



## MINUTES

Thursday, August 15, 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 2:32 p.m. Please see the attachment for roll call.
- II. **Public Comment Period**
  - a. Christian Curby, from the Turlock Gospel Mission, introduced Miriah Brazil as the new Executive Director for Family Promise
- III. **Action Items**
  - a. July Minutes: Motion to approve minutes by Major Darren Stratton and second from Wanda Jones  
**Approved** (14 – Y, 0 – N, 0 – Abstain)
  - b. Committee Restructure Finalization: postponed for a later date
  - c. CoC Ranking Tool has been updated to include data quality clarifications. Separation of the data quality element regarding non-cash mainstream benefits; added in a data quality report to the ranking tool to ensure monthly reports are submitted to the HMIS administrator; additional language for racial and gender equity and a Housing First self-assessment tool that will be a requirement for agencies. The ranking will be on a 100-point vs 75-point tool used in prior years. Motion to approve by Jason Conway and second from Fred Berry  
**Approved** (14 – Y, 0 – N, 0 – Abstain)
- IV. **Funding Opportunities**
  - a. Amy Wyatt with Thurmond Consulting spoke on the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition. As of July 31, 2024 the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) has released. An annual renewal demand is a report that dictates how much the Continuum of Care (CoC) can apply for, as of August 15, 2024, it has not yet been released. A notice will be sent to the public. New Projects and renewal projects can apply, to be eligible for the program you have to be a Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), Rapid Rehousing or a joint Transitional/Rapid Rehousing project. The Domestic Violence bonus will cover supportive services only, specific for data entry. An introduction webinar will be hosted on Wednesday August 21 from 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. via zoom. Deadline for renewal projects in e-snaps deadline is September 10 and new projects will be due by September 13. Supplemental compliance survey and housing assessment tool will need to be completed by September 5. Applications will not be returned in e-snaps unless major revisions are required. This year introduces a two-year competition, in contrast to the previous one-year format, renewal projects will not need to re-apply in 2025; new projects will be approved through reallocation only in 2025. Two volunteers without a conflict of interest are needed, community members are encouraged to volunteer
  - b. Amy Wyatt briefed on CoC Builds, a new funding program by the United States



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Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The CoC must formally endorse any application that is submitted. This program is designated for capital funding aimed at supporting permanent supportive housing units; applicants may allocate 20% their request towards program activities, including operational subsidies, supportive services and rental services, etc. A total of 25 applications will be selected with \$175 million allocated for distribution across the nation. Due date is November 21, 2024

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

- a. Kelly Alvarado with the Community Services Agency (CSA) announced that the agency applied for and received an allocation of \$1.8 million dollars for the Housing Support Program (HSP). Previously received, \$9.3 million and recertified for an additional \$1.8 gives a combined total of \$11 million; some monies have been expended. Current operational budget for this fiscal year is estimated to be \$4.2 million; there are no funds to distribute
- b. Lori Simms with Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) provided updates on CARE Court that was implemented in Stanislaus County as of October 2023. CARE Court applies to anyone over the age of 18 with a severe mental illness *and* schizophrenia or other DSM psychotic disorder diagnosis that is not clinically stable in on-going voluntary treatment. A petition can be filed in person or online by a county behavioral health petitioner or a non-county behavioral health petitioner, including respondent, public guardian or conservator, family members and first responders. CARE Court will be available in every county statewide by 2025, unless granted an exception. To date, 45 petitions have been filed in Stanislaus County and 16 have been granted
- c. Maribel McCarroll updated the committee on the Travelers Motel project located at 710 N. 9<sup>th</sup> St. in Modesto. 55 units will be for individuals residing at the property. 38-units will be for youth between the ages of 12 and 24; 17-units is for general population; all for those experiencing or at risk of homelessness, the last unit will be for the site manager. Construction has started. Due to Homekey funding, tenant selection must be done through the Coordinated Entry System (CES). Anticipated completion date is Winter of 2025

#### **VI. Policy Issues, Concerns, Actions**

- a. Maryn Pitt announced that all cities and the county within the CoC Jurisdiction, including unincorporated areas, must have a certified housing element to comply with the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) program. The housing element outlines the community's growth, strategy, the variety of housing types, and the number of homes that need to be planned. Certain communities have allowed their housing elements to expire, which will prevent CSOC from applying for funding

#### **VII. Shelter Updates**

- a. Major Darren Stratton delivered a presentation on the Salvation Army. Founded in 1865 in London, England, the Salvation Army is a faith-based organization that operates in 135 countries globally, the Modesto location opened in 1886. The Berberian Shelter which supports up to 211 men and women, opened in 2006. The goal is to connect clientele with community services, provide transportation as



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needed, a cooling and warming center, short-term post hospitalization program and a Day Center that includes meals, laundry, showers, and case management. Program Funding comes from restricted contributions, internal support, gifts in kind and grants, both private and public. From January 2024 to June 2024, Berberian offered shelter services to 581 individuals; in July, the number rose to 270. During the same period, the Day Center assisted 566 individuals from January to June 2024 with 537 individuals served. The rise in figures is associated with enhanced networking and greater awareness of the cooling center. New shelter admissions take place between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. daily; shelter hours are from 6 p.m. – 7 a.m.; the Day Center operates from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. New programs offered include short-term post hospitalization managed care stays contracted through HealthNet, the application with Health Plan of San Joaquin has been submitted.

**VIII. General Membership Announcements**

- i. The Stanislaus Homeless Alliance (SHA) meeting was held on August 14; Maryn provided the committee with updates regarding HHAP and the 2024 Point in Time (PIT) data. The elected city officials were informed during this meeting about the urgent need for additional housing units. Over the past two years, a greater number of individuals experiencing homelessness have been sheltered rather than unsheltered; however, the establishment of permanent housing remains crucial to ensure that shelters are not relied upon as a long-term solution

**IX. Adjournment**

Meeting Adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** September 19, 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, August 15, 2024**

**Attendance**

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

A – Absent  
P – Present