



MINUTES

Thursday, January 15, 2026

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 2:31p.m. Please see the attachment for roll call.
- II. **Public Comment Period**
 - a. None
- III. **Action Items**
 - a. December Minutes: Motion to approve minutes by Margie Johnson and second from Jim Stokes
Approved (13-Y, 0 – N, 0 – Abstain)
- IV. **Informational Items**
 - a. NOFO Updates and CoC Strategy Discussion was presented by Kasey Houck for Homebase.
 - Recap of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) action of the last few months:
 - i. HUD issued a NOFO in November 2025, with vastly different priorities, seeking major cuts to CoC funding. In response, several groups and states filed suit arguing that new priorities were unlawful. HUD rescinded the NOFO and issued a new one in December; a judge ruled siding with the plaintiffs to grant a preliminary injunction, or pause, to the NOFO proceedings
 - ii. The US District Court issued a written ruling with more details on December 23, 2025, stating the November NOFO's conditions were deemed unlawful. HUD is not allowed to issue a new NOFO, deadlines or accept/process applications as part of a new NOFO. HUD created a plan to process renewals for FY 2025 CoC funding and notify grantees of next steps by Jan 9, 2026
 - iii. HUD will reopen and post the FY 24/25 CoC NOFO with an extended deadline to allow for all eligible renewals and reallocations. All renewal, planning and Unified Funding Agency (UFA) grant recipients that were awarded funds may resubmit their FY24 applications
 - iv. The CoC will need to submit FY25 priority listings, Certification of Consistency for projects not certified in FY24, alongside renewal, reallocation, planning and UFA project applications
 - v. The application window is anticipated to close by approximately February 9, 2026, with the anticipated reward date to be May 2026
 - While grantees submit their requests for renewals, parties that have filed a motion for summary judgement, which allows for a faster resolution. It is likely that 2026 NOFO will contain many of the significant changes from

- November.
- Key Dates
 - i. January 9, 2026 – FY24/25 NOFO reopens
 - ii. January 16, 2026 – e-snap opens
 - iii. February 9, 2026 - Application deadline
 - iv. March 2026 – Awards anticipated
- b. Housing and Disability Advocacy Program Funding Announcement given by Kelly Alvarado of Community Services Agency:
 - Stanislaus County Community Services Agency received Annual funding for FY25/26 for the Housing & Disability Advocacy Program in the amount of \$273,4277. A one-time allocation from re-distributed funds was given in the amount of \$417,893, which expires FY28.
- c. 2026 PIT Announcement & Updates were given by Maryn Pitt
 - Volunteer portal is open. Less than 200 have registered, and more are needed
 - Love Modesto has partnered with CSOC and is working on getting more volunteers
 - News releases are out, including social media giving regarding volunteering and training

V. Shelter Updates

- a. HAVEN (Healthy Alternatives to Violent Environments) Shelter Update was given by Yesenia Solorzano and Margarita Sigler
 - HAVEN’s vision is a community, society, and world free from violence where all people experience safe, healthy relationships.
 - i. Is the only dedicated provider of supportive services and advocacy for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking, regardless of age or gender, in Stanislaus County.
 - ii. Provide safety and support to survivors and promote healthy alternatives to violent environments, while working to end the cycle of abuse through crisis intervention, education, advocacy.
 - iii. 2 locations: 618 13th Street, Modesto and 301 Starr Ave, Turlock
 - Domestic Violence: A pattern of behaviors used by one partner to maintain power and control over another partner in an intimate relationship. Including, but not limited to, physical violence, sexual violence, threats, emotional abuse, financial abuse, and isolation
 - Sexual Assault: Any type of forced or coerced sexual contact or behavior that happens without consent. Forced doesn’t always refer to physical pressure
 - Human Trafficking: Human traffickers recruit individuals in-person and online with false promises of a better life, employment, educational opportunities, temporary housing, access to necessities, or even a seemingly loving family, relationship, marriage, or home
 - Labor Trafficking - individuals perform labor or services using force, fraud, or coercion. Pay or working condition are abusive and the worker cannot quit or complain because the boss is threatening them or exploiting their desperate economic circumstances

- Prevalence
 - i. 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men report experiencing severe physical violence by intimate partner in their lifetime
 - ii. 1 in 5 girls and 1 in 7 boys experience rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner first experienced between 11-17 years of age
 - iii. 24 people per minute are victims of rape, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner
- HAVEN Services include: 24/7 crisis line for trauma response and emergency shelter, peer counseling and support groups, restraining order assistance/legal services, human trafficking services, housing services, clothes closet and youth services
- Challenges/Barriers
 - i. Funding – financial assistance for clients; lack of funding has caused staff shortage which in turn affects client services
 - ii. Agency Awareness – bridging the gap between potential clients and services

VI. General Membership Announcements

- i. Jason Conway – Hope Works launched on Monday, January 12, 2026. Hope Works has replaced the Modesto Downtown Streets Team. There are two case managers, Brandi and Frankie; Greg Meyers is the program manager. Onboarding and safety meetings take place weekly on Friday; employment is being handled through a Temp Agency, any clients that are homeless that would like an opportunity back into the workforce should e-mail Greg at hopeworks@modesto.org
- ii. Darlene Barber-Martinez – Central Valley Community Sources offers transitional housing placement for young adults ages 18-21 will be hosting an fundraising event open to the public. Their 9th annual crab feed will be on Saturday, February 14 located at 3600 Santa Fe St in the City of Riverbank from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. Flyers were circulated
- iii. Lynnell Fuller – The training and sign ups for PIT was extended until the 22nd of January which will give less than a week to finalize city assignments
- iv. Jim Stokes – Thanked everyone for their community, network and friendship. His last day with the Salvation Army will be February 15, 2026
- v. Heather Jones – The City of Modesto (COM) will launch their Notice of Funding Availability through HUD at the end of the month. Anyone from the CoC that would like to serve on the evaluation committee should reach out to COM. The value of the NOFO has not been released

VII. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

Next Meeting: February 19, 2026 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
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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	VACANT	
	11	Healthcare Provider	VACANT	
	12	Senior Service Provider - Stanislaus County of Aging & Veterans Services	Hannah Brady	P
BROADER COMMUNITY	13	BIPOC Advocate	VACANT	
	14	LGBTQ Advocate	Roman Scanlon	P
	15	Lived Experience 1	Wanda Jones	P
	16	Lived Experience 2	VACANT	
	17	Lived Experience 3	VACANT	
	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	A
	26	Philanthropy Representative	VACANT	
	27	Law Enforcement Representative	VACANT	

A – Absent
P – Present