



## MINUTES

Thursday, September 21, 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 2:36 p.m. Please see the attachment for roll call.
- II. **Public Comment Period**
  - a. There were no public comment requests
- III. **Action items**
  - a. August Minutes: Motion to approve minutes from Linda Murphy-Julien and second from Margie Johnson  
**Approved** (14 – Y, 0 – N, 0 – Abstain)
  - b. Homebase conducted a survey on training; providers requested biannual training on topics or at least annually on: mainstream benefits, case notes and documentation. Request was made to move forward with training and opportunities with in-house experts. The change in Bylaws will be implemented in the upcoming months. CSOC Committees Consolidation suggestions include: Service Access, Sustainability, Government Affairs, Outcomes & Evaluation, Youth. Kasey Houck made request for CA-REAL to be included alongside Racial Equity. Maryn Pitt will bring back a draft for further refinement and discussion.  
**No action at this time**
  - c. HHAP Project Status Change Request from Steve Madison with STANCO. The 7-unit complex supportive housing project is located at 835 California Ave, Modesto. The project started in 2021 with a total budget of \$4.1 million. The complex will include a community center, private offices and counseling rooms to meet on site and provide services. The project was advertised for open bidding; one bid was received with a \$400,000.00 gap. STANCO is asking for additional HHAP funding that will be added to the initial HHAP agreement. Round 3 HHAP Diversion and Prevention has available funds totaling \$239,000. A budget amendment can be made with the state; funds can be re-allocated to Permanent Housing. The project is both a rehabilitation and new project; Motion to approve by Jason Conway for the full available funding amount of \$239,000.00 and second from Fred Berry  
**Approved** (12 – Y, 0 – N, 2 – Abstain)
  - d. HMIS Barcode and Scanners will be purchased through funding provided by the Community Services Agency (CSA); an initial test pilot will be conducted with Modesto Gospel, Salvation Army and two additional organizations that have volunteered to utilize before requiring all agencies to utilize the Barcode and Scanner system. The total purchase for 18-units will cost \$60-70k. The units will allow agencies to bypass manual data entry which will lower data entry errors. Motion to approve by Steve Madison, seconded by Linda Murphy-Julien  
**Approved** (14 – Y, 0 – N, 0 – Abstain)
  - e. Data Quality Management Plan: If Housing and Urban Development (HUD) were to ever complete an audit, the CoC is not in compliance in its current state; the HMIS



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Governance Committee has been reviewing data and making changes to the document for the past year, implementation require approval from the CoC.

- Concern from Jim Kruse, Housing Authority of Stanislaus County, regarding 100% accurate data entry completion when clients sometimes don't provide all information and they cannot be forced to. A 24-48-hour turnaround time could become problematic for smaller agencies. Implementations being requested are not a requirement or mandate by HUD, but a recommendation
- Pam Esparza, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS), asked why a change would be implemented internally if it is not a HUD mandate.
- Amy Wyatt, Thurmond Consulting expressed that the HUD Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Ranking Tool based 60% on data quality and HMIS outcomes alone; if changes are not implemented, the CoC will get a lower score for future NOFOs risking competition funding which will impact the organizations that receive funds from the CoC
- Jason invited Pam Esparza, Michelle Gonzales and Jim Kruse to join the HMIS Governance committee to help find an agreeable solution. Maria Armstrong with Turning Point and Ana San Nicolas with Stanislaus County Planning also volunteered to join; will reconvene at a future meeting

***No action at this time***

#### **IV. Funding Opportunities**

- a. Stanislaus County completed a NOFA process in January, the state released in July and is due mid-October; each applicant must submit their approved Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) guidelines. FY 23/24 funding final amount totaled \$431,400 and will release in August or September of 2024. Center for Human Services, Community Housing and Shelter Services, and, We Care Programs were awarded
- b. Current ESG expenditure deadline is September 30, 2023. Five funding agreements will be amended to fully expend funding. Programs that will not meet expenditure deadline include BHRS for street outreach, totaling \$140,000 and the City of Riverbank Street Outreach & Shelter Rehabilitation Project totaling \$519,533.93. Reallocation awarded to ACES Shelter for \$359,533.93, Cambridge Academies – HOST House Shelter for \$150,000.00 and Cambridge Academies – Naomi's House Shelter for \$150,000.00

#### **V. Informational Items**

- a. 2024 PIT/HIC Planning is beginning. There is no current committee, members are needed. Comfort kits totaling \$60,000.00 have been purchased BHRS. The sheltered count will take place January 24, 2024, unsheltered count on January 25, 2024. Linda Murphy-Julien will help on the committee but cannot chair
- b. County Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for FY 22/23 provided by Ana San Nicolas with Stanislaus County. CDBG funds are shared among 7 cities; funding allocations totaled \$2,577,790. Funding benefits low and moderate-income people, prevent/eliminate slum and blight conditions and/or urgent community development need; 8 Urban County Infrastructure Projects are underway



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Community Development Block Grant CDBG-CV cover eligible activities and for the purpose of preventing, preparing and or responding to COVID-19; funding allocations totaled \$6,767,675; 12 programs have been funded.

- c. City of Turlock CAPER for FY 22/23 provided by Rosa Casas. Funding allocations totaled \$3,218,825. Funding has served 773 unduplicated individuals which include 374 individuals with disabilities and 333 homeless persons. HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) purchased two properties for affordable housing;
- d. Eliana Argueta with Health Net and Lizette Granados with Health Plan of San Joaquin (HPSJ) presented on the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program (HHIP). Permissible uses for funds are services to prevent or end homelessness, interim housing for the aging and/or disabled population and rapid re-housing for families and youth. The incentive period is until December 31, 2023.
- e. All HMIS user Fees for FY 23/24 have been paid for by the Community Services Agency (CSA); as of July 1, 2024, funds will not be available to cover user fees
- f. UC Davis is offering a free Outreach Encampment Safety Training on October 11 & 12 at Harvest Hall; both classes are full with 36 attendees in each class. If more interest is expressed, a third training day may be a future option

#### **VI. Committee Reporting**

- a. HMIS Data Standard Changes will be implemented October 1, 2023; if a client does not self-identify with new gender choices, a different identity may be checked with a "please specify" box. Race and Ethnicity is combined; Hispanic/Latina/e/o are now options; a race/ethnicity box and a fillable box for clients is available. New Agency Required Information participation type dropdown box include: not participating, HMIS participating and comparable database participating. New Data Elements include: C2 moving on assistance provided, C4 translation assistance needed, R3 sexual orientation

#### **VII. General Membership Announcements**

- i. Linda Murphy-Julien has vetted Jose E. Ortega, an applicant for the Veterans member position; the board will be asked to vote in Jose as a member in October

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

Meeting Adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

**Next Meeting: October 19, 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, September 21, 2023**

**Attendance**

<b>FUNDERS</b>	1	Entitlement Jurisdiction: Modesto	Edgar Garcia	<b>A</b>
	2	Entitlement Jurisdiction: Turlock	Reagan Wilson	<b>A</b>
	3	Entitlement Jurisdiction: Riverbank	Marisela Garcia	<b>A</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	Major Darren Stratton	<b>A</b>
	7	Youth Services Provider	Emily Webster	<b>P</b>
	8	Victims Services Provider	Melanie Gentry	<b>P</b>
	9	Housing Authority of Stanislaus County	Marissa Black	<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	Lakin Ambriz	<b>P</b>
	12	Senior Service Provider - Stanislaus County of Aging & Veterans Services	Hannah Brady	<b>A</b>
<b>BROADER COMMUNITY</b>	13	BIPOC Advocate	<b>VACANT</b>	
	14	LGBTQ Advocate	Mindy Harrod	<b>P</b>
	15	Lived Experience 1	Carrie Turnquist	<b>A</b>
	16	Lived Experience 2	Miguel Donoso	<b>A</b>
	17	Lived Experience 3	Wanda Jones	<b>P</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>P</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>P</b>
	26	Philanthropy Representative	<b>VACANT</b>	
	27	Law Enforcement Representative	<b>VACANT</b>	

A – Absent  
P – Present