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## Meeting Minutes Wednesday, April 10, 2024 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

- I. **Roll Call** – Stanislaus Homeless Alliance (SHA) meeting called to order by Chairperson, Brad Hawn, at 5:31 pm. Please see attachment for roll call.
- II. **Public Comment Period** - None
- III. **Action Items** –
  - a. Approval of Minutes: Approval of the March 2024 minutes. Motion to approve from Lise Talbot, second from Shivaughn Alves  
*Approved (8– Y, 0 – N, 1 – Abstain)*
- IV. **Informational Items** -
  - a. Homeless Prevention Strategies for Older Adults: Hannah Brady reported out for Senior Advocacy Network/ Housing Senior Law.
    - They have been serving the Older Adults of Stanislaus County for over 10 years, and have now expanded into housing support services in 2021.
    - Seniors and Housing Instability: In Crisis
      - Older adults represent the fastest growing age group of the homeless population in CA. It has surged from 2017 thru 2021, increasing 73% for those aged 55-64 and increasing 131% for those aged 65 and older
    - Housing older adults
      - All programs are Housing First and Housing Focused
        - Tenant advocates, linkages to public benefits, connection to shelter, and transitional housing
      - Unique multidisciplinary team for clients with legal and housing needs
      - One-stop shop for understanding housing rights and ‘affordable’ properties in Stanislaus County
      - Support with Housing Authority programs and paperwork
    - Legal Services that address HP
      - Foreclosure Prevention
      - Tenant’s Rights
        - Eviction Defense
        - Rental Increases
        - Tenant Education
        - Mobile Clinics
    - Housing Services that address HP
      - Rental Subsidy
        - Direct to landlord rental payments of \$200 per month per eligible tenants. Have paid rent for over 159 tenants since November 2021, with more than \$280,000 in subsidy

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payments. However, current funding will allow the program to continue through June 2024.

- HomeShare
  - There are 17 homesharing programs across CA, but this is the only one in the Central Valley.
  - Pre-screened candidates
  - Matching based on shared interests, lifestyles, budget, and needs
  - Housing focused approach

## V. Committee Reporting -

- a. Bridge Housing Committee: Next meeting is March 18, 2024. Waiting to see what happens with City of Modesto.
- b. Bylaws Committee: Will be scheduling a meeting with Maryn Pitt on collaborating with CSOC.

## VI. SHA General Membership announcements -

- a. **City of Ceres:** Have 40 homes that are now in foreclosure. The development is at a standstill with the houses being partially built. Nothing can be done at this time.
- b. **City of Turlock:** Have a project with Turlock Gospel Mission to open a Day Center. Identified a facility in Turlock that could provide approximately 60 beds, negotiations in progress
- c. **County of Modesto (CEO):** Working on the Salvation Army project and want to make everyone aware that, that is the number one priority at this time. Also focusing on what some of the programming could look like to include broader support for various specific populations to provide at much care as possible, and bring in more revenue.  
SB 43 mandates counties by January 2026 to expand the role of conservatorship to individuals who are suffering from substance use disorders. Modesto is targeting for January 2025.  
Prop 1 was passed in California, and Modesto is already on the path of this proposition
- d. **City of Riverbank:** Cambridge Academy will open on Friday, April 12. Coordinating with city for a ribbon cutting ceremony.
- e. **City of Waterford:** The annual Council Priorities Setting meeting scheduled for March 14, and hoping to take many ideas to the meeting. Hopefully have good news to report next SHA meeting.
- f. **City of Modesto:** Day Center has had an increase in number of people assessing services. There were approximately 280 unduplicated in March. Were able to house two people
  - Safe Park now has 12 vehicles, with 15 individuals
  - 20 individuals at Modesto Gospel Mission for women
  - Bridge Housing is still taking applications and will be a work in process
- g. **City of Patterson:** In the process of reorganizing Naomi's House and looking at other options for the Host House

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- h. **City of Waterford:** Hopeful for a mobile clinic coming to their area
    - Annual Strategic Planning session was held and would like to put something together to find ways to see what people want or need.
    - City staff would like a resource guide
  - i. **Focus on Prevention:** Working on ways to create attainable housing, as there is a housing deficit of about 17000 units
    - In the process of getting interests from funders, more information to come
    - STEP is for community land trusts and also looking at other ways of providing funding
- VII. Adjournment -**  
Meeting adjourned at 6:09 pm

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**ATTACHMENT A - ROLL CALL**  
**Stanislaus Homeless Alliance Board**  
**Wednesday, April 10, 2024**

**Attendance**

	Representing:	SHA Board Members		Attendance
1	City of Ceres	James Casey	Primary	<b>A</b>
		Rosalinda Vierra	Alternate	<b>P</b>
2	City of Modesto	David Wright	Primary	<b>A</b>
		Joe Lopez	Alternate	<b>P</b>
3	City of Oakdale	Christopher Smith	Primary	<b>A</b>
		Bryan Whitemyer	Alternate	<b>A</b>
4	City of Patterson	Shivaugn Alves	Primary	<b>P</b>
		Ken Irwin	Alternate	<b>A</b>
5	City of Riverbank	Darlene Barber - Martinez	Primary	<b>P</b>
		Marisela Garcia	Alternate	<b>A</b>
6	City of Turlock	Cassandra Abram	Primary	<b>A</b>
		Reagan Wilson	Alternate	<b>P</b>
7	City of Waterford	Lise Talbott	Primary	<b>P</b>
		Mike Pitcock	Alternate	<b>A</b>
8	Community System of Care	Fred Berry	Primary	<b>P</b>
		Maryn Pitt	Alternate	<b>A</b>
9	Focus on Prevention	Brad Hawn	Primary	<b>P</b>
		Tim Byrd	Alternate	<b>A</b>
10	Stanislaus County	Terry Withrow	Primary	<b>A</b>
		Jody Hayes	Alternate	<b>P</b>
11	Stanislaus Regional Housing Authority	Carlos Estacio III	Primary	<b>A</b>
		Jim Kruse	Alternate	<b>A</b>