

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, November 19, 2020

2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Zoom Meeting

I. Roll Call – CSOC Council

Chairperson Jason Conway called the meeting to order at 2:39 PM. (See Attachment A for Roll Call)

II. Public Comment Period

- a. Jason Conway, Council Chair, quickly reminded participants to set personal objectives aside in order to serve the greater goals of the community.
- b. Taryn Muralt, Center for Human Services, introduced Emily Webster, the Director of Youth Navigation Center. Reminded everyone about CEO Jody Hayes Letter and would like to know about discussion of this letter and potential of being an agenda item. Jason Conway offered his support of the letter and its intent, and did not commit to including as a future agenda item.
- c. Fred Berry, CSOC Council member, requested to be brought current on previously CSOC meetings he was unable to attend. Jason Conway will be giving Berry a call.
- d. Linda Murphy shared concerns about letter previously discussed.
- e. Liz Talbott acknowledged her concerns regarding the letter.
- f. Michael Garcia, community member, shared information about the American GI Forum, which addresses concerns about Veterans. Also shared concerns about previous meeting's public comment section.
- g. Noe Paramo, California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc., requested his written comments relating to low wage farmworkers submitted from previous meeting be reflected in the minutes.
- h. Andrew Nosrati, SHA Council member, requested follow up regarding the \$22 million dollars being discussed on Dec 3rd. Would like clarification as to why outreach was not a priority for these funds due to the importance and need of street outreach.
- i. Miguel Donoso, community member, shared concerns about transparency and trust within the committee. Requested a correction on meeting minutes 10/21/2020 to reflect accurate start and end time.
- j. Katherine Robinson, California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc., asked for clarification on public comment instructions and attributing comments in the record the minutes.

III. Approval of Minutes

- a. Minutes for October 15, 2020. Maryn Pitt gives motion to approve. Sean Scully seconds motion. (12/14 motion to approve) 2 abstained due to absence.
- b. Minutes for October 21, 2020. Francine DiCiano-Foley gives motion to approve. Liz Talbott second motion. (12/14 motion to approve) 2 abstained due to absence.

IV. Action Items

- a. Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round II Funding (General): Leng Power, Homeless and Housing Manager with CSA, discussed the HHAP eligible uses including: rental assistance and rapid rehousing, operating subsidies for new or existing housing units, landlord incentives, outreach and coordination, creation of regional delivery systems, permanent housing and innovative solutions, prevention and shelter diversion to permanent housing, and new navigation centers/emergency shelters.
 - i. In November 2019 and January 2020, the CSA and AE discussed distribution of funds with CSOC. The distribution of funds is as follows: Youth and Homeless Services, Infrastructure Development, and Administrative Costs.
 - ii. Application submitted in February and notification in April, funding received shortly after.
 - iii. Recommendations include:
 - Keeping the scope of the project proposal as broad as possible to allow for creativity of uses
 - Keeping the CSOC's original direction
 - Issuing Requests for Proposals (RFPs) and also allow others to submit proposals while allowing for innovation
 - Working quickly to utilize all of the funding
 - Utilizing housing developing professionals to make the most from construction of homes with this funding
 - Sticking to permanent housing
 - Offering a workshop to gather interest
 - iv. **Action:** Confirm the CSOC direction to maintain scope *Delivery of Permanent Housing and Innovative Housing Solutions* in request for proposal released to public.
 - Jessica Narayan offered motion to approve: Second M. Pitt (14/14 approval)
- b. **2021 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count**
 - i. Kyle De Jesus, Housing and Homeless Manager at CSA, reported on HUD's recent guidance offering different options to conduct an Unsheltered PIT Count, which are as follows 1) not to proceed, 2) request an exception to proceed from HUD, 3) modify how an unsheltered count can take place, and lastly 4) proceed with the full unsheltered PIT count.
 - ii. Recommendations:
 - Option 3 and 4 are not ideal
 - Option 2 provides a safer alternative to conducting count with community volunteers during COVID-19 pandemic
 - Concerns raised regarding COVID remaining active in the community through January
 - Move forward with Option 2 and request a HUD exception to January unsheltered count due to COVID spread
 - iii. **Action:** Request CSOC authorization to move forward with Unsheltered Count per U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) guidelines or

pursue an exception

- Motion retracted;
- Action tabled to December 17, 2020 Regular Meeting: CSOC requests Stanislaus County Public Health recommendation, and; determination if current HMIS data is sufficient to provide accurate estimate of homelessness in community.

V. Reports

- a. Fiscal year 2019-2020 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation reports (CAPERs) for Stanislaus Urban County and City of Modesto and City of Turlock, HUD entitlement jurisdictions.
- b. Committee Reports
 - i. CSOC Bylaw Review:
 - L. Julien requested additional support from CSOC members to participate on subcommittee; J. Conway and J. Narayan volunteered.

VI. Meeting adjourned at 5:06pm

The following items were tabled to the December 17, 2020 meeting;

A. Reports:

- i. Homeless Action Plan Subcommittee
- ii. Planning & Development Committee
- iii. HMIS Subcommittee

B. COVID-19 Emergency Updates

- iv. Existing Homeless Shelters Updates
- v. Project Roomkey – The Modesto Hotel

ATTACHMENT A - ROLL CALL - CSOC COUNCIL
Thursday, November 19, 2020

Attendance

FUNDERS	1	Entitlement Jurisdiction: Modesto	Jessica Narayan - CDM	P
	2	Entitlement Jurisdiction: Turlock	Maryn Pitt – Asst. to City Mgr.	A
	3	Entitlement Jurisdiction: Riverbank	Sean Scully	P
HOUSING/SERVICE PROVIDERS	4	Permanent Supportive Housing Provider	Tamra Losinski	P
	5	Transitional/Rapid-Rehousing Provider	Esther Rosas	P
	6	Emergency Shelter Provider	Harold Laubach Jr	A
	7	Youth Services Provider	Taryn Muralt	P
	8	Victims Services Provider	Lakin Ambriz	P
	9	Housing Authority of Stanislaus County	Michele Gonzales	P
	10	Veterans Services - VA Palo Alto Health Care System, Supervisory Social Worker or HUD-VASH Program Team Member	Jaime Betancur	P
	11	Healthcare Provider	Liz Talbott	P
	12	Senior Service Provider - Stanislaus County of Aging & Veterans Services	Margie Palomino	A
BROADER COMMUNITY	13	Lived Experience 1	Dawn Dominguez	A
	14	Lived Experience 2	Jason Conway	P
	15	Lived Experience 3	VACANT	
	16	Homeless Advocate	Linda Murphy-Julien	P
	17	Faith Sector Representative	VACANT	
	18	Neighborhood Representative	Frank Ploof	P
	19	Education Community Representative	Fred Berry	P
	20	Business Community Representative	VACANT	
	21	Philanthropy Representative	Francine DiCiano-Foley	P
	22	Law Enforcement Representative	Chief Erin Kiely	A

A – Absent

P - Present