

MINUTES

Thursday, July 16, 2020

2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Zoom Meeting

I. Roll Call – CSOC Council

Chairperson Jason Conway called the meeting to order at 2:35 PM. (See Attachment A for Roll Call)

II. Public Comment

Miguel Donoso requested that the Latino community be informed regarding COVID-19 via television/radio for those members of the community who are unable to read.

Darlene Barbara Martinez, CEO of Central Valley Community Resources (CVCR) and Council Member for the City of Riverbank informed that they are providing free tax preparation services to the homeless community so that they are able to receive the stimulus money offered during this pandemic.

John Mataka from Valley Improvement Projects and Grayson Neighborhood Council requested that two questions be answered via postal mail.

1. What projects do you have to address COVID-19 crisis in the Latino communities?
2. What funds will be spent on these specific projects that are geared to address the COVID-19 crisis in the Latino Community?

Michael Garcia shared that he will be sending a letter from the GI Forum that he will be addressed to Chairman Conway and the CSOC Council inquiring about COVID-19 in Stanislaus County and the actions to address this issue in the Latino Community as well as some questions to clarify how this meeting is advertised in the Latino Community. Mr. Garcia requested Chairman Conway's email address to send him a copy of this letter.

III. Consent Items

a. Minutes - Approval of June 18, 2020 meeting minutes

On a motion by Jessica Narayan and seconded by Sean Scully, 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. This call allows shelter managers to:

- Provide updates on the COVID-19 response;
- Allow each agency to provide operational overviews related to COVID-19;
- Identify operational gaps/needs-
- Share best practices and helpful information
- Order hard to come by supplies (PPE)

b. Project Roomkey – The Modesto Hotel

Tina Rocha, Deputy Executive Officer, provided an update on Project Roomkey in Stanislaus County.

- Overview of background information for federal, state and local mandates
- Timeline for the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) was reviewed.
- Modesto Hotel staffing, referral criteria, and customer statistical data, as well as the many community partners involved in this project was shared.
- Funding sources and updates for this project was communicated to the group.

c. COVID-19 Emergency Homeless Funding

Dana Bailey provided an update on the status of COVID-19 Emergency Homeless Funding. Funds were approved for purchase of supplies. Dana will provide an update of how much has been spent at the next meeting.

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

i. Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG)

Ana San Nicolas shared that the top four applicants that will receive allocations for the ESG funding were approved by the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday and will be sent for final approval to the state. 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. 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 Request for Proposals. There were 12 applications submitted for consideration. The grant review panel, with representatives from all jurisdictions in Stanislaus County, interviewed the organizations and three of them were approved and will be sent to the Board of Supervisors for final approval on July 28th. Ana San Nicolas will provide an update on this at the next meeting.

VI. Informational Items

a. General Funding Update

A funding update of the HHAP Program was given by Leng Power.

b. 2020 Point-In-Time Count

Kyle De Jesus, Housing and Support Services Manager, shared that the Point-In-Time (PIT) and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) reports have been submitted to HUD. He also reported that once analysis of data is complete, a detailed report and summary will be provided.

c. Governor's 100-Day Challenge

Leng Power provided an update for the Governor's 100-Day Challenge. Ms. Power communicated the four components of focus to achieve this goal and they are: Data, Service Coordination, Landlord Engagement, and Communication. 100 Day-Challenge goes from May 7th through September 3rd.

d. Kansas House

Jessica Narayan shared the construction schedule and timeline updates for Kansas House to proceed with obtaining the certificate of occupancy from the city which included the installation of on-site fire hydrants which were preventing the occupancy of Buildings B, C & D. The Housing Authority will be scheduling the timeline for residents to enter these buildings. Dana Bailey gave a brief overview of how the Coordinated Entry Process is helping to get potential residents of Kansas house document ready to move in to the facility. Over 100 applications have been forwarded and about 20 have been approved as of today.

e. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) / Coordinated Entry – Racial Equity

Dana Bailey shared a graphic to demonstrate equity –vs equality. HUD is evaluating emerging data confirming COVID-19 impacts on communities of color at a disproportionately high rate. There is growing evidence factors such as housing instability, systemic racial inequities, inadequate healthcare access and job/food insecurity and contributing to higher rates of infection and death in Latino, Black and Native Americans. New guidance encourages Continuums of Care (CoC's) and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) recipients and sub-recipients to make equity a foundation of systemic change, embedding it in design, implementation, performance measures and monitoring of work. HUD recognizes the HMIS system as a tool that demonstrates equity in our communities of color by reflecting services provided in these communities. Ms. Bailey also shared various graphics depicting racial statistics in the areas of housing placement, homelessness, and COVID-19 cases.

f. Stanislaus Homeless Alliance (SHA)

No report was available for this agenda item.

- i. Homeless Action Plan Subcommittee will be moved to a future agenda.

VII. Subcommittees

a. By-Law Review Committee

| Member | Representation |
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| 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 |

The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

VIII. CSOC General Membership Announcements

Sean Scully: The City of Riverbank has started a program that has purchased disposable masks to distribute to nonprofits, faith based organizations, and Housing Authority in Riverbank to anyone that needs masks. There is a list of all the organizations that received masks at the City Hall in Riverbank, in case you have anyone that needs masks.

Lise Talbott: Shared that Golden Valley is actively working with the homeless population through the Street Medicine Project. She stated that they are working with the Latino population during the COVID-19 crisis. They are reaching out to the populations and neighborhoods that have been hit the hardest not only about COVID-19, but also about the Census and voter registration.

Jason Conway: Shared that the Modesto Gospel Mission had their first positive COVID-19 case on June 20th and within 5-6 days they had 40 cases total. They are now testing every Tuesday. Half of COVID+ individuals have recovered and the other half are on the road to recovery and are doing well.

Linda Murphy-Julien: Wanted to remind everyone that they have 55 stops in 11 cities Monday-Friday on their food truck and they are interested in acquiring any information regarding COVID-19 in English and in Spanish to distribute out in the community.

Harold Laubach Jr.-Shared that the Salvation Army has a lot of vegetables and fruits to distribute.

Fred Berry-Shared that he has fruits and vegetables for anyone in the community that needs some. He reminded everyone to stay safe and take this virus seriously.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:58 pm.

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

Attendance

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| 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. | P |
| | 5 | Entitlement Jurisdiction: County | Angela Freitas - Director P&CD | A |
| | 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 | A |
| | 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 | A |
| | 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 | 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 | A |
| | 21 | Neighborhood Representative | Frank Ploof | A |
| | 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