



MINUTES

Thursday, October 16, 2025

2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

- I. **Roll Call** – Community System of Care (CSOC) Council Meeting called to order by chairperson, Emily Webster at 2:34 p.m. Please see the attachment for roll call.
- II. **Public Comment Period**
 - a. There were no public comment requests
- III. **CSOC Chairperson Announcements**
 - a. Emily Webster introduced the new CSOC Consultants, Homebase. Nora Breslin, Directing Attorney, introduced herself and Nicole McCray Dickerson, Senior Directing Attorney. Homebase was the technical assistance provider for CSOC from 2017 – 2022. Homebase will help the Continuum of Care (CoC) build capacity around U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) expectations, roles and responsibilities, Coordinated Entry improvement recommendations and supporting the CoC competition
- IV. **Action Items**
 - a. September Minutes: Motion to approve minutes by Darlene Barber-Martinez and second from Jim Stokes
Approved (11 – Y, 0 – N, 0 – Abstain)
 - b. Carlos Cervantes, Manager with the Stanislaus Community Services Agency (CSA) presented on the 2026 Point in Time (PIT) Count. HUD requires an annual Housing Inventory Count (HIC) and Sheltered Count. The recommendation to the board is to not conduct the unsheltered count for 2026. The Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) team consists of two Staff Service Analyst, down one from three, and one Staff Services Coordinator. HMIS attends all PIT meetings, trainings and administering the volunteer portal. After each count, the team reviews and scrubs all data as needed and later provides a PIT community report out. PIT Cost from comfort kits, training, food, HMIS staff time etc., totals \$252,531; total funding available is \$38,585. A report may still be put together with data collected; over the last several years, there have not been drastic number changes in PIT counts. The Point in Time (PIT) count is required to be conducted every two years, 2025 was required, 2026 is not. The MOU between CSOC and CSA requires only the HUD mandated biannual count. If CSOC would like a 2026 count, the board would have to provide more contribution because of CSA's current staffing capacity and funding

Steve Madison expressed concern with a potential impact on federal funding for the CoC competition

Hannah Brady posed the question as to whether or not CSA has been absorbing the extra costs for the PIT count since there has always been a shortfall



La Tosha Walden, Assistant Director for the Housing & Homeless Division at CSA, noted there always been a short fall but with access to previous grants and extra money received during the COVID-19 era, it was easy to have extra costs covered

Emily Webster asked for a vote to allow moving the PIT count to an every other year model, as mandated by HUD. Motion to approve by Hannah Brady and second from Fred Berry

Approved (11 – Y, 0 – N, 0 – Abstain)

- c. LGBTQ Advocate Roman Scanlon: Motion to approve by Margie Johnson, second from Marisela Garcia

Approved (11 – Y, 0 – N, 0 – Abstain)

- d. Permanent Supportive Housing Provider Jessica Filbrun: tabled for November

No Action Taken

- e. Victims Services Provider Yesenia Solorzano: Motion to approve by Steve Madison, second from Fred Berry

Approved (12 – Y, 0 – N, 0 – Abstain)

- f. Nora Rice introduced staff from Homebase to the board members. Homebase Nicole McCray Dickerson will be the lead on the CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) competition. As of today, HUD has not released the NOFO. Logistics may change with the NOFO this year, impacts may result in shortened deadlines. Smaller projects have been at a disadvantage in prior years

The NOFO's committee's recommendation reflects a general agreement to approve scoring tools, with the acknowledgement that updates may be necessary to align with CoC competition priorities:

- Preserve and prioritize permanent supportive housing
- Having narrative section and scoring discretion
- Prioritizing projects that participate in coordinated entry
- Prioritizing housing for families with children, youth, survivors of domestic violence

Hannah Brady voiced concerns about the elderly not being included in the prioritized housing as they are the fastest growing group to become unhoused

The request today is to authorize the two scoring tools, which will likely require reassessment and modification upon the release of the NOFO. The local procedure remains consistent with previous practices, with the exception of the discretionary 20% point adjustment and the removal of the interview process for project applicants, which has been substituted with a narrative response. This allows applicants to elaborate on their projects or any other aspects they wish the ranking panel to take into account. Motion to approve by Darlene Barber Martinez, second from Jim Stokes

Approved (13 – Y, 0 – N, 0 – Abstain)

V. Funding Opportunities

- a. Emily Webster indicated that there is a potential opportunity to explore the support requirements needs of other shelters within the community that could be met through the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) grant funding.



The executive committee and CSA are considering the possibility of providing additional funding for shelters that may require assistance throughout the community; further details will be available in the upcoming months

VI. Informational Items

- a. Ana San Nicolas, Stanislaus County Planning & Community Development presented on Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Funding. Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025 Allocations are shared amongst the cities within Stanislaus County apart from Modesto and Turlock.
 - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) \$2,305,008
 - Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) \$205,225
 - CDBG-CV1 \$1,358,994
 - CDBG-C3 \$1,432,755
 - HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) \$1,262,718Stanislaus County released a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the HOME Consortium, a report on projects that will be awarded should be expected by the end of 2025. Funds may be used for a variety of affordable housing activities that fall into four categories:
 - Rehabilitation of owner-occupied housing
 - Assistance to homebuyers
 - Acquisition, rehabilitation, or construction of rental housing; and
 - Tenant-based rental assistance
- b. Ana San Nicolas did not have significant updates pertaining to ESG Funding Updates due to the Government shutdown. News may change, and there may be additional updates in the months to come

VII. Committee Reporting

- a. Emily Webster announced that CSOC has been discussing at length to have a Shelter Working Group with individuals interested in supporting shelters, issues specific to shelters such as funding, best practices etc., Emily would like to work with individuals present today to get a date scheduled to start these discussions
- b. Emily Webster distributed a sign-up sheet for committee volunteers; the chairs of committees are required to be members of the CSOC board, but anyone is welcome to participate in a committee; board members are required to serve on at least one committee

VIII. General Membership Announcements

- i. Steve Madison introduced Nancy Mendoza as the new Executive Director for STANCO; she has been onboarding with Steve since August
- ii. Hannah Brady brought flyers for the Power of Attorney Advanced Healthcare Directive Workshop that is conducted once per month at the Senior Advocacy Network located in Modesto
- iii. Pam Esparza announced the Wellness Center Arts and Craft Fair will be on October 17 from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at 800 Scenic Dr



IX. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

Next Meeting: November 20, 2025 from 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Location: Harvest Hall Rooms D & E at the Agricultural Commissioner's Office
3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto CA 95358



ATTACHMENT A - ROLL CALL - CSOC COUNCIL
Thursday, October 16, 2025

Attendance

FUNDERS	1	Entitlement Jurisdiction: Modesto	Heather Jones	A
	2	Entitlement Jurisdiction: Turlock	Jennifer Figueroa	P
	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	Jim Stokes	P
	7	Youth Services Provider	Emily Webster	P
	8	Victims Services Provider	Yesenia Solorzano	P
	9	Housing Authority of Stanislaus County	Marissa Black	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	Miguel Donoso	A
	16	Lived Experience 2	Carrie Turnquist	A
	17	Lived Experience 3	Wanda Jones	A
	18	Homeless Advocate	VACANT	
	19	Faith Sector Representative	Jason Conway	A
	20	Neighborhood Representative- North	VACANT	
	21	Neighborhood Representative- South	Maryn Pitt	A
	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	P
	26	Philanthropy Representative	VACANT	
	27	Law Enforcement Representative	VACANT	

A – Absent
P – Present