

Meeting Minutes Wednesday

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

I. **Roll Call** – Stanislaus Homeless Alliance (SHA) meeting called to order by Chairperson, Brad Hawn, at 5:30 pm. Please see attachment for roll call.

II. **Public Comment Period**

- Derek Castle, member of the community, commented on how the unsheltered homeless is still a big problem in the Modesto area. Some counties are creating one room shelters for their homeless, referred to as pellet shelters. If that is not an option for Stanislaus County, a lesser expensive option would be to provide tents in well managed, organized sites. A good, four season tent can be found for under \$100. Has been working with Modesto City councilmembers to develop a safe camping site; the proposed site is capable of holding 50 tents. The county and other county cities need to help.

III. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes for July 12, 2023, from Christopher Smith, second from Joey Hayes

Approved (10 – Y, 0 – N, 0 – Abstain)

IV. **Informational Items-**

- a. Salvation Army Access Center Emergency Shelter (ACES) Update-
 - i. Introduction of new major for the Salvation Army, Major Darren Stratton.
 - ii. Jim Stokes, Director of Salvation Army, presented for ACES, the Access Center Emergency Shelter. The Access Center is a low barrier shelter with 182 beds with only 4-8 beds available at the end of the day. Intake starts at 1 pm.
 - iii. Concept of low barrier is pets, partners and possessions
 - Capacity for 50 dogs, must be fixed and vaccinated, with no bite history
 - Partners are placed in beds as closely as possible.
 - Storage available for totes for personal possessions.
 - iv. There are 3 ½ case managers on-site available for individuals to speak to. This helps keep people safe from various obstacles.
 - v. Following the trends of Trauma informed care. Work with individuals and their issues to avoid putting them out in the streets if an outburst occurs.
 - vi. Work with partners, such as Downtown Streets Team who assists with housing people in the shelter.
 - vii. About 50 – 60% of people coming in have medical conditions, such as mental health, developmental, or substance use, disorders. The new on-site mental health clinician has been very helpful.
- b. Christian Curby, Executive Director of Turlock Gospel Mission, presented for Turlock Gospel Mission

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- i. Trauma informed care, Turlock Gospel looks for any reason to stay in relationship with people to keep facility safe.
- ii. Services Offered:
 - Meal Service - Provide hot meals three times a day, 7 days a week and food distribution of tens of thousands of pounds of food to family homes, and food pantries into the city and throughout the southern end of the county
 - Emergency Shelter - Overnight shelter, open every day to men, woman, and their children on a first-come first served basis. Sign-In at 4:15 pm daily until 7 am following day. Showers are available, bins with personal belongings are secured
 - Enhance Shelter - Case management, 24-hour access to the shelter; laundry services
 - Restoration Program - 12-month Restoration Program focused on recovery from Substance Use Disorder, trauma, and developing healthy relationships
 - Daytime Service - A safe place for those in need. Clothing & Hygiene, cooling/warming shelter, meal services, case management
 - Outreach
 - Nourish Job Readiness Program — Invites participants to a high impact year of concentrated culinary training that includes classroom and in kitchen skill development
- c. Raul Dominguez, CARE Manager, presented for CARE team
 - i. Two Teams: Outreach and Engagement (CARE 1.0) and Case Management (CARE 2.0), both have a Mental Health Coordinator
 - a. Outreach and Engagement:
 - Connect with those most in need; provide specialized services in the field and immediate help to those in need
 - Respond to crisis situations to ensure that the target population will not 'fall through the cracks'
 - Direct access to county agencies to receive services
 - b. Case Management:
 - Establish and assess progress with case plan goals
 - Referrals and linkage to services in the community
 - Provide transportation to appointments
 - Assist with housing applications
 - c. How CARE helps:
 - Completes VI-SPDAT
 - Obtain vital documents
 - Life skills education
 - Establish Primary Care Physician
 - Substance Use Disorder assessment
 - Mental Health services conducted out in the field, Crisis evaluation, coping skills, link to outpatient services (warm hand off)

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- Facilitate access to treatment facilities
 - Pet Boarding while in treatment
 - Access to Narcan
 - Different housing options
 - Outreach averages 15 contacts per client per month, while Case Managers average 21 contacts per client a month
- d. Meggan Clifford presented for Downtown Streets
- i. Downtown Streets Team build Teams that restore dignity, inspire hope, and provide a pathway to recover from homelessness.
 - ii. Current Team size is 63 with 62 on the waitlist
 - iii. Is a one-year volunteer work experience program for people at-risk if or currently experiencing homelessness
 - iv. Current DST Projects include:
 - a. Litter Abatement Project with Street Outreach
 - b. City of Modesto Rapid Rehousing
 - c. Environmental impact: 52,496lbs of debris removed in July 2023; since February 2019, a total weight of \$1,541,391lbs has been removed
 - d. Job readiness: 48 resumes completed, 179 job applications submitted, 167 job readiness workshops attended, 91 interviews completed which has resulted in 71 team members securing employment.
 - e. Removing Barriers to Self-Sufficiency
 - Obtaining vital documents
 - Access to transportation
 - Attend workforce Trainings
 - f. Housing Success: so much goes into assisting the Team Members in securing housing
 - 674 vital documents obtained
 - 207 housing applications submitted
 - 56 Team members assisted with obtaining deposit assistance, resulted in 120 Team Members securing housing
 - g. Upcoming projects
 - Modesto Parks Expansion - \$350,000
 - Federal Legislative Earmark - \$400,000
 - State Legislative Earmark - \$1,000,000
- e. Bryan Whitemyer, Oakdale City Manager presented for Oakdale
- i. City of Oakdale Partners with Non-Profit Groups such as Oakdale Rescue Mission and Oakdale Uturn Project.
 - a. Oakdale Rescue Mission (ORM) reaches out to transform lives and provide hope in Oakdale by giving a hand and our hearts to the homeless and others in need. Outreach includes meals, clothing, other humane support, resources, and referrals.
 - b. Oakdale Uturn Project will prioritize four key target areas. Primary prevention, harm reduction, evidence-based treatment and

recovery support. Dedicated to achieving a safer, healthier community by developing, opening and maintaining a long term multi-campus rehabilitations facility.

- c. Next Steps include
 - Identify and acquire funding to purchase housing that can be utilized by ORM and UTURN to house those experiencing homelessness in Oakdale.
 - Develop plan for the Community Sharing Site currently owned by Stanislaus County located at 579 Center Street, Oakdale, CA
- d. ORM The UTURN Project and the City of Oakdale Need Help
 - Plan to work with various county departments, the City of Turlock and other non-profits to identify ways to acquire funding and resources to expand resources available to those experiencing homelessness in Oakdale.
- f. Lynnell Fuller and Kelly Alvarado presented for Coordinated Entry System
 - i. What is Coordinated Entry?
 - a. Also known as Coordinated Entry System (CES), is a consistent, community wide intake process to match people experiencing homelessness or at-risk of homelessness to existing community resources, including certain types of supportive housing that are the best fit for their situation
 - b. Coordinated entry does NOT guarantee access to housing, does not place people on waiting lists for Section 8 Housing, low-income affordable housing complexes, private housing complexes or an assessment for emergency shelter/services
 - c. 4 Phases of Coordinated Entry
 - Assessment
 - Housing Match and Prioritization
 - Documentation & Housing Navigation
 - Housing Placement
 - ii. What is VI-SPDAT?
 - a. The VI-SPDAT, Vulnerability Index-Services Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool, is a triage tool. It highlights areas of higher intervention that may be most beneficial to improve long term housing outcomes. It also helps inform the order-or priority-in which people should be served.
 - b. The VI-SPDAT is a starting point and should not be the only means to determine a client's vulnerability.
 - Self-Sufficiency Matrix
 - Case Conferencing Meeting
 - iii. What is the process?
 - a. Once VI-SPDAT, Self-Sufficiency Matrix, HMIS Intake, and Release of Information are completed, the information will be entered into our Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), which puts clients on our Community Queue,

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- The Community Queue is run weekly, showing clients' vulnerability scores, age, household types, special populations, which is sent to the CES providers.
 - Housing providers notify HMIS of any housing availabilities and requirements for client matching.
 - Case Managers will continue to work with clients to get them document ready.
 - Bi-weekly CES Case Conference meetings are held to discuss our community housing availability, requirements, and clients on CES Community Queue.
- iv. What does it mean to me?
- a. The more organizations and providers entering into HMIS-the whole picture of homelessness emerges.
 - b. The Unsheltered data can be pulled at times other than PIT Count.
 - c. Working through CES gets organizations and service providers out of isolation-silos start to merge.
 - d. Individuals and families have better access to programs and opportunities.
 - e. Accurate data can help inform solutions.
- v. What can I do?
- a. Refer to the Access Center: Housing Assessment Team, 912 D Street, Modesto.

V. SHA General Membership announcements-

Brad Hawn: Housing and Homeless summit on September 14, will be offering 60 tickets at \$50, talking about scholarship opportunities and will have 3 workshops. Trying to finalize, more to come in the future.

Need to revisit SHA and what it means, and review the bylaws at the next meeting. Bylaws to be emailed to members.

Paint shop on 7th Street, wants to add 25 units and will be working with housing authority for vouchers, for permanent housing. Owner will pay for it.

VI. Adjournment 7:46 pm

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ATTACHMENT A - ROLL CALL
Stanislaus Homeless Alliance Board
Wednesday, August 9, 2023

Attendance

	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	P
		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	A
		Reagan Wilson	Alternate	P
7	City of Waterford	Lise Talbott	Primary	P
		Mike Pitcock	Alternate	A
8	Community System of Care	Fred Berry	Primary	P
			Alternate	A
9	Focus on Prevention	Brad Hawn	Primary	P
		Tim Byrd	Alternate	A
10	Stanislaus County	Terry Withrow	Primary	A
		Jody Hayes	Alternate	P
11	Stanislaus Regional Housing Authority	Carlos Estacio III	Primary	A
		Jim Kruse	Alternate	P