

STANISLAUS HOMELESS ALLIANCE

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MINUTES

Wednesday, March 11, 2020
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

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

I. **Roll Call – Stanislaus Homeless Alliance (SHA) Representatives**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Brad Hawn at 5:31 p.m. (See Attachment A for Roll Call).

Brad Hawn announced there are two SHA Primary Representative replacements: Councilmember Mike Kline for the City of Ceres and Councilmember Andrew Nosrati for the City of Turlock.

II. **Public Comment Period***

Patricia Odell, community member, voiced her concerns about her 8-month old dog not being allowed into the Emergency Shelter. Supervisor Withrow asked for clarification if the denial was related to the animal capacity already being reached at the Shelter; Ms. Odell confirmed this was the reason.

III. **Consent Items**

- a. Approval of the Minutes for the February 12, 2019 meeting
On a motion by Supervisor Terry Withrow and seconded by Barbara Kauss, the minutes for February 12, 2019 were unanimously approved (10/0) as submitted.

IV. **Action/Public Input Items**

No action/public input items.

V. **Informational Items**

a. **County Update on Homeless Programs**

Jody Hayes, Chief Executive Officer of Stanislaus County, provided an update on the county-wide efforts that have been implemented to support homeless aligned programs. May 2020 will be the 1-year anniversary since the inception of SHA. As such, the County will be compiling a report card with comprehensive data surrounding three main perspectives: homeless, funding, and outcomes. Additionally, CEO Hayes brought up the formation and development of the new Housing and Homeless Services (HHS) Division housed with the Community Services Agency Department. He expressed and acknowledged the hard work that has already been done since bringing this new division online and the voluntarism of Tina Rocha, Deputy Executive Officer, in offering to provide leadership and act as Interim Assistant Director for HHS. CEO Hayes finished with an overview of the Access Center, its co-located partners, and the Outreach & Engagement team expanding their efforts in the City of Turlock.

b. **Funding Updates**

i. **Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP)**

Leng Power, Senior Housing & Homeless Services Manager of Community Services Agency, shared the HHAP funding allocations are scheduled to be distributed April 1st to the awarded participants.

ii. HCD - Pet Assistance Grant

Dana Bailey, Senior Housing & Homeless Services Manager of Community Services Agency, shared about this grant opportunity. Out of this \$5 million fund to provide assistance to homeless clients with pets, a maximum award of \$200,000 would have to be fully expended by June 2022. The Stanislaus Animal Services Agency has submitted an application and award announcement is expected in May 2020.

c. Projects

No projects to address at this time.

d. Other

i. Micro-Housing Project Opportunities

Tina Rocha, Interim Housing & Homeless Services Assistant Director of Community Services Agency, introduced Eric Johnsen, Executive Director of R3, and Joe Duran, Chief Financial Officer of City Ministry Network, who provided a detailed overview of micro-housing project opportunities within Stanislaus County. Two options are being explored locally - Free Will Baptist on Orangeburg Blvd and Greater True Light Baptist on Harris Ave. A variety of layout options were shared ranging from 200 square feet to 600 square feet. Although the main support for this project is to build on church land, this project does not need to be exclusively on church property to participate.

ii. Governor's 100-Day Challenge

Tina Rocha announced that Stanislaus County is one of five communities selected to form the 1st cohort. A third-party company will be providing technical assistance and a coach will be assigned to help during the 100-day challenge. The focus area for our community is Landlord Engagement.

Barbara Kauss, Executive Director of Stanislaus Regional Housing Authority, shared that this challenge could possibly lead to the creation of a landlord center or workshop that would reach out and attract landlords to teach them the necessary information to become well-informed so that they, in turn, are more willing to rent out to low income individuals. This will be an ongoing project that will be reported back to keep the board up to date.

iii. Ready-to-Work and Downtown Streets Team

Caluha Barnes, Deputy City Manager for City of Modesto, provided an overview about this multi-agency partnered program. This litter abatement program is a 3-year contract being funded with \$100,000 (per fiscal year) from Caltrans with

the City of Modesto contributing an additional \$50,000 when scope of work is within city limits. Three target areas have been identified. Although the contracted agency Ready-to-Work (RTW) is based out of San Joaquin County, this is a partnership with the City of Modesto and within 3 months' time half of the crew is expected to be Modesto residents. Martin Ross, Executive Director of Ready-to-Work, further explained that RTW would provide the statistics of work being done and the program's status. Additionally, RTW will be supporting each employee with job assistance and making sure they are receiving their necessary County services.

iv. Homeless Strategic Plan

Chairperson Brad Hawn brought up that a plan should be devised on the various ongoing projects that breaks down the funding stream, the efforts being made, and the outcomes. It was suggested this should also collaborative project with the Stanislaus Community System of Care (CSOC) and outreach should occur with local jurisdictions for plan development. This was received well and showed support from all members.

VI. Stanislaus Community System of Care Updates

a. Collaborative Applicant

Time did not allow for this item to be addressed.

VII. SHA Representative Updates

Ceres, Oakdale, Stanislaus County: No updates

Modesto: Mayor Ted Brandvold provided a list of various project in different stages of development: 1) 201 E. Coolidge has 40 units for most vulnerable and was completed in late 2019; 2) 522 Granger will have 4 units for mental health clients with an expected opening of April 30, 2020; 3) Youth Navigation Center will house 47 low barrier transitional beds for youth and having closed escrow, it is expected to begin July 2020; 4) Edward Estates, having grand opened February 2020, has 2 homebuyer units ready for sale; 5) 416 E. Coolidge will have 8 units for mental health individuals; 6) Vine Street is expected to have 35 units of affordable housing and 23 units for the veteran demographic; and 7) Archway Commons, a newly applied for project, is slated to have 74 units and if awarded the grant funds is expected to be completed by December 2022.

Patterson: Councilmember Cynthia Homen shared Naomi's House is still underway with construction but remains on track.

Riverbank: Vice Mayor Luis Uribe shared the City of Riverbank is funding a Summer PIT Count project to further capture homeless population within Riverbank's city limits.

Turlock: Councilmember Andrew Nosrati expressed appreciation for having been able to secure commitment from Outreach & Engagement team in designating one day for Turlock with Tuesday having been selected. Turlock holds the 2nd largest homeless population in the County.

CSOC: Jason Conway, Executive Director of Modesto Gospel Mission, shared that CSOC has elected a new Chairperson (Jason Conway) and Co-Chairperson (Jessica Narayan) for 2020.

Housing Authority: Barbara Kauss shared that they had to fast track their virtual meetings project for implementation due to coronavirus developments. These meetings are to get individuals Section 8 re-certified. Additionally, an abandoned portable in Westley has been rehabilitated to create two single-room occupancy units for MJC agriculture students which is slated to be ready in 3 weeks. Lastly, the previously mentioned two homebuyer units of Edwards Estates have been completed and one unit is already on the sale path.

VIII. Future Agenda Items

Chairperson Brad Hawn shared that moving forward the SHA and CSOC chairs will hold a joint-meeting to develop meeting agendas which will allow for increased collaboration between the two bodies.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

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ATTACHMENT A - ROLL CALL - SHA COUNCIL
Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Attendance

1	City of Ceres	Mike Kline	Primary	P
		Tom Westbrook	Alternate	A
2	City of Modesto	Ted Brandvold	Primary	P
		Joe Lopez	Alternate	A
3	City of Oakdale	Christopher Smith	Primary	A
		Bryan Whitemyer	Alternate	P
4	City of Patterson	Cynthia Homen	Primary	P
		Ken Irwin	Alternate	A
5	City of Riverbank	Luis Uribe	Primary	P
		Sean Scully	Alternate	A
6	City of Turlock	Andrew Nosrati	Primary	P
		Toby Wells	Alternate	A
7	Community System of Care	Francine DiCiano	Primary	A
		Jason Conway	Alternate	P
8	Focus on Prevention	Brad Hawn	Primary	P
		Tim Byrd	Alternate	A
9	Stanislaus County	Terry Withrow	Primary	P
		Jody Hayes	Alternate	A
10	Stanislaus Regional Housing Authority	Carlos Estacio III	Primary	A
		Barbara Kauss	Alternate	P

A – Absent
P – Present