



MINUTES
Thursday, August 17, 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 2:34 p.m. Please see the attachment for roll call.

- II. **Public Comment Period**
 - a. Focus on Prevention (FOP) is hosting a community track on the San Joaquin Valley Housing Community Summit on September 14, 2023; there are 60 seats available at \$50/person

- III. **Action items**
 - a. July Minutes: Motion to approve minutes from Jason Conway and second from Miguel Donoso
Approved (14 – Y, 0 – N, 0 – Abstain)
 - b. Data standard changes are being implemented by HUD on October 1, 2023. Lynnell Fuller, Community Services Agency (CSA), reached out to United Way with direction from La Tosha Walden (CSA) to determine which languages were most utilized within Stanislaus County. The final fifteen languages selected include: *Arabic, Assyrian, Cambodian, Dari, English, Farsi, Hindi, Laotian, Persian, Portuguese, Punjab, Russian, Spanish, Tagalong, and, Vietnamese*
No action required at this time
 - c. Recommendation from Linda Murphy-Julien to approve Major Darren Stratton as the Emergency Shelter Provider. Motion to approve from Jason Conway and second from Edgar Garcia
Approved (15 – Y, 0 – N, 0 – Abstain)

- IV. **Funding Opportunities**
 - a. Amy Wyatt with Thurmond Consulting, LLC provided a brief Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) update. Draft project applications, renewals and new, need to be submitted into e-snaps by end of day on Monday, August 21st. One more ranking member is needed to review the applications. A survey intended for Community System of Care (CSOC) board members will be sent to the members; an additional survey will be sent to both the CSOC board and the community which will give anyone the opportunity to provide feedback on what CSOC is doing in the region for homelessness
 - A domestic violence training will take place on August 31st from 2 – 3 pm via zoom
 - A racial equity survey will be sent to agencies applying for NOFO funding to help with ranking
 - New Projects under CoC Bonus is an approximate \$308,000; DV Bonus is an approximate \$441,000
 - Estimated annual renewal is \$3,885,000; Planning Grant is \$220,000

V. Informational Items

- a. Amy Wyatt, Thurmond Consulting, presented on the Equal Housing Final Access Rule Training. HUD strongly recommends to host a training on the Equal Access and Gender Identity final rule. Access to shelter, housing, and services is provided to an individual in accordance with the individual's gender identity
 - Sexual Orientation has been updated from "homosexuality, heterosexuality or bisexuality" to "emotional or physical attraction to the same and/or opposite sex" to match the definition adopted by the United States Office of Personnel Management in 2015
 - All Continuum of Care (CoC) providers will ensure fair and equal access to the Coordinated Entry System (CES) programs and services for all participants regardless of actual *or* perceived race, color, religion, national origin, age, gender identity, pregnancy, citizenship, familial status, household composition, disability, Veteran's status, or sexual orientation
- b. CoC voted in Major Darren Stratton; refer to III.c.
- c. 2024 Point-In-Time (PIT) Count is approaching; groundwork and planning will begin in September of 2023. Last year, the Community Services Agency (CSA) paid for all of the kits totaling over \$57,000 with ESG Funds. CSA hasn't previously paid for kits as it is a CoC event. The CoC has funding available under System Support Activities that can cover the cost for 2024; Jason Conway would like to ask CalAIM to purchase future kits for the 2025 PIT Count
- d. Blanca Ramirez with City of Modesto, gave a brief overview on the city's 22/23 Fiscal Year Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER). Each year, the City of Modesto is eligible to apply for HUD funds which consist of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG); the purpose of the funding is to serve low-income persons/households and to develop viable communities by providing a suitable living environment, and expand economic opportunities. Total awarded amount between the three programs totaled \$3,009,598 of which \$2,448,729 has been expended. Organizations that have benefited from funding include the Boys and Girls Club, Camp2Home, CHAT Team, Center for Human Services – Youth Street Outreach, Berberian Shelter, and, Haven Women's Shelter
- e. Heather Duvall, Public Health Director with the Health Services Agency (HSA), presented on the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). CHIP is an action plan that provides guidance to the Public Health, it's partners, and stakeholders for improving the health of Stanislaus County. Strategic Issues include access to care, asthma/air quality, chronic disease, communicable disease, economic insecurity, education, housing & homelessness, mental health, safety, substance use and transportation. CHIP Focus Areas include:
 - Chronic Disease
 - Communicable Disease
 - Housing & Homelessness
 - Tobacco & Substance Use



- f. Lynnell Fuller, CSA, gave an overview explaining what Coordinated Entry System (CES) is. It is a consistent community wide assessment to match people experiencing homelessness and/or are at risk of homelessness to resources and services available in the community.
- HMIS has been working with a vendor regarding Barcode Scanning. The system can be used to facilitate reading pieces of information (e.g., a client's ID) and transfer that information to an identified field or space designated to collect specific type of data. Once a price point is established, an action item for approval will be requested from the CoC. The cost can be expended from the Systems Support Activities budget. An adhoc committee is recommended to ensure organizations and shelter providers that will benefit from the barcode scanning system, can make sure pertinent data is collected; benefits of using barcode scanning will include:
- Increased Efficiency
 - Collect Data Faster
 - Easily Track Repeat Clients

VI. General Membership Announcements

- i. Miguel Donoso: Housing & Planning Committee met; more information to follow regarding Homekey
- ii. Emily Webster: The Youth Navigation Center and City of Modesto Homekey project located at 1208 9th Street is close to being leased out; information will be sent for the open house on the 13 1-bedroom studio apartments for 18-24 year olds

VII. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

Next Meeting: September 21, 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, August 17, 2023

Attendance

FUNDERS	1	Entitlement Jurisdiction: Modesto	Edgar Garcia	P
	2	Entitlement Jurisdiction: Turlock	Reagan Wilson	A
	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	VACANT	
	7	Youth Services Provider	Emily Webster	P
	8	Victims Services Provider	Melanie Gentry	A
	9	Housing Authority of Stanislaus County	Marissa Black	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	P
	12	Senior Service Provider - Stanislaus County of Aging & Veterans Services	Hannah Brady	P
BROADER COMMUNITY	13	BIPOC Advocate	VACANT	
	14	LGBTQ Advocate	Mindy Harrod	A
	15	Lived Experience 1	Carrie Turnquist	P
	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	P
	20	Neighborhood Representative- South	Maryn Pitt	P
	21	Neighborhood Representative- North	Monica Vergara	A
	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