



MINUTES

Thursday, July 18, 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. May Minutes: Motion to approve minutes by Kevin Smith and second from Margie Johnson
Approved (15 – Y, 0 – N, 0 – Abstain)
 - b. June Minutes: Motion to approve minutes by Major Stratton and second from Maribel McCarroll
Approved (15 – Y, 0 – N, 0 – Abstain)
- IV. **Funding Opportunities**
 - a. The Grant Inventory Worksheets have been received for the Continuum of Care (CoC) Competition. Amy Wyatt, Thurmond Consulting is anticipating within the next month, the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) will be announced; 3 – 5 volunteers with no conflict of interest are needed for the review and ranking committee. Types of projects that are eligible include Rapid Rehousing, Joint Transitional Housing, Rapid Rehousing Projects and Permanent Supportive Housing
 - b. Kasey Houck with the Community Services Agency (CSA) announced the Release for Proposal (RFP) for Shelter Services opened July 10, 2024. Proposals must be submitted by August 14, 2024 no later than 2:30 p.m. via the Stanislaus County Purchasing website. A pre-proposal conference will be held on July 24 at 10 a.m. allowing interested parties to ask questions regarding the RFP. To qualify, shelters must achieve a minimum score of 70%. Those shelters that do not submit proposals or fail to meet the passing score will forfeit their allocated funds, which will be redistributed among those that ranked successfully. Contracts will go into effect on November 16, 2024 at the latest. The scoring panel will consist of Michael Baldwin, Legacy Alliance, Hannah Brady, Senior Advocacy Network and Esther Rosas, Community Housing and Shelter Services
- V. **Informational Items**
 - a. Maryn Pitt spoke on Grants Pass v. Johnson is sort of an appeal of the Boise decision. The Supreme Court ruled that localities may impose criminal penalties for acts like public camping and public sleeping. Information is being gathered from different legal sources and more will be brought up in later months as more information develops; if anyone comes across verifiable information regarding Grants Pass case, send the information to Maryn and or CSA staff

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- b. The chairperson of the Stanislaus Homeless Alliance, Brad Hawn, provided an update regarding the housing situation. Approximately 500 to 800 homes are constructed annually. The overall housing deficit for the county is estimated to be at least 17,000 units. As a community, private sectors need to be involved since any government funding received comes with stipulations. There is a structure on 7th Street in Modesto that is available, the roof will be removed and 26 studio apartments will be built; the owner has been in contact with the Housing Authority to facilitate the acceptance of vouchers
 - c. Doris Foster, Director of Stanislaus County Workforce Development, gave an update on funding expenditures with Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) funding. A newly awarded grant has allowed Youth Services to increase the age limit from 16-24 to ages 16-30. A Request for Proposal has created a relationship with partners that include Learning Quest, Bay Valley Tech, Ceres Unified School District, D.R.A.I.L, and Modesto Gospel Mission. The current FY Budget is \$9,463,565. 465 out of school youth were enrolled during the 2024 – 2024 Program Year with an average wage of \$17.44/hour. Success Stories include a youth that achieved sobriety, transitional housing and successfully transitioned into full-time employment; a female youth in the process of getting forklift certified training; a male youth who has gained employment; a youth that has found permanent housing through the Youth Navigation Center and a Youth that has reached five months of sobriety off all substances and alcohol
 - d. Lynnell Fuller with CSA updated the board with final PIT/HIC stats for 2024. The Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) team reviews all data received, cleans up and enters data into HUD HDX 2.0. An analyst with the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) reviews data
 - 2025 total individuals made up 1828 households
 - 1668 were interviewed, 384 were observed
 - 1072 were sheltered, 980 were unsheltered
 - 2296 surveys were collected, 244 were archived
 - 361 volunteers were trained, and 55% (199) participated in the countMaryn noted that the Stanislaus County CoC was the only CoC in the Central Valley to decrease the PIT Count from 2023

VI. Shelter Updates

- a. Corey Mai Director of Operations of We Care gave an overview on operations. They have an Emergency Shelter, Permanent Supportive Housing, Affordable Housing and Rapid Rehousing. The emergency shelter has 49 beds allocated men ages 18 and over. Dinner and showers are provided nightly, a drug and alcohol and mental health specialist is available three times per week
 - From July 17 2022 to June 30 2023, 330 unduplicated individuals were served; 196 were disabled, 28 were veterans, 152 are chronically homeless
 - Over the course of the year, beds occupied totaled 14,694
 - 7 Permanent Supportive Housing units located in Turlock for adults only, a case manager and mental health services are available
 - Affordable Housing for low income families with long term housing options, four apartment rentals, two house rentals available to singles, couples and families



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- Rapid Re-Housing Program supports individuals that are homeless which is a 3–6-month short term assistance

VII. General Membership Announcements

- i. Amy Wyatt with Thurmond Consulting circulated this month's newsletter. Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Grant Round 6 has new regulations; reporting must be conducted monthly, not quarterly. System performance measure is the main focus, within the application, goals and outcomes to improve these measures must be provided. In January of 2027, a 50% improvement must be shown within each of the seven system performance measures, a revision of plan can be made if needed. In order to access the second half of the allocation, the county and all cities included, must have a housing compliance element. Applications will be available January 2025 with a due date of July 2025. In order to receive approval of HHAP Round 6, 50% of the first disbursement of HHAP Round 4 needs to be spent and at least 75% needs to be obligated in addition to spending all of HHAP Round 1. The focus will be on prevention sustaining existing interim housing which includes emergency shelter and permanent housing. Funding for new congregate shelters will not be available. A new category, Non-Housing Solutions, includes supportive services for unsheltered individuals, street outreach, harm reduction and hygiene. Operating Subsidies will now include residential care facilities under HHAP Round 6
- ii. Jenn Nielsen announced a resource fair that has been put together with CSA and West Modesto Collaborative by partnering with HealthBegins to bring together various Enhanced Care Management and Community Support providers. The event will be held on Thursday, August 8th, 2024 from 1 pm – 4 pm at the King-Kennedy Memorial Center located at 601 Martin Luther King Dr in Modesto
- iii. Kevin Smith announced 9 units of permanent supportive housing with Stanislaus Equity Partners (STEP) will be opening; a ribbon cutting ceremony will take place Friday July 26, 2024 at 9:30 am at the Free Will Baptist Church located at 221 E. Orangeburg Ave in Modesto

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

Next Meeting: August 15, 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
Thursday, July 18, 2024

Attendance

FUNDERS	1	Entitlement Jurisdiction: Modesto	Maribel McCarroll	P
	2	Entitlement Jurisdiction: Turlock	Jennifer Figueroa	P
	3	Entitlement Jurisdiction: Riverbank	Marisela Garcia	P
HOUSING/SERVICES PROVIDERS	4	Permanent Supportive Housing Provider	Kevin Smith	P
	5	Transitional/Rapid-Rehousing Provider	Esther Rosas	P
	6	Emergency Shelter Provider	Major Darren Stratton	P
	7	Youth Services Provider	Emily Webster	A
	8	Victims Services Provider	Melanie Gallagher	P
	9	Housing Authority of Stanislaus County	Marissa Black	P
	10	Veterans Services	Jose Ortega	P
	11	Healthcare Provider	Lakin Ambriz	P
	12	Senior Service Provider - Stanislaus County of Aging & Veterans Services	Hannah Brady	A
BROADER COMMUNITY	13	BIPOC Advocate	Greg Merritt	A
	14	LGBTQ Advocate	Mindy Harrod	P
	15	Lived Experience 1	Miguel Donoso	A
	16	Lived Experience 2	Carrie Turnquist	P
	17	Lived Experience 3	Wanda Jones	P
	18	Homeless Advocate	VACANT	
	19	Faith Sector Representative	Jason Conway	P
	20	Neighborhood Representative- North	Monica Vergara	A
	21	Neighborhood Representative- South	Maryn Pitt	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