

STANISLAUS HOMELESS ALLIANCE

MINUTES

Wednesday, August 10, 2022

5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

- I. **Roll Call** – Stanislaus Homeless Alliance (SHA) Representatives
Meeting called to order by Chairperson Brad Hawn at 5:34 pm. Please see the attachments for the roll call.
- II. **Public Comment Period**
Mr. Miguel Donoso expressed concerns over a County Staff Member working with SHA. He asked to know who is paying for the staff and under what budget? Chairperson Brad Hawn informed there would be a correspondence from the CEO's Office.
- III. **Approval of Minutes**
Motion to approve the minutes for July 13, 2022 from Terry Withrow and second from Jim Kruse.
Approved (6 – Y, 0 – N, 1 – Abstain).
- IV. **Informational Items**
 - a. La Tosha Walden, Assistant Director to the Stanislaus County Housing & Homeless Services division, introduced Ron Reid as Manager IV, Senior Program Manager; and Kasey Houck as the interim Manager IV, Senior Program Manager. Both are assigned to the Housing & Homeless division with the Community Services Agency (CSA).
- V. **Reports**
 - a. Update: Safe Parking Program
 - i. Jessica Hill, Community Development Manager for City of Modesto, presented on the Safe Parking Program that the City of Modesto plans to establish in the next couple of months. An estimated 151k of City ARPA funds will be utilized
 - ii. The Safety & Communities committee asked to look into piloting a Safe Parking option for Modesto. The program will be launched at the corner of 9th and B Streets which is in the StanFoods parking lot which is leased by the County. The pilot will accommodate 25 vehicles, no RV's. The entry hours will be between 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm, exiting by 7:00 am each morning
 - iii. The Salvation Army has agreed to help operate the safe park program in a 6-Month partnership and will provide case management services
 - iv. MID will add lighting along 9th street and the northern end of the site location. Water, portable restrooms, garbage and case management services will be available on site
 - b. Update: Civil Grand Jury Response
 - i. Brad Hawn presented the draft response to the Civil Grand Jury to the SHA council members; members should review, make any recommendations and send their approval within the next week so that the document may be signed and turned in
 - c. Update: Low Barrier Shelter Occupancy
 - i. Intake over the last month has slowed down due to Positive COVID Cases; the shelter occupancy is currently at 141
 - ii. Referrals for emergency situations are still being addressed

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iii. Four individuals have moved into transitional housing within the last month

VI. SHA General Membership Announcements

Ceres: The City is on board with understanding the needs for the homeless community. Contact has been made with the School District and City Managers.

CSOC: No Update(s)

Focus on Prevention:

Modesto: The City has approved a 3-Year agreement with the Downtown Streets Team to serve 2-25 Member teams to serve through 2025. The 22nd and 23rd Camp2Home member has secured housing.

Oakdale: No Update(s)

Patterson: Still in the process of getting transitional homes that run adjacent to HOST and Naomi's House. There are a lot of apartments, triplexes and family homes being built.

Regional Housing Authority: There are 8 behavioral health units in Modesto that should be done towards the end of 2022, a grand opening will be announced. 150 workforce housing units will be going out to bid in approximately 2 months.

Riverbank: The remodel for the emergency shelter is still underway; there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony in September to celebrate the accomplishment. Tiny homes are being considered with women and children as the special focus. The CARE team has been solicited to go out to Riverbank and have pop-up tents with activities and information regarding available services.

Stanislaus County: The County has bulldozed and fenced off a property that was owned by HUD. The CARE team was on site to help individuals that were living there to a different location. Will work with Stanislaus Regional Housing Authority to get some housing units or modular homes of some sort on the property.

STEP received funding from the County that will go towards housing and business development in the community. STEP recently purchased a property and turned it into permanent supportive housing, 7 apartments in total were purchased. Two areas have been identified for tiny homes to serve the community; one in Riverbank and one on East Orangeburg Ave in Modesto. A property off of McHenry is being donated and will accommodate 40-50 units.

Supervisor Terry Withrow has requested an update and dollar amount for funding regarding individuals on the Downtown Streets Team wait list.

Colin Brown with the Downtown Streets Team states there is a larger wait list that could be lower; in addition to a lower number of staff members and or volunteers, they are currently on a COVID-19 pause for the last 2-3 weeks. Colin estimates approximately 30 individuals on the wait list for DST and Camp2Home has 12.

Waterford: There was a study on housing evictions and utility disconnects moratorium; the study projected that if policies were in place everywhere in the US, limiting evictions would have reduced COVID-19 infections by 14.2% and deaths by 41%; pausing utility disconnections 8.7% reduction on infections and 14.8% reduction on deaths. Some cities are going back to utility collection policies

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and possibility lifting the eviction moratorium.

Flyers for Monkey Pox vaccination clinics taking place on August 11 & 12 were provided; to secure an appointment, people may email MPXVAX@chsa.org.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm.

Regular Meeting: Wednesday, September 14, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Location: BOS Chambers, 1010 10th St.

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Attendance

1	City of Ceres	Mike Kline	Primary	A
		James Casey	Alternate	P
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	P
5	City of Riverbank	Darlene Barber - Martinez	Primary	P
		Marisela Garcia	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	Fred Berry	Primary	A
		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	A
11	Stanislaus Regional Housing Authority	Dirk Hoek	Primary	A
		Jim Kruse	Alternate	P

A – Absent
P - Present