

## STANISLAUS HOMELESS ALLIANCE

### MINUTES

Wednesday, August 12, 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: 33p.m. (See Attachment A for Roll Call)
- II. **Public Comment Period**  
No public comment.
- III. **Consent Items**
  - a. **Approval of the Minutes for the July 8, 2020 Meeting**  
On a motion by Andrew Nosrati and seconded by Luis Uribe, the minutes were unanimously approved (9/0). Modesto representatives were not present
- IV. **Action Items**  
No action items
- 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. Last week, updates from 2 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 a presentation shared with the Board of Supervisors regarding Project RoomKey. FEMA approved an extension, approved through August 30, 2020.  
  
Demographic information of the guests at the Modesto Hotel were provided, including: gender, age, health issues, and placement origin. There has been shelter decompression that has helped with social distancing.  
  
Tina Rocha shared the projected costs of the Modesto hotel. Restoration budget is high, with minimal use. Secured 2 sources of revenue, totaling \$760,000, and Stanislaus

County can claim FEMA reimbursement at 75%. Will continue searching for more funding to be used for match funding.

Councilmember Andrew Nosrati suggested it would be interesting to prepare a case study on fiscal impact of taking the vulnerable homeless population off the street and is there long term fiscal savings if people are put into hotel rooms and taken off the street.

**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 the Board of Supervisors 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. Anticipate executing 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. Staff recommendations will be taken to the Board of Supervisors within 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 grants is 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 Stanislaus County Affordable Housing Corporation (STANCO), for submission of two applications. Both 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 veterans, 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, nine individuals have moved into stable housing or are pending move-in. An additional 22 Kansas House applications have been submitted and are under review.

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**

Jim Kruse, Deputy Director of the Stanislaus Regional Housing Authority, shared that 46 families were housed and an additional 15 families are moving in within two weeks. 10-15 families will move in each week until all units are filled. The Housing Authority is currently developing outdoor amenities and improving the parking lots, fencing and street lighting. Security cameras were confirmed to be working and continuously monitored by Modesto Police Department.

**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. 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 an Outreach and Engagement Plan that addresses the response, outreach and abatement processes of encampments is in development. This is a multi-agency initiative and once finalized will be brought to SHA for presentation and endorsement.

**g. Stanislaus Community System of Care (CSOC) Update**

Jason Conway announced that the CSOC meeting is Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 2:30 PM and the agenda will include appointing the Primary and Alternate CSOC representative to the SHA Board.

**VII. Subcommittees**

**a. Homeless Action Plan Update**

Chairman Brad Hawn shared that the Homeless Action Plan Subcommittee is identifying ways to outreach to the community. The subcommittee will meet next week to finalize recommendations and will be brought to SHA and CSOC, in September, for input.

**VIII. SHA Representative Updates**

**Ceres, Riverbank, Focus on Prevention:** No Updates

**Modesto:** Jessica Narayan shared a few projects: Archway Commons awarded \$24 Million for 74 units; starting construction early 2021. Vine Street for units for veterans and senior housing.

**Oakdale:** Councilmember Christopher Smith shared that Oakleaf Meadows contractor has used its own money to fix unanticipated problems and Oakdale plans to reimburse the contractor.

**Patterson:** Councilmember Cynthia Homen provided the following update: Low income apartments will have grand opening in November 2020. They have received more applicants than the 66 available units.

Naomi's house is moving along but no confirmed grand opening date.

**Turlock:** Councilmember Andrew Nosrati shared Avena Bella should have 60 affordable housing units available by end of year. The city is completing permits of 14 units of permanent supportive affordable housing units; 4 rehabilitated and 10 constructed. \$180,000 of CDBG funds used for homeless prevention for rent support.

Cleanup of encampments from Union Pacific has resulted in a lot of displacement.

No known cases of COVID in Turlock homeless population.

**Focus on Prevention:** No update

**Stanislaus County:** Supervisor Terry Withrow requested input on progress with COVID-19. Tina shared that the 2020 PIT count showed higher numbers of homeless individuals due to increase in volunteers. COVID has presented challenges and rather than additional shelter beds, more units along the continuum are needed to make a meaningful impact. Gaps have been identified in case management and now need to address how to support partnering agencies in their provision of services. Dana stated that significant progress has been made in collaborative efforts to house individuals and many lessons learned during COVID-19 period.

**Stanislaus Regional Housing Authority:** Jim Kruse shared that the Housing Authority purchased the Clarion Hotel and will be converting the building to office use and 140 units of workforce housing.

**Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM.

**ATTACHMENT A - ROLL CALL**  
**Stanislaus Homeless Alliance Board**  
**Wednesday, August 12, 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	A
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	A
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	P
9	Stanislaus County	Terry Withrow	Primary	P
		Jody Hayes	Alternate	P
10	Stanislaus Regional Housing Authority	Carlos Estacio III	Primary	P
		Barbara Kauss	Alternate	A

A – Absent  
P - Present