
Meeting Minutes Wednesday, March 12, 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 5:30 pm. Please see attachment for roll call.
- II. **Public Comment Period** - None
- III. **Action Items**
 - a. February 2025 Minutes-Motion to approve minutes by David Wright with a second from Lise Talbott
Approved (9 – Y, 0 – N, 0 – Abstain)
- IV. **Informational Items**
 - a. Shelter Services Update
 1. Garden Respite - Did not show
 2. Modesto Gospel Mission- Presented by Jason Conway
 - Meal service is the biggest service provided; 5 meals a day, breakfast (twice), lunch, dinner (twice) plus meals to go (sack lunch, no questions asked)
 - 325 men, women, & children per night. 50 women in the chapel (partnership with city of Modesto), 50 men in the dining room at night due to the winter weather
 - New Shelter for Women & Children – Hannah’s House in a new building sold from across the main MGM campus, will open within 90 days, will by 100 for additional women & children; \$3.5 million project, raised capital in private dollars
 - Fred Berry would like to talk to MGM about implementing the Come Back Kids (CBK) program
 - Youth is from newborn-12 years old; youth boys 13-17 will be provided other resources unless there is a single father/family household
 - Encampment Grant through Measure H funding will provide 12 bridge housing units as pallet homes; capacity to build out operational costs; bridge housing will provide housing 6-12 months; homes will be delivered on the 18th with opening estimated to me in May.
 - Partnership with the housing authority in Westley for seniors; no time requirement, subsidized rent (\$550?) to apply for expedited Section 8 (senior women/disabilities)
 - Coffee with a Mission-Volente Coffee. Work experience, job training, employability. Manager and Roaster are paid employees for Volente. Commercial roaster, café work, portable unit. Is working on bringing a coffee cart to 1010 10th Street M-F to provide coffee to employees downtown.
 - Federal Home Loan Banks-10 houses 10 years, transitional housing

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- Bob Gallo donated houses cady corner to MGM that will be turned into transitional housing
3. Salvation Army - Did not show
4. Turlock Gospel Mission – Presented by Thomas Hall
- 2024 Services provided include: 18,281 bed stays, 95,337 meals provided, 1536 unduplicated guests, at least 14 individuals were housed
 - Programs include Emergency Services, Job Readiness Program, Nourish Restoration Program, Food Services
 - Emergency Services include an 80-bed capacity for women & children as well as single fathers (Office space has been converted into two family rooms)
 - Showers, hygiene supplies, and emergency clothes closet
 - Shelter from extreme hot/cold weather
 - Offers storage bins for anyone in the area experiencing homelessness, whatever fits, can be kept as long as a check-in by phone or in person is done once every 30 days
 - Biggest barrier are pets: TGM has a large kennel area for large, medium, and small dogs; supply of ped food for dogs, cats, and rabbits
 - Nursing Academy will help with mentoring and child bonding
 - 72.6% females, 27.4% male; a quarter supported are children 6-17
 - Commercial food truck for catering or public events that provides valuable work skills and hands-on training to be successful in the culinary industry; a café will open later in the summer
 - Nourish Restoration Program provides numerous classes that include Ace overcomers, boundaries, communication, anger management, relapse prevention, aa meeting, celebrate recovery, bible studies and job readiness program
 - Meals, food boxes and mobile food banks are available through TGM with Second Harvest
 - Enhanced Care Management and access to community health workers
 - Will be opening a child-care program at TGM; 8 students through college core (CSU Stanislaus) help with food boxes, making meals, shelter check-in, obtaining clothing when needed
 - TGM is actively seeking connections for more comprehensive behavioral health services and more access to low-income housing in 2024 after 12 months of being at the shelter
 - Assisted a single mother with two young children and two older children, TGM made an exception. The family has been housed as of 3/7/25

SHA General Membership announcements:

City of Modesto: Provided an update on the services given for the month of February: DTS had 256 volunteer hours, 24,197 lbs. of trash, 139 needles removed from streets/parks. 1 team member secured perm housing; 1 member obtained FT employment
MGM served 71 women & children

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CHSS assisted 6 households with 17 individuals with homeless prevention assistance, assisted 2 households with 5 individuals with Rapid Re-Housing assistance

City of Waterford: New alternate will be Christine Harris; Lise will meet with City Manager pertaining to zoning questions regarding housing locations; more to report in April. Announced that Christopher Smith was voted citizen of the year for the City of Oakdale

City of Patterson: Will be meeting in 2 weeks with HOST House for the male shelter. Still looking for a program to come in and help with HOST House as it remains closed. La Familia will give classes on counseling.

City of Ceres: No updates; housing element on the next council meeting for approval. City of Ceres is losing their planning director; concern for business loss/closures and employment

City of Riverbank: Provided an update on the services given for the month of February. 75 men and 81 women received shower services, clean clothes, and hot meals. 3 residents will graduate next week. Homekey+ application with Central Valley Community Resources, for 67 units. \$1.5 million in funding for a fee waiver and additional allocation of city funds.

City of Oakdale: Lost city manager Bryan Whitemyer due to relocation. Hopeful for a new replacement in April.

SHA Chair: Would like to challenge councilmembers to consider committing to preparing a shovel ready project that would be ready to be funded by a Homekey funding opportunity. Brad is willing to help facilitate wherever necessary. Was contacted by two churches for an excess of property for shelter.

Stanislaus County: Announced that there is an 'Adopted a Unit' day at Dignity Village Modesto site March 22 and 23. There are 42 Tiny Home units on 9th & D Streets. This is to get people to purchase/supply units with necessities to get ready for setup/grand opening.

Community System of Care: Darlene Barber-Martinez is the newest appointed CSOC member; community liaison meeting on 3/12 to get the community to understand the importance of SHA/CSOC meetings

V. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm

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ATTACHMENT A - ROLL CALL
Stanislaus Homeless Alliance Board
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Attendance

	Representing:	SHA Board Members		Attendance
1	City of Ceres	Rosalinda Vierra	Primary	P
		Mayor Javier Lopez	Alternate	A
2	City of Modesto	David Wright	Primary	P
		Nick Bavaro	Alternate	A
3	City of Oakdale	Christopher Smith	Primary	P
		Jerry Ramar	Alternate	A
4	City of Patterson	Gabriela (Gaby) Hernandez	Primary	P
		Kendra Mora	Alternate	A
5	City of Riverbank	Stacy Call	Primary	P
		Marisela Garcia	Alternate	A
6	City of Turlock	Cassandra Abram	Primary	A
		Kevin Bixel	Alternate	A
7	City of Waterford	Lise Talbott	Primary	P
		Christine Harris	Alternate	A
8	Community System of Care	Fred Berry	Primary	P
		Maryn Pitt	Alternate	A
9	Focus on Prevention	Brad Hawn	Primary	P
		Tim Byrd	Alternate	A
10	Stanislaus County	Terry Withrow	Primary	A
		Ruben Imperial	Alternate	P
11	Stanislaus Regional Housing Authority	Carlos Estacio III	Primary	A
		Jim Kruse	Alternate	A