
Meeting Minutes Wednesday, January 8, 2025 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**

- a. Casey Armstrong wanted to bring attention to the fact that ECM is beginning to see an increase in at risk of homeless people because they can no longer afford rent and are being evicted. There is no funding available to help those that are at risk to avoid homelessness.
- b. Meggan Clifford with Modesto DTS shared a success story of 2 DTS members who have been homeless for 15 and 20 years, who obtained permanent housing through a Rapid Re-housing program with the City of Modesto and the Economic Development Initiative Fund.
- c. Edgar Garcia wanted to address the comment by Casey Armstrong regarding the absence funding for homeless prevention. The City of Modesto has a contract with Community Housing Shelter Services which assists individuals with Rapid Re-housing assistance. They are averaging serving 10 households a month. Just wanted to clarify and make aware that these services are available in the community.

III. **Action Items**

- a. December 2024 Minutes-Motion to approve minutes by Christopher Smith with Community second from Lise Talbott
Approved (9 – Y, 0 – N, 0 – Abstain)
- b. Alternate Member Appointment-Bylaw recommendation change.
Members voted on the following recommendation:

4.2 Alternate Member Appointments

For each government entity listed in Section 4, alternate members of the Stanislaus Homeless Alliance will ~~be the highest-ranking an executive-level~~ administrative official ~~or elected official~~ in each government entity.

For each non-government entity listed in Section 4, alternate members will be nominated by the governing bodies of these entities and approved by a majority of that body. Subject to the bylaws of those organizations, non-governmental entities shall prioritize the election of representatives not currently employed by a governmental entity.

A motion was made by Joe Lopez to accept the changes, with a second from Cassandra Abrams.

Approved (9-Y, 0-N, 0-Abstain)

- c. Nomination and approval of SHA Co-Chair for 2025. Lise Talbott was nominated by Christopher Smith, and she accepted.

Approved (9-Y, 0-N, 0-Abstain)

IV. **Informational Items**

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- a. Health Plan San Joaquin Enhanced Care Management and Community Supports Updates was presented by Lizeth Granados from Health Plan San Joaquin.
1. California Advancing & Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAim)
 - CalAim is an initiative launched by DHCS to improve the quality of life and health outcomes on Medi-Cal member by implementing broad delivery system, program, and payment reforms across the Medi-Cal program.
 - As initial benefits and services of CalAim, Enhanced Care Management offers intensive care coordination services for high need members. Community supports offer supportive services which address social determinants of health which often impact health outcomes.
 2. Enhanced Care Management
 - ECM Core Services
 - Provides care and resources for the highest need members through intensive coordination of health and health related services.
 - Coordination of care for the member through outreach, engagement, assessments, and management planning
 - Members will have a dedicated team to coordinate all care.
 - Current State
 - ECM network with significant growth
 - Provider staffing much improved.
 - Operational processes improved.
 - ECM child and youth population effective as of 7/1/2023
 3. Referrals for ECM-Members must meet specific criteria to be eligible for services. The ECM Referral Form includes a summary of criteria.
 - May come from multiple sources, such as:
 - ECM Providers or CS providers.
 - Primary Care Providers or Community Based Organizations- Should complete the ECM Referral Form and fax it to HPSJ Case Management Department
 - Member, Family, or Caregiver-May call HPSJ Customer Service re
 - Hospitals and Facilities-Request an ECM referral from the assigned HPSJ Concurrent Review nurse or Transition of Care staff.
 4. Referrals for Community Supports-Members must meet specific criteria to be eligible for these services.
 - May come from multiple sources, such as:
 - ECM Providers or Community Support Providers-Information about CSS can be found at: <https://www.hpjs.com/providers/calaim/>. For any questions, call HPSJ Customer Service
 - Primary Care Providers or Community Bases Organizations- Should complete the CSS Referral Form and submit to the CSS provider. Refer to the Health Plans Provider Directory, select 'other provider' and select the Community Support Services check box for a listing of CSS providers. The CSS provider will submit to Health Plan for authorization using the Provider Portal, or fax (Provider Portal preferred).
 - Member, Family, or Caregiver-May call HPSJ Customer Service

- Hospitals and Facilities-May request a Community Support Service through the standard communications with their Health Plan Concurrent Review nurse or Transition of Care staff.

5. ECM Enhancements/Presumptive Eligibility

- Effective Jan 1, 2025
 - Health plan will implement updated ECM referral standards as required by DHCS.
 - ECM Authorization information for members approved for ECM will be available to network ECM providers on their Health Plan's portal or similar online system.
 - No supplemental documentation for ECM authorization will be required by Health Plan.
- Presumptive Eligibility
 - Health Plan contracted ECM providers can initiate ECM services and will be reimbursed for these services for up to 30 days without an authorization in place.
 - ECM services provided from day 31 and beyond will require prior authorization to ensure claims payment.

The services are increasing in utilization. More and more members are accessing services. Those that qualify are getting them.

6. Transitional Rent

- New 15th Community Support mandatory for MCP's to implement.
- Members authorized for Transitional Rent will automatically be eligible for ECM.
- MCPs will cover up to six months rent for members who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness and meet certain additional eligibility criteria:
 - Meet clinical risk factors such as having one or more serious chronic physical health conditions.
 - Meet the access criteria for SMHS, DMC, or DMC-ODS services.
 - Other specified transitioning populations (transitioning out of institutional levels of care, correctional facilities, child welfare system)
- Designed to establish a bridge to permanent housing and improve overall health outcomes that have been shown to result from stable housing.
- Requires coordination between MCPs, county behavioral health delivery systems and existing housing systems.

7. Housing Status and HHIP Funding

- Health Plan of San Joaquin successfully participated in the 2-year HHIP from January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2023, for both San Joaquin and Stanislaus counties.
- The program officially ended as of 12/31/2023 with no further discussion from DHCS to continue efforts.
- The HHIP program was a voluntary incentive program for Managed Care Plans to earn incentive funding to address housing insecurity and instability based on specific HHIP measures required by DHCS.
- Funds were pre-released by HPSJ to housing partners through an application and memorandum of understand process (MOU)

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8. Stanislaus County Housing Partners Funded through HHIP:
 - Community Services Agency – Point in Time, HMIS Lead Agency
 - San Joaquin Health-Street medicine
 - Stanislaus Regional Housing Authority
 - Stanislaus Equity Partners (STEP)
 - Downtown Streets Inc
 - RHC Development
9. Housing Successes with Street Medicine
 - Served close to 546 Stanislaus County members between March 2024-December 2024.
 - Visited 102 locations in Stanislaus County
 - Most encounters were services via Mobile Clinic.
- b. Stanislaus Regional Housing Authority Housing and Homeless Incentive Program (HHIP) Funding Developmental Projects Update Jim Kruse.
 1. HHIP funding provided for Housing Authority Development Projects:
 - Funding from Health Plan of San Joaquin
 - \$1,680,000 for Central Valley Homes
 - \$175,000 for Kestrel Ridge
 - \$2,300,000 for Walker
 - Funding from Health Net
 - \$720,000 for Central Valley Homes
 - \$75,000 for Kestrel Ridge
 - Central Valley Homes: 38 units completed August 2024
 - 18 BHRS units
 - 7 Veterans units
 - 11 Senior units
 - 1 Managers unit
 - 1 Affordable unit
 - Kestrel Ridge: 8 BHRS units completed in 2024.
 - Walker Point: 20 BHRS units completed in 2024.
- c. STEP update from Jessica Fibrun, President and CEO of STEP
 1. About STEP
 - Vision: Develop Thriving Communities
 - Mission: Mobilize communities, partnerships and investments through housing, small business services, and affordable lending to promote the wellbeing of all residents. Have been around for 4 years.
 2. Attainable Housing
 - Community Value-Creative housing starts and solutions.
 - Mission-Develop partnerships and capital to increase attainable housing inventory and resources in Stanislaus County.
 3. Health plan of San Joaquin
 - Mission: Provide high quality healthcare for members through community partnerships.
 - Vision: Healthy communities through equitable access to quality care.
 - Values: Accountability, diversity, equity, inclusion, partnerships, stewardship excellence, teamwork.
 4. Projects: The Village @ Free Will Baptist

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- Hope Village-the Bridge Covenant
- Funding-Free Will Baptist is a site retained model.
- Hope Village is a property donation model.

5. Creative Solutions:

- Revolving Acquisition fund-access to capital
- Gap financing

6. Faith based housing projects:

- Mission aligned,
- free (or cheap) land,
- income generation.

7. Manufacturing facility:

- Inventory production,
- workforce training,
- regional partnerships

SHA General Membership announcements:

City of Ceres: Tuscany Village is struggling to find funding, 20 vacant homes and 20 vacant lots. Trying to find investors.

Housing Authority: Followed up with Ceres stating there is process that needs to happen by the bank, and the contractors before anything can move forward.

Will have open house next Tuesday at 11:30-1 pm, Turlock Gospel Mission will on site. There will be a couple of mock units that can also be toured. 1612 Sisk Rd, in Modesto. HUD says not to issue any more vouchers.

Stanislaus County: SB43 went live on January 1, 2025, in Stanislaus County and three other counties within the state. There was a thought that there was going to be a massive increase in involuntary holds. This was not the case. Waiting to see how things go. The goal is to get people off the streets and getting them the help they need.

City of Modesto: Expressed appreciation to all the collaborations and partnerships who are involved in helping with the homeless situation.

Also reminded everyone about the PIT Count happening January 30th and still looking for volunteers,

City of Waterford: Thank you for accepting nomination and voting her in to be co-chair. There are some potential housing projects coming forward. These are market value homes. Announced that Waterford has a new councilmember, Lupe Gutierrez, who is involved with homelessness and hoping to have a second voice regarding homelessness and making changes.

SHA Chair: Update on projects on trying to get the private sector involved to help create attainable affordable housing. Trying to develop homes that can be livable, and do not have to big in size. Met with a young developer who is looking into creating small homes with his own funding.

V. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

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ATTACHMENT A - ROLL CALL
Stanislaus Homeless Alliance Board
Wednesday, January 8, 2025

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	A
		Joe Lopez	Alternate	P
3	City of Oakdale	Christopher Smith	Primary	P
		Bryan Whitemyer	Alternate	A
4	City of Patterson	Vacant	Primary	A
		Vacant	Alternate	A
5	City of Riverbank	Vacant	Primary	A
		Marisela Garcia	Alternate	P
6	City of Turlock	Cassandra Abram	Primary	P
		Reagan Wilson	Alternate	A
7	City of Waterford	Lise Talbott	Primary	P
		Mike Pitcock	Alternate	A
8	Community System of Care	Fred Berry	Primary	A
		Maryn Pitt	Alternate	A
9	Focus on Prevention	Brad Hawn	Primary	P
		Tim Byrd	Alternate	A
10	Stanislaus County	Terry Withrow	Primary	P
		Jody Hayes	Alternate	A
11	Stanislaus Regional Housing Authority	Carlos Estacio III	Primary	A
		Jim Kruse	Alternate	P