

MINUTES

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

- I. **Roll Call** – Stanislaus Homeless Alliance (SHA) Meeting called to order by Chairperson, Brad Hawn, at 5:33 pm. Please see attachments for roll call.
- II. **Public Comment Period**
No public Comments
- III. **Approval of Minutes**
Motion to approve the minutes for May 10, 2023, from Brad Hawn, and second from Lise Talbott. **Approved** (8 – Y, 0 – N, 0 – Abstain)
- IV. **Informational Items**
 - a. 2023 Point-In-Time/Housing Inventory Count (PIT/HIC) Final Results presented by Lynnell Fuller
 - i. The Process-PIT & HIC Data Collection, Data Review, Data Clean-up, Enter Data HUD HDX Explain & Submit
 - ii. Overview-
 - Total Reported-2091
 - Total Households-1790
 - iii. Volunteers
 - Trained-302
 - Participated-76%
 - b. Homeless Initiatives presented by Ruben Imperial
 - i. County Homeless New Initiatives for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. There are two areas of focus.
 - Access to Treatment Services
 - a. Cal AIM Integration
 - b. Substance Abuse Disorder (SUD) Access Expansion Strategy
 - c. ACES (Access Center & Shelter)
 - d. CHAT (Community Health and Assistance Team)
 - e. Mental Health Collaborative Court
 - f. CARE Court
 - Housing & Shelter
 - ii. CARE Court - The Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Court is a new state law meant to address and treat those with severe mental health disorders, such as schizophrenia and other acute mental health disorders. It connects a person struggling with untreated mental illness and also substance use challenges with a court-ordered Care Plan for up to 24 months. Stanislaus County's participation in the new state program will begin October 1, 2023. Stanislaus County is one of eight counties to implement CARE Court as part of its initial roll out.

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- Referrals - Individuals with untreated schizophrenia spectrum or other psychotic disorder who lacks medical decision-making capacity may be referred to the court by a family member, behavioral health provider, first responder, or other approved party to provide care and prevent institutionalization. Referrals are made to the Courts, not BHRS.
 - Clinical Evaluations - The civil court orders a clinical evaluation and appoints public defender and Supporter. Court reviews the clinical evaluation and if the individual meets the criteria, the court orders the development of a Care Plan.
 - Care Plan - Developed my county behavioral health, participant, and supporter. Court reviews and adopts the Care Plan with both the individual and count behavioral health as party to the court order for up to 12 months.
 - Support - BHRS team, with participant and supporter, begin treatment and regularity review and update Care Plan, as needed, as well as Mental Health Advance Directive for any future crises. Court provides accountability with status hearings, for up to a second 12 months, as needed.
 - Continuum of Care - An individual who does not participate in the court-ordered Care Plan may be subject to additional court hearings. If a participant cannot successful complete a Care Plan, the individual may be referred by the Court for a conservatorship, consistent with current law.
- iii. SUD Access Expansion Strategy – an easy access, real-time screening, assessment and care coordination method that will provide access to treatment for all; including comprehensive services for sustained recovery
- iv. Planning Process consists of 4 phases
- Phase 1-Integrated Care Center collaboration, Planning, adult service expansion
 - Phase 2-Establish ICC, identify Satellite Access points, staffing resources
 - Phase 3-Youth ICC services, youth services expansions
 - Phase 4-Continuity of care for MAT services for justice involved persons
- v. Intervention Housing
- Transitional Board & Care (BHRS) Enhanced Behavioral Health
 - Transitional Housing
 - Permanent Supportive Housing
- vi. Shelter - The county partners with Managed Care Plans, cities, and shelters to integrate new Cal AIM benefits within the county health and BH continuum of care:
- Emergency Shelter
 - Respite
 - Recuperative Care (MCP)
 - Sobering Center (MCP)

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- vii. Housing Continuum-New leadership group to address all homeless programming and strategies in Stanislaus County with One Vision, One Strategy, One Delivery System, Annual Report to Community, this group is the Stanislaus Homeless Alliance (SHA)
- viii. Homelessness Initiatives-8 goals to address homelessness
 - Increase availability of permanent housing for people experience homelessness
 - Increase access to and availability of mental health, substance abuse treatment, and other supportive services to increase housing stability and well-being in the community
 - Achieve equity in governance, outreach, provision of services, program participation, and outcomes while improving outreach, care, and culturally attuned services to vulnerable and historically underserved subpopulations
 - Increase coordination of services, access, and information to build capacity across the homeless system of care
 - Increase pathways to essential community services that support self-sufficiency
 - Increase participation of people with lived experience of homelessness in decision-making and feedback processes across the homelessness system of care
 - Strategically support homelessness prevention, diversion, and rapid resolution
 - Improve coordination of homeless programs to further public health and safety in support of community standards and increased access to services for people experiencing homelessness
- c. STEPS Update presented by Joe Duran
 - i. Pathways to Housing-Includes 5 Projects
 - 221 E Orangeburg Ave, Modesto
 - a. Application submitted, project presented and approved by the Board of Zoning Adjustment
 - 2201 Morrill Ave, Riverbank
 - a. Purchase and lease agreements finalized and application for development submitted
 - E Morris Ave, Modesto
 - a. City of Modesto RFP awarded to project, ongoing collaboration with Self-Help Enterprises as developer
 - 112 James St, Modesto
 - a. Fully occupied as of December 2022, ongoing collaboration between STEP and BHRS for the long-term success of the project and health of its residents.
 - Accessory Dwelling Units
 - a. ADU West Modesto was completed in quarter 3 of 2022, with the Jr ADU completed March 2023
 - ii. Economic & Resource Development

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- Microbusiness Development Hub (MBDH) was created by STEP that serves people of color entrepreneurs throughout the county.
 - a. Participating business industries include
 - i. Food
 - ii. Construction
 - iii. Education
 - iv. Beauty
 - v. Retail
 - b. Connected participants to culturally relevant resources for business development
 - Microbusiness COVID-19 Relief Grant (MBCRG) is providing funds to small businesses in Stanislaus County that have been affected by COVID-19 and did not receive funding from the CA Relief Grant Program. Grants in the amount of \$2500 will distributed throughout the county
 - Other Projects in Pipeline
 - a. Patterson-Children's Crisis Center
 - b. Modesto-Veteran's Housing Center
 - c. Hughson-Walker Lane Apartments
 - d. Keyes-Faith Home Teen Ranch Modular Building Center
 - e. Stanislaus County Community Land Trust-Visionary Home Builders
- iii. Community Economic Resilience Fund (CERF)-a grant funded by the state designated to three counties, Modesto, Merced, and San Joaquin, working together for future projects.

V. SHA General Membership announcements:

City of Ceres: Hot Air Balloon Release this weekend, June 17, 2023. Gates open at 6 am, and balloons launch at sunrise.

City of Modesto: David Wright stated that for the month of May, Salvation Army Day Center was approved by Modesto City Council, and its anticipated to launch in July. The center will be located at the Berberian side of the Salvation Army. It will also include an exterior infrastructure. The site will provide a safe place during the day for individuals experiencing homelessness and will offer support services such as showers, laundry room, meals, and other basic services.

- The Downtown Street Team (DST) members successfully completed the 'Job Squad' in a 4-part workshop series which focused on building resume/interviewing preparation and budgeting.
- DST removed 39,254 pounds of trash from Modesto parks and streets during the month of May.
- The partnership between City of Modesto and DST was awarded \$195,000 from the Health Plan of San Joaquin County. The funds will be designated to DST Rapid Re-Housing program and will assist 10 households with their journey to self-sufficient housing.

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City of Turlock: Pam Franco stated that there are funds available with the consortium. The reason being that if funds have been allocated and not used within the year, they go back the consortium as a whole. Any member of the consortium can come back and ask for funding. There has to be a specific project that meets all the requirements in the consortium action plan. If anyone has a specific project, please bring it to the consortium. Contact Turlock consortium for more information.

City of Waterford: Lisa Talbot stated that Waterford has had an increase in the number of homeless people that are sleeping outside of City Hall. Presumably they feel safe there. They have been offered services but have declined care. The challenge is to get them to move along and not have anywhere to move them along to. Would like for city staff to have a better connection with the homeless to provide better services. Would like ideas from other cities on outreach.

Stanislaus Regional Housing Authority: Thank you to all the presenters today and all the information provided to get insight about all the different programs within the county.

VI. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:19 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 12, 2023, from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Location: BOS Chambers: 1010 10th Street Place, Modesto, CA 95354

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ATTACHMENT A - ROLL CALL Stanislaus Homeless Alliance Board

Voting/Attendance as of 5:30 PM 06/14/23

	Representing:	SHA Board Members		Attendance
1	City of Ceres	James Casey	Primary	A
		Rosalinda Vierra	Alternate	P
2	City of Modesto	David Wright	Primary	P
		Joe Lopez	Alternate	A
3	City of Oakdale	Christopher Smith	Primary	A
		Bryan Whitemyer	Alternate	A
4	City of Patterson	Shivaugn Alves	Primary	A
		Ken Irwin	Alternate	A
5	City of Riverbank	Darlene Barber - Martinez	Primary	P
		Marisela Garcia	Alternate	A
6	City of Turlock	Pam Franco	Primary	P
		Reagan Wilson	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	Carlos Estacio III	Primary	A
		Jim Kruse	Alternate	P