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**MINUTES**

**Wednesday, September 8, 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 5:33 pm. Please see the attachments for the roll call.
- II. Public Comment Period**  
Miguel Donoso, a community member, will share his concerns regarding conflict of interest related to the SHA at the October meeting.
- III. Approval of Minutes**  
Motion to approve the minutes for August 11, 2021 from Dirk Hoek and second from Darlene Barber-Martinez. Approved (8 – Y, 0 – Abstain)
- IV. Funding**
  - a. Update: Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) Round II  
Dana Bailey, Housing & Homeless, CSA, provided an updated on HHAP Round II. The RFP closed on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Multiple proposals were received and are under review by General Services Agency (GSA). The evaluation team will be meeting on August 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss the proposals and they will complete their scoring by August 29<sup>th</sup>. There is protest period of five days. There will be an announcement who will be awarded the funds and letters will be released approximately October 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. Update: Funding Matrix  
Dana Bailey stated monitoring continues of the amount of funding that is coming into the community to serve the homeless programs and services that are operating in Stanislaus County. The funding comes from multiple sources but primarily from Federal and State, and is awarded to the System of Care and the County for distribution to local city providers. The funding matrix is a potential tool to track what is available and identify potential funding gaps. Information tracked on the matrix include; funding source, legal authority, amounts received, expenditure deadlines, and recipients. Some expenditures were assigned to Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF), others tied to FEMA funds, and most will be expiring by the end of the year. Additionally, the Governor's office announced an expansion of some grant programs. When confirmed, the matrix will be updated. The SHA requested local cities in receipt of Federal and State funding provide the information for inclusion on the matrix.
- V. Reports**
  - a. Update: Regional Homeless Strategic Plan  
Nora Breslin, Homebase, provided an updated for the Regional Homeless Strategic Plan. CSOC and SHA, led by workgroup, collaborated with Homebase to work on HSP process that collects information and feedback plan to address homelessness. Nora shared the updated timeline for the Strategic Plan. The final presentation of the plan will concur in December 2021.

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Miguel Donoso shared his concerns regarding the lack of data, specifically related to Mexican, Mexican-American, and Latinos, in the Homeless Strategic Plan. He suggested the plan does not mention the effect in the community in regards to housing, renting problem, issues to health service or mental health services. He also believes there is a lack of transparency in the information shown in the Strategic Plan, which is needed to obtain goals and objectives. He would like to see how this affects economic and homeless in the community, specifically to Mexican, Mexican-American and Latinos. Encouraged the body to review the 1997 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) memo regarding ethnicity and race.

b. Update: Point-in-Time Count

Dana Bailey shared there will be more information shared on the new data quality standards that are being released by HUD and process for the planning of the upcoming Point-in-Time (PIT) Count.

Miguel Donoso, expressed the PIT Count data is inaccurate and how the information is essential to the community. Encouraged board members to review the August 29, 2018 meeting in regards to the HMIS racial disparity committee. At that time, the committee was reporting to the continuum of care. He shared how it is a big issue how this county systematically, slowly, directly or indirectly makes a determination in service to the homeless Mexican, Mexican-American, Hispanic and Latinos.

c. Proposal: Partnership with United Way / Community Action Partnership of Kern (Cap K) for 2-1-1 coordinated entry system services

Dana Bailey gave a presentation on the United Way 2-1-1 system and Cap K. CapK currently operates the Stanislaus County 2-1-1 system and has extensive experience managing the coordinated entry system in Kern County. Cap K proposed expanding its current services to include a homelessness module in Stanislaus County, assisting clients with initial screening, intakes and VISPDAT vulnerability assessments for people who are experiencing homelessness. The CSOC appointed a task force to further research the proposal and make recommendations.

### VI. COVID-19 Emergency Updates

a. Update: COVID Response Existing Homeless Shelters

Dana Bailey shared they conducted a presentation to the shelters in July and five shelters have applied for the antigen testing. The shelters are working closely with Public Health to improve their capacity and vaccinating the homeless population. They are updating their protocols because of the new delta variant.

Jason Conway shared 65% clients and 95% of staff are vaccinated. The State has suspended the antigen test due to short supplies because of the rise of COVID cases. They currently are onboarding with PCR tests.

### VII. SHA General Membership Announcements

**Oakdale:** No Update

**Riverbank:** Darlene Barker-Martinez stated they had a meeting with their non-profits organizations to provide an update on the housing plans and services for the homeless. They describe the vision of services that they will be providing through their Restart Riverbank Program. A brief update on SHA and the HSP was shared as well as the type of program they believe will be successful with the help of

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Cambridge Academies.

**Ceres:** No Update

**Modesto:** Sue Zwhalen shared the case study regarding the homeless dashboard. The dashboard is a real time reporting tool that streamlines data collection and evaluation. ESRI has featured their efforts through a case study and beginning to promote through an article through their marketing channels, which will be featured in their October newsletter.

**Patterson:** Cynthia Homen shared two Governor's Field Representative visited Naomi's House and Host House programs. Naomi's House receives on average 6-10 mothers with children per night, they are happy to serve these women in need. Cynthia shared a success story of a female student who graduated, reunited with her family, obtain a job at the post office, received great evaluations and was given the key to the Sutter Creek Post Office this past month.

**Turlock:** No Update

**Waterford:** No Update

**Regional Housing Authority:** Dirk Hoek shared the Housing Authority is in the process of reconstructing the Clarion Hotel for various requirements to finish corporation headquarters before moving to the room conversions, which will continue until next year. Congressman Josh Harder tour the facility under construction.

**CSOC:** Jason Conway shared CoC is meeting next Thursday. They are working diligently on amending their bylaws, which will be brought to a vote at next week's meeting. The bylaws expands upon the existing document and allows better governance as they move forward to better serve the community.

**Stanislaus County:** No Update

### VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

**Regular Meeting: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm**  
**Location: TBD**

### Parking Lot - Future Action/Discussion/Informational Items

- Kansas House
- CARE 2.0

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**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	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	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	A
		Jody Hayes	Alternate	A
11	Stanislaus Regional Housing Authority	Dirk Hoek	Primary	P
		Barbara Kauss	Alternate	A

A – Absent  
 P - Present