

MINUTES

Wednesday, May 13, 2020
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM
Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting called to order by Chairman Brad Hawn at 5:38 p.m. (See Attachment A for Roll Call)

II. **Public Comment Period**

Miguel Donoso, community member, expressed concern with availability of reports to individuals in the Spanish-speaking community.

III. **Consent Items**

a. **Approval of the Minutes for March 11, 2020 Meeting.**

Agenda item was tabled and will be placed on the June 10, 2020 agenda.

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).

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 orders 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 the Stanislaus Community System of Care established the following categories for use of the COVID-19 Emergency Homeless Funding received from the State of California:

- Support all existing homeless shelters to address COVID-19;
- Develop new shelter space and support outreach to and hygiene needs of unsheltered homeless to address COVID-19; and

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- Allocate funds to provide wraparound services at new shelter spaces to address COVID-19.

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

Angela Freitas shared information on 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 this allocation.

iii. Emergency Food and Shelter (EFSP)

Dana Bailey, Senior Housing & Homeless Services Manager of the Community Services Agency, provided an update, stating that the Stanislaus EFSP has been awarded \$437,044 to provide services between March 2020 and January 2021.

e. Survey Results

Miguel Donoso, community member, requested the survey be made available in Spanish and expressed concern about the amount of funds available to the Latino community. Angela Freitas confirmed funds are provided to a variety of Homeless Service Providers in response to COVID-19 and a concerted effort will be made to address equity in the approach to the distribution of resources.

V. Recommendations

a. Funding Prioritization

Angela Freitas shared the funding prioritization recommendations based on the Community Foundation Survey Results. The CSOC Grant Interview Panel will review proposals for funding and will include a CSOC and SHA representatives and representatives from each of the cities.

Motion to approve the recommended funding prioritizations motioned by Andrew Nosrati; seconded by Luis Uribe. Motion passed with unanimous approval (9/0); Terry Withrow was not present during the vote.

VI. Informational Items

a. Funding Sources

i. Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP)

Leng Power, Senior Housing & Homeless Services Manager of the Community Services Agency, shared Stanislaus County received two allocation - \$2.265 million for CSOC and \$2.098 million for Stanislaus County. Another grant has been recently awarded. Community Services Agency as administrator is distributing funds, per the direction of the CSOC Council and supported by community prioritization. An RFP process will be used to contract for services.

ii. Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP)

Leng Power shared the services category funds were awarded to Cambridge Academy, Center for Human Services and Salvation Army. Cambridge Academy began providing services in March. Salvation Army has pending agreements for services.

iii. Bringing Families Home (BFH) Grant Program

Leng Power 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 child welfare system, reduce risk of homelessness and increase reunification and prevention. The proposal is to support a total of 60 families in a three-year period. Funding for this effort will total \$600,000, with a \$300,000 grant and local match.

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 households at the Kansas House for eligible families, elderly and veterans. Jim Kruse, Deputy Director of the Stanislaus Regional Housing Authority, shared that occupancy permits will be submitted upon successful completion of inspections, to be completed by May 15, 2020.

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

Kyle De Jesus, Housing & Supportive Services Manager of the Community Services Agency, shared that the submission deadline for the PIT Count has been extended to June 30, 2020. More accurate information will be available after the posted deadline.

d. Collaborative Applicant Transition

Dana Bailey stated HUD has received the City of Modesto's Agreement and the County application for this transition and transfers of funds to the County. Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) has not been released for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

e. Stanislaus Community System of Care

A Zoom meeting has been scheduled for May 21, 2020 at 2:30PM.

VII. SHA Representative Updates

Ceres, Turlock, and Stanislaus County: No updates

Modesto: Mayor Ted Brandvold shared the upcoming completion or availability of housing units in the City of Modesto: 8 units now available with the Housing Authority; 35 units (April 2021)

with the Housing Authority; 74 units of affordable housing (December 2021); Youth Navigation Center is in progress (April 2021).

Oakdale: Councilmember Christopher Smith recognized Pamela Kelly, of Oakdale Mission, as an outstanding service provider who continues to feed individuals experiencing homelessness in Oakdale.

Patterson: Councilmember Cynthia Homen provided the following update: HOST house is 90% complete but donations are still needed to finish the kitchen. Naomi's house is almost complete. Churches and hosts have been providing shelter for the homeless.

Riverbank: Councilmember Luis Uribe shared 28 units of affordable housing will be available in 30-45 days.

CSOC: Francine DiCiano shared that United Way 211 calls have increased by 50% and they are now working on creating a pop-up call center.

Focus on Prevention: Chairperson Brad Hawn shared there is a need to nominate and select a chair and co-chair, per SHA Bylaws. Kyle De Jesus stated that an email would be sent to members for nominations, and a vote would occur at the next SHA meeting.

Housing Authority: Barbara Kauss shared that the Oak Leaf Manor project (Oakdale) was expected to open in September 2020, providing 56 units of affordable housing. Stanislaus Regional Housing Authority has received PPE to provide services to high priority cases.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

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ATTACHMENT A - ROLL CALL - SHA COUNCIL
Wednesday, May 13, 2020

Attendance

1	City of Ceres	Mike Kline	Primary	A
		Tom Westbrook	Alternate	P
2	City of Modesto	Ted Brandvold	Primary	P
		Joe Lopez	Alternate	A
3	City of Oakdale	Christopher Smith	Primary	P
		Bryan Whitemyer	Alternate	A
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	P
		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