



**MINUTES**  
**Thursday, January 19, 2023**  
2:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

- I. **Roll Call** – Community System of Care (CSOC) Council  
Meeting called to order by chairperson, Jason Conway at 2:38 p.m. Please see the attachment for roll call.
  
- II. **Public Comment Period**
  - a. Councilmember Miguel Donoso has requested that BHRS report on re-allocated funds for Street Outreach and Engagement funding.
  - b. Andrew Nosrati expressed concerns regarding the need for a bigger space for the Community System of Care meeting as members from the public are invited and encouraged to attend on a monthly basis. Andrew asked that the committee consider:
    - i. holding meetings at alternate locations throughout the county on a quarterly basis;
    - ii. a collaborative messaging platform where individual threaded conversations regarding various initiatives can take place.
  
- III. **Action Items**
  - a. Motion to approve minutes for November 17, 2022 from Miguel Donoso and second from Jason Conway with an amendment to include a previous request from Miguel Donoso regarding a BHRS Report on re-allocated funds.  
**Approved** (14 – Y, 0 – N, 0 – Abstain).
  - b. Motion to approve the Community Services Agency authority to seek a web page vendor from Linda Murphy-Julien with the specific Federal and HUD vendor guidelines and a second from Miguel Donoso.  
**Approved** (14 – Y, 0 – N, 0 – Abstain).
  - c. Motion to approve Wanda Jones as the final Lived Experience council member from Miguel Donoso and a second from Monica Vergara.  
**Approved** (14 – Y, 0 – N, 0 – Abstain).
  
- IV. **Discussion**
  - a. The funders position on the Continuum of Care does not have a specific term and will not be termed out. Edgar Garcia is now the recognized alternate for Jessica Hill in the Funders Entitlement Jurisdiction for Modesto. Maryn recommended revisiting the *membership* section in the Bylaws for an alternate process.
  - b. Nominations for Continuum of Care's Vice Chair are currently being accepted, someone may also volunteer. Miguel Donoso nominated Linda Julien-Murphy and Jason Conway nominated Emily Webster.
  - c. Within the Bylaws, all board members must be a part of an established subcommittee; several board members are not. Non-committee members can serve on a subcommittee which are posted online within the Bylaws.
  - d. In future meetings, "Committee Updates" will be a continual agenda item, requiring



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- all committees to provide a monthly report out to ensure there is subordination.
- e. Within the Bylaws, meetings should be held in different cities within Stanislaus County. While the rest of 2023 meetings are set to take place at the Agricultural Commissioner's Office of Stanislaus County, new location suggestions will be accepted and must accommodate 50-60 people.
    - i. There are currently no funds set aside for room rentals; Andrew Nosrati suggested utilizing rentable space from local non-profit organizations
    - ii. Chairperson Maryn will work with staff and Ron Reid to come up with a calendared schedule
  - f. A Modesto Bee reporter will be working alongside volunteers during the Point-In-Time Count on January 26, 2023.
  - g. The Stanislaus Community System of Care Board is looking to fill the 7 vacant membership positions which include: Permanent Supportive Housing Provider, Veterans Services, Healthcare Provider, BIPOC Advocate, Neighborhood Representative – East, Philanthropy Representative and, a Law Enforcement Representative.
  - h. Doris Foster with Stanislaus County Workforce Development reported that the division has a \$25M budget to provide services and skill up individuals; \$7.5M goes towards Youth Services and applies to individuals 17 – 24 years of age, of which \$2M of that is contracted out for services for youth and includes work experience, vocational training and overcoming barriers to youth. A Request for Proposal (RFP) will be set over the next couple of weeks for core support services that will provide administrative services.
    - i. Funds will be reallocated from the Community Services Agency HHAP 1 & 2 which requires a Request for Proposal. There is an approximate \$110,000 per year for 3 years, totaling \$300,000. Funds need to be transferred by May 2023.
    - ii. Support Services will include: Mental Health, English Language Learner (ELL) Services, Disability and, Homeless
    - iii. Provided assistance includes transportation, housing, clothing etc.
  - i. As a consultant, Amy Wyatt from Thurmond Consulting will join a membership subcommittee and would like the councilmembers to decide whether she should be a part of the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) or the Vulnerable Populations subcommittee. The end goal is to initiate meetings regarding the Racial Equity Gaps Analysis process.
    - i. The Racial Analysis and the Gaps Analysis will be looking at Census, Point-In-Time Count, and, Stella data.
    - ii. The selected subcommittee will help Amy develop a calendar for provider and stakeholder meetings.
    - iii. Amy will be reviewing Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) data quality within the HMIS system; councilmember Miguel Donoso requested that HMIS subcommittee be included.
    - iv. Chairperson Maryn Pitt requested that the HMIS chairperson and the Vulnerable Populations chairperson work together to create a cross committee group which could consist of all existing members so that both committees can work with Amy.

## V. Funding Items



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- a. HHAP Round 3's standard agreement is still pending review for the internal partners. Once the review for Stanislaus County and the Continuum of Care is completed, the state will e-mail out a fully executed agreement.
  - b. HHAP Round 4 allocations are finalized; any amendments that were needed for the County's HHAP 4 application, were initially due by January 29, 2023 however, Cal ICH extended the deadline to February 17, 2023; an additional 30 days would be allotted to execute the agreement.
    - i. Continuum of Care allocation is \$2,468,479.08
    - ii. Community Services Agency allocation is \$2,315,967.06

## **VI. Informational Items**

- a. Senior population homelessness as increased by 73% from 2017 – 2021; major factors that contribute are fixed incomes, increased rent cost, and insufficient support. Funding is received from the Aging and Veterans Services, a private philanthropy out of Illinois, State Bar of California and Adult Protective Services.
  - i. The Senior Advocacy Network has access to all of the subsidized housing properties in Stanislaus County, specifically for seniors and families. Case workers offer one on one housing consultation with seniors who are facing any type of housing stability. The average wait list for subsidized housing is 2-3 years.
  - ii. The Rental Subsidy is a grant funded, direct-to-landlord monthly payment of \$200 per eligible tenant for up to 24 months. Eligible tenants are low-income seniors paying more than 50% of their income on rent.
  - iii. HomeShare is a program that matches home providers that have units available, with home seekers based on shared interests, lifestyles and needs.
  - iv. HomeSafe is a new County-wide program managed through Adult Protective Services. The program offers flexibility for seniors at-risk or experiencing homelessness.
  - v. Senior Law Project is a new, no cost services program; its sole purpose is to provide legal services for seniors over 65 years of age that cannot afford for services needed.
- b. Rosa Casas with the City of Turlock is working with the Cloudburst Consultant group on the Home-American Rescue Program (ARP) allocation plan process. The program is designed to help all cities in Stanislaus County and unincorporated areas, except for Modesto.
  - i. \$5M supplemental HOME funds would assist individuals or households who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, persons fleeing or attempting to flee violence and "other" as defined by the Housing and Urban Development (HUD), by providing housing, rental assistance, supportive services and non-congregate shelter.
  - ii. City of Turlock requested that the councilmembers to take a survey that is open through January 25, public comment period is from February 24 – March 13, public hearing is on March 14 at the City of Turlock Council of Chambers.
- c. Stanislaus Homeless Alliance (SHA) is made up of elected individuals within the county. The purpose of SHA is to help when it comes to housing for the homeless population; one main focus at this time is to determine how many permanent



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- supportive housing units are needed in the county.
- d. The “All-In” plan is a federal strategic plan that was released in December 2022 by President Biden to reduce nationwide homelessness by 25% by January 2025. Measurement will be based off of the 2022 Point-In-Time Count compared to the 2025 Point-In-Time Count. The six pillars of strategy include: lead with equity, use data and evidence to make decisions, collaborate at all levels, scale housing and supports that meet demand, improve effectiveness of homelessness response systems, and, prevent homelessness. To date, there is no established work plan on how to meet this goal. Out of the Top 20 list for the nations least affordable housing market, 18 cities are in California and Modesto is ranked #10. No extra funds will be allotted for the All-In Plan.
  - e. The Continuum of Care competition collaborative applicant registration is open; Amy Wyatt with Thurmond Consulting will be submitting the technical application that is due by March 2. Amy expressed an importance of filling the vacant positions with the Continuum of Care membership board.
    - i. Trainings have to be scheduled within the next six months for Continuum of Care and ESG providers to ensure families are not separated, monitoring of ESG recipients, safety and best practices to address the needs of domestic violence survivors, equal access role for housing, and, gender identity.
    - ii. A strong recommendation would be to create a Homeless or Lived Experience subcommittee.
    - iii. HomeKey will be coming out in March and will be different from past years; Amy asked agencies to reach out to her so that she may schedule a virtual meeting to discuss HomeKey.

## **VII. Committee Updates**

- a. Coordinated Entry System’s next meeting is January 31
- b. Youth met in December and has approved moving forward with attempting to create a Youth Advisory Board; material and information will be brought to the Continuum of Care monthly meetings in the future.

## **VIII. General Membership Announcements**

- a. Jason Conway has fulfilled three consecutive 1-year terms and announced Maryn Pitt as the newly appointed chairperson.
- b. The Stanislaus County Community Services Agency requested approval to seek an additional website vendor. Miguel Donoso mentioned that HUD guidelines state that any vendor has to be data qualified for equity information. Maryn Pitt requested that a request for qualifications be sought out when seeking a vendor.
  - i. Councilmember Miguel Donoso mentioned that HUD guidelines state that any vendor utilized has to be data qualified for equity information.
  - ii. Chairperson Maryn Pitt requested that a request for qualifications be sought out when seeking a vendor.
  - iii. Andrew Nosrati suggested Bay Valley Tech or any Non-Profits that work in the technology industry or local businesses.
  - iv. Councilmember Linda Murphy-Julien recommended the technology department at California State University Stanislaus that allows students to take on projects as an internship.
  - v. Councilmember Jason Conway noted that third party vendors use coding



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that is not user friendly for staff that would update the website on a continual basis; that needs to be considered when the website is being rebuilt.

- c. Next month, Councilmember Edgar Garcia will seek volunteers that will evaluate project admissions for the City of Modesto's Public Services NOFA in March; \$470,000 will be available to non-profits to apply for in February.

**IX. Adjournment**

Meeting Adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

**Regular Meeting: Thursday, February 16, 2023 from 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

**Location: Harvest Hall Rooms A, B, C at the Agricultural Commissioner  
3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto CA 95358**



**ATTACHMENT A - ROLL CALL - CSOC COUNCIL**  
**Thursday, January 19, 2023**

**Attendance**

<b>FUNDERS</b>	1	Entitlement Jurisdiction: Modesto	Edgar Garcia	<b>P</b>
	2	Entitlement Jurisdiction: Turlock	<b>VACANT</b>	
	3	Entitlement Jurisdiction: Riverbank	Marisela Garcia	<b>P</b>
<b>HOUSING/SERVICES PROVIDERS</b>	4	Permanent Supportive Housing Provider	<b>VACANT</b>	
	5	Transitional/Rapid-Rehousing Provider	Esther Rosas	<b>P</b>
	6	Emergency Shelter Provider	Harold Laubach Jr.	<b>A</b>
	7	Youth Services Provider	Emily Webster	<b>P</b>
	8	Victims Services Provider	Stacy Vasquez	<b>P</b>
	9	Housing Authority of Stanislaus County	Kimberly Ryan	<b>P</b>
	10	Veterans Services - VA Palo Alto Health Care System, Supervisory Social Worker or HUD-VASH Program Team Member	<b>VACANT</b>	
	11	Healthcare Provider	<b>VACANT</b>	
	12	Senior Service Provider - Stanislaus County of Aging & Veterans Services	Hanna Brady	<b>P</b>
<b>BROADER COMMUNITY</b>	13	BIPOC Advocate	<b>VACANT</b>	
	14	LGBTQ Advocate	John Aguirre	<b>A</b>
	15	Lived Experience 1	Carrie Turnquist	<b>A</b>
	16	Lived Experience 2	Miguel Donoso	<b>P</b>
	17	Lived Experience 3	<b>VACANT</b>	
	18	Homeless Advocate	Linda Murphy-Julien	<b>P</b>
	19	Faith Sector Representative	Jason Conway	<b>P</b>
	20	Neighborhood Representative- South	Maryn Pitt	<b>A</b>
	21	Neighborhood Representative- North	Monica Vergara	<b>P</b>
	22	Neighborhood Representative- East	<b>VACANT</b>	
	23	Neighborhood Representative- West	Margie Johnson	<b>P</b>
	24	Education Community Representative	Fred Berry	<b>P</b>
	25	Business Community Representative	Steve Madison	<b>A</b>
	26	Philanthropy Representative	<b>VACANT</b>	
	27	Law Enforcement Representative	<b>VACANT</b>	

A – Absent  
P – Present