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**MINUTES**

**Wednesday, October 13, 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**

Emily Webster, Center for Human Services, announced they are open for services at the Youth Navigation Center (YNC). They are able to see clients at the YNC and opened the low barrier youth shelter. They are bringing participants into the pathways transitional housing.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes for September 8, 2021 from Jason Conway and second from Darlene Barber-Martinez. Approved (7 – Y, 0 – N)

**IV. Action Items**

- a. AB 361 Implementation: Protocols for conducting virtual meetings for bodies subject to the Brown Act.

**Action:** Accept and comply with the requirements of AB 361 (Government Code 54953(e).

Motion to accept and comply with the requirements of AB 361 from Barbara Kauss and second from Lise Talbott. Approved (7 – Y, 0 – N)

Motion to conduct SHA November meeting in-person from Barbara Kauss and second from Jason Conway. Approved (7 – Y, 0 – N)

**V. Funding**

- a. Update: Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) Round II and III  
Leng Power, Housing and Homeless Service, CSA, provided an HHAP RFP updated. The RFP closed on 8/31/21. The evaluation committee conducted reviews and scorings. Recipients announced and award letters will be sent out 10/14/2021 following the end of protest period. Negotiations will begin if no protests are received.

**VI. Reports**

- a. Presentation: Housing Stanislaus

Jody Hayes, CEO of Stanislaus County, gave a presentation on the Housing Stanislaus Initiative. The project's intent is to build a shared vision and develop strategies on how to increase housing development in Stanislaus County. Its focus is to have affordable and market rate housing.

Miguel Donoso, a community member, voiced concerns regarding the 6-year Housing Element cycle as the county and cities do not comply with regional housing allocations (RHNA). He stated many cities do not fulfill the goals and objectives for that projection. Additionally, under the socio-economic equity, low-income minorities are paying over 30% of their income to rent every month

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yet there is insufficient housing to rent. A good percentage of the low-income minorities are unable to purchase a house. Asked for the details involving the contract with Valley Vision.

Jody Hayes stated they would provide a copy of the contract to Mr. Donoso. He shared the county has funded a community development corporation investing up to \$5 million to support specific, tangible efforts to bring homeownership to disadvantaged communities. He clarified that they are required to have a plan and infrastructure available for homes to be developed in the future.

b. Update: Regional Homeless Strategic Plan (HSP)

Dana Bailey shared that Homebase incorporated all comments and feedback received from the last draft. Enhancements included additional information on best practices and a new section addressing community accountability. The document is in the process of being translated to Spanish.

Miguel Donoso shared concerns regarding the HSP's goals and objectives are not specific. Additionally, it is his opinion the information related to the Hughson and Empire homeless numbers are not accurate.

c. Update: Point-in-Time Count

Dana Bailey presented the annual Point-In-Time (PIT) Count. The PIT Count is a one-night snapshot of homelessness conducted nationally in the last week of January. Every community across the United States conducts this count. HUD requires the count to be conducted every two years. Stanislaus has elected to conduct this count on an annual basis. This year, HUD approved a waiver to submit an alternative form of data due to COVID-19. Dana shared the methodology the HMIS Administrator used to conduct the PIT count to address the differences between 2020 and 2021.

Fred Berry, a community member, commented the PIT is a snapshot and that there are different variables to look at when reviewing the data.

Miguel Donoso shared concerns regarding the data reflected on the PIT Executive Summary, specifically to ethnicity, gender, and age groups.

### VII. COVID-19 Emergency Updates

a. Update: COVID Response Existing Homeless Shelters

Dana Bailey shared the shelters continue to organize vaccines clinics and arrange for testing onsite. They continue to work with Public Health if there are more antigen tests available to them and continue to participate in safety protocols that align with the Public Health directives in the shelters in order to reduce the spread. They are working with new street outreach teams to discuss intake processes and protocols to ensure open communication.

### VIII. SHA General Membership Announcements

**Waterford:** Lise Talbot share there are housing potentials, to lead home ownership for low-income individuals. Share several factors that affected the PIT count for Waterford.

**Stanislaus County:** Supervisor Terry Withrow provided feedback regarding a meeting between cities, county and shelters members. The meeting consisted on reporting how things were or not working, everyone was open with their concerns in their areas that needed improvement. This will help people

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have access to the shelter in coronation with the outreach team. Thanked everyone for being in the meeting. Additionally, he shared meeting with Fred Berry, Tina Rocha and Dana Bailey in coordinating kids in school into the HMIS system.

**Regional Housing Authority:** Barbara Kauss thanked everyone in coordination of the housing plan.

**Riverbank:** Darlene Barber-Martinez shared they are moving forward with a home for housing. The house is in need of renovations. They are looking forward getting everyone housed before January.

**Modesto:** Sue Zwahlen shared update on Camp2Home program members. Discussed doing more to decrease barriers to accept shelter and the need to do more.

Jason Conway shared at the Modesto Gospel Mission individuals can seek shelter, stay warm and provided a blanket.

**Oakdale:** No Updates

**Ceres:** No Updates

**Patterson:** No Updates

**Turlock:** No Updates

**CSOC:** Jason Conway shared the CSOC meeting will be held on Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> by Zoom.

### IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

**Regular Meeting:** In-Person  
Wednesday, November 10, 2021 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm  
Location: Basement Chambers  
1010 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Modesto

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

- Kansas House
- CARE 2.0

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**ATTACHMENT A - ROLL CALL  
 Stanislaus Homeless Alliance Board  
 Wednesday, October 13, 2021**

**Attendance**

1	City of Ceres	Javier Lopez	Primary	A
			Alternate	
2	City of Modesto	Sue Zwahlen	Primary	P
		Joe Lopez	Alternate	A
3	City of Oakdale	Christopher Smith	Primary	A
		Bryan Whitemyer	Alternate	A
4	City of Patterson	Cynthia Homen	Primary	A
		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	P
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