



MINUTES

Thursday, March 21, 2024
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 2:33 p.m. Please see the attachment for roll call.
- II. **Public Comment Period**
 - a. There were no public comment requests
- III. **Action items**
 - a. February Minutes: Motion to approve minutes from Bill Fagan and second from Major Darren Stratton
Approved (13 – Y, 0 – N, 0 – Abstain)
 - b. Gratuity Guidelines pertaining to conflicts of interests Code of Conduct within the Continuum of Care; gifts exceeding a \$50 value cannot be accepted by members. Motion to approve from Emily Webster and second from Margie Johnson
Approved (15 – Y, 0 – N, 1 – Abstain)
- IV. **Informational Items**
 - a. Brad Hawn, chairperson for Stanislaus Homeless Alliance (SHA), gave an overview of what SHA is. SHA is made up of City councilmembers, one County Supervisor, the Housing Authority and Brad, with Focus on Prevention
 - The meeting allows city representatives to come together to discuss the needs for each city, and what each city is proactively doing to help the underserved population
 - Approximately 1000 units are available annually at an affordable rate which is a deficit from what is needed
 - Exploring land bank and loan bank opportunities from private sectors
 - b. La Tosha Walden, Community Services Agency, introduced the new Senior Program Manager, Carlos Cervantes. Carlos has 15 years of service with Stanislaus County
 - c. Summit Mapping Update provided by Brad Hawn. Focus on Prevention convened a group of service providers to explore the feasibility of and interest in a Housing Summit. The consultants helping with the Summit will be Park & Central LLC and Flight Design Company out of Oakland, California
 - d. Co-Chair, Emily Webster, advised the board that in addition to the restructure and downsize of CSOC Committees, the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and Coordinated Entry System (CES) will combine into one committee and work closely with the California Racial Equity Action Lab (CalREAL) work group to achieve their transformation goal
 - The current transformation goal of CalREAL is coordinating and convening a diverse group of co-creators and partners to combine both HMIS and CES
 - e. Heather Jones with City of Modesto, provided updates on the Traveler's Project. Final approval and an agreement execution happened at the end of January.

Finalization of permits will be completed over the next week; construction will begin within the next 30 days. The project will bring 55 additional permanent supportive housing units, 37 dedicated to youth and the remaining units will be for the general homeless population

- f. Bill Fagan with City of Turlock presented on the Annual Action Plan FY 2024 – 2025
- HOME Funds Carry Over is estimated at 5,817,569; Program Income Estimated \$110,000 totaling \$5,927,569
 - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Grant \$613,116; Program Income Estimated \$130,000 totaling \$743,116
 - HOME Project Categories include \$1,397,733 for Residential Rehabilitation, \$3,970,290 for Affordable Housing, \$300,000 First Time Home Buyer and \$259,546 for Community Housing Development Organization
- g. Joan Singson, Director of Operation Health Management for San Joaquin Health Centers (SJHC) presented on San Joaquin Street Medicine. The program began during COVID and in April of 2022, mobile clinics were started. By 2023, the Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program (HHIP), Healthcare Management Programs with Health Plan of San Joaquin and Health Net offered SJHC to provide street medicine as a CalAIM initiative. Services are now being extended to and offered in Stanislaus County.
- The goal is to provide Whole Person Care, monitoring of health, tracking care that individuals are receiving and their conditions.
 - The approach is street-based and low-barrier, engage people on their own terms, serve unsheltered people where they are, mobile units can be used for street medicine
 - Health Care Priorities: Harm Reduction. Prevent disease onset, manage chronic disease, relieve pain and suffering, treat or cure disease or injury, avoid a health crisis, avoid ER or hospital
 - The California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) Initiative has brought forth Enhanced Care Management (ECM) and Community Support (CS) Services for Medi-Cal recipients.
 - ECM providers coordinate all primary, acute, behavioral developmental, and oral services with the support of the member by developing an agreed upon treatment/care plan; there are 14 CS Services provided by community based organizations
- h. Amy Wyatt with Thurmond Consulting, discussed key actions for the HHAP 5 Application
- The County and CSOC are committed in the continued investment in the Housing Assessment Team (HAT) to provide outreach and supportive services to unsheltered individuals, operate at the Access Center to serve as the local Coordinated Entry Facility, partnering with United Way or the operation of 211 and with the Community Assessment Response and Engagement (CARE) Program
 - Collaborate with Stanislaus Homeless Alliance (SHA) to advocate for the revision of zoning laws to allow for the development of more affordable housing, continue to invest in current and future Interim/Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) developments
 - Increase utilization of HMIS, continue to invest into CES as well as



homeless services programs throughout the County

- Ensure Racial and Gender Equity in Service Delivery; revise the current contracting process to include information on racial and gender equity, create a committee to review racial and gender inequalities and how it relates to housing
- Reduce the number of people experiencing homelessness upon exiting a jail.
- Re-Entry and Enhanced Alternatives to Custody Training Center (REACT) purpose is to reduce recidivism and prepare individuals for release
- Participation in the Area Hospital Council, Respite and recuperative care beds in the County
- Utilize Bringing Families Home and Linkages Program to reduce the number of people experiencing homelessness upon exiting other institutional settings
- A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Stanislaus County Continuum of Care and the County of Stanislaus for HHAP Grant Funds was distributed to CSOC Board Members

V. General Membership Announcements

- a. Kevin Smith with STEP is pending membership screening and will be asked to join the April meeting by Steve Madison
- b. Jennifer Figueroa with City of Turlock will begin attending meetings as the Funders Entitlement Jurisdiction for Turlock, in place of Bill Fagan
- c. Thurmond Consulting is creating Newsletters for the CoC's and will highlight news articles from California and Nationwide and Funding Resources. Thurmond is authorized by the State to provide CalAIM technical assistance

VI. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

Next Meeting:

April 18, 2024 from 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Location:

Harvest Hall Rooms A, B & C at the Agricultural Commissioner's Office
3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto CA 95358



ATTACHMENT A - ROLL CALL - CSOC COUNCIL
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Attendance

FUNDERS	1	Entitlement Jurisdiction: Modesto	Heather Jones	P
	2	Entitlement Jurisdiction: Turlock	Bill Fagan	P
	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	Major Darren Stratton	P
	7	Youth Services Provider	Emily Webster	P
	8	Victims Services Provider	Melanie Gallagher	P
	9	Housing Authority of Stanislaus County	Kimberly Ryan	P
	10	Veterans Services	Jose Ortega	A
	11	Healthcare Provider	Lakin Ambriz	P
	12	Senior Service Provider - Stanislaus County of Aging & Veterans Services	Hannah Brady	P
BROADER COMMUNITY	13	BIPOC Advocate	Greg Merritt	P
	14	LGBTQ Advocate	Mindy Harrod	P
	15	Lived Experience 1	Miguel Donoso	A
	16	Lived Experience 2	Carrie Turnquist	A
	17	Lived Experience 3	Wanda Jones	P
	18	Homeless Advocate	VACANT	
	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	P
	26	Philanthropy Representative	VACANT	
	27	Law Enforcement Representative	VACANT	

A – Absent
P – Present