



MINUTES

Thursday, May 15, 2025

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 2:41 p.m. Please see the attachment for roll call.
- II. **Public Comment Period**
 - a. There were no public comment requests
- III. **Action Items**
 - a. April Minutes: Motion to approve minutes by Emily Webster and second from Darlene Barber-Martinez
Approved (12 – Y, 0 – N, 0 – Abstain)
- IV. **Informational Items**
 - a. Blanca Ramirez, Administrative Analyst with City of Modesto discussed the Consolidated Plan, a planning document required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that is updated every five years in order to receive federal funding
 - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) anticipated funding is \$7,500,000 to serve low to moderate income persons; funds may be utilized for public infrastructures, facilities and services, housing acquisition and rehabilitation and economic development
 - Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) anticipated funding is \$2,800,000 which supports construction of new affordable housing, rehabilitation to existing housing and first time homebuyer assistance
 - Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) anticipated funding is \$750,000 to assist homeless persons/families which include homeless prevention, rapid rehousing, emergency shelter operations and the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)Based on the Community feedback process, the goals include increase the supply of affordable housing; working towards ending homelessness; increase access to jobs, education and other services; enhance infrastructure and public facilities
Final funding was received on May 14, 2025
 - CDBG awarded allotment is \$1,898,921, with additional resources total funding is \$2,428,943
 - HOME awarded allotment is \$800,215, with additional resources total funding is \$6,641,832
 - ESG awarded allotment is \$157,694
 - b. Edgar Garcia, with the City of Modesto announced that Jenny's Place construction, a 54-unit housing project that the CoC had approved a \$1.7 million allocation from Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round 4 funding, is now complete, with certificate of authenticity
Jessica Berzac, with UPholdings, announced the Ribbon cutting celebration



scheduled for May 29 at 10:00 a.m., attendees will have an opportunity to hear from the project team, elected officials and local stakeholders, plus tour the property. In 2023, at the time of application, voucher support was available to lease all the units. Currently, there is a concern regarding the lack of housing vouchers in the community. Out of 54 units, 26 people have been identified and only 9 have a rental subsidy. Funds to support a one-time operating reserve to bridge the initial lease-up and stabilization period is approximately \$646,360 for one year. With project funding stipulations, all units need to be leased by August 30, 2025.

- c. Maryn Pitt announced the Mapping Project is complete and an extensive database is available; The map and database sheet will be sent out to board members

V. Policy Issues, Concerns, Actions

- a. New Executive Order Updates were provided by Leng Kutil from Thurmond Consulting. California faces an \$11.9 billion deficit that the administration wants to mitigate with program cuts and funding delays. There is no new state funding for homeless programs in Fiscal Year 25/26, including HHAP, and Encampment Resolution Funding.
 - \$200 million in HomeKey funding remains available for the current year, only applications in the process will be able to benefit from HomeKey funding
 - \$800 million in affordable housing funds are either being cut or deferred; proposed cuts to Services including In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) overtime & travel, Medi-Cal, restricting IHSS for undocumented adults/restrictions on Medi-Cal eligibility which can go into effect as early as 2026
 - 13% cut to homeless assistance program, proposed to consolidate the CoC and housing opportunity, and will eliminate funding to permanent supportive housing, coordinated entry and CoC planning activities
 - There is a 35% increase for Veterans Affairs Medi-Cal care for homeless veterans
 - Executive order Restoring Equality of Opportunity and Meritocracy will deprioritize enforcement of civil rights protections under the Fair Housing Act
 - HUD is facing a lawsuit that has been filed for FY 25/26 CoC grant had additional conditions and language; as of May 7, 2025, a federal judge has blocked HUD from enforcing provisions and stipulations in the grant agreements
- b. Maryn emphasized that significant challenges are emerging due to a convergence of substantial changes at the federal level. All partners and entities need to work together as a collective best interest to help those in need of Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)

VI. Committee Reporting

- a. New and established committee members participated in an in-person breakout session

VII. General Membership Announcements

- i. Emily Webster announced that Hutton House with Center for Human Services has an open coordinator position



VIII. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Next Meeting: June 26, 2025 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

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Attendance

FUNDERS	1	Entitlement Jurisdiction: Modesto	Edgar Garcia	P
	2	Entitlement Jurisdiction: Turlock	Jennifer Figueroa	A
	3	Entitlement Jurisdiction: Riverbank	Marisela Garcia	A
HOUSING/SERVICES PROVIDERS	4	Permanent Supportive Housing Provider	VACANT	
	5	Transitional/Rapid-Rehousing Provider	Esther Rosas	A
	6	Emergency Shelter Provider	Jim Stokes	P
	7	Youth Services Provider	Emily Webster	P
	8	Victims Services Provider	Melanie Gallagher	P
	9	Housing Authority of Stanislaus County	Jim Kruse	P
	10	Veterans Services	Jose Ortega	A
	11	Healthcare Provider	Lakin Ambriz	A
	12	Senior Service Provider - Stanislaus County of Aging & Veterans Services	Hannah Brady	P
BROADER COMMUNITY	13	BIPOC Advocate	Greg Merritt	A
	14	LGBTQ Advocate	Roman Scanlon	P
	15	Lived Experience 1	Carrie Turnquist	A
	16	Lived Experience 2	Miguel Donoso	A
	17	Lived Experience 3	Wanda Jones	P
	18	Homeless Advocate	VACANT	
	19	Faith Sector Representative	Jason Conway	A
	20	Neighborhood Representative- North	VACANT	
	21	Neighborhood Representative- South	Maryn Pitt	P
	22	Neighborhood Representative- East	Darlene Barber-Martinez	P
	23	Neighborhood Representative- West	Margie Johnson	P
	24	Education Community Representative	Fred Berry	P
	25	Business Community Representative	Steve Madison	A
	26	Philanthropy Representative	VACANT	
	27	Law Enforcement Representative	VACANT	

A – Absent
P – Present