

# STANISLAUS HOMELESS ALLIANCE

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## MINUTES

Wednesday, June 10, 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 5:32 p.m. (See Attachment A for Roll Call)
- II. **Public Comment Period**  
No public comment.
- III. **Consent Items**
  - a. **Approval of the Minutes for the March 11, 2020 Meeting**  
On a motion by Brad Hawn and seconded by Luis Uribe, the minutes were unanimously approved (10/0).
  - b. **Approval of the Minutes for the May 13, 2020 Meeting**  
On a motion by Andrew Nosrati and seconded by Luis Uribe, the minutes were unanimously approved (10/0).
- IV. **Action Items**
  - a. **Elect Chair and Co-Chair**

Kyle De Jesus, Housing and Supportive Services Manager of the Community Services Agency, shared that all nominees for the Chair and Co-Chair were contacted to confirm acceptance of the nomination. This resulted in the following nominations:

    - Chair: Brad Hawn
    - Co-Chair: Andrew Nosrati

On a motion by Luis Uribe and seconded by Christopher Smith, approval of Brad Hawn for the position of Chair was approved with one abstention (9/0/1).

On a motion by Luis Uribe and seconded by Christopher Smith, approval of Andrew Nosrati for the position of Co-Chair was approved with one abstention (9/0/1).
  - b. **Appoint members – Homeless Action Plan Subcommittee**  
Chair Brad Hawn recommended a sub-committee be created to identify and bring actions, to serve the homeless community, to their respective boards for approval. Andrew Nosrati, Luis Uribe and Brad Hawn volunteered to be the SHA representatives on this committee.

**V. COVID-19 Emergency Updates**

**a. Existing Homeless Shelters**

Dana Bailey, Senior Housing & Homeless Services Manager of the Community Services Agency, shared that the Weekly Shelter Directors meetings have continued, as a forum to exchange information and request supplies. Three additional shelter supply requests have been fulfilled. Shelters are planning for city opening. Last week waivers related to rental housing were extended.

**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. As of June 10, 2020, 95 individuals are sheltered at the Modesto Hotel. A data fact sheet is being prepared that will include some health data compiled by public health nurses; this data is expected to be presented at an upcoming Board of Supervisors meeting. Stanislaus County is preparing a demobilization strategy for the Modesto Hotel. Recommendations for moving forward will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on June 23, 2020.

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

**i. Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG)**

Ana San Nicolas shared information on funding specific to homelessness activities available through the CARES Act.

**ii. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)**

Ana San Nicolas shared that CDBG funding was made available and thirteen applications, from ten agencies, were received by the deadline of June 10, 2020. The grant review panel is scheduled for June 16-17, 2020. It was confirmed that the allocation of these funds would be based on the Stanislaus Community Foundation's Community Needs Assessment, which provided data on prioritization of services.

Equitable distribution is important for both ESG and CDBG funding. Of applications received for all funding, the majority of applications provide services countywide and do not restrict services to residents of a specific city or jurisdiction.

**d. Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) Funds**

Dana Bailey stated that on June 1, 2020, the EFSP local board awarded \$10,000 in CARES funding to Project RoomKey/The Modesto Hotel.

**e. Behavioral Health & Recovery Services Response**

Ruben Imperial shared the Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Agency (BHRS) has responded to COVID-19 and homelessness, providing continuous adult treatment

services in Modesto and Turlock. On-site support, including medication refills, and appointments have continued and use of telehealth services has increased. BHRS has focused efforts on keeping clients in permanent and temporary housing. Field services have resumed, with use of PPE equipment and new clients are being connected to services.

The WARM line is available 24/7 at 209-558-4600 to provide mental health services and support for self and loved ones. With COVID-19, the WARM line has seen a spike to over 40 calls per week, increasing from 15-20 per week.

## **VI. Informational Items**

### **a. 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. The workgroup has met two times so far and is in the process of creating a virtual one-stop shop for landlord information and to encourage participation.

### **b. Kansas House**

Jim Kruse, Deputy Director of the Stanislaus Regional Housing Authority, shared that 43 individuals in 23 units have been housed in Building A. Building B is anticipated to be completed June 15, 2020 and Building C is expected to be completed June 26, 2020 with 22 and 23 available units, respectively. On July 17, 2020 it is expected that a fire hydrant will be installed and once complete, tenants can move in. Vandalism has decreased with two monitored security cameras and two full time, on-site managers. Mayor Ted Brandvold requested perimeter checks by on-site security guards to ensure safety. Jim Kruse explained that vandalism is expected to decrease further once all units are filled.

### **c. HMIS / Coordinated Entry – Racial Equity**

Dana Bailey provided an update regarding new principles recommended by HUD/FEMA, to promote an equity-driven approach to housing prioritization. HMIS, required by FEMA, is being used for the Modesto Hotel and Kansas House.

Councilmember Andrew Nosrati requested available County data and Dana shared that she can provide aggregate data, including demographics and housing information.

Supervisor Terry Withrow requested a report on success stories to the Board of Supervisors. Dana Bailey shared that there are currently 2,300 individuals in the HMIS system and people leave the database when they enter permanent housing; success stories will be available next month.

Tina Rocha shared the Annual Report to the SHA Board was delayed due to COVID-19 but will be prepared in the coming months and will include the information requested.

**d. Stanislaus Community System of Care**

The CSOC Board will meet on Thursday, June 18, 2020 at 2:30 PM.

**VII. SHA Representative Updates**

Ceres, Modesto, Community System of Care and the Stanislaus Regional Housing Authority: No updates

Oakdale: Councilmember Christopher Smith shared that the Oakdale Rescue Mission has reported zero COVID-19 cases amongst the homeless population in Oakdale.

Patterson: Councilmember Cynthia Homen provided the following update: HOST house is now open. Naomi's House is almost complete. The self-help apartments are underway to provide 138 units for low income families.

Riverbank: Councilmember Luis Uribe stated that May 28, 2020 was the opening day for the Kansas House. He toured the housing unit and shared excitement for the completion of this project.

Turlock: Councilmember Andrew Nosrati shared that HEAP funds for Turlock Gospel Mission and We Care were paused due to COVID-19; funds are anticipated to be available in 30 days. Sixty unit of affordable housing are upcoming in Turlock. The City of Turlock has submitted a housing plan to HUD. A duplex was purchased by the city and is out to bid for rehabilitation as permanent/transitional housing. The City of Turlock will bring forth a policy on homelessness for council approval in July.

Focus on Prevention: Chairperson Brad Hawn expressed gratitude to all who worked for the Governor's approval to open Stanislaus County.

Stanislaus County: Supervisor Terry Withrow toured the Modesto Hotel and acknowledged the work of the staff.

**Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

**ATTACHMENT A - ROLL CALL**  
**Stanislaus Homeless Alliance Board**  
**Wednesday, June 10, 2020**

**Attendance**

1	City of Ceres	Mike Kline	Primary	P
		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	P
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	P
9	Stanislaus County	Terry Withrow	Primary	P
		Jody Hayes	Alternate	A
10	Stanislaus Regional Housing Authority	Carlos Estacio III	Primary	P
		Barbara Kauss	Alternate	A

A – Absent  
P - Present

