

STANISLAUS HOMELESS ALLIANCE

MINUTES

Wednesday, December 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 5:35 pm
See Attachment A for Roll Call

II. Public Comment Period

Carmen Wilson, Center for Human Services / Community Member recognized and commended their Program Director – Youth Services, Taryn Muralt, for achievements and upcoming retirement in January.

John Mataka, Grace and Neighborhood Council / Community member advocated for shelter services in rural communities like Patterson and Riverbank. Stated that focus needs to be on rural areas and on communities of color.

Miguel Donoso, Community Member stated the need to have better housing programs/services offered for all cities within Stanislaus County. Donoso recommended a focus on ethnicity and equitable representation.

III. Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes for the October 14, 2020 Meeting. First motion to approve by Luis Uribe and seconded by Jason Conway. Minutes were unanimously approved (9/10). City of Modesto abstained due to missed October 2020 meeting.

IV. Funding

a. Emergency Solutions Grants Program – Coronavirus (ESG-CV) Funding Update - Round 2) by Angela Freitas, Director of County's Planning and Community Development Department

ESG funding provides funding to assist with engaging homeless individuals and families living on street, improving the number of quality of emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families, helping operate these shelters, providing essential services to shelter residents, rapidly re-housing homeless individuals and families, and preventing families/individuals from becoming homeless. Round One: California Department of Housing and Community Development release the CA ESG CV1 on June 1, 2020: Turlock/Modesto/Stanslaus County Continuum of Care \$857,100. Round Two: CA DEPT of Housing and Community Development released the CA ESG CV2 NOFA on October 2, 2020: Turlock/Modesto/Stanslaus County Continuum of Care \$22,767,898. Priorities for funding include: supporting needs of existing shelter operations; unexpected operations

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and supply costs not covered by other available funding sources; supporting the development of new housing units aimed at transitional and permanent supportive housing; rapid re-housing; homeless prevention. Eligible activity categories for CV2 include: emergency shelter, homeless prevention, rapid re-housing, street outreach, and homeless management information system. Homeless prevention is only eligible funding if all rapid re-housing & emergency shelter needs are already met by current ESG or other funding sources. Special meeting of CSOC held on October 21, 2020 for the primary purpose of identifying a funding strategy: emergency shelter (60% \$13.6M), rapid re-housing (16.8% \$3.8M), street outreach (10% \$2.2M), HMIS (10% \$2.2M), Administration (3.2% 734,000). Next meeting December 17, 2020, AE will work to put together a packet to CSOC on actions needed and to identify options available. Special meetings will be scheduled as needed.

Community members shared concerns for increases in homelessness during COVID-19.

Jody Hayes, CEO of Stanislaus County, shared a potential funding strategy also presented during the recent CSOC Special meeting. Uribe, had questions regarding qualifications for this funding. Hayes clarified that all shelters could potentially apply but that the funding strategy is targeted to existing shelters. He also made it clear there is enough funding to consider new shelters.

Brad Hawn shared the Satellite Shelters plan that could potentially house 24 homeless people and would take about 6 months to build from start to finish. He also shared the potential to partner with outreach employees to provide referrals to and assistance for those using the facility. Further information can be found within the presentation.

Miguel Donoso, community member, stated his concerns about not having the Satellite Shelter plan in the agenda ahead of time. Donoso also stated concerns about cities not having the administrative capacity to submit proposals or ideas for outreach or for conducting the outreach.

b. Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round I Request for Proposals (RFP) and Round II Funding

Dana Bailey, Assistant Director of Housing & Homeless, Stanislaus County CSA, shared information on the HHAP Round II Funding. The grant is a total of \$300 million, which \$1,071,860 allocated for CSOC and \$959k for Stanislaus County. \$959,379.

V. COVID-19 Emergency Updates

a. COVID-19 Emergency Homeless Funding

Ms. Bailey shared background of the COVID-19 Emergency Homeless Funding and the actions approved by CSOC to address three priority areas: 1) support all existing homeless shelters to address COVID-19 2) develop new shelter space and support outreach to and hygiene needs of unsheltered homeless to address COVID-19, and 3)

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allocate funds to provide wraparound services at new shelter spaces to address COVID-19. Ms. Bailey reported the shelters had been made aware of new eligible use of the funds to go back as far as March to submit requests for reimbursement of staff and other operations costs to help offset additional COVID-19 related costs. . Additional slides show allocations and encumbrances.

b. Existing Homeless Shelter

Bailey shared the objectives from the weekly directors call and updates on existing homeless shelters. She repeated the new outreach to shelters to apply for COVID related costs reimbursement. Conway shared COVID related concerns in the shelters/facilities. Hawn shared his experience with COVID when it first arrived and now. Would also like to know if shelters are running at full capacity. Conway clarified that shelters cannot run at capacity due to social distancing requirements related to Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidance to address the spread of the virus. . Bailey will confirm COVID capacity of shelters.

Community members shared personal experiences with homeless families and their refusal to seek shelter due to fear of COVID. Community members recommended a need for additional health and safety information offered to the public.

c. Project Roomkey - The Modesto Hotel

Bailey shared information on Project Roomkey currently sheltering 58 individuals which is fewer than normal. Bailey shared additional information about Project Roomkey's purpose being to address vulnerable homeless at higher risk if exposed to COVID-19 (seniors, medically fragile, etc.).

VI. Reports

a. Homeless Action Plan Subcommittee

The HAP subcommittee is developing a survey to capture the voices of the community in finding solutions to homelessness in the area. The survey is being tailored for specific outreach to smaller communities and including communities of color.

VII. SHA Representative Updates

a. MODESTO

Shared about the camp to home initiative as well as the housing projects starting in February and in March.

b. OAKDALE

Shared the lack of COVID related issues in the community due to a smaller population.

c. PATTERSON

Shared information about the Naomi's House opening a few weeks ago.

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- d. RIVERBANK**
No updates
 - e. TURLOCK**
No updates
 - f. CSOC**
Will meet next Thursday, December 17th, and are committed to continue to evaluate the ESG funding. They will meet as often as needed to.
 - g. FOCUS ON PREVENTION**
No updates
 - h. STANISLAUS COUNTY**
Would like to see a recognition of the work that is being done with SHA to all councilmembers as it might be good for exposure to the group.
 - i. STANISLAUS REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY**
Shared their soft opening for 56 units of affordable housing.
- VIII.** Meeting adjournment adjourned at 7:25pm

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Location: via Zoom

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ATTACHMENT A - ROLL CALL

Stanislaus Homeless Alliance Board
 Wednesday, December 9, 2020

Attendance

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|----|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|----|
| 1 | City of Ceres | TBD JAN 2021 | Primary | -- |
| | | Tom Westbrook | Alternate | A |
| 2 | City of Modesto | Joe Lopez | Primary | P |
| | | Rosa Escutia-Braaton | Alternate | P |
| 3 | City of Oakdale | Christopher Smith | Primary | P |
| | | Bryan Whitemyer | Alternate | A |
| 4 | City of Patterson | Cynthia Homen | Primary | A |
| | | 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 | Jason Conway | Primary | P |
| | | Major Harold Laubauh, Jr. | Alternate | A |
| 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