

**MERCED CITY AND COUNTY CoC
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA**

January 6, 2022 | 11:00am-12:30pm | Blue Jeans/Conference Call
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Call to Order

Matt Serratto

Roll Call

Collaborative Applicant

Notice to Public

Collaborative Applicant

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Public Comment

Matt Serratto

At this time, any person may comment on any item not on the agenda. Action will not be taken on an item that is not on the agenda. If action is required, it will be referred to the CoC board and placed on a future agenda. With the aim of allowing all interested parties an opportunity to speak, comments will be limited to a maximum of three minutes per person. To comment on an item on the agenda please wait until the item is read for consideration. Please state your name for the record.

Consent Agenda Items

Matt Serratto

- a. Approval of Agenda
- b. Approval of Minutes from November 4, 2021 CoC Board Meeting
- c. Approval of Minutes from December 2, 2021 CoC Board Meeting

Community Projects

- Operation Safe Harbor
- Housing for the Harvest
- Merced Navigation Center
- Emergency Housing Vouchers
- Los Banos Non-Congregate Shelter
- Distributive Housing

**Maribel Baron
Luke Brown
Jennifer Carr
Tracy Jackson
Luke Brown
David Carr**

Chair Comments

Matt Serratto

- Regional Planning Update
- City of Merced Update

Action Items**Matt Serratto**

- UPHholdings Presentations- 45 Permanent Supportive Housing Units
Ryan Wilson

Board Information & Possible New Action Items**Collaborative Applicant**

- HSP Allocation Notice FY 2021-2022
- HHAP 3 Action Plan/Regional Plan
- Homeless Count Survey Electronic Vote

Christy McCammond**Christy McCammond****Maribel Baron**

Reports**Collaborative Applicant**

- CA Informational Report Out
- Prioritization Update
- Grantee and Committee Reports

Christy McCammond**Shelby Molina****Committee Chair**

CoC General Membership Comments**Matt Serratto**

Adjournment:

**MERCED CITY AND COUNTY CoC
BOARD MEETING MINUTES January 6, 2022**

Board Members in Attendance:

Gary Brizzee
Steve Teitjen
Allen Brooks
Jennifer Mockus
Steve Roussos
Tim Adam
Candace Adam M.
Margaret Simmons
Matt Serratto
Lloyd Pareria
Steve Hammond

Collaborative Applicant Staff in Attendance:

John Palm Iris Gunther-Battles Christy McCammond
John Ceccoli Maribel Baron

General Members in Attendance:

Bethel Community Church
CA Central Valley Journey for Justice
Central California Alliance for Health
Healthy House
Homes for the Homeless
Merced County Area Agency on Aging
Merced County Board of Supervisors
Merced County Behavioral Health and & Recovery
Merced County Community Action Agency
Merced County District Attorney's Office
Merced County Human Services Agency
Merced County Rescue Mission
Sierra Saving Grace
Turning Point Community Programs
UC Merced

Meeting Called to Order: @11:05 am

Board Quorum: Yes

Notice to Public: Read by CoC Chair Maribel Baron

Public Comment: Read by CoC Chair Matt Serratto

Lee G- Want to congratulate John Palm on stepping in on our Human Rights Day. We appreciate the extra effort.

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Lloyd Pereira motioned to approve, Jennifer Mockus Seconds. Nay: 0 Abstain: 0 @11:40am motion approved.

Operation Safe Harbor (Maribel Baron)

Operation Safe Harbor has had a little bit of rise in clients. YTD we had 109 individuals in the program and we currently have 16 individuals active. Our individuals are still being housed at the Merced Inn & Suites. For those individuals who are eligible, you must be homeless and either COVID positive or exposed to COVID. If anyone is needing assistance with a referral or have questions about Operation Safe Harbor, you can contact us at the Operation Safe Harbor cell phone number 209-626-6609 and you can also email the Collaborative Applicants.

No questions

Housing for the Harvest (Luke Brown)

Housing for Harvest is no longer with the Merced County Community Action Agency as we have concluded our contract. We were able to service 38 households. Within those households, there was 106 adults and 57 children for a total of 163 individuals served. The assistance provided was ongoing health screenings, referrals to medical care if needed, food provision to help keep them isolated, as well as cash assistance to make up for lost wages and to encourage them to isolate at home instead of going to work and spreading COVID. We were thankful for that opportunity to serve the community and although COVID is still rapidly spreading and our time is up but we were very grateful to serve and that's all I have.

No questions

Navigation Center (Jennifer Carr)

Capacity is currently 66 beds and after COVID restrictions it will go up to 75 beds. We are currently at capacity with 66 individuals and 5 dogs.

No questions

Emergency Housing Vouchers (Shelby Molina)

The Housing Authority has given us 68 vouchers, of those, 60 have been assigned. 29 vouchers are in hand for our homeless clients here in Merced County. 2 have been successfully housed utilizing those vouchers. 6 vouchers applications are in the 10-day appeal period. 8 applications have been denied and will be reassigned during next CES meeting on January 12th.

Steve T – Can other community projects provide information breakdown of how many adults and youths were served in total? I'm interested in how our children, unhoused children, are being handled and are they apart of these numbers provided in reports. Youths up to age 18 primarily.

Christy M – We will work on making a breakdown of reports to include adult and youth counts

Los Banos Shelter (Luke Brown)

Currently we are at capacity. Project has only been up for a couple months. Within that time, we noticed we have quite a few pets. We've had 11 pets YTD: 3 cats and 8 dogs. We've partnered with a non-profit out of Nevada to cover some of the medical cost associated with the vet bills for the pets which has been incredibly helpful. We are actively working with the Rapid Rehousing providers to assist with the housing process. Of the individuals that are out there, 11 have been linked to those providers and hopefully those providers can work to identify appropriate housing for those individuals while my staff on site can work on helping folks get their ID restored, the documents necessary for housing and work on employment as well. 7 of the individuals have recently become employed. Providing them a place to be clean and get meals has allowed them to make steps towards employment. It's been pretty fruitful so far were hoping for some good results as the project continues.

Matt S – I've heard a lot of good lessons learned from Project Room Key and they have been applied to this project as well to make it more successful, is that your experience that things have been done a little differently to help improve the project?

Luke B – Yes there definitely was a lot of lessons learned. I think from the other project the County was able to give us some good advice on some things that we could do with security issues to protect the space, to make it a positive environment for the clients and the community.

Distributive Housing (David Carr)

Currently we are operating 5 homes, 4 in Merced and 1 in Los Banos. With a total of 33 client beds, currently we have 5 beds open. 3 of those are in Los Banos and 2 in Merced. For distributive homes, the model is a little different, it's more like a family setting and its 2 people per room. Someone could go into the Navigation Center, D Street shelter, or congregant environment and may not feel comfortable being around other folks. These individuals can be moved into a distributive home. With permission, I was able to share a story from a woman named Christina. Christina was in and out of multiple services and then she came to Bridging Merced. She was able to get her SSI and she started saving money. She had been working on her recovery and she then started working as a backup driver for Senior Meals Program. She's very connected with her Christian faith and reads the bible daily. She loves to rock out to Christian music. She was able to get all her documentation such as an ID, birth certificate, social security card, and her dog shot records. She was relentless in her housing search and it paid off. She was able to get a 2 bed room apartment that accepted her pit-bull. She also has taken advantage of not paying rent and saved her money while in Bridging. She was able to go to Walmart and buy all of her necessary things she needed for living such as blowup mattress, futon couch, a coffee maker, microwave, a shower curtain, bath mat, dishes, a garbage can, and etc. as she had nothing for the apartment. She is hard working and stayed on track. She was then donated a king mattress which her dog loves to play on. She loves her apartment and the freedom her dog gets to run around everywhere throughout the house. She is happy and continues to move forward every day. This is just one success story of many from Bridging.

Steve R– With houses, I'm not sure if there's any problems in terms of dealing with potential quarantines and COVID. Is that coming up as an issue for you or how are things going in terms of COVID control.

David C – With COVID, the guidance of Public Health is if somebody tested positive within the home, they need to quarantine. We work with Maribel in OSH and Public Health. If we ended up getting too many positives in the house, we would just quarantine the house. We do have live in staff that live in side of each home so that makes it a little bit easier to manage.

Matt S – David how do you see the interplay between the big congregate shelters and the Navigation Center and D Street and the Distributive Housing. How do they kind of complement each other and how do they work together?

David C – I think it works really well because you know someone can come in to the congregate shelter and let's say they have a past trauma or with this particular gal, she had issues being around men so we were able to get her into a home where she's safe and in a room with her and her dog and possibly another female. All programs complement each other very well.

Matt S – Well it's good to have options for people. For Chair comments, there's a lot going on and some pretty exciting news on the housing front. A key thing is to have dedicated homeless units and were moving towards that model. There has been a lot of good movement at the State level and a better realization of the local level as well. We are well on our way to having, at least in the city of Merced, probably 200+ potentially dedicated homeless units and one of those projects will be presented on today. We are hoping to be in business relatively soon with a lot of units and then it's up to all of us to really make it work and get people in there.

Informational Report out (Christy McCammond)

In February 2022, we are going to have a fiscal dash board ready to present. This will deliver information about where the CoC approved funds have been and contracted to. After we present this dashboard, we are asking for your feedback to see if we need to adjust, add, subtract, and change any kind of information to make it more usable for you. We're hoping to represent the CoC's fiscal activities both in graph form and in numbers form. We want it to be portable and brief because we know that you may not have a lot of time to dig through a lot data. In addition, we are working on updating your governor's charter. Wanted to give everybody an update that we had a meeting with Mayor Serratto where we reviewed the current Governor's Charter and looked at what the federal regulations said we have to have inside our Governor's Charter. There are many components within the CFR that are not included in our current Governor's Charter and in order to be compliant with the federal regulation about the Governor's Charter were going to be adding those elements. Were also going to be including as part of those required elements written standards and policies and procedures. Those written standards and policies and procedures are not only our play book but also allow our community based organizations to have a better chance at winning awards for grants that require

those within your CoC. We would like to think about having a Landlord highlight in our CoC meetings. I've received several phone calls from CoC board members, I would like to extend the invitation that if you have a landlord that's been a great partner, please maybe we can talk about inviting that person to just receive a certificate of appreciation as we attempt to strengthen our community relationships with the people who manage properties, who own properties, all of those important partners so that we can find affordable rentals for our people who are experiencing homelessness.

Prioritization Update (Shelby Molina)

For the month of December 2021, we had clients on the master list between the ages of 50 and 64, a total of 158; over the age of 65 a total of 48, youth which is the ages between 18 and 24 a total of 14, veterans a total of 23, women a total of 136, clients with mental health and behavioral issues a total of 150, with a grand total of 423 individuals and 247 families. Overall grand total of 670 homeless individuals on the CES master list for Merced County. Also, for the referrals for the coordinated entry process we had a total of 16 referrals made out to housing agencies for the month of December and a total of 5 housed individuals for the month of December.

Grantee/Committee Reports

Michael T. (BHRS) – For project Home Start, total grand expenditures so far is \$56,145, remaining fund balance \$106,309, 2 clients were served in the month of December and 0 for vacancies. Project Hope Westside, total grand expenditures \$43,847, remaining fund balance \$142,488, 6 clients served and 1 of 8 vacancies. Just an FYI on these though, the grand expenditures represent our draw down, we try to draw down quarterly. That should be updated within the week or so, as invoices come in is just the way that goes.

Monika G. – I'm working with the churches on kind of having think a little bit outside of the box and hopefully we'll get a little bit more going on that. I think one of the big things right now is the churches are still working on how we deal with the COVID crisis and so but I think it's an overall interest of at least considering that. So I'm looking forward to doing more with that.

Ryan W. – My name is Ryan Wilson and I'm the Project Manager with Upholdings. Also here from our Homekey team we have Robert who is an Analyst with Upholdings as well as Machael Smith. Machael is the Community Development Director, with RH Community Builders who is our partner on this project. She is also the former Executive Director of CoC in Kings Tulare, so excited to have all these folks on the team. So real briefly I want to talk about the Homekey program and what it is before we talk a little bit more about the specific project that were here to discuss today. Homekey is a program that started up last year, this is round 2, Homekey 2.0.; where the State gave us a lot of money to acquire and rehab existing buildings most of which are hotels and motels but not exclusively. There are some new construction projects but for the most part there acquisition rehab projects of existing structures to provide very fast units for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness. Just a brief note our team, RH and Upholdings together participated in two Homekey 1.0 developments. One is in Fresno that's called Crossroads Village, a little over 150 units there; were also working together in Visalia on Sequoia Village which is 50 units in Visalia. They bring some experience working through all the different challenges that were part of Homekey 1.0. The state made some changes and got some things together so were excited to be working together on Homekey 2.0. For this proposed project I wanted to talk briefly about some of the Stakeholders involved. First we are working with the City of Merced, Homekey requires a public agency be the applicant for these, it can be County it could be a city it could be a housing authority, in this case we took our...We had a resolution passed by the City of Merced and they will be the public applicant for this project. The city has also committed about \$1.7 million in funds. We have worked more closely with them to identify that amount. That number becomes doubled for the Homekey program. The state is matching all local input so the input from the city will really result in \$3.4 million that will be used to rehab and acquire this property. Our team of Upholdings and RH Community Builders, we are the Co-Applicants for this, so we are the developers that are working on all the permitting, working with general contractors to design, we will also managing this development once it is built and have onsite management to bring all the different experience requirements that are asked for around working with populations like this. People experiencing or at risk of homelessness managing those properties and so a very strong applicant team. Were also really excited to be working with Turning Point Community Programs. Turning Point has come in to being the lead service provider. Folks here know Turning Point well and this will be our first time working with them and we are very excited to be working with them. They will be the lead service provider making sure that our very comprehensive services plan is seen through onsite. We also will be working with some other stakeholders and the services are right now including BHRS, NHSA from the county, RH Community Builders (is also a service provider as well, so they will be participating) in that capacity in addition to their capacity as

developer/owner. This is the proposed project, the proposed development the Studio 6 Motel. It is currently operating as a motel at 1213 V Street; the name comes from the Twelve Thirteen address. Its currently 95 motel rooms and we plan to convert some of those spaces to offices and common space which will leave us with 90 residential units for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness and well also have a live in staff person onsite. So in addition to some of the converted spaces as well as the existing offices we will have space for resident amenities as well as onsite service delivery. So that services plan that I talked about will be able to be delivered onsite where appropriate. Some services will be referred off site but well work with residence on transportation to get to those services. So we chose this site because of the amenities around it. There's public transit access, as well as grocery and pharmacy and somethings within walking distance. So I'm excited about this site for this project. Our commitment through the Homekey Program is that for a minimum of 55 years this will be used for that target population of people experiencing or at risk of homelessness. So it's quite a long term commitment there with the services onsite. I talked a little bit about who will be there but I want to point out that about 45 of the 90 units will target people that experience chronic homelessness. So we've been working with Coordinated Entry System in looking at data to understand who those folks are, and 45 of the 90 units will be targeting folks who have that chronic homeless criteria met. Just real briefly timeline, so we are hoping to have our application in to the state by the end of this month. The state is promising a 45-day turn around on reviewing applications and awarding them. Unlike some other funding this is an over the counter rolling application, so we are hoping to have that submitted and be awarded by mid-March. From there it'll take us some months or so to close on all the funding with the state and make sure everything is in place so that we can begin our rehab sometime in the spring of this year. We are still working with our architect team to know the exact length of the rehab work. Were also working with relocation consultants to making sure everyone who's currently there is able to either come back to the development as a tenant or finding suitable housing for them. So some of the exact timeline is still being worked out but were hoping by fall or winter of this year to have our full lease process going. So as with all permanent supportive housing the critical pieces is how do we pay for it right and so I've talked a good bit about how were going to pay for the acquisition and rehab; but another important piece for us to talk about is how do we pay for ongoing property maintenance and management and making sure we have all the right staff onsite and so that brings us here today to ask of you a request to work with the CoC for funding a portion of the units at Twelve Thirteen. We've worked closely with several different groups and I've identified 45 as a number that we think is a reasonable number and backed by the existing funding that you all have. The different sources that could potentially fulfill payment for those units are listed here: housing vouchers, Rapid Rehousing (RRH) and ESG dollars, and HUD PSH dollars as well. The way we pictured that is so that if some of these sources are fluid; people will be able to stabilize and some might be able to graduate to non-permanent supportive housing. But if I hear commitment from the CoC for 45 of the units it'll allow us to leverage with the state through the Homekey Program operating subsidy for the other 45 units. So effectively this a way to have commitments to result in 90 units of permanent supportive housing with onsite services. Long-term strategies would be to work with the Housing Authority and work with other tenant based and other long term operating subsidies. Thus that all 90 units would be able to after the 5 years kind of permanently stabilize there. So that is our ask of you today is for a commitment. We drafted a letter and worked with John Ceccoli and his team around what that would look like I think that has been shared with the board, the commitment would be for 5 years. I do also want to point out that tenants do pay up to 30% of their income towards rent so the subsidy will be on top of that so that's not the full frame of a unit subsidy amount per unit is set at fair market rent which is HUD calculations that's up there each year that we use for all of our subsidized units across our entire portfolio everywhere we've worked. So having talked a little more about the mechanics if that's helpful or answered any questions you all have about the project or our request. All units will be filled with referrals through the Coordinated Entry System that's a Homekey Program requirement and all the units will be accepting referrals. So we will work with their team to receive those referrals and make sure those units are filled accordingly. The units that were converting will all be studio apartments. Based on regulations with HUD and other funders, this project will only allow us for single or married couple households.

Jennifer M. – Ryan so with this new services model for permanent supportive housing in the other areas that you serve are you utilizing community supports as a means to draw down additional funds for housing sustaining services? The State a few days ago, implemented a new CAL AIM Initiative that allows for enhanced care management as well as community support services both allowing people to link with the service provider to obtain housing as well as another community support service that help support members with services providers to sustain their tenancy within their housing. Is that a means, have you guys signed up to be a contracted community support provider in other counties?

Ryan W. – The short answer to that question is that RH Community Builders, is going to fulfill some of those functions. They are certified as a CAL AIM recipient and are able to provide those communities based services in a couple counties as it is.

Their working to have that designation in Merced and anticipate it to get that designation in Merced but before this project to become operational.

Jennifer M. – I'm going to put my email in the chat and I would love to connect with Machael. I am a representative of the Central California Alliance for Health which is the medical manage care plan in Merced County. So I would love to connect to see if we could start those conversations.

Steve R. – Ryan given the support mentioned from the other sources for is there sort of a rough guess for per unit from the CoC what would be the request for the 5 years per unit? What does that come out to?

Ryan W. – The letter that we drafted articulates that the fair market rent was \$743 I believe for studios and that would be offset by whatever the tenant input would be so that would be per unit per month. The tenant input at last calculation based on the 30% Area Median Income requirement that they would have to be under and 30% of that would be approximately \$350 or so per month. So the balance there would be about \$390 a unit per month.

Gary B. – By approving this request, how if at all, does it affect some of the other programs that we going if we have a finite amount of dollars, how does that all play out? Sorry if I'm not clear in my question and I don't know who to point that to Ryan, I'm not sure if that's you or not.

John C. –The commitment is 45 units at fair market rent which is \$724 for efficiency units and that's going to be subject to an annual reevaluation by HUD so that may in all transparency increase incrementally over the 5-year commitment period. The commitment itself for up to 45 units is for the Continuum of Care to utilize the Coordinated Entry System in regards to referrals for vouchers. So one of the best operating subsidies is going to be a voucher. That's a lifetime subsidy as long as the individual or family is Housing Authority eligible. As Shelby pointed out, we have 68 emergency housing vouchers, we got 28 that have been approved, and 2 that have been leased up. The challenge often times is going to be housing and that's where this project comes into play, we don't have a project like this obviously in Merced County. The second are for agreements that will apply annually to the Continuum of Care for Emergency Solution Grant. For the balance of state, we receive about \$150,000. The commitment is that we will continue to apply for that grant. There is also a competitive portion where we can apply for up to \$400,000 for Rapid Rehousing where we can submit up to two projects up to \$200,000 competitively for Rapid Rehousing. Although strategically, the recommendation is to figure how we can increase our Rapid Rehousing dollars. Second commitment is that we will continue to apply annually for the course of 5 years. And thirdly is that we will continue to apply annually for the HUD Consolidated application which we've done for some time now and we will continue that. That provides us approximately 39 vouchers. I think the idea would be that because this project is here, it's targeting this population especially the chronically homeless, so we would continue to apply. So the fourth requirement of this letter to do that for up to 5 years. Again we are required to use the Coordinated Entry System, the obligation of the commitment is to apply for ESG annually, apply for the CoC Consolidated Application annually which is what we do it's our current practice and we would obviously want to continue that. In regards to the impacts, I'm sharing my screen you all should be able to see my screen now. We put together and this is a brief summary of some of the funding we received. This doesn't include funding outside the Continuum of Care, who also participated in Coordinate Entry, although organizations like Behavioral Health, organizations like Human Services Agency and HDAP specifically which has Rapid Rehousing funding. For the CoC, as you can see we received quite a bit of Rapid Rehousing money and again you know Shelby talked about the hundreds of folks on our Coordinated Entry System. You know the real log jam is finding willing landlords to rent to our clients. And in this case the landlord is required to rent to our clients. This funding is tied into renting to individuals who are either at risk or literally homeless. So that's where it makes it really you know there's a lot of synergy between what Upholding is doing with their partners and what the Continuum of Care is trying to do with their mandate of housing folks who are homeless. So amongst that funding is ESGCV that's a lot of the funding we received \$559,000 for Rapid Rehousing, we've obligated in contracts \$559,000 and we've been able to spend about \$70,000. So clearly there's a challenge there spending this funding, right now we have \$488,000. For CESH I, that was obligated back in 2019, we had received for rental assistance and flexible housing award which could be used to support the individuals who would be housed there about \$483,000. Now we've spent \$194 but this includes an advance that has been paid out as well and that advanced hasn't been invoiced. So as a Collaborative Applicant since an advance went out and funding went out, we consider that spent it hasn't been invoiced back; so there's a lot of this funding that almost \$120,000 that's available to support this project. That advance is not represented in the unspent amount here, so really it's kind of a force multiplier not shown in the unspent amount, but hasn't been invoiced. CESH II same thing we have \$200,000 obligated we don't have anything spent yet and we have another \$84,000 that's not obligated. HHAP I and HHAP II you can see the numbers here. So I would

conservatively say if we were to add in the spent but not the invoiced and I would take out the ESGCV because realistically this project once awarded is going to take, Ryan correct me if I'm wrong, along 6 - 8 months to get up to habitability. You know we may be looking as late as of September of next year August of next year to get this project open and you know that's a pretty cheerful view of getting a project like this up and operating. There are requirements that it does have an expedited opening. So I would say this number is probably closer to a million dollars. The obligation if the tenants didn't pay any rent, the obligation is for about \$390,000, if you take $724 * 45 * 12$ the unsubsidized obligation would be \$390,000 annually. So based on what we have currently available there are at least a couple of years of operating funding in order to maintain other projects. I think the projects team is really finding the housing. So this is that opportunity that we could start utilizing this Rapid Rehousing funding. Now that's what's been received and RFP'd out with obligated and non-obligated. We do have the CoC has HHAP 3 and HHAP 4, we know the award for HHAP 3 is \$909,000, 7% of that is for admin so we have about \$830,000 that could be added to the unspent, now that money hasn't been allocated by the board for other activities outreach, distributive housing those other activities that are out there. HHAP 4 we anticipating about the same, the state set aside a billion dollars and our share of that should be about another \$830,000 so about \$1.6 - \$1.7 million total over the next two years. So there's a lot of already obligated unspent funds, there's funding that's in the pipeline for HHAP 3 and HHAP 4. There's funding outside of the CoC for organizations that still participate in CES and would be part of the rental subsidy and operating subsidy for this and then there's the housing vouchers which was basically off the lack of a better word supplant the need for CoC funding. So the goal, I think Ryan stated would be more short term as we figure out how can we convert these to project based or tenant based vouchers. In the near term, meaning 1 - 3 years and lessen the obligation of this commitment letter is requiring. So the commitment letter itself is about \$1.9 million there is funding for that. The projects that are existing that we have outreach which is CoC funded at about \$40,000 a month, so about \$480,000 annually. You know we have to take that into consideration going forward how to identify money. I think Jennifer, Ms. Mockus did a good job on like the possibilities of CAL Aim, where we could start billing medical. This is a population that CAL Aim is targeting as a high utilizing population, I don't know if Machael is on, but that is in the plans for this project. So some of the other projects that are out there the distributive housing in Los Banos, we would have to work through, I don't want to say there's plenty of money we should be able to sustain all projects. This is just inclusive of CoC money, which obviously this commitment is requiring. There is other funding in the community through the Permanent Local Housing Allocation, Competitive Awards, and ESG that were not receiving. If we were able to receive ESG competitive, we would be able to meet our obligation for Upholding the 45 units. So a lot of if's and a lot of uncertainty and also right now what appears to be an adequate amount of funding to make this commitment and to maintain if not all the vast majority of the existing projects which all have value and then also a commitment to continue to look for other funding in order to meet this. Then I think most importantly to Upholding and the community is how do we get these folks who have little opportunity to increase their income and move outside fair market rent and housing homeless projects, how do we quickly move them on to housing choice vouchers, emergency house vouchers, HUD vash vouchers, etc. I hope that answers your question Chief, there is some uncertainty. There does to appear to be funding, the log jam is housing, and this project itself is really in alignment with the CoC as far as helping to alleviate the shortage of housing. This project is required to house our clients. Any questions?

Ryan W. – I saw the question in the chat from Linda about our experience working with presumably Homekey and the targeted population, as I started talking about in the beginning of the presentation we have a 150 unit Homekey project in Fresno, a 50 unit in Visalia. Upholdings has done about a dozen 100% or underrated Permanent Supportive Housing developments that we own and manage. In terms of success rate, I guess I could measure that in lots of different ways, but in terms of retention and housing folks exiting homelessness and staying housed well over 90% of folks are able to remain housed for a long period of time. I'm happy to answer any specific data questions not just for you Linda but for anybody interested in learning more my email is ryan@upholdings.net. I'll put it in the chat, anybody can reach out to me with any questions you may have about this project. I think Mayor Serratto talked about it earlier, but were working on another 100% Supportive Housing project on Park Ave, so I'm excited to be partnered with folks in the Merced community for housing of people who are experiencing homelessness.

John C. – If I could jump in, I think Machael's back on audio, I just wanted to provide her an opportunity, I think it does help with some of Chief Brizzee's questions on how this impacts other projects and opportunity CAL Aim presents us.

Machael S. – Yes absolutely, yes I really appreciate the question about CAL Aim. Even in my experience, working in a smaller community, came from Tulare County as the CoC lead. I recognize how important these scarce resources are and that we can't rely on the CoC entirely to support projects like this and so CAL Aim is a unique opportunity to leverage these medi-cal or Medicaid dollars for supportive services and so we really been able to leverage the opportunity from the community support

portion of CAL Aim to support those what I would call the basic life skills support services within a project. It's going to be instrumental in this project and were hoping to be able to bring that into other projects within the community especially those that are site based or project based or other projects. I'm happy to chat with any of you all about how we've done that, what we can do for other projects; but it's going to enable us to have some onsite service staff and of course we'll have property management staff onsite as well and then to John's point really looking at how to pair other voucher support outside of CoC support to sustain the projects long term. So maybe looking at regular housing choice vouchers, looking at other types of vouchers like HUD vash vouchers and things like that, that we could use to further leverage the resources within the community.

Steve R. – The last question for me, is I saw that we may require an elevator because it's a multi-story facility, is that in the plans of building something for ADA compliance with elevators? Also will the units allow for pets?

Ryan W. – Yes, to the pet question, I believe are required by HUD to allow pets. Then yes I believe there are elevators in the motel as it is so we will make sure all the, Homekey does have high ADA requirements that we will, forgive I don't have the specific number right now. We will meet all the ADA accessibility requirements for the Homekey Program.

Steve T. – I would like to ask 1 clarifying question of John, looking at the budget item you had up, I just wanted to make sure I understand what has been said. So we have obligated a number of dollars that are unspent and remain unspent because there is no place to spend them essentially? There's no available housing that we can use that money on to house the homeless, is that a correct understanding of what's occurring in the budget?

John C. – That's my interpretation of it, we have some affordable housing, Rapid Rehousing providers on here I would just as them to correct me if that assessment is not correct that the housing is really the impediment Mr. Teitjen, so I would push that forward with the understanding that if that's incorrect I would welcome the feedback from the Rapid Rehousing providers.

Steve T. – One more question about the model of providing these to the homeless, there is an obligation or there isn't an obligation for them to make a portion of the monthly payment and if they can't make that payment once they're in the housing, does CoC pick that up?

Ryan W. – That's right so payment requirements are based on an individual's income, and they are calculated 30 % of their income. So some folks will be coming in with let's say SSDI, other folks might not have any income at all, so based on what their income is that would determine how much they would pay. The income that they have, determines whether or not their eligible in the first place. 30% of the Area Median Income is a figure that is published by HUD that would cap the income that someone could have and live in this development. Working with folks that are experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness that's generally not a challenge to prove they meet that income requirement; but that is sort of how those determinations are made. If someone comes in with no income but there are eligible for benefits like disability, then services onsite work with them to access those benefits at which point they start paying rent, up to 30% of that income.

Steve T. – So they are case managed onsite to make sure they have access to funding to help cover that cost if it happens ok.

Ryan W. – We have a current service provider there but we have 4-5 different agencies that are involved including RH Community Builders, BHRS, and HSA who are participating and fulfilling the services obligation that we will commit as part of our application to the state.

Machael S. – I would like to just add to that the CAL Aim community support is very focused on tenant sustainability within housing. Seeing the platform for health overall and so we have a long, long laundry list of eligible activities to work with clients to keep them in housing and successful tenants. So well be leveraging that through the project to prevent displacement or evictions based one either nonpayment or behavior things like that.

Margaret S. – I'm addressing Steve Teitjen's comments, that's the problem that we have in spending the Rapid Rehousing dollars is no housing. I am concerned about the permanent supportive part, I'm not sure how that works out for us if we have people who are that we are housing with our permanent supportive housing dollars I'm not sure how that helps us if Turning Point is providing the permanent housing support.

John C. – Ryan I think Margaret is asking a really good question right, Permanent Supportive Housing is different than Rapid Rehousing. So when we call this a Permanent Supportive Housing Project, Margaret defaults to every year she gets funding from the Continuum of Care through the HUD Consolidated Application that requirement is basically almost a voucher where they're providing care for multiple years beyond what Rapid Rehousing. So the question is Rapid Rehousing is typically

limited to a couple of years but to get people to sustainability and where you don't have the service provider. So maybe this is really supportive housing, there's onsite lead services providers etc., and maybe flushing that out a little bit. Is that correct Margaret, is that kind of like your question kind of like the difference between Permanent Supportive versus supportive housing?

Margaret S. – Yes thank you. Yes I was just wondering what the implications are for us.

Ryan W. – I want to apologize I used Permanent Supportive Housing in a very broad sense of service and risked housing with a global population onsite services to meet their needs and I understand that sometimes that that's not narrower definition that HUD may use and other folks so thank you John for that clarification.

Margaret S. – And yet your saying, your listing there says Permanent Supportive Housing HUD dollars

John C. – Yes that's one of our obligations is to apply for, I think Margaret even those units that we receive through the second HUD Consolidated Application, we still have to go out and find willing landlords to accept them. I'm thinking shelter plus care, in this case we have an obligated landlord which we could reach out to so when Michael from BHRS gave me his update that there was one vacant unit, if that's not a project based program, BHRS is out there trying to recruit landlords to take this. But I think what Upholdings is asking and our strategy to drift people from Rapid Rehousing funds to Permanent Supportive dollars or to voucher dollars would be to continue to apply for that and if it makes sense to place people here. So Sierra Saving Grace receives quite a bit of funding and my understanding is that you still have to find landlords who are willing to rent. I think what Upholdings is asking us to do is continue applying for those and if they make sense we have a placement here at our project.

Matt S. – I want to be respectful of everyone's time I know were getting close to 12:30 it's obviously a very significant project so it deserves our attention but just making sure everybody good we might have to go over a little past 12:30 now, but it seems like there is a lot of good discussion on this. So if we could start to kind of wrap this up.

Steve R. – I just want to emphasize that I think the location for this is pretty darn ideal it really hard in our community find a good location especially for this number of units, in terms of walk ability and the kinds of stability I guess that this project would offer. It's pretty amazing.

Matt S. – Steve kind of got to the natural transition and the next spot would be board discussion. If anybody on the board has any other or unless there are any more comments questions for Ryan, for John, or anybody else? We can bring it to the board for discussion and then eventual action.

Steve T. – John used a word that kind of was the bell ringer for me and that is that we need to have an obligated landlord and we haven't had one in Merced County. This is what we've been looking for, for some time I think to have a place where a landlord is obligated to house the homeless. So really this is why I've been on these boards all these years. We need to have this kind of a focus where there's an obligated landlord that has to take folks when we have the funding and there here and got to move in. I would support this if and when it's time to do that.

Lloyd P. – I'll second Steve's motion.

Matt S. – For discussion on the motion. Hearing none. Any opposition from the board on the request to support these 45 units with a CoC voucher?

Lloyd P. – I think with the rules we need a roll call vote.

Matt S. – Ok, happy to. Motion to second. Ms. Maribel you ready for roll call vote?

Maribel B. – I am I just wanted to make sure that everybody understands what where voting on I'm going to read off the recommended needs. So request is we authorize the CoC chair to sign a commitment letter and all documents related to this project. #2. We authorize the Collaborative Applicants to submit the signed commitment letter to Upholdings to attach to state Homekey application for 90 units for hotel rehabilitation and conversion. I'm going to go through the board members... That is 7 I's motion approved.

Matt S. – Thank you everybody great project. John thank you, thank you Maribel and everybody for their work. Ryan and Machael thank you both. Excited to see this come to fruition later this year. Thank you everybody good progress. Boards information possible new action items.

HSP Allocation (Christy McCammond)

We got an HSP Allocation notice to deliver to you as a requirement of HSP. SB129 appropriated \$285 million for HSP including the annual ongoing appropriation of \$95 million as well as a one time appropriation \$190 million. Your specific county fiscal year 2021 2022 allocation amount can be found in attachment 4 of the letter and the director's certification to accept that allocation is in attachment 5. Please note continuing counties may also continue to spend any unspent funds allocated in fiscal year 2021 via CFL 20-21-34 through June 30th 2022. Instructions for accepting these funds can be found in the ACWDL letter as well as attachment 5. Directors Certification must be submitted by January 25th 2022 to receive funds and the allocation for Merced is in the amount of \$4,984,580. These are HSP funds, these are not CoC dollars. Similar to HDAP notification that we gave a couple of months ago you are now notified and we have full back up literature if you would like to read more and we could send that out to you from the Collaborative Applicant email.

HHAP 3 Regional Plan (Christy McCammond)

HHAP 3 was mentioned earlier. HHAP 3 funds require a Regional Plan to accompany the application. We have a CoC HHAP 3 application and we have a county HHAP 3 application. Our current regional plan does not include all of the elements that HHAP requires. There was an office hours that stated exactly what needs to be in that Regional Plan. We are working on revising the draft that we sent to everyone to include those element so you should see that coming your way again. In addition on the Regional Plan, we need people with lived experience to review it that is part of the HCFC requirements from the state. I will be facilitating 2 sessions at the Navigation Center to go over the elements of the Regional Plan so that we can get people with lived experience to provide their feedback. I will report back on that in a future meeting.

Homeless Count Survey Electronic Vote (Maribel Baron)

The Collaborative Applicant is currently working on with Phil Schmauss to coordinate the Point in Time Count Event. Due to this Phil is coordinating different documents and one of the documents that needs to be voted on every year by the CoC board is the 2022 Homeless Count Survey. Phil needed this by December 15th so therefore there was no time to bring it to today's board meeting. We were notified on December 8th that this was needed. Therefore we needed to hold an electronic vote. An electronic vote was sent to the board members on December 8th, they were given the appropriate time frame to respond. The response was received within 24 hours, we received 6 yeses, and recommendation did pass. The survey document as well as the email for the electronic vote was posted on our Collaborative Applicant/HSA page and it was mandatory that we brought it up in our next meeting. I just wanted to inform the general public that there was an electronic vote held for the Merced County CoC Homeless Count and Survey Questions that did pass. There was no edits to the survey it's going to be the same survey as last years, no changes no recommendations to edit anything.

Matt S. – I'm going to put it in the chat and I encourage everybody to participate in the Point in Time Count on Thursday, January 27th bright and early at 6 am. One of the few things that can get me out of bed that early. Phil Schmauss mercedstreetcount@gmail.com. Reach out to Phil if you would like to participate and volunteer. It's really rewarding and fulfilling experience for everybody's who's done it. Very informative as well and very educational. So please I encourage everyone to volunteer for the Point in Time Count on the 27th mercedstreetcount@gmail.com for Phil Schmauss. Christy, Maribel are we ready to move on to general membership comments? Is there anybody from general membership who would like to make any comment at this time? You know we are running a little over board, that Twelve Thirteen V Street Project was extremely significant we appreciate that intel. Hearing none, thank you everybody for your work really exciting times I think. Great project today so thank everybody for their work on that I think were truly moving in the right direction and it going to take all of us to continue to put the foot on the accelerator and continue to work hard. So hopefully within a year or so once these projects are up we start to see real visible impact from the progress. Thank you everybody. Were adjourn

**MERCED CITY AND COUNTY CoC
BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

February 3, 2022 | 11:00am-12:30pm | Blue Jeans/Conference Call
1.408.419.1715 Meeting ID: 385 305 208; <https://bluejeans.com/385305208>

Call to Order

Matt Serratto

Roll Call

Collaborative Applicant

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Consent Agenda Items

Matt Serratto

- d. Approval of Agenda
- e. Approval of Minutes from January 6, 2022 CoC General Membership Meeting

Community Projects

- Operation Safe Harbor
- Housing for the Harvest
- Merced Navigation Center
- Emergency Housing Vouchers
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- Distributive Housing
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Chair Comments

Matt Serratto

- Regional Planning Update
 - City of Merced Update
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Action Items

Matt Serratto

Board Information & Possible New Action Items

Collaborative Applicant

- CalAIM Presentation
- Housing First Model
- HHAP 3 Documents and Engagement Meeting

Jennifer Mockus

Machael Smith

Christy McCammond

Reports

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- d. CA Informational Report Out
 - CoC Dashboards
- e. Prioritization Update
- f. Grantee and Committee Reports

Christy McCammond

Shelby Molina

Committee Chair

CoC General Membership Comments

Matt Serratto

Adjournment:



Merced City and County CoC

Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2022 on Blue Jeans/Conference call

Opening

The regular meeting of the Merced City and County CoC was called to order at 11:03am on February 3, 2022 on Blue Jeans/Conference call by Matt Serratto.

Board Members in Attendance:

Steve Roussos, Steve Hammond, Jennifer Mockus, Candice Adam Medefind, Gary Brizee, Lloyd Pareira, Steve Tietjen, Tim Adam, Matt Serratto, Allen Brooks Margaret Simmons

Continuum of Care Members in Attendance:

CA Central Valley Journey for Justice, Merced County Human Services Agency, Merced County Behavioral Health & Recovery, Merced County Community Action Agency, Merced County Housing Project Management, Merced County Public Health, Salvation Army, Sierra Saving Grace, Merced Rescue Mission

Additional Attendees:

HMIS & D St. Navigation Center, Healthy House – Uphill, Project Home Start & Project Hope Westside, Sierra Saving Grace, Social Security Administration, Suzie Guerrero, Christine Rohrkemper, Jordan Turetsky, Michael Smith, Maria Hernandez, Jacqueline Asprina, Josh Pedrozo, Jeremy Matthews, Nora Kisling, Jorge De Nava

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There were no public comments at this time.

Approval of Agenda

Lloyd Pareira motioned for the approval of agenda. Steve Hammond second. Nay:0 Abstain:0 motion approved.

Community Projects

Operations Safe Harbor reported by Iris Gunther-Battles: The program has had 152 total clients. 12 are active, and five will be exiting today (2/3/22), leaving seven remaining active. This program is to shelter individuals who are COVID-19 positive or under investigation into being COVID-19 positive.

Housing for the Harvest reported by Jorge De Nava: Housing for the Harvest is a new provider to Merced County. The program went live last week, currently at zero participants.

Merced Navigation Center reported by David Carr: The current occupancy is 40 participants and five dogs. Zero beds are available until Tuesday (2/8/2022) due to COVID-19 quarantine.

Emergency Housing Vouchers reported by Shelby Molina: The program was awarded 68 housing vouchers, and 57 vouchers were assigned. 37 vouchers are in the hands of clients ready and looking for housing units, and five clients were housed. Seven of the voucher applications are in the 10-day denial appeal period. 11 vouchers will be reassigned at the next CES meeting on February 9, 2022. The program targets the most chronically homeless on the master list and can live independently.

- It has been challenging to locate units for clients due to units not being available that meet the amount awarded. Clients have been cooperative.

Los Banos Non-Congregate Shelter reported by Luke Brown: Los Banos Shelter is at maximum occupancy with a waitlist of 100 people. Clients not in the shelter are still being worked with and entered into the CES system. Seven clients have received their IDs. 13 clients have become employed.

- Identifying housing for clients has been a challenge.

Distributive Housing reported by David Carr: Merced has one vacancy, and Los Banos has two vacancies. Currently, serving roughly 25 clients in Merced and six in Los Banos. John Ceccoli – Mentioned the board of Supervisors approved an extension to reallocate funding to extend the distributive housing funding through May. A request to the state has been made for additional emergency solution grant Coronavirus funding to extend several projects, including Distributive Housing.



No Place Like Home reported by John Ceccoli: The City of Merced contributed \$1.3 million, County of Merced \$600K and the Merced County Housing Authority signed a contingency commitment letter for housing choice vouchers. This project is for 66 units. The housing authority has provided a commitment letter for 65 of those units. 32 of the units will be for behavioral health clients and the remaining 33 for special needs and chronically homeless.

Home Key: Partnership with the City of Merced and developers helped acquire a 90-unit motel to be rehabilitated. This board committed to five years for 45 of those units.

The second project is for 20 units using converted shipping containers. These will be targeted towards Veterans.

- There is a need to publicize the work that has been done to help homelessness in the community. Luke Brown created a PowerPoint highlighting projects in Merced County that could be presented at a city council meeting or county board of supervisors meeting.

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Minutes will be provided in a more traditional fashion.

Supervisor Pareira and Supervisor Pedrozo will be changing positions as far as the county representatives for the CoC as long as Supervisor Pedrozo is approved onto the board. Supervisor Pariera would then become the alternate.

100 Day Challenge reported by Shelby: A master list has been created of all the homeless individuals in the Los Banos area, categorized by emergency shelter or encampment locations. The individuals are being filtered by those on the master list, those sent out to housing agencies, and those who moved from encampments into emergency shelters to get the case management aspect. The 100-day project will be running from January 4 to April 14th. There are 101 clients on the list, three new clients enrolled in emergency shelter and ten clients sent to housing services. The goal of the 100 Day Challenge is that in 100 days, 20 individuals currently experiencing homelessness in



Los Banos exit into permanent housing; 25 will be put on a pathway to safe and stable housing, prioritizing individuals over 50.

Chair Comments

Mayor Serratto gave thanks to all the program members and volunteers.

Action Items

None

Board Information

CalAIM: To improve the quality of life and health outcomes for Medi-Cal beneficiaries by implementing broad delivery system, program reforms. (Alliance-ECM-CS-Provider-Engagement-Session-Presentation PPT)

- Behavioral Health has openings for peer support for individuals with lived experiences.

Housing First Model: Housing with support is housing first. An approach that offers permanent housing as quickly as possible and then provides those supportive services to help them stabilize and become as self-reliant as possible. (Housing First Overview PPT)

HHAP 3: Paperwork to receive our initial disbursement and standard agreement has been signed by Yvonnia Brown and sent to the state. The next stage is to participate in an engagement meeting with the state. The engagement meeting has been scheduled.

Reports

CoC Dashboard: Christy McCammond presented a draft dashboard for the CoC.

- Send feedback to Christy if there are any changes or additions you would like to have made.

Prioritization Update: As of January 31st, 2022 there are 40 clients over the age of 65, 160 clients between the age of 50-64, 15 between the age of 18-24. 21 are Veterans, 137 are women and 155 have mental and behavioral issues. There is a total of 400 individuals and 253 families. 653 are on the CES master list. In January CES referred 25 clients to housing resources and eight clients were housed.

Grantee and Committee Reports

Mayor Serratto request if there is anyone that would like to make a report that is not included in the agenda packet. There were none at this time.



CoC General Membership Comments

Mayor Serratto asked if there were any general membership comments. There were none at this time.

- Correction there are two vacancies at Hope west side.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:40pm by the Chair. The next CoC meeting 11:00AM on March 3rd, on Teams.

Minutes submitted by: Ashlan Perez

Approved by: Maribel Baron

**MERCED CITY AND COUNTY CoC
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP AGENDA**

March 3, 2022 | 11:00am-12:30pm | Microsoft Teams/Conference Call
1-323-676-6251 Phone Conference ID: 904 028 272# / [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Call to Order

Matt Serratto

Roll Call

Collaborative Applicant

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Matt Serratto

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Chair Comments**Matt Serratto**

- Regional Planning Update
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Action Items**Matt Serratto**

- General Membership Application and Board Application- Josh Pedrozo
- CoC Consultant

Board Information & Possible New Action Items**Collaborative Applicant**

- Electronic Vote

Maribel Baron

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- g. CA Informational Report Out
 - March 4th Event
 - CoC Dashboards
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Christy McCammond**Shelby Molina
Committee Chair**

CoC General Membership Comments**Matt Serratto**

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Merced City and County CoC

Meeting Minutes

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Board Members in Attendance:

Candice Adam Medefind, Gary Brizzee, Lloyd Pareira, Matt Serratto

Continuum of Care Members in Attendance:

ACE Overcomers, CA Central Valley Journey for Justice, City of Los Banos, Dignity Health, Healthy House, Independent Living Center Assit. with Disabilities, JMJ Maternity Homes, Lifeline CDC, Merced Area Agency on Aging, Merced County Behavioral Health & Recovery, Merced County Board of Supervisors, Merced County Community Action Agency, Merced County District Attorney's Office, Merced County CEO's Office, Merced County Human Services Agency, Sierra Saving Grace, Turning Point Community Programs, WestCare California, Merced Rescue Mission

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- Gloria Sandoval asked about the status of the website for CoC? Website is being worked; CA team will be receiving training.
- Lee Journey for Justice will have an in person meeting April 7th



Approval of Agenda

Due to not having quorum there was not an Approval of Agenda

Community Projects

Operations Safe Harbor reported by Maribel Baron: The referral process has been updated to direct all new referrals to David Carr. 175 clients have been placed into the program, and three are active.

Housing for the Harvest reported by Jorge De Nava: Flyers were created and disseminated in Merced County migrant seasonal farmworker community. Eight events were attended, and over 4,000 flyers were handed out last month and promoted on social media channels. Five applications are in process at this time.

Merced Navigation Center reported by David Carr: 65 active clients, six dogs and one bed available.

Los Banos Non-Congregate Shelter reported by Elizabeth King: Thirty-eight clients have been served year to date. Clients have been connected to services such as document readiness, vouchering services, HSA services, Mental Health and Behavior Health, Dental Medical services, and Veteran services.

Distributive Housing reported by David Carr: Los Banos has five clients and four beds available. Merced bridging is currently full.

Home Key reported by John Ceccoli: Two applications have been submitted to the state for project Homekey. 20 units for veterans and 90 units, with half being for chronically homeless.

Emergency Housing Vouchers reported by Shelby Molina: Sixty-eight vouchers were awarded from the Merced County Housing Authority, 18 vouchers pending, 27 with clients, 14 housed, five applications in the denial/appeal process, and four available vouchers.

100 Day Challenge reported by Maribel Baron: The goal in Los Banos is to have 20 clients move into safe and stable housing. 25 on the pathway to safe and stable housing. Prioritizing clients over age 50. The 100 Day Challenge has created a smoother process to place clients into the system and housed. Eight clients have been housed, with 36 on their way to safe and stable housing.



Chair Comments

Mayor Serratto – Housing remains an enormous challenge, but projects are in the pipeline to help.

Healthy House has homed 18 people in the last two weeks.

Board Information & Possible New Action Item

Electronic Vote: February 25, 2022, the Collaborative Applicant sent out an electronic vote to the CoC Board. The recommendation was for approval to move ESGCV Rapid Rehousing dollars to Emergency Shelter dollars. The vote passed with five yeases, with one board member excluded due to a conflict of interest. Collaborative Applicant is working with the state to address the ESGCV spending plans to ensure all funds are spent by the expenditure deadline. The recommendation was posted publicly on the CoC website and the HSA Collaborative Applicant website per the governance charter.

Reports

CA Informational Report Out reported by Maribel Baron: On March 4, 2022, there will be an outreach event to promote Homeless Court and provide brown bag lunches in the parking lot of BHRS and Turning point.

CoC Dashboards reported by Maribel Baron: Christy McCammond will produce the CoC Dashboards and send it out by next week. Data Super Team’s goal is to be able to produce these dashboards through the HMIS system in the future.

Prioritization Update: As of February 28, 2022, there are 41 clients over the age of 65, 176 clients between ages 50-64, and 14 between 18-24. Twenty-four are Veterans, 153 are women, and 181 have mental and behavioral issues. There are 457 individuals and 258 families—715 active clients on the CES master list.

Grantee and Committee Reports

Healthy House - Requests for any available furniture for a family that has just been housed.

Rescue Mission’s Village of Hope needs \$31,000 worth of donations for beds, kitchen equipment, washers, and dryers. You can make donations on the Rescue Mission website.

Action Items

Motion to nominate Supervisor Pedrozo as a General Member of the Merced City and County Continuum of Care made by Candice Medefind. Motion second by Lloyd Pareira. No oppositions. Motion passed.



Motion to nominate Supervisor Pedrozo to the CoC Board made by Candice Medefind. Motion was second by Monika Grasley. No oppositions. Motion passed.

The agenda item for approval of the CoC consultant was postponed due to the time limits of the meeting.

CoC General Membership Comments

Mayor Serratto asked if there were any general membership comments.

- Update on Child's and B St units?
 - Property Manager targeting May or June opening date.
- There is a struggle in finding units for clients. What is the status?
 - The appeal of the new projects is having obligated landlords. Shelby commented there has been an influx of clients being housed. Housing Agencies have been very active and engaging with landlords throughout Merced County.
- 30 PSH unit's applications open soon to give Housing Authority time to process documents?
 - There will need to be a future conversation about how the process will look.
- Vouchers are not being accepted because clients are still not qualifying due to not making 2.5x the rent in income.
 - Homekey is bringing the most opportunity because they are affordable and restricted to homeless individuals.
 - Having the Landlord Liaison was beneficial.
- Merced Commons is on the way to becoming market-rate housing that has low-income people living there. We do not want to lose more affordable housing.
- Mandeep Pooni from Central California Legal Services introduction.
- The eviction moratorium is set to expire March 31,2022.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:06pm by the Mayor Matt Serratto. The next CoC meeting 11:00AM on April 7th, on Teams

Minutes submitted by: Ashlan Perez

Approved by: Maribel Baron

**MERCED CITY AND COUNTY CoC
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP AGENDA**

April 7, 2022 | 11:00am-12:30pm | Microsoft Teams/Conference Call
1-323-676-6251 Phone Conference ID: 904 028 272# / [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Call to Order

Matt Serratto

Roll Call

Collaborative Applicant

Notice to Public

Collaborative Applicant

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Public Comment

Matt Serratto

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Consent Agenda Items

Matt Serratto

- h. Approval of Agenda
 - i. Approval of Minutes from February 3, 2022 CoC Board Meeting
 - j. Approval of Minutes from March 3, 2022 CoC Board Meeting
-

Community Projects

- Operation Safe Harbor
- Housing for the Harvest
- Merced Navigation Center
- Emergency Housing Vouchers
- Los Banos Non-Congregate Shelter
- Distributive Housing
- Homekey
- 100-Day Challenge LB

**Maribel Baron
Jorge De Nava
Jennifer Carr
Blanca Ruiz
Luke Brown
David Carr
John Ceccoli
Elizabeth King**

Chair Comments

Matt Serratto

- Regional Planning Update
 - City of Merced Update
-

Action Items

Matt Serratto

- Accept Point-in-Time Count Report
 - CoC Consultant
 - HHAP 3 Designation of Funds
-

Board Information & Possible New Action Items

Collaborative Applicant

- Mr. Rajabally Introduction
- Governance Charter
- Adopt 2021-2022 Regional Action Plan

Christy McCammond
Christy McCammond

Reports

Collaborative Applicant

- j. CA Informational Report Out
 - CoC Dashboards
- k. Prioritization Update
- l. Grantee and Committee Reports

Christy McCammond

Luke Brown
Committee Chair

CoC General Membership Comments

Matt Serratto

Adjournment:



Merced City and County CoC Meeting Minutes April 7, 2022 on Teams/Conference call

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Merced City and County CoC was called to order at 11:03am on April 7, 2022 on Teams/Conference call by Matt Serratto.

Roll Call

Board Members in Attendance:

Steve Roussos, Jennifer Mockus, Gary Brizzee, Josh Pedrozo, Steve Tietjen, Matt Serratto, Margaret Simmons

Continuum of Care Members in Attendance:

CA Central Valley Journey for Justice, City of Los Banos, Dignity Health, Healthy House, Independent Living Center Assit. with Disabilities, JMJ Maternity Homes, Lifeline CDC, Merced Area Agency on Aging, Merced County Behavioral Health & Recovery, Merced County Board of Supervisors, Merced County Community Action Agency, Merced County District Attorney's Office, Merced County CEO's Office, Merced County Human Services Agency, Sierra Saving Grace, Turning Point Community Programs, WestCare California, Merced Rescue Mission

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Lee Greenwalt, Journey for Justice, will have an in-person meeting on April 7th at 6:00pm, United Methodist Church.

Community Projects

Operations Safe Harbor reported by Maribel Baron: Officially transitioned clients as of March 31st to the Hope Campus. Please reach out to David Carr with any questions on needing quarantine for a homeless individual who is Covid positive or under investigation. From April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022, Operation Safe Harbor has helped 178 individuals have a safe place to quarantine.

Housing for the Harvest reported by Jorge De Nava: Two services have been completed for this program, and interest is trending down. The program will be coming to an end on April 30th.

Merced Navigation Center reported by David Carr: The Navigation Center has 66 active clients and nine dogs. Capacity has been raised to 75.

Emergency Housing Vouchers reported by Blanca Ruiz: 86 vouchers total. 31 vouchers are pending, 21 are in hands of clients, 14 clients have been housed, two applications were denied but will be reassigned.

Los Banos Non-Congregate Shelter reported by Elizabeth King: 54 clients have been served year to date, currently at a maximum capacity of 25. 19 individuals are now employed. 24 clients have been able to receive their ID and SSN card. 3 were immigration clients that were able to get their biometrics signed up. Pets have been able to be cared for as well.

Distributive Housing reported by David Carr: Los Banos has 17 clients and 2 beds available. Merced bridging is currently at full capacity (25 People).

Home Key reported by John Ceccoli: The city of Merced received awards on both applications totaling 110 units of restricted housing for individuals experiencing homelessness. 20 units for veterans and acquisition of a motel for another 90 units. One of the barriers we have as service providers is that the income requirements exceed our clients' income. These units will be restricted to homeless individuals. We should be able to place the clients that we all serve directly into these units. Next year 1.3MM should be available for round three of project Home Key.

Steve Roussos thanked John Ceccoli for his efforts in project Home Key.

100 Day Challenge reported by Elizabeth King: 155 clients total have been served to date. 17 individuals have been moved into permanent housing with a goal of 20 by April 14th. 25 on the pathway to safe and stable housing. Prioritizing clients over age 50. The 100 Day Challenge has created a smoother process to place clients into the system and housed. 17 have been housed.

Chair Comments

Thanked the team for their hard work, and we seeing positives on this issue. The PIT will show a 19% drop in unsheltered homelessness from 2021 to 2022. Rescue mission coming online, 30 more units on Childs and B, 2 Homekey projects awarded and pending No Place Like Home project with 66 units. It's time to double down and keep working.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Steve Tietjen, seconded by Gary Brizzee to approve the Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Steve Roussos, Jennifer Mockus, Gary Brizzee, Josh Pedrozo, Steve Tietjen, Matt Serratto, Margaret Simmons

No: 0

Action Items

A motion was made by Steve Tietjen, seconded by Jennifer Mockus to approve the 2022 Point-In-Time Count report and authorize the Collaborative Applicant/Administrative Entity to submit it to the Housing and Urban Development no later than April 27, 2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Steve Roussos, Jennifer Mockus, Gary Brizzee, Josh Pedrozo, Steve Tietjen, Matt Serratto, Margaret Simmons

No: 0

A motion was made by Steve Tietjen, seconded by Steve Roussos to approve the recommendation of staff for a RFP to go out regarding a consultant with subject matter expertise on grants. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Steve Roussos, Jennifer Mockus, Gary Brizzee, Josh Pedrozo, Steve Tietjen, Matt Serratto, Margaret Simmons

No: 0

A motion was made by Gary Brizzee, seconded by Steve Roussos to approve the CA/AE requests for permission from the CoC Board to designate \$560,000 of available CoC funds to the eligible activity of Street Outreach. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Steve Roussos, Jennifer Mockus, Gary Brizzee, Josh Pedrozo, Steve Tietjen, Matt Serratto, Margaret Simmons

No: 0

Board Information & Possible New Action Item

Electronic Vote: February 25, 2022, the Collaborative Applicant sent out an electronic vote to the CoC Board. The recommendation was for approval to move ESGCV Rapid Rehousing dollars to Emergency Shelter dollars. The vote passed with five Aye, with one board member excluded due to a conflict of interest. Collaborative Applicant is working with the state to address the ESGCV spending plans to ensure all funds are spent by the expenditure deadline. The recommendation was posted publicly on the CoC website and the HSA Collaborative Applicant website per the governance charter.

Mr. Rajabally Introduction: Mr. Rajabally provided an introduction of himself and his data experience. Helping launch the data project of the Cost of homelessness in Merced County.

Governance Charter reported by Christy McCammond: The Governance Charter will be ready for review at next month's meeting.

Adopt 2021-2022 Regional Action Plan reported by Christy McCammond: Adopt 2021-2022 Regional Action Plan Christy McCammond met with people with lived experience over four weeks every Thursday. She will be updating the plan based on people with lived experience contributions. Voting will occur at next month's meeting, if not sooner, with an E Vote.

Reports

CA Informational Report Out presented by Christy McCammond: Requesting for community based organizations to submit their invoices. Spent since September 21st to March 22nd \$1,033,740 with a balance of \$3.7MM.

Collaborative Applicant sent voting authorization forms that need to be returned by April 15th. Grant monitoring site visits for community organizations that have been receiving funding from the CoC.

Grantee and Committee Reports

Coc Dashboards – CM.- 9/21-mach 2022 spent eligible activities 1.3 MM remaining 3.7 million. Rapid Rehousing \$111,000, HMIS system support \$55,000, emergency shelter \$481,000, outreach 268,000, and Admin \$118,000.

April 21, 2022

Prioritization Update: Luke Brown – 43 individuals over the age of 65, 177 ages 50-64, 9 youth. 225 are women, 30 are veterans and 362 have been identified as having a mental health issues.

CoC General Membership Comments

Gloria Sandoval – We need to meet the needs of the homeless with hot weather coming up and try to plan.

Sargeez – Project room key in Los Banos every Friday; all the providers who have clients staying at project room key are engaging and following up with individuals. Direct questions to Elizabeth or Sargeez.

The grand opening for Village of Hope is on April 22, 2022, at 10 AM.

Jennifer Mockus – The Central California Alliance for Health board approved for us to submit a letter of intent to the department of healthcare services through the state for the alliance to participate in the housing and homeless incentive program in all three counties. This program will run from January 2022 through December 2023 to reduce and prevent homelessness and ensure that the health plan develops the necessary capacity of partnerships. The HHIP aligns closely with the HHAP application, so we will be collaborating with John and his team to help try to bring millions of dollars into our service areas to help support collaboration.

Chief Brizzee – Council approved an allocation of \$100,000 for homeless activities in Los Banos. With the partnership of the County of Merced and the Board of Supervisors, we have collected a sum of \$400,000 to keep project Room key through October 31st.

Steve Roussos – Sean McDaniel started a new company interested in helping with affordable housing and homeless projects. He will be invited to the board.

Matt Serratto – April 11th, the large encampment in the city of Merced on the Cal Trans property behind the freeway between 13th and 15th will be cleared.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:12pm by the Mayor Matt Serratto. The next CoC meeting 11:00AM on May 5th, on Teams

Minutes submitted by: Ashlan Perez

Approved by: Maribel Baron



**MERCED CITY AND COUNTY CoC
BOARD MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA**

May 05, 2022 | 11:00am-12:30pm | Microsoft Teams /Conference Call
1.323.676.6251 Phone Conference ID: 904 028 272# / [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Call to Order **Matt Serratto**

Roll Call **Collaborative Applicant**

Notice to Public **Collaborative Applicant**

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Public Comment **Matt Serratto**

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Consent Agenda Items **Matt Serratto**

- k. Approval of Agenda
 - l. Approval of Minutes from April 7, 2022 CoC Board Meeting
-

Community Projects

- Housing for the Harvest **Jorge De Nava**
 - Merced Navigation Center **Jennifer Carr**
 - Emergency Housing Vouchers **Blanca Ruiz**
 - Los Banos Non-Congregate Shelter **Luke Brown**
 - Distributive Housing **David Carr**
 - Housing Developments **John Ceccoli**
-

Chair Comments **Matt Serratto**

Action Items **Collaborative Applicant**

- CoC Consultant
- HHAP Round I & II RFP

Board Information & Possible New Action Items

- Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program
- 100 Day Challenge

Collaborative Applicant

Kate Nester
Elizabeth King

Reports

- CA Information Report Out
 - Governance Charter
 - CoC Dashboards
 - Hybrid Meeting
- Prioritization Update
- Grantee and Committee Reports

Collaborative Applicant

Christy McCammond

Luke Brown
Committee Chair

CoC General Membership Comments

Matt Serratto

Adjournment:

Matt Serratto



Merced City and County CoC Meeting Minutes May 5, 2022 on Teams/Conference call

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Merced City and County CoC was called to order at 11:03am on May 5, 2022 on Teams/Conference call by Matt Serratto.

Roll Call

Board Members in Attendance:

Steve Roussos, Jennifer Mockus, Candice Adam-Medefind, Steve Tietjen, Matt Serratto, Margaret Simmons

Continuum of Care Members in Attendance:

CA Central Valley Journey for Justice, City of Los Banos, Dignity Health, Healthy House, Independent Living Center Assit. with Disabilities, JMJ Maternity Homes, Lifeline CDC, Merced Area Agency on Aging, Merced County Behavioral Health & Recovery, Merced County Board of Supervisors, Merced County Community Action Agency, Merced County District Attorney's Office, Merced County CEO's Office, Merced County Human Services Agency, Sierra Saving Grace, Turning Point Community Programs, WestCare California, Merced Rescue Mission

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Robert Dylina provided an introduction of himself and his business.

Gloria Sandoval voiced concern about the individual arrested for digging in Bear Creek to make shelter. This is an example of why Merced County needs more affordable housing.

Steve Roussos recognized Healthy House and New Direction for being inventive in helping homeless individuals that are not from Merced County get back home to where they have support -creating a small fund for these individuals.

Community Projects

Housing for the Harvest reported by Jorge De Nava: The program ended on April 30th. In three months, they were able to complete 15 services.

Merced Navigation Center reported by David Carr: The Navigation Center has 74 active clients and 7 dogs. With one bed available. Permanently housed 12 individuals in the month of March and 6 individuals in the month of April.

Emergency Housing Vouchers reported by Blanca Ruiz: 68 vouchers total. 36 vouchers are pending, 9 are in the hands of clients, 19 clients have been housed, two applications were denied but will be reassigned.

Los Banos Non-Congregate Shelter reported by Elizabeth King: 59 clients have been served year to date, with 189 on the waitlist. 38 clients have been able to receive their ID and SSN card.

Distributive Housing reported by David Carr: Los Banos has 17 clients and 3 beds available. Merced bridging has 2 beds available.

Housing Developments reported by John Ceccoli: Two Home Key projects have been awarded. 20 for veterans and 90 for individuals experiencing homeless, 45 of those experiencing chronic homelessness. Rescue Mission's campus is open, adding 10 additional beds for veterans. Received a self-scoring letter for No Place Like Home 65 units for individuals with serious mental illness. 30 units on Childs and B; there is a preliminary discussion for 30 units that were set aside for individuals who are high users of the emergency department and health care.

Chair Comments

Congratulated the Rescue Mission of the Village of Hope project. With 52 units already online. A lot of good planned projects in the pipeline the two Homekey projects, 66 unit project on park avenue. The last city council meeting took a big step toward 108 unit affordable housing projects near Parsons and Yosemite parkway in partnership with Visionary Homes.

Board Information & Possible New Action Item

Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program presented by Kate Nester.

100 Day Challenge presentation presented by Elizabeth King, John Ceccoli and Aaron Lequia.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Steve Tietjen, seconded by Candice Adam-Medefind to approve the Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Steve Roussos, Jennifer Mockus, Gary Brizzee, Josh Pedrozo, Steve Tietjen, Matt Serratto, Margaret Simmons

No: 0

Action Items

A motion was made by Steve Tietjen, seconded by Steve Roussos to approve the Collaborative Applicant to choose a consultant, and subsequently create and sign an agreement and all associated documents. Executed agreement will be provided to the CoC upon full execution:

Aye: 6 - Steve Roussos, Jennifer Mockus, Gary Brizzee, Josh Pedrozo, Steve Tietjen, Matt Serratto, Margaret Simmons

No: 0

May 05, 2022

A motion was made by Jennifer Mockus, seconded by Steve Roussos to approve the CA/AE's request to authorize the release of a Request for Proposal (RFP) to identify a qualified vendor to provide operating support services to the unaccompanied youth, ages 12-24, who are experiencing homelessness in the Merced CoC geographical area. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Steve Roussos, Jennifer Mockus, Gary Brizzee, Josh Pedrozo, Steve Tietjen, Matt Serratto, Margaret Simmons

No: 0

Reports

Governance Charter presented by John Ceccoli and Christy McCammond: Have a draft Governance Charter for comment. Will be voting to accept them in June.

Grantee and Committee Reports

Coc Dashboards presented by Christy McCammond: Still waiting for many of the community based organizations information. Once received the dashboard will be published.

Hybrid Meeting presented by Maribel Baron: Will be offering in person and video conferencing meeting starting June. At the BHRS 301 E 13th st. Room C207.

CoC General Membership Comments

There were no comments at this time.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm by the Mayor Matt Serratto. The next CoC meeting 11:00AM on June 2nd, on Teams

Minutes submitted by: Ashlan Perez

Approved by: Maribel Baron



**MERCED CITY AND COUNTY CoC
TRAINING/GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING AGENDA**

June 02, 2022 | 11:00am-12:30pm | 301 E. 13th Street, Merced Room C207

Conference Option: 1.323.676.6251 Phone Conference ID: 904 028 272#

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Call to Order

Matt Serratto

Roll Call

Collaborative Applicant

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Consent Agenda Items

Matt Serratto

- m. Approval of Agenda
- n. Approval of Minutes from May 5, 2022 CoC General Membership Meeting

Community Projects

- Merced Navigation Center
- Emergency Housing Vouchers
- Los Banos Non-Congregate Shelter
- Distributive Housing
- Housing Developments

**Jennifer Carr
Blanca Ruiz
Luke Brown
David Carr
John Ceccoli**

Action Items

Collaborative Applicant

- Adopt Governance Charter/Written Standards
 - HHAP Round 1 Funding
 - HHAP Round 3 Allocation Funding Plan
-

Board Information & Possible New Action Items

Collaborative Applicant

- HHAP Round 3 Action Plan
 - CoC Board Resignation- Tim Adam
 - Membership Roles
-

Reports

Collaborative Applicant

- CA Information Report Out
- Prioritization Update
- Grantee and Committee Reports

Collaborative Applicant

**Luke Brown
Committee Chair**

CoC General Membership Comments

Matt Serratto

Adjournment:

Matt Serratto

Merced City and County CoC

Meeting Minutes

June 2, 2022 on Teams/In Person 301 E. 13th Street Merced, CA

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Merced City and County CoC was called to order at 11:05am on June 2, 2022 on Teams/In Person 301 E. 13th Street Merced, CA by CoC Chair Matt Serratto.

Roll Call

Board Members in Attendance:

Steve Hammond, Jennifer Mockus, Steve Tietjen, Matt Serratto, Margaret Simmons, Allen Brooks, Josh Pedrozo, Gary Brizec

Continuum of Care Members in Attendance:

CA Central Valley Journey for Justice, City of Los Banos, Healthy House, Merced Area Agency on Aging, Merced County Behavioral Health & Recovery, Merced County Board of Supervisors, Merced County Community Action Agency, Merced County District Attorney's Office, Merced County Human Services Agency, Sierra Saving Grace, Turning Point Community Programs, Merced Rescue Mission, Bethel Community Church, Central California Alliance for Health, Housing Authority of Merced County, Livingston Community Health, Merced County Office of Education, Salvation Army, Aspiranet

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Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Steve Hammond, seconded by Steve Tietjen to approve the agenda and minutes. Nay: 0 Abstain: 0 @11:12am motion passed.

Public Comment

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Community Projects

Merced Navigation Center reported by Christy McCammond

Emergency Housing Vouchers reported by Christy McCammond

Los Banos Non-Congregate Shelter reported by Elizabeth King

Distributive Housing: No updated provided

Housing Developments reported by John Ceccoli

Action Items

001-06-02-22 Adoption of Governance Charter and Written Standards

Open for public comment- No Comments

Motion by Steve Tietjen; 2nd by Steve Hammond. No Nays. Motion carried @ 11:37am

002-06-02-22 Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program Funding Designation to Distributive Housing
Open for public comment- No Comments Motion by Steve Hammond; 2nd by Gary Brizee. No Nays. Motion carried @ 11:41am

003-06-02-22 Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program Funding Allocation Plan
Open for public comment- No Comments
Motion by Steve Hammond; 2nd by Josh Pedrozo. No Nays. Motion carried @ 11:51am

Board Information & Possible New Action Item

004-06-02-22 Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program Action Plan
Open for public comment- No Comments

Announced CoC Board Resignation of Tim Adam.

Maribel Baron- Discussed roles and responsibilities of CoC Board members and CoC General Members.

Reports

CA Informational Report Out-

Maribel Baron- CoC Website is up and running. Mercedcoc.org

CoC General Membership Comments

Josh Pedrozo- Requesting meeting packet to be on one document to allow for ease of printing and post to website.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:09pm by the Mayor Matt Serratto. The next CoC meeting 11:00 Am on August 4, 2022.



**MERCED CITY AND COUNTY CoC
BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

August 4, 2022 | 11:00am-12:30pm | 301 E. 13th Street, Merced Room C207

Conference Option: 1.323.676.6251 Phone Conference ID: 294 694 828#

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Call to Order

Matt Serratto

Roll Call

Collaborative Applicant

Notice to Public

Collaborative Applicant

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Public Comment

Matt Serratto

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Consent Agenda Items

Matt Serratto

- o. Approval of Agenda
- p. Approval of Minutes from June 2, 2022 General Membership Meeting

Community Projects

- 1. Merced Navigation Center
- 2. Emergency Housing Vouchers
- 3. Los Banos Non-Congregate Shelter
- 4. Distributive Housing
- 5. 100 Day Challenge
- 6. County PLHA
- 7. Homeless Court
- 8. Housing Developments

Jennifer Carr
Jesenia Aguilar
Luke Brown
David Carr
Christy McCammond
Maribel Baron
Christy McCammond
John Ceccoli

Chair Comments

Matt Serratto

Action Items**Collaborative Applicant**

- Emergency Solutions Grant RFP Responses
-

Board Information & Possible New Action Items

- Homeless Tax Credit
 - HHAP Round 1 Funding
-

Collaborative Applicant
Erick Serrato
Maribel Baron**Reports**

- CA Information Report Out
 - Prioritization Update
-

Collaborative Applicant
Luke Brown**CoC General Membership Comments****Matt Serratto**

Adjournment**Matt Serratto**



Merced City and County CoC

Meeting Minutes

August 4, 2022 on Teams/In Person 301 E. 13th Street Merced, CA

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Merced City and County CoC was called to order at 11:10am on August 4, 2022 on Teams/In Person 301 E. 13th Street Merced, CA by CoC Chair Matt Serratto.

Roll Call

Board Members in Attendance:

Jennifer Mockus, Matt Serratto, Margaret Simmons, Josh Pedrozo, Candice Adam Medefind

Continuum of Care Members in Attendance:

CA Central Valley Journey for Justice, Healthy House, Merced County Behavioral Health & Recovery, Merced County Board of Supervisors, Merced County Community Action Agency, Merced County Human Services Agency, Sierra Saving Grace, Turning Point Community Programs, Merced Rescue Mission, Central California Alliance for Health, Housing Authority of Merced County, Livingston Community Health, Aspiranet, Resources for Independence Central Valley, Merced Inn and Suites, Central California Legal Services

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Lee Greenwalt: Calling attention to the Farm Workers March coming through Merced on August 16th, asking for support.

Community Projects

Merced Navigation Center reported by Tracey Dillard

Emergency Housing Vouchers reported by Rosa Vazquez

Los Banos Non-Congregate Shelter reported by Elizabeth Benavidez (King)

Distributive Housing reported by Tracey Dillard

100 Day Challenge reported by Elizabeth Benavidez (King) and Christy McCammond

County PLHA reported by Maribel Baron

Homeless Court reported by Christy McCammond

Housing Developments reported by John Ceccoli

Chair Comments

Bringing attention to upcoming outreach and engagement opportunity on Saturday, August 13, 2022. City of Merced is holding a bimonthly clean-up day, this time focusing on Bear Creek around 16th Street.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Josh Pedrozo, seconded by Jennifer Mockus to approve the agenda and minutes.
Nay: 0 Abstain: 0 @ 11:38am motion passed.

Action Items

001-08-04-22 Emergency Solutions Grant Request for Proposal Response

Open for public comment – No comments

Motion by Josh Pedrozo; 2nd by Matt Serrato. No Nays. Motion carried @ 11:42am

002-08-04-22 Use of CoC Funding for Landlord Engagement Materials

Open for public comment – Jennifer Mockus raised awareness to align strategies with Alliance and DHCS to bring additional revenue in alignment with HHS. Opportunity to gain ground on housing.

Motion by Jennifer Mockus; 2nd by Matt Serratto. No Nays. Motion carried @ 11:48am

Board Information & Possible New Action Item

Homeless Tax Credit – postpone as none present to present

Reports

CA Informational Report Out

1. Emergency Solutions Grant RFP Responses (BAI 001-08-04-22)
 - a. Will be submitting final applications to state 8/17/2022
2. HUD Consolidation Special NOFO
 - a. For new applicants only
 - b. Workshop held 7/21/22
 - c. In the middle of RFP process, will conclude 8/26/22. Working on ranking and submitting to board on 9/1/22. Must be submitted by applicants and CA by 8/20/22
3. HUD Consolidation Regular NOFO
 - a. For renewals and new applicants
 - b. Letter of intent due to CA by 8/10/22
 - c. Workshop to be held on 8/12/22
 - d. Must submit all applications to State by 9/30/22

Prioritization Update – None present to present

CoC General Membership Comments

Jennifer Mockus, Central CA Alliance for Health

Raising awareness that enhanced care management medical benefit and the community support services have gone live in Merced County.

- Contracted with Independent Living Systems to provide enhanced care management (ECM).
- Contracted with Mission Merced to provide recuperative care and short-term post hospitalization housing. Looking forward to building relationship with Mission Merced in the future as they go live with their sobering center, great opportunity for our community.
- Contracted with Sierra Saving Grace to provide housing suite of community support.
- Reminder: Alliance members in Merced County, and all counties within our service area, who are discharged from hospital with diabetes, congenital heart failure, or chronic obstructive pulmonary

disease are able to receive medically tailored meals, which is also one of the 14 state approved community support services.

Helidee Millan-Govea, Livingston Community Health

Sharing celebration of National Health Center Week.

- Monday, August 8th we will recognize healthcare for the homeless.
 - Outreach will be conducted in Delhi, Livingston, Hilmar, Ballico areas.
 - Intend to connect with some individuals previously identified at outreach efforts to provide them some basics such as water, food bags, hygiene kits, some vaccines will be available.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:52am by CoC Chair Matt Serratto.

Next CoC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 1, 2022 at 11:00am.



MERCED CITY AND COUNTY CoC BOARD MEETING AGENDA

September 1, 2022 | 11:00am-12:30pm | Microsoft Teams
Conference Option: 1.323.676.6251 Phone Conference ID: 294 694 828#

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Call to Order **Matt Serratto**

Roll Call **Collaborative Applicant**

Notice to Public **Collaborative Applicant**

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Public Comment **Matt Serratto**

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Consent Agenda Items **Matt Serratto**

- q. Approval of Agenda
- r. Approval of Minutes from August 4, 2022 General Membership Meeting

Community Projects

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| 9. Merced Navigation Center | Jennifer Carr |
| 10. Emergency Housing Vouchers | Jesenia Aguilar |
| 11. Los Banos Non-Congregate Shelter | Luke Brown |
| 12. Distributive Housing | David Carr |
| 13. 100 Day Challenge | Christy McCammond |
| 14. Homeless Court | Christy McCammond |
| 15. Housing Developments | John Ceccoli |

Chair Comments **Matt Serratto**

Action Items **Collaborative Applicant**

- Approve CoC HUD Application Responses
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- Letter of Support for Central California Alliance for Health in Regards to Housing & Homelessness Incentive Program
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Board Information & Possible New Action Items

Collaborative Applicant

- Homeless Tax Credit

Erick Serrato

Reports

- CA Information Report Out
- Prioritization Update

Collaborative Applicant

Luke Brown

CoC General Membership Comments

Matt Serratto

Adjournment

Matt Serratto



Merced City and County CoC

Meeting Minutes

September 1, 2022 on Microsoft Teams

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Merced City and County CoC was called to order at 11:06am on September 1, 2022 on Microsoft Teams by Maribel Baron.

Roll Call

Board Members in Attendance:

Matt Serratto, Steve Roussos, Steve Hammond, Jennifer Mockus, Candice Adam Medefind, Steve Tiejien, Josh Pedrozo

Continuum of Care Members in Attendance:

CA Central Valley Journey for Justice, Healthy House, Merced County Behavioral Health & Recovery Services, Merced County Human Services Agency, Restore Merced, Salvation Army, United Methodist Church of Merced, Central CA Legal Services, Merced Rescue Mission, Housing Authority Merced County

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Lee Greenwalt: Journey for Justice meets tonight at 5:30 PM at the United Methodist Church.

Gloria Sandoval: Shared concerns about CARE (Community Assistance Recovery and Empowerment) Court. It's being seen as something that will help those with mental illness on the streets, seems like the real problem is lack of housing. Would like this to be added as a future agenda item. Additionally, concerned over reports of homeless/houseless individuals are being transported to other cities, would like to ensure this is not happening in our County.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion to approve agenda and minutes by Josh Pedrozo, 2nd Steve Hammond. Nay: 0, Abstain: 0
Motion passes at 11:38am.

Community Projects

Merced Navigation Center – reported by Tracey Dillard

Currently 2 beds available, 2 participants on their way today will reach capacity (75) by end of day.

Questions and discussion around intake and referral process took place. Concerns over accessible point of entry were shared now that they've been relocated to North Merced, Tracey shared that New Directions picks up and drops off clients at the facility.

Emergency Housing Vouchers – No report shared as none present

Los Banos Non-Congregate Shelter – No report shared as none present

Distributive Housing – reported by Tracey Dillard

There are currently 3 of 16 beds available in Los Banos and 1 of 24 in Merced.

100 Day Challenge – reported by Maribel Baron

Christy McCammond was not available to present as she is hosting the 100-Day Challenge Midpoint Review meeting at the same time. Maribel shared we are halfway through the Challenge and last known number of housed children is around 60. Maribel offered to report any questions the group may have for Christy, no questions asked.

Homeless Court – reported by Maribel Baron

Christy McCammond was not available to present as she is hosting the 100-Day Challenge Midpoint Review meeting at the same time. Maribel shared Christy is continuing to market the program appropriately and there are no significant updates to share at this time. Maribel offered to report any questions the group may have for Christy, no questions asked.

Housing Developments – reported by John Ceccoli

John Ceccoli was not available to present as he is on vacation. Maribel shared a there are no new developments to report but 3 active projects are going strong:

- 95units at 1213 V Street
- 20 units for Veterans at Childs and R Street
- 65 units for No Place Like Home at Park Avenue

Chair Comments

Matt Serratto: Progress at Merced City Council on approval of the 20-unit Veterans housing project at Childs and R Street with the custom container home developer. Quickly moving through the development process and mention of possible opening in November, hopeful for being fully operational by end of this year. Thanks given to Rescue Mission for all their work in terms of managing it. Opened the floor to questions.

- **Gloria Sandoval:** Asked for updates regarding tiny homes.
 - **Matt Serratto:** Discussion around tiny homes has taken place but unaware of any specific tiny home project in an advanced, approved, and developmental stage. Lots of people feel it's a good idea though.

Action Items

Approve CoC HUD Application Responses (001-09-01-22)

Open for public comment – No comments or questions.

Motion by Steve Tiejien; 2nd by Steve Hammond. Nay: 0, Abstain: 0

Motion passes at 11:35am

Letter of Support for Central California Alliance for Health in Regards to Housing & Homelessness Incentive Program (002-09-01-22)

Open for public comment – No comments or questions.

Josh Pedrozo and Jennifer Mockus both recused themselves from voting on this.

Motion by Steve Tiejien, 2nd Steve Roussos. Nay: 0, Abstain: 0

Motion passes at 11:38am.

Board Information & Possible New Action Item

Homeless Tax Credit – postpone until November due to schedule conflicts.

Reports

CA Informational Report Out

HUD Consolidation Special NOFO

CA released RFP for CoC HUD Consolidated Supplemental NOFO last month with a due date of 8/26/22 to the Collaborative Applicate. Because no applications were received for Supplemental NOFO, CA will re-release this RFP. Notice will go out to everyone by end of day via email and due in 2 weeks.

Reminder: this is similar to CoC HUD Consolidated application approved today, the only difference is that funds are strictly for new projects. New is defined as projects not currently receiving funds through HUD, this can include existing projects.

Although this will fund new projects for up to 3 years, this amount would then be merged into annual, consolidated NOFO application process. There is potential to increase the amount by up to 1.19 million, depending on projects submitted.

Prioritization Update – None available to present

CoC General Membership Comments

Tracy Jackson, Housing Authority

Shelter Plus Care Permanent Supportive Housing Grant has awarded 8 vouchers, of which 3 are under housing contracts and being subsidized by the HA. We have received 5 referrals over the course of this grant period (8/1/22-7/31/23). Closing out 21/22 grant period now.

Gloria Sandoval, CA Central Valley Journey for Justice

Observing more tents popping up along 99 and other areas, wondering if outreach teams are able to make it out there. Also wondering how cooling centers are being publicized.

- **Steve Tiejn:** All cooling center locations are published on City and County's websites, but acknowledges accessibility concerns. Accessible transportation is available for each location. Merced County Times may be publishing as well, not entirely certain though. Open to ideas about how to best get the word out.
- **Ruby Awesome:** There is an existing process within HSA Housing Team; memos are distributed to case managers then trickled down to clients. Providers are asked to do the same.
- **Jennifer Mockus:** As we receive information on cooling centers, it is posted in the Alliance reception area for awareness and is also shared with interdisciplinary team serving Merced County Medi-Cal members.
- **Gloria Sandoval:** Suggests holding a public meeting to give updates on what's going on with CoC, similar to Mayor Murphy's State of the City Address.
- **Candice Adam Medefind:** New Directions Navigation Center should be serving all Merced County, not only City of Merced.
 - **Matt Serratto:** Navigation Center is open to all of Merced County.
 - **Candice Adam Medefind:** Cited Navigation Center decline to help Santa Nella client
 - **Josh Pedrozo:** Have been told there are issues of trespassing if it's close enough to the railroads, offered to speak with Candice at another time regarding concerns over possible Navigation Center refusal to accept clients outside of the City of Merced.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:52am by CoC Chair Matt Serratto.

Next CoC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 6, 2022 at 11:00am.



**MERCED CITY AND COUNTY CoC
BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

October 6, 2022 | 11:00am-12:30pm

301 E. 13th Street Room C207, Merced, CA 95341

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Call to Order **Matt Serratto**

Roll Call **Collaborative Applicant**

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Consent Agenda Items **Matt Serratto**

- s. Approval of Agenda
- t. Approval of Minutes from September 1, 2022 General Membership Meeting

Community Projects

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| 20. 100 Day Challenge | Christy McCammond |
| 21. Homeless Court | Christy McCammond |
| 22. Housing Developments | John Ceccoli |

Chair Comments **Matt Serratto**

Action Items **Collaborative Applicant**

- Approve Regional Plan for Addressing Homelessness

Board Information & Possible New Action Items **Collaborative Applicant**

- Presentation from Central California Legal Services **Harpreet Singh**

Reports

- CA Information Report Out **Collaborative Applicant**
- Prioritization Update **Luke Brown**

CoC General Membership Comments **Matt Serratto**

Adjournment **Matt Serratto**



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Roll Call

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Continuum of Care Members in Attendance:

Central Valley Journey for Justice, Healthy House, Merced County Behavioral Health & Recovery Services, Restore Merced, Central CA Legal Services, Aspiranet

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Ruby Awesome: The CoC and CA Team is now being led by Maribel Baron as she was promoted to Program Manager and will be overseeing the CoC. Two Analyst will soon be hired to take over Maribel's previous duties regarding the Collaborative Applicant and CoC activities.

Christy McCammond: Introduction of new partner, Lucia Tejada, who will be in attendance at future CoC meetings to represent MCOE. Expressed appreciation to Dr. Tiejen, who facilitated this connection.

Candice Adam Medefind: Concerned about the disbanding of the DART team as they provide an immense service for our community. Will be looking into this further. Matthew Serratto shared he heard this too but has since learned this is not credible information.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion to approve agenda and minutes by Dr. Tiejen, 2nd Josh Pedrozo. Nay: 0, Abstain: 0

Motion passes at 11:17 am.

Community Projects

Merced Navigation Center – reported by Tracey Dillard

Currently at capacity and 8 dogs. Capacity fluctuates day by day.

Emergency Housing Vouchers – No report shared as none present

Los Banos Non-Congregate Shelter – reported by Elizabeth King

Presently in end phase, program closing 10/31/22. Working on exit strategy to properly house those presently at shelter. Immense need for lateral partnership to help with placement of 10-12 individuals.

Distributive Housing – reported by Tracey Dillard

Merced at capacity, 2 beds available in LB homes. As discussed, looking to expand homes and hoping to have this established soon.

100-Day Challenge – reported by Christy McCammond

Upon completion of data validation, we have successfully housed 107 children and youth since 7/6/22. Even more have been housed if we were to include the adults in those families we've housed. Our challenge is ending on 10/14/22 so we will be entering into our sustainability phase soon, a meeting is on 10/24/22 where we will discuss system and connection successes throughout the challenge.

Homeless Court – reported by Christy McCammond

Still a viable program here in our County but no Court Navigator yet, which was an essential piece of HC process which was lost in March due to shortage of Grant funding. John Ceccoli is looking into obtaining resources to bring that piece back in action. In the meantime, Christy is the point of contact for Homeless Court.

Housing Developments – reported by Maribel Baron

Currently no new updates since last meeting.

Chair Comments

Matthew Serratto: Updates on existing housing projects are as follows:

- 30 units at Childs project getting close to completion.
- 20 units at Childs and R Street: Container home project aimed at homeless veterans, aiming to be open by end of year.
- 96 units at 1213 V Street: Anticipating completion early next year.
- 56 units at Park Ave moving along as well but further out.

Action Items**Approve Regional Plan for Addressing Homelessness (001-10-06-22)**

Open for public comment – No comments or questions.

Motion by Steve Tiejien; 2nd by Steve Hammond. Nay: 0, Abstain: 0

Motion passes at 11:40 am.

Board Information & Possible New Action Item

Presentation from Central California Legal Services – Harpreet Singh, Managing Attorney at Central California Legal Services hosted presentation on Homelessness Prevention Project (HPP).

Reports**CA Informational Report Out**

Consolidation Application was submitted on 9/29/22, concluding this round of NOFO season.

Prioritization Update – None available to present

CoC General Membership Comments**Gloria Sandoval, CA Central Valley Journey for Justice**

Thanks to City of Merced for providing updates on ongoing projects and availability of units. Would be helpful for the County to having something similar.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:19 pm by Facilitator Name.

Next CoC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 11:00am.



MERCED CITY AND COUNTY CoC BOARD MEETING AGENDA

November 3, 2022 | 11:00am-12:30pm

301 E. 13th Street Room C207, Merced, CA 95341

Microsoft Teams Option
Meeting ID: 265 547 213 892
Passcode: UXuTN7

Phone Conference Option
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Call to Order

Matt Serratto

Roll Call

Collaborative Applicant

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Consent Agenda Items

Matt Serratto

- u. Approval of Agenda
- v. Approval of Minutes from October 6, 2022 General Membership Meeting

Community Projects

- 23. Merced Navigation Center
- 24. Emergency Housing Vouchers
- 25. Los Banos Non-Congregate Shelter
- 26. Distributive Housing
- 27. 100 Day Challenge
- 28. Homeless Court
- 29. Housing Developments

Jennifer Carr
Jesenia Aguilar
Luke Brown
David Carr
Christy McCammond
Christy McCammond
John Ceccoli

Chair Comments

Matt Serratto

Action Items

Collaborative Applicant

- 1. HHAP Round 4 Action Plan and Funding

Board Information & Possible New Action Items

Collaborative Applicant

- 1. Tiny Homes MRM
- 2. Homeless Tax Credit
- 3. Landlord Recognition, 100-Day Challenge

Bruce Metcalf
Mario Pena
Healthy House

Reports

- CA Information Report Out
 - 2023 CoC Meeting Schedule
- Prioritization Update

Collaborative Applicant

Luke Brown

CoC General Membership Comments

Matt Serratto

Adjournment

Matt Serratto



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BOARD MEETING AGENDA

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Call to Order

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Roll Call

Board Members in Attendance:

Matthew Serratto, Candice Adam Medefind, Steve Tiejn, Josh Pedrozo, Gary Brizee, Margaret Simmons

Continuum of Care Members in Attendance:

Central Valley Journey for Justice, Merced County Human Services Agency, Merced County Behavioral Health & Recovery Services, Merced County Housing Project Management, Merced Rescue Mission, Turning Point – New Direction II, Healthy House, Livingston Community Health, Merced County Department of Workforce Investment, A.C.T.S. Foundation, Los Banos Police Department

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Gloria Sandoval: Commented on recent article which reports Governor Newsom halted \$1 billion for homelessness spending, stating the plans submitted were not aggressive enough to curb homelessness, wondered if our CoC had anything to do with this and what is planned.

- Matthew Serratto asked John Ceccoli to follow up with Gloria offline.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion to approve agenda and minutes first by Dr. Tiejn, seconded by Josh Pedrozo. Nay: 0, Abstain: 0

Motion passes at 11:16 am.

Community Projects

Merced Navigation Center – reported by David Carr

74 participants at the Navigation Center, 11 dogs. Only one bed currently open, expecting to fill it today.

Emergency Housing Vouchers – No report shared as none present

Los Banos Non-Congregate Shelter – reported by John Ceccoli

Project was funded through October 31, 2022. John has not spoken with Luke to determine how many people have transitioned back into unsheltered homelessness. Anticipating an update next week, continuing to look for long term solutions in Los Banos for the individuals experiencing homelessness.

Distributive Housing – reported by David Carr

City of Merced has three beds available, 22 occupied. Los Banos has one bed available, 9 occupied.

100-Day Challenge – reported by John Ceccoli

Governor's 100-Day Challenge ended on October 13th. Goal was to house 100 children and youth under 24 years old in 100 days. We were able to successfully exceed the goal, housing 116 (48 families, parents were not included in the total). Compared to another 100-day span from January 6 to April 14, we housed 46 children so we have more than doubled the number of children being housed in a similar time frame.

Success was made possible through coordinated community effort and the opening of an affordable housing complex. Key components include our Housing Support Program, our partnership with the Housing Authority, and the ending of the eviction moratorium. As we move through our sustainability phase, we are re-evaluating and carrying forward our best practices from the Challenge. The floor was opened to questions and comments.

- Gloria Sandoval asked for clarification on the total of 116 kids due to the mention of 46 children between January and April.
 - John Ceccoli says the 116 children and youth was a cumulative total from July 6 to October 13. The mention of 46 children housed in the January 6 through April 14 100-day timeframe was meant to offer some context of why we chose the audacious goal of housing 100 children for this Challenge.
- Gloria Sandoval asked if there's a particular reason why we're seeing such an increase.
 - John Ceccoli states there is speculation around availability and affordability. Regarding availability, normally we do not see much turnover or availability, anecdotally it's around 1% to 3% availability. During COVID, it was even less due to the eviction moratorium so there wasn't much turnover in units becoming available. Regarding affordability, in the last three years we've seen an increase in fair marker rent from 29-34% across a studio to four-bedroom units, according to HUD's annual report.

Homeless Court – reported by John Ceccoli

Back in April, our Homeless Court Navigator position became vacant. We had an agreement with Workforce Investment so for the past six months or so we've been searching for someone who could fill that role. We've engaged with a couple of community-based organizations and by next month, we hope to be able to announce who that might be in order to really coordinate this. There has not been much participation or many referrals, but those we've received have been able to successfully navigate through the Homeless Court Program.

- Gloria Sandoval asks if any funds have been expended since the program has not been running.
 - John Ceccoli states this is an in-kind contribution. We have points of contact at the Public Defender's office and at the District Attorney's office, the Super Courts set up this specialty court. No funds have been expended for the navigation part, what we're doing right now is identify funding and an organization, and an individual who would be that Court Navigator, a point of contact between the individual who has the charge, the organization that providing them supportive services, and then the justice system through the District Attorney and a public defender.

Housing Developments – reported by John Ceccoli

Only update at this time is regarding the two City of Merced Home Key Projects, 96 units of supportive housing at 1213 B Street and 20 units of permanent housing for veterans on R Street. The projected opening dates are now early January, but this is likely to be delayed a bit more.

Highlighting the success of moving folks from unsheltered homelessness into sheltered homelessness through the Navigation Center and distributed homes. During the 2022 Point in Time Count, we did see a 19% reduction in unsheltered due to an increase in shelters. These projects are important to getting folks permanently housed and off our Point in Time Count.

John reminded all present of the other projects in progress which have no updates at this time.

Chair Comments

Matthew Serratto: 2023 Point in Time Count is taking place on January 26, 2023. Hoping to see a drop in the count as we did last year. Thanks were given to Phil Schmauss and everyone else involved and the group was encouraged to volunteer in the effort.

Action Items

HHAP Round 4 Action Plan and Funding (001-11-03-22)

Open for public comment – No comments or questions.

Motion to approve first by Steve Tietjen; seconded by Josh Pedrozo. Nay: 0, Abstain: 0

Motion passes at 11:35 am.

Board Information & Possible New Action Item

Tiny Homes MRM – Bruce Metcalf presented an overview of the tiny home project utilizing converted shipping containers. Floor was opened to questions, comments, and concerns.

- Josh Pedrozo shares interest in the idea but has concern about successful participation and is curious what the plan is to encourage engagement.
 - Bruce states the ground work is presently being done in partnership with the Navigation Center to build trust with the community so they are more likely to engage in the service once complete. Bruce recognizes that while not all will engage, they are confident that this project will be successful for many.
- Lanetta Smyth reinforces the importance of building trust and relationships with the clients, giving them the space and power to lead. Lanetta also reminds the group that this work takes time and change won't be seen overnight.

Adjournment

This meeting was unofficially dismissed around 12:00pm as a result of a fire alarm, requiring evacuation. Entry to the building was permitted at 12:20pm, at which time no one was present to continue meeting. Items not discussed will be moved to the next CoC meeting which is scheduled for Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 11:00am.



MERCED CITY AND COUNTY CoC BOARD MEETING AGENDA

December 1, 2022 | 11:00am-12:30pm

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Consent Agenda Items **Matt Serratto**

- w. Approval of Agenda
- x. Approval of Minutes from November 3, 2022 Meeting

Community Projects

- 30. Merced Navigation Center
- 31. Emergency Housing Vouchers
- 32. Los Banos Non-Congregate Shelter
- 33. Distributive Housing
- 34. Homeless Court

Jennifer Carr
Jesenia Aguilar
Luke Brown
David Carr
Christy McCammond

Chair Comments **Matt Serratto**

Action Items **Collaborative Applicant**

- 2. CoC General Membership Application and Board Application- Ray Reyna
- 3. 2022 PIT Count Survey

Board Information & Possible New Action Items **Collaborative Applicant**

- 4. Homeless Tax Credit

Mario Pena

Reports

- CA Information Report Out
 - 2023 CoC Meeting Schedule
- Prioritization Update

Collaborative Applicant

Luke Brown

CoC General Membership Comments **Matt Serratto**

Adjournment **Matt Serratto**



MERCED CITY AND COUNTY CoC BOARD MEETING AGENDA

December 1, 2022 | 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
301 E. 13th Street Room C207, Merced, CA 95341
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Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Organization/Committee Name was called to order at 11:05 am on date by Josh Pedrozo.

Roll Call

Board Members in Attendance:

Josh Pedrozo, Steve Hammond, Jennifer Mockus, Gary Brizee, Margaret Simmons

Continuum of Care Members in Attendance:

Aspiranet, Central CA Alliance for Health, Central CA Journey for Justice, Central CA Legal, Dignity Health, Healthy House, Livingston Community Health, Los Banos Police Department, MCCA, MCOE, Merced County Behavioral Health & Recovery Services, Merced County Department of Workforce Investment, Merced County Human Services Agency, Merced Rescue Mission, RH Community Builders, Salvation Army, Sierra Saving Grace, Turning Point

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Public Comment

At this time, any person may comment on any item not on the agenda. Action will not be taken on an item that is not on the agenda. If action is required, it will be referred to the CoC board and placed on a future agenda. With the aim of allowing all interested parties an opportunity to speak, comments will be limited to a maximum of three minutes per person. Please state your name for the record. At this time Public Comment is open.

- Simmons shared an update regarding an existing grant which Sierra Saving Grace has to renovate houses each year. Presently working on a 2-bedroom 1-bath unit with a separate unit in the back and attempting to convert the garage into a studio. Pedrozo asked to discuss after today's meeting to obtain a better understanding of the situation and determine next steps.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion to approve agenda first by Simmons, seconded by Hammond. Nay: 0, Abstain: 0

Motion carries at 11:11 am.

- Gloria Sandoval shared concerns about agenda items which were not discussed due to the abrupt ending of the November 3, 2022 meeting.
 - Maribel Baron confirmed these items were added to today's meeting.
- Motion to approve November 3, 2022 meeting minutes, with the understanding that a date will be amended, first by Hammond, second by Simmons. Nay: 0, Abstain: 0. Motion carries at 11:13 am.
- Minutes must reflect accurate "next meeting date" listed in the Adjournment section. Minutes will be amended and brought back to next meeting for review but are presently approved.

Community Projects

Merced Navigation Center

Tracey Dillard reported the facility is remaining at capacity. No other updates at this time.

Emergency Housing Vouchers

None present to report; item will be pushed to next agenda.

Los Banos Non-Congregate Shelter

Baron reported this shelter closed October 31, 2022. Residents in this shelter were transitioned to other shelters. Contract for funding ended November 30, 2022 to allow for various final administrative costs. Total number of clients served to date will be provided at next meeting.

Distributive Housing

Tracey Dillard reported they are remaining at capacity. A couple beds are currently available but they are being filled today. Waiting on contracts, hoping to be up and running January 1, 2023.

- Pedrozo asked what the delay is regarding the contracts.
- Dillard stated he isn't certain, but it may be general finalization of the contracts.
- Baron informs the group that this contract is with the Collaborative Applicant and involves PLHA funds. Hold up involves budget allowances according to the State but a consensus has been reached. At this time, the contract is in the final review process.

Homeless Court

Christy McCammond reported the Homeless Court is seeking qualified individuals who are experiencing homelessness for certain misdemeanors to be considered for payment or restitution through public service. This is a wonderful program that Judge Lo and the Public Defenders Office has been working towards for well over a year. A new Public Defender, Todd McLean, has recently replaced Kimberly Boortz. Over the past 30 to 45 days there have not been any candidates. The Homeless Court Oversight Committee meets on a monthly basis and is presently working on revamping pieces of the program to streamline and allow for expansion. Christy states she remains in close contact with the Public Defender's office to determine how HSA's Housing and Homeless Services branch can best support considering many program-eligible individuals are in our emergency shelter response system.

- Gloria Sandoval asked how many cases have gone through the Homeless Court this year.
- McCammond shares she is seeking this data as well; Mr. McLean is looking into it. McCammond acknowledges the necessity of an accurate and regularly updated data repository.

Chair Comments

No chair comments were given at this meeting.

Action Items

CoC General Membership Application and Board Application – Ray Reyna (001-12-01-22)

Baron informed attendees that this is a General Membership Action Item. Baron read aloud the Executive Summary as well as the recommended actions as written. Pedrozo opens for public comment.

- Sandoval asked if the passing of this will result in a total of two police or law enforcement from the Los Banos area on the CoC Board.
- Baron explained that at this time Chief Brizee is not stepping down but he will eventually, this is the reason for adding Commander Reyna.
- Sandoval recommended postponing the approval of Commander Reyna following Chief Brizee's board resignation.
- Pedrozo responded by reiterating Chief Brizee's intentions to leave soon. Pedrozo also expressed it is in the board's best interest to have both individuals now instead of waiting to appoint Chief Brizee's replacement following his resignation since there are administrative procedures in place which will inevitably result in delays for Board approvals. Pedrozo reminds the group there is a motion and a second so we will rule on this.
- Baron elaborated on the aforementioned administrative procedures, stating Board resignations are effective immediately upon verbal or written communication to the Collaborative Applicant. According to the Governance Charter, adding a new Board member can take up to a month since and in this case, it would take longer since there is no meeting in January. Because of the existing process, if Chief Brizee were to step down before Commander Reyna were to be appointed, the CoC Board would be left with nine members instead of ten and without representation from the Los Banos Police Department.
- Sandoval asked if the CoC is looking for other participants from the Los Banos area to join.
- Baron confirms the CoC is always seeking memberships and organizations from every geographical area to be part of the General Membership. When recruiting for the Board and General Membership, Los Banos is targeted.

- Simmons shares concerns over the precedent which may be set to allow more than one member of an organization to sit on the Board.
- Pedrozo understands this concern but still sees this as a good move considering Chief Brizee’s extensive background and knowledge which will allow Commander Reyna the opportunity to learn from Chief Brizee and facilitate a smooth transition when the Chief is ready to step down.
- Chief Brizee stated this is not an attempt to take over more than a fair share of the board. Chief Brizee shared he plans to retire in the 2023 calendar year but plan to take care of some medical issues in the coming months and anticipates being less available. Commander Reyna was recommended by Chief Brizee as a fantastic addition to the Board and encourages the CoC to welcome him with open arms since the intention with this move is simple to continue representation and have a voice for the homeless on the CoC Board.
- Pedrozo thanks Chief Brizee and proceeds with a vote from the General Membership.
CoC General Membership application – Ray Reyna: motion to approve first by Hammond; seconded by Mockus. None opposed. Motion passed at 11:29 am.
CoC Board Membership application – Ray Reyna: motion to approve first by Hammond; seconded by Pedrozo. None opposed: 0. Motion passed at 11:36 am.

2023 PIT Count Survey (002-12-01-22)

Baron read aloud the Executive Summary as well as the recommended actions as written. Baron asked the CoC members if there are any questions they would like to add to the 2023 PIT Count and informed this group that Phil Schmauss wasn’t able to attend today’s meeting but will answer questions and relay information back to him.

- Suggestions for #23 included adding options such as “I don’t know” and “refused.”
- Pedrozo asked if #12 is required, Baron confirms HUD requires it for purposes of racial equity.
- Mockus suggested adding the question “Are you aware of services available to secure housing?”
- Sandoval suggested adding the question: “What would help you to get into housing?”
- Sargeez Teimoorshahi asks if the CoC can ask jurisdictions to not conduct sweeps or cleanups during the month of January 2023 so we may have an accurate PIT count.
- Baron stated the CoC can provide the feedback and communicate the request via email.
Motion to approve first by Mockus; seconded by Hammond. None opposed. Motion passed at 11:48 am.

Board Information & Possible New Action Item

Homeless Tax Credit

Mario Pena of the Merced County Department of Workforce Investment presented an overview of California’s Homeless Hiring Tax Credit. Following the presentation, Pena invited the group to reach out if they have questions.

Reports

CA Information Report Out

2023 CoC Meeting Schedule

A meeting schedule for 2023 was added to the meeting packet and will remain in all meeting packets for the year. There will not be a meeting for January or July. All 2023 meetings will be held online only since the option to meet in person has been eliminated. This will be reevaluated toward the end of 2023 for 2024.

2023 PIT Count Volunteers

A volunteer registration form was sent out for the upcoming PIT Count. Prior to this meeting, Phillip Schmauss shared there are currently 38 registered individuals. By this time last year there were 60 registered individuals. Another 64 individuals are needed for the Merced area, all of the outstation areas are covered. This group was invited to share this volunteer opportunity within their organizations. Additional information can be obtained by contacting the Collaborative Applicant.

Prioritization Update

Luke Brown was not available to provide a prioritization update; this item will be postponed to the next meeting agenda.

CoC General Membership Comments

- Sandoval shared her concerns of two deaths on the streets over the past two weeks, stating it's important for the public to know the facts since it's likely to motivate something to be done. Sandoval specifically asked if the CoC could help with obtaining relevant information.
- Pedrozo said he doesn't know about this or how much information can even be shared but urged Sandoval to contact law enforcement to obtain any information. Information like this is often private and the CoC does not, and would not, have access to that.
- McCammond informed the group that cause of death and death census is not under the purview of the interim rule within HUD and not in the CFR's under Section 578. McCammond advised against the CoC breaching these boundaries.
- Sandoval asked if there is an existing emergency plan for cold and rainy weather, available sites, and how these are being publicized.
- Pedrozo said this is something the CoC can probably put something together to inform the public.
- Helidee Millan-Govea shared updates on various projects Livingston Community Health is working on, including routinely offering basic needs to the unsheltered homeless populations in smaller communities on a bimonthly basis and providing flu and COVID-19 vaccinations for individuals staying at the Navigation Center.

Adjournment

This meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm. The next CoC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 2, 2023 at 11:00am.