

MINUTES

Thursday, June 18, 2020

2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Zoom Meeting

I. Roll Call – CSOC Council

Chairperson Jason Conway called the meeting to order at 2:34 PM. (See Attachment A for Roll Call)

II. Public Comment

Lynnette Lucaccini, with the California Census 2020, provided the CSOC Council with a census update.

III. Consent Items

a. Minutes - Approval of May 21, 2020 meeting minutes

On a motion by Kathy Harwell and seconded by Jessica Narayan, the minutes were unanimously approved (14/0).

IV. Action Items

None

V. COVID-19 Emergency Updates

a. Existing Shelters

Dana Bailey, Senior Housing & Homeless Services Manager of the Community Services Agency, shared that 13 shelters continue with weekly shelter directors call. Shelters are sharing how to manage on-site clients with social distancing and disseminating information to staff and clients about hygiene and safety. 7 deliveries of requested supplies have been fulfilled. The EOC has helped gather more supplies for distribution to shelters, including thermometers. Supplies to continue through July.

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. Currently 95 individuals sheltered at the Modesto Hotel, for people at risk - 65 or older or with underlying health conditions.

On July 14, 2020, the CSA Housing and Homeless Division will go to Board of Supervisors with recommendations for next steps for the Modesto Hotel and COVID-related non-congregate sheltering opportunities. The agenda item will also include care side and services provided to individuals that have had to self-quarantine.

Chairperson Jason Conway requested clarification of whether the hotel was closing. Tina Rocha shared there are no plans to demobilize until at least mid-July. No action

will be taken prior to the July 14th Board of Supervisors. The Community Services Agency is currently analyzing data, including vulnerability factors, of the individuals sheltered at The Modesto Hotel. Awaiting notification from FEMA if non-congregate shelter approval will be extended beyond June 30, 2020.

c. COVID-19 Emergency Homeless Funding

Dana Bailey provided an update on the status of COVID-19 Emergency Homeless Funding.

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

i. Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG)

Ana San Nicolas shared that Stanislaus Urban County, excluding Modesto and Turlock, has received \$628,846 in ESG funding. This is the first round of funding to be utilized throughout the CSOC area. Funds are dedicated to COVID-19 related mitigation, continuous support of shelter and ensuring adequate services. Grant minimum is \$50,000 with a \$200,000 maximum. Grants will be allocated with consideration of the Stanislaus Community Foundation Needs Assessment results and approved priorities.

ii. Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)

Angela Freitas shared an update on the CDBG RFP. There were 12 applications submitted for consideration by the June 10, 2020 deadline. The grant review panel, with representatives from all jurisdictions in Stanislaus County, will interview the organizations on June 16-17, 2020. Following CSOC review, final funding recommendations will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on July 28, 2020.

e. Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) Funds

Dana Bailey stated that on June 1, 2020, EFSP local board awarded \$10,000 in CARES funding to Project RoomKey/The Modesto Hotel for partial funding of meal costs. The County is in the process of executing the agreement.

VI. Informational Items

a. Collaborative Applicant – Transition

Stanislaus County Community Services Agency's application to become the Collaborative Applicant has been approved by HUD. Staff is executing a process to accept the grant and place funds in the budget. HMIS staff is currently in the process of transitioning from the City of Modesto to CSA.

b. HMIS / Coordinated Entry – Racial Equity

Dana Bailey provided an analysis of new principles recommended by HUD/FEMA, to promote an equity-driven approach to housing prioritization. FEMA requires the use of HMIS and the coordinated entry system to validate COVID-19 related reimbursements. The system is in use at the Modesto Hotel and Kansas House to track housing services and will help in requesting FEMA reimbursement. HUD recommends Continuums of Care and recipients of ESG funds consider barriers to

housing faced by communities of color, particularly during the COVID crisis, to ensure services are equitably distributed. The coordinated entry system process adopted by the county includes race and ethnicity to ensure FEMA and HUD guidance is followed.

Miguel Donoso, community member, requested confirmation on the effects of COVID-19 on the Latino population and what is being done to ensure equity and stated that 33% of the homeless population is Latino. He would like to know if race and equity is being considered when making funding decisions. Ms. Bailey shared staff is conducting outreach to organizations serving communities of color to ensure they are included in conversations to decide funding, including COVID specific funding. Though coordinated entry system data shows a low number of people of color currently in the homeless system, race and ethnicity will be a factor under consideration in addressing housing.

Linda Murphy-Julien stated that she would like more information regarding HMIS / Coordinated Entry at the next meeting, particularly more demographic and racial data on the overall HMIS population.

c. Governor’s 100-Day Challenge

Kyle De Jesus provided an update for the Governor’s 100-Day Challenge. The 100-Day Challenge ends on September 3, 2020 and the goal is to find permanent housing for all guests of Project Roomkey and engage landlords in Stanislaus County. To date, two individuals have exited The Modesto Hotel.

d. Kansas House

Michelle Gonzales shared an update on the building application. City of Modesto has issued an occupancy permit for Building A. All 24 units were filled within 2 days. Over 60 applications have been processed and 25 clients are ready to move in. Kansas House has not received occupancy permits to move forward with filling remaining units in Buildings B, C and D.

Miguel Donoso requested data on the ethnic backgrounds of the families. Michele did not have the information immediately available but agreed to provide the requested information.

Jessica Narayan shared the City of Modesto has experienced delays in permitting of Buildings B, C & D. There is a requirement for the installation of an additional on-site fire hydrant prior to occupancy. The Housing Authority has been meeting with the City on the status of the fire hydrant and to discuss alternate options.

e. Stanislaus Homeless Alliance (SHA)

Jason Conway shared the SHA is working to align its agenda with CSOC with the goal of identifying and communicating shared objectives.

Miguel Donoso shared that he had concerns regarding the SHA and its relationship to the CSOC body. Tina Rocha responded that the CSOC has established a bylaw review

committee specifically to address CSOC policies and procedures. Concerns about SHA should be addressed directly to that body.

VII. Subcommittees

a. By-Law Review Committee

The formation of a By-Law Review Committee was approved at the May meeting. An email asking for those interested in participation resulted in the following members for this committee:

Member	Representation
Ruben Imperial	Behavioral Health & Recovery Services Director
Kathryn Harwell	Community Services Agency Director
Maryn Pitt	Entitlement Jurisdiction: Turlock
Linda Murphy-Julien	Homeless Advocate
Carol Bowman	Faith Sector Representative
Fred Berry	Education Community Representative

This committee will set a meeting schedule, set recommendations and decide when to report back to the council.

Miguel Donoso inquired if the CSOC By-Laws will require a subcommittee to address communities of color and requested community member representation for minorities.

VIII. CSOC General Membership Announcements

Tamra Losinski: Family promise will be hosting “One Night Without a Bed” on Saturday night to bring awareness to homelessness.

Taryn Muralt: Announced Center for Human Services was awarded funds toward Youth Navigation Center. Job announcement for Housing Locator will be released soon. Ms. Muralt requested the following agenda item for the July CSOC meeting: HHAP funds and a discussion on what the process is going to look like.

Michele Gonzales: Working with the Coordinated Entry group to incorporate 30 mainstream vouchers into Housing Authority plan. Vouchers will be for disabled individuals between 18-62 (single or household) that are homeless, at risk or currently in rapid rehousing.

Lise Talbott: Brought to the attention of the CSOC Board the Governor’s recent order to wear masks in public settings. Information was requested for efforts underway ensure homeless individuals will get masks. Kyle De Jesus shared that the ACCESS Center and partners are distributing facemasks. Fred Berry and Jason Conway stressed that mental health affect an individual’s decision to use a mask and education is key. Linda murphy would like to know what the penalties would be for homeless individuals not wearing a mask. Tina Rocha shared that the order came out at noon today and Public Health officials are reviewing the order and

will share directions and guidance; Stanislaus County is waiting on that information to respond.

Dawn Dominguez: The Downtown Streets Team (DST) is outreaching to homeless that are not sheltered. A grant was received and the DST is handing out hand sanitizer, gloves and masks to the homeless population.

Linda Murphy-Julien: Requested the By-Law Review Committee convene in July. Turlock has a lack of mental health services with Sierra Vista's current closure. Please share ideas on how to get more mental health services, besides the police department.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:58 pm.

ATTACHMENT A - ROLL CALL - CSOC COUNCIL
Thursday, June 18, 2020

Attendance

FUNDERS	1	Behavioral Health & Recovery Services Director	Ruben Imperial	P
	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.	A
	5	Entitlement Jurisdiction: County	Angela Freitas - Director P&CD	A
	6	Entitlement Jurisdiction: Riverbank	Sean Scully	A
HOUSING/SERVICE PROVIDERS	7	Permanent Supportive Housing Provider	Tamra Losinski	P
	8	Transitional/Rapid-Rehousing Provider	Esther Rosas	A
	9	Emergency Shelter Provider	Harold Laubach Jr	A
	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	A
BROADER COMMUNITY	16	Lived Experience 1	Dawn Dominguez	P
	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	A
	25	Law Enforcement Representative	Chief Erin Kiely	A

A – Absent
P - Present