

MINUTES

Wednesday, August 11, 2021

5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

I. Roll Call – Stanislaus Homeless Alliance (SHA) Representatives

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Brad Hawn at 5:39 p.m. Please see the attachments for the roll call.

II. Public Comment Period

No public comment

III. Approval of Minutes

Miguel Donoso requested a copy of the July 14th meeting. An email requesting the zoom recording will be sent to Dana Bailey.

With a motion to approve from Jason Conway and second from Barbara Kauss, the minutes for June 9, 2021 and July 14, 2021 was approved. (7- Y, 4 – Abstain)

IV. Action Items

a. Update: Regional Homeless Strategic Plan

Dana Bailey, Housing & Homeless, CSA, reported SHA and CSOC had a joint meeting on July 14th to review the Regional Homeless Strategic Plan (HSP). HSP was presented to the body and it remains in draft. Homebase reported their activities to develop the draft including initiating conversations with stakeholders, conducting focus groups, interviews, and facilitating a community forum to solicit more feedback and introduce community goals. Homebase will accept additional comments, questions or concerns through August 27th at stanislaus@homebaseccc.org. The updated version of the HSP will include the incorporated feedback. Dana Bailey requested additional contacts, especially for expanded outreach to disproportionately impacted communities, be forwarded to Homebase or to the CSOC@stancounty.org website.

Fred Berry, a community member, will share his feedback to the executive committee regarding the Regional Homeless Strategic Plan.

Miguel Donoso shared the committee must have a clear representation according to each regional district and to have a better community outreach. Mr. Donoso shared he would like to see the representatives have expertise in homeless, be fair and have ethnic representation. He would like to see more people from the community appointed on the joint committee.

Action: Appoint representatives to a joint SHA/CSOC Executive Committee for the Regional Homeless Strategic Plan.

Lise Talbott, Sue Zwahlen, Brad Hawn and Cynthia Homen were appointed as representatives for the Regional Homeless Strategic Plan Committee. Darlene Barber and Christopher Smith were appointed as alternate representatives.

With a motion to approve from Jason Conway and second from Darlene Barber-Martinez the SHA

Executive Committee appointees was approved (9 – Yes, 2- Abstain).

V. Funding

- a. Update: Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) Round II
Leng Power, Housing and Homeless, CSA, presented an update to HHAP Round II funding. The request for proposals (RFP) was released on July 12, 2021. Deadline for submission has been extended to August 31, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. Questions related to the RFP must be directed to gsa_purchasing@stancounty.com.

Miguel Donoso asked if HUD’s racial equity policy is included in the RFP and if addressing the policy is a criteria of funding. All questions related to the RFP must be directed to the procurement officer, so a copy of the RFP will be mailed to Mr. Donoso for review.

- b. New Funding Sources:
 - i. American Rescue Plan
Dana Bailey shared there is no new update on this item. Currently, no funding explicitly related to homelessness is in this budget package.
 - ii. Governor’s Budget
Dana Bailey shared on May 14th Governor Newsom proposed adding \$12 billion in homeless related funds to the state budget. The goal was to add 46,000 new homeless housing units, end family homelessness in five years, implement an encampment strategy, prevent youth homelessness, transform public spaces near highways and provide 65,000 people experiencing homelessness with housing placements. On July 22nd the homeless package was signed into law, with an investment of \$12 billion dollars which would be available over a two-year period to expand multiple new and existing homelessness programs. The programs include HHAP, Project HomeKey and Roomkey, Encampment Resolution Program and Social Services Programs.

VI. Reports

- a. Coordinated Entry System (CES) Policies & Procedures
Dana Bailey reported the activities of the CES working group, comprised of participants in the county CES, that began working on updating policies and procedures in October 2020. The review groups were: Assessment, Housing Prioritization & Match, Documentation, and Housing Placement. The document will be presented in draft to the CSOC on August 19, and a final draft adopted at the September CSOC meeting.
- b. City of Modesto: ESRI Homeless Outreach Dashboard
Jessica Hill, City of Modesto, shared a brief presentation on the Survey 1-2-3 GIS based system and dashboard adopted for homeless outreach.

VII. COVID-19 Emergency Updates

- a. Update: Existing Homeless Shelters
Dana Bailey announced the California Department of Health Services, through an application process, are offering free COVID antigen tests to accredited homeless shelters. Once the application is accepted by the state, shelter staff are trained to administer the test on site, including collecting samples, reading the tests and recording the results. The Salvation Army and Center for Human Services were recently approved to administer onsite tests. Public Health will be sharing a presentation at the shelter directors meeting this Friday and continues to collaborate with shelters to provide vaccine options.

VIII. SHA General Membership Announcements

Oakdale: No Update

Riverbank: Darlene Barber-Martinez announced they purchased a home for Housing and Homeless. An open house meeting with Community Services Agency (CSA) Social Services Department will be coordinated in the next few weeks to discuss the services needed at that home. They applied for funding to make improvements to the house. Additionally, they were able to secure \$2 million from Senator Eggman's office to further efforts for the homeless.

Ceres: No Update

Modesto: Sue Zwahlen shared an update on the Camp to Home program. There are currently at capacity with 25 individuals, with 11 on the waitlist, 19 individuals are employed and 3 were permanent housed. A graduate who has been homeless for 11 years has been housed.

Patterson: Brad Hawn shared Naomi's House, which houses 25 women, is operating. Cambridge Academy and the city have come together to work with as many women as they can find. They are applying for HAT funds for children and family center for mothers to place their children during working hours.

Turlock: No Update

Waterford: No Update

Regional Housing Authority: No Update

CSOC: Jason Conway shared CSOC will be meeting next week by Zoom. A draft of the By-Laws have been finalized and will be presented in next week's meeting.

Stanislaus County: Terry Withrow shared the Board of Supervisors placed money aside, \$30 million dollars, for job creation and economic development. He shared \$5 million will be committed to community development corporation that has been initiated through City Ministries. These funds will help people as first time homebuyers to our community development finance institutions. Mr. Withrow shared his gratitude to the board and staff in making Stanislaus County a better place.

Fred Berry commented SCOE provided backpacks, clothes, hygiene and haircuts to Naomi's House to help families with children going back to school.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

SPECIAL Meeting: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Location: TBD

Parking Lot - Future Action/Discussion/Informational Items

- Kansas House
- ESRI/GIS Street Outreach Project

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- CARE 2.0
- 2-1-1 proposal / Update: Outreach and Engagement

ATTACHMENT A - ROLL CALL
Stanislaus Homeless Alliance Board
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Attendance

1	City of Ceres	Javier Lopez	Primary	A
		Tom Westbrook	Alternate	A
2	City of Modesto	Sue Zwahlen	Primary	P
		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	Darlene Barber - Martinez	Primary	P
		Sean Scully	Alternate	A
6	City of Turlock	Rebecka Monez	Primary	A
		Amy Bublak	Alternate	A
7	City of Waterford	Lise Talbott	Primary	P
		Mike Pitcock	Alternate	A
8	Community System of Care	Jason Conway	Primary	P
		Major Harold Laubach, Jr	Alternate	A
9	Focus on Prevention	Brad Hawn	Primary	P
		Tim Byrd	Alternate	A
10	Stanislaus County	Terry Withrow	Primary	P
		Jody Hayes	Alternate	P
11	Stanislaus Regional Housing Authority	Dirk Hoek	Primary	A
		Barbara Kauss	Alternate	P

A – Absent
P - Present