Stanislaus
Community System of Care

MINUTES

Thursday, September 17, 2026
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 2:31 p.m. Please see the attachment for roll call.

Board Members Present: Meggan Clifford, Marisela Garcia, Rosana Gonzalez, Esther Rosas, Darren Stratton, Emily Webster, Yesenia Solorzano, Marissa Black, Roman Scanlon, Jason Conway, Darlene Barber-Martinez, Margie Johnson, Fred Berry, Steve Madison

Board Members Absent: Isaac Moreno, Jose Ortega, Hannah Brady, Pam Esparza, Maryn Pitt

II. Public Comment Period

a. There were no public comments

III. Action Items

a. August Minutes: Motion to approve minutes by Jason Conway and second from Darlene Barber-Martinez
Approved *(0 – Y, 0 – N, 0 – Abstain)*
b. Grants & Funding Committee Chair Pam Esparza Nomination: Motion to approve by Darlene Barber-Martinez and second from Jason Conway
Approved *(0 – Y, 0 – N, 0 – Abstain)*

IV. Informational Items

a. Ana San Nicolas with Stanislaus County Planning presented on the Stanislaus County Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026. Stanislaus County is the lead entity amongst county cities for Urban County and HOME Consortium funding; the City of Turlock participates only in the HOME Consortium with the county but applies for their own HUD funding. The City of Modesto applies for both, independently.
    - Allocated funding totals $2,505,449 between Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program
        - CDBG benefits low and moderate-income individuals, helps prevent and eliminate blight conditions, and aids in meeting urgent community development needs
        - During FY20-26, 12 programs were funded, and 7,369 unduplicated individuals were served
    - Health and Safety issues have been the primary concern and focus
    - ESG is intended for operations of shelters, rental assistance and homeless prevention
        - 3 public service grants were funded – WeCare, HAVEN, and Center for Human Services

        - Turning point received rapid rehousing funding
    - 223 unduplicated individuals were served
- $1,262,970 was awarded for HOME Consortium. Funds assisted in the acquisition and rehabilitation of rental housing at 100 S. Abbie St., Empire and 1143/1145 Park St., Turlock

b. Blanca Ramirez gave an overview on City of Modesto's CAPER Report for FY25/26
- Awarded amounts for CDBG, ESG and HOME totaled $3,096,098.81 of which $239,268.44 is a remaining balance from HOME-ARP that was awarded in FY22. Total amount expended is $1,632,519.84
- $221k CDBG funds was awarded to six nonprofits; 462 individuals were served
- $402,496 in loans/grants assisted 15 households with the Housing Rehabilitation Program
- $92,900 was awarded from ESG, assisting 3 nonprofits; 730 individuals were served
- Camp2Home coordinates a continuum of outreach, emergency shelters, employment, case management, and housing, moving individuals from unsheltered homelessness to permanent housing resources
    - Center for Human Services Outreach Program was awarded $32,400 from ESG funds; 28 individuals were contacted and 15 were linked to outreach services
    - Community Health and Assistance Team (CHAT) made 9,151 outreach contacts, providing 8,174 supportive service connections
    - Salvation Army was awarded $40,500 and served 689 unduplicated individuals
    - Partnering with the Modesto Gospel Mission, the HopeWorks job training program was established in January 2026. Through June 2026, 48 individuals were actively working in the program with 5 clients obtaining transitional housing
    - Turning Point Rapid Rehousing was awarded $20,000 and served 8 households
- Projects include El Capitan, a 48-unit motel conversion for Permanent Housing; the project has an anticipated completion date of Summer 2027. Seventh Street Village will be a mixed-use development comprising of 79 units with 1, 2 and 3-bedroom apartments and a commercial first floor for resident use; the project has an anticipated completion date of Winter 2027

c. Carlos Cervantes with Stanislaus County Community Services Agency and Edgar Garcia with City of Modesto, presented on Emergency Shelter Operations
- There have been collaborative efforts between the county, City of Modesto and Salvation Army. In the Fall of 2025, a budget deficit was identified. City Council will meet on September 22nd, Board of Supervisors will meet on September 29th to discuss funding options to keep ACES funded through December 31, 2026
- The goal is to leverage Cal-AIM funding by providing short-term post hospitalization, day habilitation and housing navigation services. The city has submitted a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for operation of both shelters for a potential operator to sustain shelters long term

- Jenny's Place secured a project-based voucher agreement that will carry the future of the project leaving the previously $450,000 secured from CSOC, available. Due to the precedented need of funding, there will be a formal ask of reclassifying the $450,000 permanent housing funds from Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Rounds 4 & 5.1 to interim housing which can be utilized for shelter operations along with remaining amount of $389,994 allocated to Interim Housing from HHAP 5.2. The funds will support the city and county with identifying long-term operations plan for the emergency shelter
    - More information will be provided at the October 15th meeting
- City of Modesto is looking to become a Cal-AIM provider with the hope of contracting with nonprofits to handle the administrative side
    - Steve Madison requested that when a formal ask is made to the board for additional funding, that the budget is explained and addresses why a deficit exists
    - Jason Conway noted that the Modesto Gospel Mission is being expected to do more, case management/notes from a state level; the government footprint is changing and reliance on public funds is imperative
    - Rosana Gonzalez questioned how long $840,000 will realistically sustain the shelter, factoring administrative fees
        - The city and county are evaluating resources that they will each be able to contribute by identifying long term pro forma that can establish the sustainability of the operations
    - Brad Hawn is working to engage four or five private-sector partners to support community fundraising efforts, with the goal of establishing an annual fundraiser
    - Major Stratton spoke on behalf of the Salvation Army (SA). Pre-covid, SA was supported and doing well by the community. As SA moved into meeting an expanded community need, the programs have grown over time
    - Casey Armstrong voiced a concern of reallocating money from permanent housing; providers are dropping CalAIM services in other counties. Managed care plans are adding more providers where it has saturated the market; agencies are closing services because workload is no longer sustainable. Turning Point Community Programs has separated their contract for Community Supports (CS) services with HealthNet
    - Roman Scanlon advised there will be an upcoming meeting with Health Plan of San Joaquin; could funding be obtained via the Community Reinvestment Program, with a believed pool of $7-8 million

V. Policy Issues, Concerns, Actions

a. Emily Webster combined agenda items V(a) and V(b) for discussion. The Committee received an update regarding litigation concerning the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

HUD may proceed with the 2026 NOFO while the First Circuit Court of Appeals considers the appeal. Based on the current ruling, HUD may require Continuums of Care (CoCs) to submit applications under the June NOFO. CSOC will monitor further guidance from HUD and will work to submit applications or comply with any parameters established for the NOFO

VI. Committee Reporting

a. Emily – the funding committee held a preliminary meeting to gather information and start addressing needs and priorities
Board members were reminded that they must actively participate in either a workgroup or committee
b. Darlene – the youth committee will be creating a youth advocacy group to empower young people and ensure their voices are heard; at the most recent meeting, a current foster youth that attends UC Irvine gave insight to the needs of students that are at risk or are currently homeless while pursuing higher education
c. Carlos – 2027 Point in Time (PIT) count is not far away; planning discussions and meetings will begin soon

VII. Shelter Updates

a. Corey Mai, Executive Director, provided an overview of the We Care Program in Turlock. Five supported programs include emergency shelter, permanent supportive housing (PSH), affordable housing, rapid re-housing and a substance abuse program. Funding sources include federal, state and city grants, community grants and public contributions
    - The emergency shelter has 49 beds available for men 18+; dinner is provided nightly
    - A drug and alcohol counselor and a case manager are on site
    - From August 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026, 238 unduplicated individuals were served; occupied shelter beds total 15,355; individuals served increased but occupied shelter bed had a lower count from the prior year
    - We Care was gifted properties from the City of Turlock that they can rent out at a low rate
        - 8 apartments and 2 houses for couples and families
    - The newest program is the substance abuse program, funded by county CDBG-PSG funds; groups are held on Tuesday – Thursday for any unhoused individual within the county
    - The shelter hosts a laundry shuttle on Tuesday and a shower shuttle on Wednesday

VIII. General Membership Announcements

i. There were no general membership announcements

IX. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 15, 2026, from 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Location: Harvest Hall Rooms A, B & C at the Agricultural Commissioner's Office