
Meeting Minutes Wednesday, June 11, 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 May 2025 Minutes - Motion to approve minutes by David Wright with a second from Lise Talbott.
Approved (8 – Y, 0 – N, 0 – Abstain)
- IV. **Informational Items**
 - a. Community Health and Assistance Tea, (CHAT): presented by Christina McKenney
 1. Mission to address quality of life issues by building partnerships and collaborations between the Criminal Justice System and Social/Medical Services.
 2. CHAT supports the Modesto Police Departments commitment to an alternative policing response and engagement in our community by focusing on responses to non-criminal/non-violent incidents through alternative resources.
 3. 911 call response: CHAT outreach specialists respond to qualifying 911 calls received through the dispatch center which include quality of life complaints, safety checks and community support.
 4. CHAT provides connections and linkage to support services withing the city and county. Each individual encounter is approached with a dedicated focus on addressing their unique needs.
 5. CHAT also provides active linkages and resource referral in the field such as:
 - Mental health system of care
 - Family systems of care
 - Drug and treatment services.
 - Housing system of care
 - Social services and benefits
 6. Building Partnerships
 - Cultivating and maintaining positive relationships with direct service providers, along with promoting seamless referrals and staying informed about changing programs and resources
 7. Supporting Modesto Police Dept
 - Chat can be deployed to take over when an officer is on scene allowing law enforcement to respond to more urgent calls.
 8. Benefits of CHAT
 - Enhanced community engagement and assistance
 - Improved efficiency of police officers
 - Increased support and resources for individuals in need
 9. Data collection is done thru Environmental System Research Institute (ESRI)

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- Collects real-time data & mapping, calls, and weekly reports.
10. Chat plays a role in alternative policing and is a unique approach to law enforcements in the city of Modesto.
Through connecting individuals with support services and supporting police officers, working towards making the community a safe place to live, work, and play.
Questions: What would it look like if CHAT could be expanded to other smaller cities? Have worked with other cities to discuss their model for the other cities in county to follow. Funding is vital in getting a program like this up and running in each individual city.
- b. Stanislaus County Office of Education (SCOE) School-based Homeless Services presented by Fred Berry.
1. McKinney-Vento Act: Creating an authentic environment of T.R.U.S.T. for families:
 - Transparency- Be open and let families know what to expect
 - Relationships- Start with human connection
 - Understanding- Recognize homelessness as a circumstance, not a behavior
 - Support- Make services visible and proactive, ask about barriers
 - Teamwork- Include families in planning and problem-solving
 2. Homeless Education
 - What is a protocol?
 - What are the benefits of having a protocol?
 - Strategies to develop, implement, or improve a homeless student protocol
 - Based on McKinney-Vento Act Requirements
 - Issues to consider for including
 - Possible collaborators
 3. Definition of Eligibility: Children and youth who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence.
 - Sharing the housing of others due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reason.
 - Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations.
 - Living in emergency or transitional shelters.
 - Living in a public or private place not designed for or regularly used as accommodations.
 - Living in cars, parks, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings.
 4. What is a Protocol?
 - Detailed plan with set of standard procedures
 - Formal agreement or understanding
 - Specific set of rules that all parties involved understand and follow to create a predictable, logical sequence of action
 - Rules, guidelines, or customs of a group that should be observed by all parties
 5. Why create a protocol?

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- Ensures all staff know who does what, when, and how
 - Reduces delays in enrollment and attendance
 - Improves consistency of responses within schools and school districts
 - Reduces likelihood of disputes
 - Creates more positive interactions with community organizations
 - Increases appropriate service provision and referrals
 - Enriches relationships with students and parents
6. What does a protocol look like?
- Set of policies and guidelines for action
 - Checklists for what needs to be done
 - Tailored for specific role groups involved in serving HCY (Homeless Children and Youth)
 - Consistent forms used throughout the LEA (Local Education Agency)
 - Clear roles and responsibilities
 - Flexible enough to be revised and responsive to emerging issues
7. Who needs to be involved?
- Parents and unaccompanied homeless youth
 - School secretaries, registrars, and enrollment staff
 - School Resource Officers (SROs) and attendance officers
 - Program administrators (Special Ed, Child Nutrition, Title I, Migrant/Refugees, Early Childhood)
 - Principals and teachers
 - Transportation directors and bus drivers
 - Student services staff
 - Shelter-based school service providers
 - County and City Agencies
8. How is a protocol implemented?
- Determine what authorization or support you need from district leadership
 - Decide how to include stakeholder input
 - Plan for barriers you may encounter and way to address
 - Set a schedule and stick with the timeline
 - Communicate protocol
9. Basis of the Protocol
- Liaison and LEA Responsibilities
 - Identification and enrollment
 - Link HCY to educational and related services.
 - Inform parents and guardians of their child's rights.
 - Provide opportunities to participate in children's education.
 - Post public notice.
 - Mediate disputes
 - Inform parents, guardians, and UHY of available services, including transportation.
 - Collaborate and coordinate with State coordinators, and community and school personnel.

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- Review and revise policies that act as a barrier: enrollment, transportation, immunizations, residency, birth certificates, school records, other documentation, guardianship.
- Give special attention to HCY not already attending school.

10. Improving Data Quality

- Students may be unaccompanied, or homeless, or BOTH. (Homeless, unaccompanied youth must be identified as both)
- Homeless and unaccompanied are separate designations in the Student Information System (SIS)
- If a homeless, unaccompanied youth is not entered into the system with both classifications, their data will be accurately reflected in the annual data collection.

11. Why?

- Federal law requires school districts to identify unaccompanied, homeless youth and report them as part of their student data submission.
- Building Level Liaisons (BLL): School districts that identified more than ten unaccompanied homeless youth during the prior year must establish building level homeless liaisons at all middle schools, junior highs, and high schools.

These building homeless liaisons must be trained by the district's homeless liaison.

The primary responsibility of the building liaison is to identify homeless and unaccompanied youth and connect them to the district homeless liaison.

School nurses, school counselors, or homeless student liaisons to provide consent for non-emergency outpatient primary care services for unaccompanied homeless students.

Requires school districts to facilitate the on-time grade level progression and graduation for qualifying students.

c. City of Modesto Consolidated Plan presented by Heather Jones

1. Consolidated Plan Overview

- 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.
- The Con Plan acts as the City's 5-year roadmap, identifying strategies on how the City plans to use the HUD formula block grant programs (CDBG, HOME, and ESG)
- The Consolidated Plan contains several sections that inform planned strategies.
 - Process – Highlights the stakeholder and public engagements.
 - Needs Assessment – Considers the varying needs of the communities the City serves
 - Market Analysis – Looks at market conditions and economic indicators to inform use of funds
 - Strategic Plan – Identifies the priority needs, 5-year goals, and strategies on utilization of funding

2. HUD Funding Allocations for Modesto During 5-Year Cycle

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- Anticipated funding: CDBG - \$7,500,000; HOME - \$2,800,000; ESG - \$750,000
 - Uses: Serve low level/Moderate-Income Persons; Affordable Housing, Homeless Persons/families
 - Example activities: Public Infrastructure; Construction of New affordable housing; Homeless prevention
3. Modesto's Steps in Preparing the 2025-203 Consolidated Plan
 - Focus Group Meeting: December 2024
 - Community Survey: January-March 10, 2025
 - Community Workshops: February-March 2025
 - Circulation of Draft Con Plan: May 2025
 - Public Hearing and Submittal to HUD
 4. Community Engagement Updates
 - Four focus group meetings - 80+ Stakeholders attended
 - Community Survey – 545 Responses
 - Seven community workshops
 5. Focus Groups
 - Affordable Housing
 - Community Development & Services
 - Economic Development & Broadband
 - Addressing Homelessness
 6. Community Workshops
 - Seven workshops were held, at least one per district
 - Opportunity for community members to provide feedback
 - Surveys were also provided at meetings
 7. Draft Consolidated Plan Goals – based on the Community Feedback Process
 - Increase the supply of affordable housing
 - Working toward ending homelessness
 - Increase access to jobs, education, and other services
 - Enhance infrastructure and public facilities
 8. Program Year 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan Overview
 - Each program year, the Annual Action Plan acts as the city's application for HUD's for formula block grant programs (CDBG, HOME, and ESG)
 - Allows the city to program funds to address the priority needs as identified in the Consolidation Plan.
 9. Annual Action Plan
 - Awarded 2025-26 AAP Funding: CDBG - \$1,898,921; HOME - \$800,215; ESG - \$157,694
 - Additional Resources: CDBG - \$530,022; HOME - \$5,841,617; ESG - \$0
 - Total Funding: CDBG - \$2,428,943; HOME - \$6,641,832; ESG - \$157,694
 - Goals: Enhance infrastructure and Public Facilities; Improve the Quality and Increase Affordable Housing; Working towards ending homelessness
 10. Citizen Participation Plan

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- To continue engagement with the community and allow the city to respond to the needs, HUD requires the Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) to be updated every five (5) years.
- The Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) outlines the outreach and participation process the city undertakes particularly for citizens whose HUD funds are intended to benefit.
- The city encourages participation in all stages of the Consolidated Planning process by all residents, including minorities and non-English speaking persons, as well as persons with mobility, visual, or hearing impairments, and residents of assisted housing developments and recipients of tenant-based assistance.

SHA General Membership announcements:

City of Ceres: has problems with the new order that came out. Councilmember is being proactive and working with other counties to see how they are handling this order. Tuscany village is still an issue.

City of Patterson: CARE has been coming out to assist with showers, Naomie's House has 8 rooms available. Working with Cambridge Academies

City of Riverbank: had 71 men and women come in for showers. 33 individuals have come thru. Still doing the drive. Reviewing budget and asking PLF Funds to move to Sierra House.

City of Modesto: picked up 13000 lbs of trash. 45 city parks. 1 team member obtained employment.

MGM has had women in safe sleep

CHSS helped with RRH served 8 household

Dignity has 37 units filled

Jenny's Place has 53 units, and 22 have been housed

Bridge housing to be done this summer

City of Turlock: thanked everyone for all the support. WeCare is no longer being funded by the city. A NOFA for HOME funding should be coming available before the fiscal year ends.

V. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm

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ATTACHMENT A - ROLL CALL
Stanislaus Homeless Alliance Board
Wednesday, June 11, 2025

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	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	P
		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