



MINUTES
Thursday, February 16, 2023
2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

- I. **Roll Call** – Community System of Care (CSOC) Council
Meeting called to order by chairperson, Maryn Pitt at 2:37 p.m. Please see the attachment for roll call.
- II. **Public Comment Period**
 - a. There were no public comments
- III. **Action Items**
 - a. Motion to approve minutes January 19, 2023 from Linda Julien Murphy and second from Miguel Donoso. **Approved** (11 – Y, 0 – N, 0 – Abstain).
- IV. **Discussion**
 - a. Chair Comments – Maryn would like to get more people involved and understand why we are here, spending more time on collaborative efforts and to move the needle and for this to be the collective place for dialogue about ideas regarding strategies, processes and projects. The meeting should help members to understand our goal. As we go along and get the committees fully engaged, we can incorporate additional items on the agenda going forward to create better knowledge and sharing among the members and public and about our efforts. Miguel Donoso suggested a retreat to see how to work together better. Others agreed a summit sometime in the future would be beneficial.
 - b. Vice Chair Nominations – Motion to approve Emily Webster as vice chair from Miguel Donoso. Second from Marjorie Johnson. **Approved** (11 – Y, 0 – N, 1 – Abstain).
- V. **Committee Updates**
 - a. Membership Updates - Lakin Ambriz is currently not a member but was for several years. Being reinstated as a former member means he does not need to go through the formal application process again. He would represent the health care provider membership. Motion to reinstate Lakin's membership made by Linda Murphy-Julien. Second from Miguel Donoso. **Approved** (12 – Y, 0 – N, 0 – Abstain).
 - b. Committees are outlined in the CoC bylaws. Maryn placed the committee descriptions on charts around the room and time was allowed for people to read about the committees and sign up if interested. Each committee must be chaired by a board member. Others outside of this meeting are welcome join and may contact the council members if interested. Monthly reports from the committees will be provided at the meetings. The charts with membership interest were collected for further action.



VI. Funding Items

- a. State ESG CARES – Ana San Nicolas gave an update on the grant dedicated for COVID prevention. There is nothing major to report. She distributed the exact form that was given to the State with an update for the end of the month on how much we have expended in the categories originally proposed. The funding came in 2020 and was released by the State in 2021. There was then an audit done by HUD and the State. In 2021 HUD asked for a request for funds from the State. The State had not yet put in claims for reimbursements and the State exerted pressure to expend funding by a certain time. Street Outreach was threatened but a plan was submitted to restructure it in December 2021. Behavioral Health and Recovery Services and Probation were approached and able to provide a proposed program that was then approved, saving the funding. They were able to meet the deadline of 50 percent in 2021, and were then granted a year extension due to meeting the 75 % expenditure deadline of mid-June which was accomplished with great efforts and teamwork from non-profit organizations. There exists a year extension now to September 2023. There is 21% left of 23 million on HMIS, City of Riverbank, and Street Outreach. Ana would like to showcase some of the projects next month.

VII. Informational Items

- a. Community Outreach – Raul Dominguez from Probation Department is the manager of the CARE team. The CARE team was developed in 2018 by the county to assist homeless individuals dealing with many issues in the community, often involving police intervention. There have been 143 homeless individuals identified and referred to the team to help them eliminate barriers. The teams are comprised of probation officers, public health nurses, mental health clinicians, behavior health specialists, an eligibility worker, and peer navigators. They are able to respond to crisis situations and provide services immediately. Building rapport with individuals is crucial. They do a lot of transporting of clients and provide services to people where they are. There have been 250 people served. It is a county wide program and they use coordinated entry for housing. The biggest difficulty has been the pet barrier.
- b. Community Outreach and Engagement – Turning Point/BHRS – Maria Armstrong, program director for the housing assessment team and Garden Gate Respite street outreach services. They both are co-located at the Access Center. She went over the services they provide. Their target populations are those in a place not meant for human habitation. They are strictly street outreach, covering all of Stanislaus County and their staff work 7:00 am – 5:30 pm. They can be reached by phone or email to engage encampments. There is a pre engagement stage and engagement stage. They also do case management and get clients connected to services. They get referrals from the county and others. They have a Service Planning Area (SPA) where they engage the encampment weekly and have a narrative of each one. They also look at barriers the outreach team may face including safety. They identify which clients are located at each SPA in case they need to look for them again. There was discussion about outreach outside of the working hours provided by this service and ideas on coordinating. An app was brought up as an idea to combine efforts.
- c. Oakdale U-Turn Project Partnership – Pamela Kelly from Oakdale Rescue Mission and Melinda Screeton from the U-Turn Project in Oakdale talked about the Oakdale

U-Turn Partnership Project. Each of the agencies' history and purpose was discussed. There are two non-profits located in Oakdale. The Oakdale Rescue Mission started 15 years ago. In 2018 a donor gave them a loan with no strings attached and they have been supported by individual funding for 10 years. The services for each program were discussed. They are looking at a property at 131 West G street they would like to be an outpatient day program to provide services to Oakdale residents. The Oakdale U-Turn Project would like to build ten tiny homes on a property owned by the county at 525 Center Street. They are needing funding for the property and funding to maintain it long term.

- d. All-In Update – Amy Wyatt gave a deep overview of All-In Federal Strategic Plan to prevent and end homelessness. It is a federal strategic plan released by the United States Intra Agency Council on Homelessness. (USICH). It was released in December of 2022 with an ultimate goal of reducing the number of people experiencing homelessness, both sheltered and unsheltered, 25 percent by January 2025. It will be measured by comparing the Point in Time counts. Strategies have been identified, USICH will develop implementation work plans during the next year including specific action steps, expected outputs and outcomes, and timelines for completion of action steps for the federal agencies. Six pillars have been identified:

- Lead With Equity (4 strategies)
- Use Data and Evidence to Make Decisions (3 strategies)
- Collaborate at All Levels (2 strategies)
- Scale Housing and Supports That Meet Demand (8 strategies)
- Improve Effectiveness of Homelessness Response Systems (6 strategies)
- Prevent Homelessness (7 strategies)

Amy gave an explanation of each pillar and the disproportional represented in the homeless population. Those that experience homelessness have a higher risk of experiencing health issues. Modesto, CA has ranked #10 in the nations least affordable housing markets.

- e. CSOC Monthly Update – According to HUD, the next round of the Special NOFO will not be released for at least another year. The 15-page homeless plan can still be written in anticipation of the special NOFO being released in 2024, or the CoC can wait to develop the plan next year. The CoC Collaborative Application registration is now open for the collaborative applicants. Four specific trainings need to be scheduled and Amy can work with Maryn and the Executive committee to get it scheduled and calendared.
- i. The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has published the draft HOME-ARP plan for public review. Their focus is on the development of rental housing and supportive services. Amy shared the proposed amounts.
 - ii. Encampment Resolution Grant – The Encampment Resolution funding (ERF) is a 4-year program that includes two rounds of funding: \$50 million in Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22 (ERF-1) and \$300 million in FY 2022-23 (ERF-2) to provide grants to local jurisdictions and Continuums of Care (CoC) to resolve critical encampment concerns and transition individuals into safe and stable housing. Currently funds are available through round 2 of funding (ERF-2-R). This is a competitive grant and at least 50 percent will be prioritized for local jurisdictions. It is limited funding so those interested



should apply now.

- iii. Amy shared all of the upcoming funding and their amounts as well as the application deadlines.

VIII. General Membership Announcements

- a. Miguel Donoso asked to add time limits to items on the agenda. Maryn stated agenda management is being worked on.
- b. Edgar Garcia, Housing and Urban Development Supervisor for City of Modesto gave a brief overview given at the last meeting. The City of Modesto receives direct allocations from the state and federal government for housing and homelessness programs. A portion of the funding is allocated for public services in the amount of \$470,000 with \$270,000 being for community development block grant and \$200,000 for emergency solutions grant. The money has been put out in a NOFO that has already been made available. It will be formally available after a technical assistance workshop on February 22nd that will be mandatory for nonprofits to attend if they would like to apply which they may do online. At least three volunteers from CSOC are needed to help evaluate proposals on March 30th and 31st, potentially all day. Those who apply are not eligible to participate. Miguel volunteered. A request will be sent through CSOC email asking for additional volunteers.
- c. The Housing Authority received additional funding this year; an extra seven and half percent. They have the ability to get 300 more families under the Section 8 program. They have vouchers for homeless persons that will be available soon. The Housing Authority has a wait list preference for families who are currently lease holders in a rental unit. Families who apply will get processed the same week. Eligibility and inspection are done simultaneously and if eligible, it will retro to the date inspection was passed. To go to the wait list, visit www.stanregionalha.org, "Applications", "Stanislaus in Place." This will ensure the correct county.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Regular Meeting: Thursday, March 16, 2023 from 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Location: Harvest Hall Rooms D & E at the Agricultural Commissioner
3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto CA 95358



ATTACHMENT A - ROLL CALL - CSOC COUNCIL
Thursday, February 16, 2023

Attendance

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

A – Absent
P – Present