



MINUTES

Thursday, July 17, 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 2:39 p.m. Please see the attachment for roll call.
- II. **Public Comment Period**
 - a. Casey Ogelvie-Armstrong with Turning Point Community Programs, sits on a board for a Continuum of Care in a different county. A U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Representative conducted a monitoring/investigation to determine whether the CoC used any Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) language on any documents. The use of DEI language will suspend any issuance and retraction of CoC funding. Any recipients of CoC funding will also be investigated for DEI language; if they are found to be in violation, their funding will be rescinded
- III. **Action Items**
 - a. June Minutes: Motion to approve minutes by Major Darren Stratton and second from Fred Berry
Approved (12 – Y, 0 – N, 0 – Abstain)
 - b. Amy Wyatt with Thurmond Consulting announced that as part of the Homeless Housing, Assistance Program (HHAP) Round 6, stakeholder engagement meetings are required. The second of three engagement meetings took place today, July 17, 2025; the third and final meeting will take place virtually, outside of the CoC meeting. The purpose of today’s meeting is to identify key actions for improvement on System Performance Measures (SPM) which will help impact the budget allocation. HHAP 6 Required measures need to show improvement or have key actions to show improvement. The CoC will not be able to draw funding until improvement is proved with data. The required measures include:
 - Measure 1 – number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness accessing services in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS); access of service needs to be increased significantly higher rate than the increase of the annual Point-In-Time count
 - Measure 2 – number of people experiencing homelessness who are accessing services for the first time (in 2 years). The number of people served for the first time declines by a lower rate than the number of those experiencing unsheltered homelessness; alternatively, if the number of people served for the first time increases by a greater rate than the number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness, it indicates a higher percentage of people experiencing homelessness are connecting with services for the first time
 - Measure 3 – number of people exiting homelessness into permanent housing; this measure is evaluated in the context in exits to permanent housing both inside and outside of the homelessness response system

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- HHAP 6 requires the CoC and the County to identify at least one key action for each of the system performance measures (Measures 1-3). The Board and its stakeholders should identify actions that the CoC can realistically execute, with ways to measure progress. Measures open for discussion include the number of unsheltered individuals accessing services, the number of individuals experiencing homelessness while accessing services for the first time in the last two years and/or the number of individuals exiting the homeless response system into permanent housing

Hannah Brady noted that is the responsibility of supervisors and leaders in organizations to have realistic expectations for case load. Staff need to have time to be able to look at data; the Senior Advocacy Network has smaller staffing and caseloads, yet, the data quality lacks because of the HMIS system and system requirements

Maria Armstrong with the Housing Assessment Team (HAT) has a staffing level of 3 case managers and over 887 clients, their SPMs will never look how they should due to the case load. Could a process or system be developed so that organizations and case managers may be able to communicate amongst one another?

Major Stratton spoke about the pilot program using the automated scanning system for the Day Center that the Salvation Army volunteered for that is supposed to help with data entry into the HMIS system. After an evaluation by the HMIS team, it was determined that the client flow and what the system requires with staffing levels, the automated scanning system would not be realistic; there is talks about piloting the system at the Access Center Emergency Shelter (ACES) side of Salvation Army

Lynnell Fuller with Stanislaus County Community Services Agency, noted that the scanning system is designed for Day Center use, not general entry into a shelter. New data standards were released in June and Emergency Solution Grants Program (ESG) was no longer going to be covering night by night shelters which negates the entire concept of scanning into the Day Center since you have to capture where clients were the night prior

Amy Wyatt stated that when it comes to requesting the second half of the HHAP 6 disbursement, progress made in at least three of the six SPM's has to be shown. As long as improvement and progress, no matter how small, then California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) will release the second disbursement. An action step may include training or going back and cleaning up data; Key actions and recommendations are needed on prevention and may include increasing homeless prevention dollars, improving access to housing assistance funds for those exiting an institution whether it be a hospital, respite care or through jail systems and increasing access to rapid rehousing assistance and capacity for permanent supportive housing projects

- The recommendation for HHAP 6 funding plan has a verbal amendment; there was an allocation of \$600k for Rapid Rehousing to replace the



continued operation of Coordinated Entry categorically for HAT since they are the only agency that is entering data into the Coordinated Entry system that is a requirement by HUD. After discussions, the funding needs to stay in the Non-Housing Solution as Coordinated Entry. A sustainability of permanent housing must be completed to identify the number of units for affordable housing and any funding gaps

Edgar Garcia does not believe that the \$750k for Operating Subsidies is sufficient and would like to see an increase to a minimum of \$900k for at least one project

Maryn Pitt advised that budget amendments may be done; the CoC should align its expenditure plan with HCD priorities, addressing SPM's and community needs

Kasey Houck stated that during an amendment, it must be proved how the changes will help the CoC meet their SPM's

Motion to approve the HHAP Round 6 Allocation with verbal amendment relative to Outreach, HAT and Coordinated Entry by Emily Webster and second from Edgar Garcia

Approved (12 – Y, 0 – N, 0 – Abstain)

- c. Amy Wyatt requested the approval for the HHAP Round 6 MOU; the MOU is similar to HHAP Round 5; the only changes made is that the CoC and Stanislaus County will comply to encampment policies as required by the state. Additional information pertaining to CoC roles in comparison to CSA roles, was outlined in detail. One major change added is to develop a funding policy for the disbursement of CoC-allocated HHAP funds; the County (CSA) remains as the Collaborative Applicant for the CoC. Motion to approve by Major Darren Stratton and second from Marisela Garcia

Approved (11 – Y, 0 – N, 0 – Abstain)

IV. Informational Items

- a. Yoselyne Cerros, from LawHelpCA was unable to attend the meeting in person; the presentation was not provided
- b. Maryn Pitt reminded the CoC that Grants Pass v. Johnson took place after the Supreme Court overturned Martin v. Boise

Edgar Garcia noted that the Grants Pass decision effectively allows jurisdictions to enforce camping ordinances in the public, as they did prior to the Martin v. Boise decision. Cities are enacting policies with camping ordinances, the criminal justice system and shelters are being impacted. The state has released guidelines on how to approach encampments for jurisdictions that may want to apply for state funding

Scott Thurmond informed the board Thurmond Consulting's Staff Attorney put together a summary related to Grants Pass that can be made available to the board

Hannah Brady recommended that the CoC drafts and release a statement that the CoC does not support incarcerating individuals that are unhoused



Maryn Pitt agreed to drafting a statement and speak on concerns and issues at the Stanislaus Homeless Alliance (SHA) meeting which is made up of elected officials. Concerns to address include the HOST and Naomi's Houses closing in Patterson, City of Turlock voted to forego helping We Care acquire state grant funds, the City of Riverbank denied a tiny home project; individuals are doing the difficult tasks of putting plans together, and elected officials are still voting no, essentially failing the community

V. Committee Organization Breakout

- a. Committee organization breakout session did not take place due to time constraints

VI. General Membership Announcements

- i. Edgar Garcia announced
 - a. The City of Modesto received an \$18 million HomeKey+ award for the transformative project that will convert the El Capitan Motel. The award will help transform the 49-unit property into 48 units of permanent supportive housing, plus one on-site manager's unit. The development will serve individuals experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness including 24 veterans and 24 individuals with a serious mental illness or substance use disorder
 - b. City of Modesto will have a ribbon cutting ceremony for 12-bridge housing units in partnership with Modesto Gospel Mission located at 1530 Owens Drive in Modesto on Friday, August 15 from 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- ii. Emily Webster, stated that with the funding approval for Jenny's Place, it has greatly impacted young individuals at the Youth Navigation Center (YNC); the team at YNC is working hard to get any youth who are document ready, housed by the end of the month to meet deadlines

VII. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Next Meeting:

August 21, 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
Thursday, July 17, 2025

Attendance

FUNDERS	1	Entitlement Jurisdiction: Modesto	Edgar Garcia	P
	2	Entitlement Jurisdiction: Turlock	Jennifer Figueroa	A
	3	Entitlement Jurisdiction: Riverbank	Marisela Garcia	P
HOUSING/SERVICES PROVIDERS	4	Permanent Supportive Housing Provider	VACANT	
	5	Transitional/Rapid-Rehousing Provider	Esther Rosas	P
	6	Emergency Shelter Provider	Major Darren Stratton	P
	7	Youth Services Provider	Emily Webster	P
	8	Victims Services Provider	Yesenia Solorzano	P
	9	Housing Authority of Stanislaus County	Marissa Black	A
	10	Veterans Services	Jose Ortega	P
	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	A
	15	Lived Experience 1	Miguel Donoso	A
	16	Lived Experience 2	Carrie Turnquist	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	A
	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