

STANISLAUS HOMELESS ALLIANCE

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MINUTES

Wednesday, September 9, 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 5:35p.m. (See Attachment A for Roll Call)
- II. **Public Comment Period**
No public comment.
- III. **Consent Items**
 - a. **Approval of the Minutes for the August 12, 2020 Meeting**
On a motion by Mike Kline and seconded by Luis Uribe, the minutes were unanimously approved (10/0).
- IV. **COVID-19 Emergency Updates**
 - a. **COVID-19 Emergency Homeless Funding**
Dana Bailey, Senior Housing & Homeless Services Manager of the Community Services Agency, provided the COVID-19 Emergency Homeless Funding update. They are currently in the process of compiling all of the funding that has been spent to date. To address the funding that was released by our Community System of Care to address COVID. That reconciliation is still in process. She did want to let everyone know that the information will be coming soon and they hope to bring it back to the group next month.
 - b. **Existing Homeless Shelter**
Dana Bailey, Senior Housing & Homeless Services Manager of the Community Services Agency, provided the update on the Existing Homeless Shelter. She stated that they meet weekly with the shelter providers and they provide updates on their COVID-19 response. It gives them an opportunity to share their information and bench marks and talk about gaps. On recent call, updates related to shelters as they began to reopen after having to quarantine in place because of COVID outbreak was shared.

Also is taking additional orders for FEMA supplies. Those supplies are for PPE. The state FEMA branch reached out to us to let us know that they were making available hard to get items, such as Face shields, thermometers, gowns and N95 mask. Placed another order and hope to distribute those items soon.

Also made the group aware that the Stanislaus Community Foundation is in the process of completing another survey of community needs and they have asked our providers

and other members of the Community to participate in their survey. On the CSOC website a link has been provided. The survey closes September 11, 2020.

c. Project Roomkey – The Modesto Hotel

Tina Rocha, Interim Housing & Homeless Services Assistant Director of the Community Services Agency, provided an update that we are currently sheltering 95 individuals at Project RoomKey. This is for at risk individuals that are either 65 years or older or have underlining health conditions that make them most vulnerable to COVID.

On August 29, 2020 the region Director for FEMA have extended the non-congregate sheltering approval through September 30, 2020. This coincides with the current appropriations authority that we have from the Board of Supervisors.

September 15, 2020, returning to the Board of Supervisors to provide an update and to get further direction.

V. Presentations

a. Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) Recipients

Dana shared that as a reminder Stanislaus County was a recipient of the homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) funding. The state released a \$500 million block grant designed to provide direct assistance to cities, counties, and Continuums of Care to address homelessness crisis throughout California. Stanislaus County was awarded \$7,236,986. Of that funding, agencies that were interested in using funds for services and using funds for capital projects, received part of that funding. Some of those agencies were asked to make a presentation.

Presentations were given by **Cambridge Academies** – Naomi’s House, **Center for Human Services** – Youth Navigation Center, **Oakdale Rescue Mission** - Renovation, and **Salvation Army**- Access Center Emergency Shelter.

VI. Reports

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

Kyle De Jesus shared an executive summary of the 2020 PIT count findings. The Point-In-Time (PIT) Count was a one-day count of all of the homeless individuals within the community. There was a total of 2,107 people, including 207 children, counted in Stanislaus County. The PIT count also discloses veterans, benefits received, and location at the time of becoming homelessness. Kyle presented a two-page easy-to-read infographic that went into great detail listing demographics, obstacles accessing services, and the top reasons stated for becoming homeless.

b. Governor’s 100-Day Challenge

Kyle De Jesus provided an update for the Governor’s 100-Day Challenge. The 100-Day Challenge began on May 27, 2020 and ended September 3, 2020. The 100-Day goal of

Team Stanislaus was to house 100 individuals experiencing homelessness that are 65 and older and/or have underlying medical conditions. Kyle shared data reflecting successful housing outcomes for the individuals sheltered at Project Roomkey. Leng Power, shared best practices, lessons learned, reflections, new areas tested, as well as the culture and network. In recognition of partners, Kyle thanked all of the partners that worked to make this challenge a success in housing or securing secure vouchers for 28 Project Roomkey guest.

Some of the accomplishments from this project include maintaining active participation with collaborative agencies, education of stakeholders on the mission/goal, data Collection/Increased Efficiency in Coordinated Entry Efforts, landlord engagement, 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.

c. HMIS / Coordinated Entry

Lynnell Fuller, HMIS Administrator, and Patty Estrada, the HMIS Specialist, provided information on how HMIS is utilized in the Coordinated Entry (CE) process. CE allows all providers to identify and prioritize the most vulnerable individuals and families. This allows them to streamline the process of getting documents ready and housing individuals. They gave us a view of the dashboard and explained how the database operates. This system allows Partners to access the client's history so we can better coordinate our resources and services to assist. Housing providers have continued to participate in weekly case conferencing meetings to discuss clients, and to ensure efficient and effective use of services.

d. SHA Meeting Schedule

- i. **ACTION** – Reschedule/Cancel November 11th meeting
Staff requested the November 11th meeting be canceled due to County holiday. On a motion by Luis Uribe and seconded by Jason Conway, it was unanimously approved (10/0) the November 11th meeting be canceled.

e. Homeless Action Plan Subcommittee

- i. **ACTION** – Support the retention of HomeBase to assist with the Homeless Action Plan update
Dana informed the group about Homebase – a consultant that works directly with HUD. They will help develop a strategic plan for the Stanislaus Community. They submitted a proposal that gives an overview of the actions they would take to help us develop a plan. Cost is being negotiated. CSOC will assign three people to participate on the SHA Homeless Action Plan Subcommittee.
On a motion by Jason Conway and seconded by Mike Kline, it was unanimously approved (10/0) for the County to move forward and retain HomeBase.

VII. Funding

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

Continued to a future meeting.

b. Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round II Funding

Leng Power shared that the HHAP Round II Funding allocations for the Turlock/Modesto-Stanislaus Continuum of Care is \$1,071.860 and for Stanislaus County is \$959,379. Allocations are based on the 2019 Point-in-Time Count. The notice of funding availability, application and guidance are forth coming.

VIII. SHA Representative Updates

Modesto: Mayor Ted Brandvold shared a few projects underway in the City of Modesto:

- Creating employment opportunities for people experiencing homelessness. Staff has been working to create an employment continuum that would be similar to the housing continuum concept. Taking individuals who have experienced homelessness and are in the downtown streets team and trying to get them into a ready to work program, and, eventually more traditional employment.
- The Modesto Police Department has hired three members from the Downtown Streets Team. The budget will give them about 20 hours a week with wages between \$13 - \$15 an hour.
- Vine Street – developing 23 units of veterans housing and 12 units of senior housing that will provide 35 affordable housing with expected completion in March 2021.
- Archway Commons will have 74 units of affordable rental housing. The city received grant funding in the amount of \$24 million for the project. Construction starting May 2021 with expected completion of October 2022 with March 2023 occupancy date.

Oakdale: Councilmember Christopher Smith shared the City of Oakdale is going to break ground on a senior apartment complex next week.

Turlock: Councilmember Andrew Nosrati shared the City of Turlock is moving forward with discussion. A Special City Council meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2020. The City Council will discuss the details on the Westside Revitalization Plan, a plan that puts some immediate actions in place to start working on getting some of their homeless population off the streets into a controlled environment with wrap around care. The plan also addresses long term affordable housing. Implored everyone to please read and give feedback or ideas on how it could work better before September 17, 2020 Special Council Meeting.

Riverbank: Councilmember Luis Uribe shared some positive news. He stated that he volunteered at a local food bank and was able to help 112 families. Shared that nothing more valuable than having that one-on-one discussion with our homeless population and getting that direct feedback. Wanted to reinforce what the City of Riverbank is trying to do with short term goal being outreach and continuing to build those relationships and trust. Long term goal is a smaller scale of what Patterson is doing with the Host House.

CSOC: Jason Conway shared that the next CSOC meeting is next Thursday, September 17, 2020 from 2:30pm -4:30pm. He states they are working on new bylaws for the CSOC so to better help reach the ultimate goal which is by working collaboratively with the community and breaking homelessness.

Stanislaus County: Supervisor Terry Withrow shared that he is looking forward to what's going on in Turlock. Excited that they are moving forward with a plan and look forward to partnering up with them. And look forward to the council weighing in and coming up with a plan of action.

Stanislaus Regional Housing Authority: Barbara Kauss shared that they are also excited about what Turlock is doing as well. Housing Authority has a couple of small projects going and they toured a property today. The Housing Authority is building housing in the counties of San Andreas, Mariposa, Turlock, Modesto, Oakdale and Sonora and is looking at a few others. The 1612 former Clarion is a two phase project.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Next Meeting Wednesday, October 14, 2020

ATTACHMENT A - ROLL CALL
Stanislaus Homeless Alliance Board
Wednesday, September 9, 2020

Attendance

1	City of Ceres	Mike Kline	Primary	P
		Tom Westbrook	Alternate	A
2	City of Modesto	Ted Brandvold	Primary	A
		Joe Lopez	Alternate	P
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	P
6	City of Turlock	Andrew Nosrati	Primary	P
		Toby Wells	Alternate	A
7	Community System of Care	VACANT	Primary	-
		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	P
10	Stanislaus Regional Housing Authority	Carlos Estacio III	Primary	A
		Barbara Kauss	Alternate	P

A – Absent
P - Present