



MINUTES

Thursday, November 20, 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 2:36 p.m. Please see the attachment for roll call.

II. Public Comment Period

- a. Deb Allison with Help is Hope offered to advertise flyers for non-profits or special events/services for free on their website. If any organization has events to post, please e-mail secretary@helpishope.org

III. Action Items

- a. October Minutes: Motion to approve minutes by Margie Johnson and second from Darlene Barber-Martinez
Approved (15 – Y, 0 – N, 0 – Abstain)
- b. Volunteers to chair various committees were received. Emily Webster nominated:
 - Roman Scanlon – Vulnerable & Special Populations
 - Darlene Barber-Martinez – Youth Advisor
 - Margie Johnson – Regional Coordination & Housing Development Working Group

Jim Stokes volunteered to chair the Shelter Workgroup; Emily advised that the request would need further review as Jim is not a primary board member. If Major Stratton offered to chair, Jim could potentially Co-Chair

Motion to approve by Emily Webster and second from Jason Conway
Approved (15 – Y, 0 – N, 0 – Abstain)

IV. Informational Items

- a. The Secretary Position is currently available for the board; Maryn inquired if any members would be willing to volunteer for this role to comply with bylaws and consider potential succession planning. No volunteers came forward; Maryn notified the board that this matter will be revisited in the near future
- b. The flyers for the CoC NOFO and Application Review & Ranking Panel recruitment were distributed to board members and public attendees. As of the meeting, two volunteers have been secured, and an additional 1-3 are needed. To be eligible, the volunteer must not be a client or applicant
- c. Open board positions include Homeless Advocate, North Neighborhood, Philanthropy and Law Enforcement Representative

Steve Madison suggested communication with Modesto Police Department to see if the supervisor for the Community Health and Assistance Team (CHAT) would be able to volunteer for the Law Enforcement position on the board; Steve will follow up. Maryn suggested that someone from probation may be a good option.

- d. Maryn reviewed the 2026 CoC Competition NOFO Release and Scoring Tool. The



CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) is \$4.2 Million Tier 1 will be 30% of the ARD. Tier 1 projects are generally 90% or more of the CoC ARD, meaning most projects are renewed year after year as long as organizations perform and demonstrate their effectiveness. No more than 30% of the ARD may be used for Permanent Supportive Housing which means many projects will not be included in the priority list based on the direction from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). All projects are being asked the same questions to better understand the emerging needs of each project to help identify other potential sources of funding such as vouchers, or if projects can move to support services only. There will be a special CoC meeting that is scheduled for Monday, November 24 to review scoring tools and policy framework. It is unknown at this time, what will happen to those that have or have not signed their year 2025 competition contracts. All project applications for renewals are encouraged to not go through the process of applying if their program does not meet the criteria outlined by HUD. Renewal deadline is December 13, applications due to HUD will need to be uploaded into the e-snaps system by January 14, 2026. Homebase will conduct a NOFO Technical Assistance Workshop on December 1. Permanent Housing Projects that will not be included on this years list, will be contacted and notified.

Emily Webster noted that if anyone is interested in learning more, the National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) has a recorded webinar and materials to compare prior NOFO's to the current, on their website. Links will be sent out via ListServ

Hannah Brady asked when/if clients that will be impacted, will be informed. With enough notice, clients will have time to prepare. Maryn noted that some organizations are still utilizing 2024 and 2025 competition funds; 2026 funding impacts will start impacting housing in one to two years. Hannah suggested perhaps a policy should be in place by the CoC on how organizations notify their clients

Margie Johnson questioned whether Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) would be able to help with some of the impacted households.

A representative from Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS), stated that in order to qualify for BHSA, individuals must be BHRS and BHSA eligible. BHSA isn't open to everyone that is eligible, there has to be mental health criteria that is met. Prop 1 SB326 passed January 1, 2025 goes into effect July 1, 2026 that says 30% of funding has to be used for housing beds; BHRS is looking into what impacts that may have

V. Policy Issues, Concerns, Actions

- a. Jason Conway spoke on the Community Services Agency (CSA) holding daily calls with organizations in the community, trying to mobilize nonprofit organizations and how food pantries were handling the increased demand

Roman Scanlon mentioned that CSA compiled a list of food pantries and mobile sites to manage distribution across the county. This has brought an awareness of what are we going to do in the future if an occurrence like this happens again.



CalPride is looking for long term sustainability to keep their food pantry open, whether people are funding or not

Jason stated that the HR1 Enrollment for CalAIM will implement new standards starting in 2026, which include being enrolled in educational institutions and/or engaging in volunteer work with non-profit organizations. In certain cases, waivers for these requirements may be issued. Non-profit organizations collaborating with community members should assist by encouraging their staff to disseminate information to the constituents they serve

VI. General Membership Announcements

- i. Jason Conway – The Modesto Gospel Mission is giving away 250 turkeys, Saturday, November 22 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.
- ii. Downtown Streets Team (DST) is now Hope Works. MGM has assumed control of Hope Works and has recruited staff to initiate the project in January 2026. The program will focus on a work re-entry initiative through a temporary agency, accommodating 35-60 individuals who will receive compensation for 15 hours of work per week to perform litter abatement in Modesto. Jason will present updates to the board in February 2026; essential documents will be required, and participants must be eligible for employment. The temporary agency will not conduct drug testing, and MGM will collaborate with participants to provide necessary stabilization as required

VII. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

Next Meeting: December 18, 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, November 20, 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	P
	18	Homeless Advocate	VACANT	
	19	Faith Sector Representative	Jason Conway	P
	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	A
	25	Business Community Representative	Steve Madison	P
	26	Philanthropy Representative	VACANT	
	27	Law Enforcement Representative	VACANT	

A – Absent
P – Present