

**MINUTES**

Thursday, August 20, 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**

Miguel Donoso is seeking clarification regarding terminology and expressed support for language that ensures different nationalities are represented, rather than just Latino.

**III. Consent Items**

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

On a motion by Frank Ploof and seconded by Taryn Muralt, the minutes were unanimously approved (16/0).

**IV. Action Items**

**a. Appoint two CSOC Council Members to serve as the Primary and Alternative Representatives to the Stanislaus Homeless Alliance.**

Nominations for Jason Conway to Serve as Primary representative and Harold Laubach Jr. to serve as Alternative representative for Stanislaus Homeless Alliance (SHA).

On a motion by Sean Scully and seconded by Francine DiCiano-Foley, the nominations were approved (14/0/2).

**V. COVID-19 Emergency Updates**

**a. Existing 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. Last week, updates from two shelters in midst of managing outbreak – assisted by public health to make sure all tools needed are provided; shared what they've learned, ways to prepare, and message to bring awareness. Distributed PPE gear from FEMA (face shields, surgical masks, gloves, hand sanitizer and thermometers). Shared guidelines for staff training. Providers made aware of opportunities for funding and trainings.

**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. FEMA approved an extension, approved through August 30, 2020.

Modesto hotel housed 108 guests as of July 7, 2020; allowing for isolation and quarantine for individuals over the age of 65 and those with pre-existing conditions. The guests are referred by Stanislaus County Public Health and local hospitals. Project Roomkey is assisting with decompressing the population at local shelters.

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

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

Ana San Nicolas shared that state level funding was available for rental assistance, shelter operations and services. Four agencies received grant funding, totaling \$726,290.

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

Ana San Nicolas shared an update on funding recommendations. CARES CDBG awards were approved by BOS and have been submitted to HUD. Funding could be used for utility and rental assistance, job training, emergency food. Six agencies were selected for grants and funds will be distributed, pending disbursement of funds by HUD. Estimate entering contracts within 30-45 days.

**VI. Informational Items**

**a. General Funding Update**

**i. California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH-Flex) Funding Scores**

Ana San Nicolas stated that this funding was approved in December 2019 and was placed on hold, due to COVID-19. These funds are meant to provide rental assistance and flexible rental subsidies. Four applications were received, totaling \$476,671, and will take recommendations to the Board of Supervisors in 30 days.

**ii. Project Homekey Funding Application**

Tina Rocha shared that Project Homekey, different from Project Roomkey, is a state effort to rapidly sustain and expand housing for people experiencing homelessness as a result of COVID-19. \$600 Million of total grants available, with an expenditure deadline of December 31, 2020 for \$550 Million and June 30, 2022 for \$50 Million. Priority application deadline is August 13, 2020 and deadline for all applications is September 29, 2020. The lead agency is Stanislaus Regional Housing Authority, in partnership with Stanislaus County and STANCO, for submission of two applications. The locations are in the unincorporated area of Stanislaus County.

**b. 2020 Point-In-Time (PIT) Count**

Kyle De Jesus provided an update on the 2020 results. There has been a growth in the homeless population throughout Stanislaus County, with the majority located in Modesto (75%) and Turlock (11%). The PIT count also discloses subpopulations, including: gender, age, race, education level, veterans, families, benefits received,

and location at the time of becoming homelessness. A two-page community report is being created, with easy-to-read infographics. Recognition of partners in the 2020 PIT Count: Golden Valley Health Center, Ceres, Hughson, Modesto, Newman, Oakdale, Patterson, Riverbank, Turlock, Waterford, County of Stanislaus departments.

**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.

Currently, sixteen individuals have moved into stable housing or are pending move-in. Three additional Project Roomkey guests have received Shelter Plus Care Vouchers through Stanislaus County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS), to be used to subsidized rent once they secure a unit.

Accomplishments from this project include strengthened relationship with landlords, maintaining active participation with collaborative agencies, education of stakeholders, and housing of Project Roomkey guests. Challenges were identified, including: client comfortability with the current situation at the Project Roomkey sites, securing additional housing units, and long-term case management services.

**d. Kansas House**

Dana Bailey shared that Kansas House has 103 units of permanent supportive housing. Building A is fully occupied as of June 2020 and Building C will be fully occupied next week. Building B has 32 total units with 17 occupied and 10 pending move-in. Building D is finalizing inspections before opening to community members.

Demographics shared of the residents showed that of the 205 individuals residing in Kansas House, the majority identified as “white.”

**e. HMIS / Coordinated Entry**

Dana Bailey provided an update regarding the Coordinated Entry (CE) process. CE allows all providers to identify the most vulnerable individuals and streamline the process of getting document ready and housing individuals through the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). The primary goal is to increase the efficiency of local responses to homelessness and improve fairness and ease the access to resources.

Housing providers have continued to participate in weekly case conferencing meetings to discuss clients, determine what documentation is still needed, and to ensure efficient and effective use of services. CE process has been used for Kansas House and Project Roomkey.

**f. Draft Outreach and Engagement Plan**

Kyle De Jesus shared that the Draft Outreach and Engagement Plan addresses the response, outreach and abatement processes of encampments. This is a multi-agency initiative and once finalized will be brought to SHA for presentation and endorsement.

**g. Stanislaus Homeless Alliance (SHA)**

The next SHA meeting will be held on Thursday, September 9, 2020.

**i. Homeless Action Plan Subcommittee**

This subcommittee was created to review and make a new action plan. There will be coordination with all cities in Stanislaus County to review the plans for their respective jurisdictions. Findings and recommendations hoped to be presented in September.

**VII. Subcommittees**

**a. CSOC By-Law Review Committee**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Representation</b>
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 By-Law subcommittee is tasked with reviewing and amending the current CSOC By-Laws. The next CSOC By-Law Review meeting is scheduled for August 27, 2020.

Once a draft is completed, it will be submitted to the CSOC Council for review.

**VIII. CSOC General Membership Announcements**

Frank Ploof expressed concern about a lack of homeless representation at the CSOC; this should include sheltered and non-sheltered representatives.

**IX. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 4:47 PM.

**ATTACHMENT A - ROLL CALL - CSOC COUNCIL**  
**Thursday, August 20, 2020**

**Attendance**

<b>FUNDERS</b>	1	Behavioral Health & Recovery Services Director	Ruben Imperial	P
	2	Community Services Agency Director	Kathy Harwell	P
	3	Entitlement Jurisdiction: Modesto	Jessica Narayan - CDM	A
	4	Entitlement Jurisdiction: Turlock	Maryn Pitt - Asst. to City Mgr.	A
	5	Entitlement Jurisdiction: County	Angela Freitas - Director P&CD	P
	6	Entitlement Jurisdiction: Riverbank	Sean Scully	P
<b>HOUSING/SERVICE PROVIDERS</b>	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	VACANT	
	14	Healthcare Provider	Lise Talbott	P
	15	Senior Service Provider - Stanislaus County of Aging & Veterans Services	Margie Palomino	A
<b>BROADER COMMUNITY</b>	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	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	P
	25	Law Enforcement Representative	VACANT	

A – Absent

P - Present