
Meeting Minutes Wednesday, May 14, 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 5:33 pm. Please see attachment for roll call.
- II. **Public Comment Period** - None
- III. **Action Items**
 - a. Approval of April 2025 Minutes - Motion to approve minutes by David Wright with a second from Stacy Hall.
Approved (8 – Y, 0 – N, 0 – Abstain)
- IV. **Informational Items**
 - a. Behavioral Health Outreach and Engagement (BHOE): Presentation given by Susan Gold, Ph.D. Clinical Psychologist and Program Coordinator for Stanislaus County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services.
 1. What is outreach and engagement and how does BHOE and AOT (Assisted Outpatient Services) provide it?
 - Multi-disciplinary Approach: Clinicians, Behavioral Health Specialists, Peer Support Specialists and Family Advocates.
 - Raising Awareness
 - Resolving ambivalence, helping to choose change
 - Help identify appropriate change strategies
 - Help implement change strategies and learn to eliminate potential relapses
 - Develop new skills for maintaining recovery
 - Cope with consequences and determine what do next
 2. Where does BHOE and AOT provide services?
 - Within Stanislaus County’s communities such as:
 - Streets-train tracks, behind buildings
 - Hospitals-medical and psychiatric
 3. BHOE and AOT Teams consist of:
 - Behavioral Health Specialists
 - Provide outreach, engagement and linkages to specialty mental health services and community resources (7 staff)
 - Mental Health Clinicians
 - Provide time sensitive mental health assessments to link to specialty mental health services and community resources (3 staff)
 - Support Services
 - Peer Support Specialists inspire hope in those engaging in services, by living a life of recovery and resiliency (1 staff)

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- Family Advocates support, educate and empower the families (2 staff)
- Coordinator: Clinical Psychologist
- Administrative Clerk III (1 staff)
- 4. Priority Sectors of BHOE Services, 2021 to present. BHRS identified 5 priority sectors of underserved populations.
 - Community
 - Access Center
 - Hospitals
 - Tenet Doctor of Behavioral Health (DBHC)
 - Telecare Psychiatric Hospital Facility (PHF)
 - Out of County Diversions
 - Assisted Outpatient Treatment AB 1421 Program
 - In-custody and Law Enforcement
- 5. Referrals and Building Connections
 - Community
 - Access Center
 - Crisis Support
 - Outreach in the community and encampments
 - Engagements and linkages to behavioral health and community resources
 - In-Hospital Outreach and Engagement Services
 - Tenet Doctors Behavioral Health Center (DBHC) has a 67-bed capacity (Modesto)
 - Telecare Psychiatric Hospital Facility, 16 bed capacity (Ceres)
 - At admission, receive outreach
 - During admission-engagement and urgent referral for BHOE MH assessment
 - Pre-discharge-Link to an outpatient treatment team and screening for SUD services
 - Assisted Outpatient Treatment AB 1421 Program: California AB 1421 came into effect in 2003 after Laura Wilcox was fatally shot by someone with severe mental illness who did not agree to treatment. The is intended to prevent this from happening in the future by court-ordered treatment for those who are eligible. Eligibility requirements are as follows:
 - County resident with a minimum age of 18
 - Serious Mental Disorder
 - Person unlikely to survive safely in the community
 - History of lack of compliance with mental health treatment indicated by
 - Hospitalized twice in the last 36 months (from date of referral) OR
 - Treated in jail/prison twice in the last 36 months OR
 - Serious and violent acts, threats, or attempts to harm self/others 3 times in the last 48 months.

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- Voluntary treatment has been offered and refused
- Condition is deteriorating
- Least restrictive placement option
- Necessary to prevent 5150 holds
- Will benefit from treatment
- AOT Program itself provides:
 - Outreach and engagement services
 - Linkages with adults and their families to specialty mental health services
 - Referrals and linkages to community supports
 - Collaborate with treatment team's ongoing efforts
 - To refer-contact BHRS Access & Support Line 1-888-376-6246, available 24/7
- In-Custody and Law Enforcement
 - California P.C. 4011.6 says: 4011.6 members are transferred from the Public Safety Center to DBHC for psychiatric stabilization. They are not always open to a BHRS treatment team. This recommendation comes from the court and Deputy-who places the Hold and stays with the member throughout the duration of DBHC. The member is still in custody and always accompanied by a deputy at DBHC then immediately returned to the Safety Center. BHOE collaborate with BHRS Collaborative Court Public Safety Center Team and DBHC. We provide the Urgent Mental Health Assessment and Linkages at DBHC, to link the individual to a BHRS Treatment Tea.
 - California P.C. 1368 pertains to an individual who is found mentally incompetent because of a mental disorder or developmental disability, by the Court Experts. The adjudication is suspended. If the individual declines participating in an In-Custody Mental Health Assessment, BHRS' Public Guardian Department attempts to evaluate for evidence of Grave Psychiatric Disability. The individual is transferred from the Public Safety Center, to DBHC for further evaluation, treatment and possible LPS Conservatorship.
- b. Dignity Village Housing Project: Presentation given by Ruben Imperial, Director of Stanislaus County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services.
 1. Project Partners County BHRS funded construction, funds operations, and provides services for residents at the campus. BHRS partnered with:
 - Dignity Moves as the project developer.
 - UP Holdings and RH Developers (Modesto BHBH, LP) have contracted to manage property, maintenance, and security services at the site, using BHBH funds to support these efforts.
 - The City of Modesto leased city owned land to Modest BHBH for the site and funded \$325,000 toward wet unit construction costs.
 2. Dignity Village Project Costs: BHBH Round 1 Infrastructure Grant funds contributed to total project costs of \$3,023,037. BHBH Round 3 Grant-total project costs Shelter/Interim Housing Programs \$1,008,040.

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3. Priority Populations Served at Dignity Village
 - The BHBH Program primarily aims to meet the immediate and long-term housing needs of individuals experiencing homelessness with serious mental illness (SMI) and/or substance use disorder (SUD).
 - Individuals with serious mental illness and/or substance use disorder and are homeless.
 - Priority for the above population is individuals enrolled in Care Court.
4. Site Plan
 - 42 sleeping cabins (3-units for accessibility needs)
 - Shared accessible restrooms and showers
 - Warming kitchen within a multi-purpose space
 - Laundry facility on-site
 - Dog run
 - Social areas
 - 24/7 security cameras
 - On-site staff daily
5. Additional Information
 - There are rules that the tenants must abide to. Each person staying is based on a referral which must be through BHRS programs.
 - One person per cabin, as they are learning to live in a society.
 - This is not long-term housing. The time limit is approximately 18 months, with the hopes they are able to find permanent housing sooner.

SHA General Membership announcements:

Housing Authority: Gave a voucher update: There is a temporary freeze on voucher issuances from being in a shortfall. Currently spending about \$150,000 more a month on current voucher commitments.

There are still 111 people with vouchers that are still looking for housing. There is reserve funding that is for those vouchers as well as those who are already housed and are currently being assisted.

Planning to strategically absorb the 152 emergency housing voucher recipients into the regular vouchers as that funding is going to end June 2026. Will try to absorb as many as possible with reserves on hand and will be requesting more funds as soon as funding is available.

The funding coming down is not keeping pace with what the rents were before. Each county is funded an amount that should divide out based on HUD's average rent. 6000 vouchers were issued by HUD. Currently at 5000 vouchers. If rents go up 5-10%, it's a 5-10% reduction in the number of vouchers that become available. Trying to prepare something using HUDs formulas to post on the HA website to show where they are at. 1612 apartments have been completed and will be open June 1st. Grand opening will be June 25th, at 12 pm.

Edwards Estates are being worked on and first 5 units will be completed beginning of July.

Stanislaus County: Supervisor Withrow acknowledged the all the different programs and services throughout the county, helping individuals monthly.

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City of Modesto: For the month of April, DST had 21 members performed 337 volunteer hours, a little over 15,000 pounds of trash removed from 38 city parks and streets. 1 team member secured housing. 19 attended job workshops within the month. Modesto Gospel Mission: 56 women and children were in the Safe Sleep program. CHSS: Assisted 3 households with Rapid Rehousing, assisted 20 with homeless prevention. Dignity Village has 21 individuals. Jenny's Place: 53-units supportive housing for youth, ribbon cutting 5/29/25. Grace Gardens at MGM, 12-unit bridge housing will be completed this summer.

City of Waterford: Identified a church location that is interested in partnering with the city to provide land for future temp shelter. They do have a large space to use. This is still in the beginning process and may take a while. There is a potential site downtown that is not city owned. It does need lots of clean up. Will be working with the City Manager to see how this can work. These are all in the talking stages. A local union retiree chapter called Skilled-workers Organization of Active Retirees (SOAR) is doing a sock drive to donate to the Salvation Army through the end of May.

City of Patterson: Waiting for the completion of a trash enclosure at HOST House which is one of the final steps in being able to open again as a shelter. The board of Patterson continues to work diligently in interviewing potential programs and providers to operate and manage services at the shelter. Working closely with La Familia. The 13th Street Team is opened for showers twice a week, meals every day except Sunday. Naomi's House is still functional with 8 to 9 rooms for women and single mothers.

City of Riverbank: For the month of April, the Day Center provided showers for 86 men, 91 women, and 28 new individuals were admitted, 17 men and 11 women. 25 of those were experiencing homelessness. 5 of the 28 had some sort of disabling condition. Cambridge Academies was nominated for the Senate District Non-Profit on the Year. They won. Councilmember Hall and Councilmember are doing a fresh drive for Sierra House, requesting under garments for men and women, soaps, bleach, and detergents. It will be June 8 thru June 28. Hoping to provide a fresh start after one load of laundry and a clean pair of socks.

SHA Chair: There is a project in Patterson being worked on through different private sources. There are approximately about 40 units. The project is taking a little longer than expected but is in the process. The idea is to close the gap by finding other methods of affordable housing without the use of vouchers.

V. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm

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ATTACHMENT A - ROLL CALL
Stanislaus Homeless Alliance Board
Wednesday, March 12, 2025

Attendance

	Representing:	SHA Board Members		Attendance
1	City of Ceres	Rosalinda Vierra	Primary	A
		Mayor Javier Lopez	Alternate	A
2	City of Modesto	David Wright	Primary	P
		Nick Bavaro	Alternate	A
3	City of Oakdale	Christopher Smith	Primary	A
		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	P
		Ruben Imperial	Alternate	A
11	Stanislaus Regional Housing Authority	Carlos Estacio III	Primary	A
		Jim Kruse	Alternate	P