health
- Food and Nutrition
- Other (career/vocational, affordable/transitional housing, etc.)
- Paying rent and utilities
- Unemployment and job placement

V. Action Items

a. Establish a sub-committee to review CSOC By-Laws

On a motion by Jason Conway and seconded by Lise Talbott, it was unanimously approved (15/0/0) to establish a By-Law Review Subcommittee to review the existing CSOC By-Laws and return to the full CSOC Council with recommendations. CSOC Council Members interested in serving on this subcommittee were asked to send an email to csoc@stancounty.com.

b. Approval of Funding Recommendations – Emergency Solutions Grants CARES ACT Funding

Angela Freitas shared the funding prioritization recommendations based on the Community Foundation Survey Results and advised a Grant Interview Panel will be convened review proposals for funding and will include representatives from CSOC, the Stanislaus Homeless Alliance and each of the cities within Stanislaus County. Dana Bailey shared the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) would play a key role in providing guidance for the use of funds. Jason Conway and Frank Berry shared there is value in providing funding to test for COVID-19 and employee safety orientations to ensure a smooth and safe return to the workplace. Angela noted that she would include Workforce Development to review and address this request.

Fred Berry was selected as the CSOC representative on the CSOC Grant Interview Panel.

On a motion by Jason Conway and seconded by Lise Talbott, the following recommended funding prioritizations were unanimously approved with one abstention (15/0/1) -

- Support the needs of existing shelter operations
- Unexpected operations and supply costs not covered by other available funding sources
- Support the development of new housing units aimed at transitional and permanent supportive housing
- Rapid Re-Housing
- Homeless Prevention

VI. Informational Items

a. Funding Sources

i. Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP)

Dana Bailey shared Stanislaus County received two allocations - \$2,265,304 for CSOC and \$2,098,642 for Stanislaus County. In the role of the Administrative Entity, the Community Services Agency (CSA), is distributing funds pursuant to the direction of the CSOC Council and supported by community prioritization. CSA is awaiting final agreements for fund disbursement.

ii. Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP)

Dana Bailey shared the services category funds were awarded to Cambridge Academy, Center for Human Services and Salvation Army Berberian Shelter. Cambridge Academy began providing services in March. Salvation Army has pending agreements for services, with use of funds expected to begin in July.

iii. Bringing Families Home (BFH) Grant Program

Dana Bailey shared the provision of services through this grant funding is in the agreement phase with services anticipated to begin in July. This funding aims to support families in the welfare system, reduce risk of homelessness and increase reunification and prevention. The proposal is to support a total of 60 families over a three-year period. Funding for this effort will total \$600,000.

iv. Pet Assistance Grant

Tina Rocha shared the grant application was unsuccessful. Funds were awarded on a flow basis and funds were depleted before the application was submitted.

b. Kansas House

Jessica Narayan, Community Development Manager for the City of Modesto, confirmed 22 available units at the Kansas House for eligible families, elderly and veterans. Jessica noted there were construction delays for Building A but approval should come next week.

c. 2020 Point-In-Time (PIT) Count

Kyle De Jesus, Housing and Supportive Services Manager of the Community Services Agency, shared that the submission deadline for the PIT Count has been extended to June 30, 2020.

d. Collaborative Applicant – Transition

Dana Bailey stated that HUD has received the City of Modesto's agreement and the County application for this transition and transfer of funds to the County. Anticipated date of review completion is in June; Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors' approval of transition sought with an agenda item and vote to take place on June 9, 2020.

e. Stanislaus Homeless Alliance

Chairperson Brad Hawn provided an update on the May 13, 2020 SHA meeting.

VII. CSOC General Membership Announcements

Jessica Narayan announced Lynnell Fuller has returned to work on a part-time basis.

Tamra Losinski announced an upcoming national homelessness awareness event, “A Night Without a Bed.” Information to follow.

Taryn Muralt shared that the Youth Navigation Center, a partnership project with Behavioral Health & Recovery Services, is still on target for remodel in May.

Lise Talbot announced that Golden Valley Health is operating as usual, with the addition of the Ceres Golden Valley as a drive-up COVID-19 testing location.

Jason Conway expressed gratitude to the Housing and Homeless Division staff for the work during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Linda Murphy-Julien shared that United Samaritans Foundations has grown and provided more meals in March/April, with approximately 30,000 meals provided each month.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:27 pm.

ATTACHMENT A - ROLL CALL - CSOC COUNCIL
Thursday, May 21, 2020

Attendance

FUNDERS	1	Behavioral Health & Recovery Services Director	Ruben Imperial	A
	2	Community Services Agency Director	Kathy Harwell	P
	3	Entitlement Jurisdiction: Modesto	Jessica Narayan - CDM	P
	4	Entitlement Jurisdiction: Turlock	Maryn Pitt - Asst. to City Mgr.	P
	5	Entitlement Jurisdiction: County	Angela Freitas - Director P&CD	P
	6	Entitlement Jurisdiction: Riverbank	Sean Scully	P
HOUSING/SERVICE PROVIDERS	7	Permanent Supportive Housing Provider	Tamra Losinski	P
	8	Transitional/Rapid-Rehousing Provider	Esther Rosas	P
	9	Emergency Shelter Provider	Harold Laubach Jr	P
	10	Youth Services Provider	Taryn Muralt	P
	11	Victims Services Provider	Lakin Ambriz	P
	12	Housing Authority of Stanislaus County	Michele Gonzales	P
	13	Veterans Services - VA Palo Alto Health Care System, Supervisory Social Worker or HUD-VASH Program Team Member	Derek McGinnis	A
	14	Healthcare Provider	Lise Talbott	P
	15	Senior Service Provider - Stanislaus County of Aging & Veterans Services	Margie Palomino	P
BROADER COMMUNITY	16	Lived Experience 1	Dawn Dominguez	A
	17	Lived Experience 2	Jason Conway	P
	18	Lived Experience 3	VACANT	
	19	Homeless Advocate	Linda Murphy-Julien	P
	20	Faith Sector Representative	Carol Bowman	P
	21	Neighborhood Representative	Frank Ploof	P
	22	Education Community Representative	Fred Berry	P
	23	Business Community Representative	VACANT	
	24	Philanthropy Representative	Francine DiCiano-Foley	P
	25	Law Enforcement Representative	Chief Erin Kiely	A

A – Absent
P - Present