



# Merced City and County Continuum of Care General Membership Meeting

**Date:** March 2, 2023  
**Times:** 11:00am – 12:30pm  
**Location:** Virtual Conference via Microsoft Teams  
 Phone Number: 1 (323) 676-6251  
 Meeting ID: 294 694 828 #  
*\*This meeting will be recorded\**

## AGENDA

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| <b>I. Call to Order</b>  | Matt Serratto  |
| <b>II. Roll Call</b>   | Collaborative Applicant  |
| <b>III. Notice to Public</b><br>At least 48 hours prior to each regular Board/General membership meeting, a complete agenda packet is available for review on the Merced CoC website at <a href="http://www.mercedcoc.org">www.mercedcoc.org</a> .   | Collaborative Applicant  |
| <b>IV. Public Comment</b><br>Matters under the jurisdiction of the CoC and not on this posted agenda may be addressed by the general public at this time. The CoC governance charter prohibits the CoC from taking any action on a matter that is not on the posted agenda unless it is determined to be an emergency by the CoC. Any member of the public wishing to address the CoC during the “Public Comment” period is permitted to be heard once for up to three minutes, per person. Please state your name for the record. | Matt Serratto  |
| <b>V. Consent Agenda Items</b><br>A. Approval of Agenda<br>B. Approval of Minutes: February 2, 2023  | Matt Serratto  |
| <b>VI. Community Projects</b><br>A. Merced Navigation Center<br>B. Emergency Housing Vouchers<br>C. Distributive Housing<br>D. Homeless Court<br>E. Housing Developments   | Jennifer Carr<br>Jesenia Aguilar<br>David Carr<br>John Ceccoli<br>John Ceccoli |
| <b>VII. Chair Comments</b>   | Matt Serratto  |
| <b>VIII. Action Items</b><br>A. CoC General Membership Applications – <i>General Membership Vote</i><br>1. Love Focus International Association<br>2. The Sweet Ethics Residential Association (SERA)<br>3. Valley Crisis Center   | Collaborative Applicant  |
| <b>IX. Board Information &amp; Possible New Action Items</b><br>A. Twelve Thirteen Project Presentation  | Collaborative Applicant<br>Ryan Wilson   |
| <b>X. Reports</b><br>A. CA Information Report Out<br>1. CoC Committee Opportunity  | Collaborative Applicant  |

**XI. CoC General Membership Comments**

Matt Serratto

**XII. Adjournment**

Matt Serratto

Next meeting: April 6, 2023 11:00am – 12:30pm, Microsoft Teams



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### MINUTES

#### I. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Merced City and County Continuum of Care (CoC) was called to order at 11:05am on February 2, 2023 via Microsoft Teams by Matt Serratto.

#### II. Roll Call

***Board Members in Attendance:***

Matthew Serratto, Steve Tietjen, Steve Roussos, Josh Pedrozo, Jennifer Mockus, Steve Hammond, Ray Reyna, Candice Adam-Medefind

***Continuum of Care Members in Attendance:***

California Central Valley Journey for Justice, Central California Alliance for Health, Healthy House, Merced County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS), Merced County Community Action Agency (MCCAA), Merced County Human Services Agency (HSA), Merced County Office of Education, Merced Rescue Mission, Turning Point, Salvation Army

***Community Organizations in Attendance:***

Sweet Ethics Residential Association, Westcare, Livingston Community Health, Dr. Jennifer Jones Foundation, Aspiranet, Agape Community Foundation, Valley Crisis Center, Love Focus International Association

#### III. Notice to Public

Read by the Collaborative Applicant.

#### IV. Public Comment

No comment was made.

#### V. Consent Agenda Items

Approval needed for this meeting's agenda and December 1, 2022 minutes. Motion from Steve Tietjen, second from Ray Reyna. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously at 11:10am.

#### VI. Disaster Response Update

Christy McCammond shared there are 41 families at the Planada Migrant Center which is scheduled to close February 28, 2023. HSA is presently working on assessment and transition plan for remaining families at Migrant Center. A Disaster Operations Center has been established at HSA; Disaster Response Centers were set up at the Fairgrounds and Planada community area. The evacuee shelter at Fairgrounds is now closed. A robust assessment will be taking place at the migrant center today through partnership with Catholic Charities. An emphasis has been placed on determining what resources families have now, what we can do to ensure they are safe, whether they can return to their homes if habitable, or find a transition point for them if not. HSA has been strongly encouraging survivors to

register with FEMA as soon as possible.

Maribel shares there has been a conscious, community-wide effort to properly help those experiencing homelessness prior to the start of the flooding. The temporary evacuation point wasn't equipped with specialty services so HSA has worked closely with the Navigation Center, Distributive Housing, and the D Street Shelter to find creative solutions to help those who are currently homeless and affected by the floods.

## **VII. Community Projects**

### **A. Merced Navigation Center**

Jennifer Carr stated the Navigation Center is currently operating at full capacity with 84 people and thirteen dogs. Maribel Baron added that capacity is currently higher due to the recent flooding emergency. The Navigation Center was able to find space to add eight additional cots for individuals affected by the flood. As part of the recovery phase, HSA will be speaking with the Navigation Center and Merced County Community Action Agency (MCCAA) to determine the effect this is having on their operations budget. At this time there is no confirmed end date for the eight additional cots. Further, there is currently no additional funding for them right now so the Navigation Center and MCCAA is managing this out of their own existing funding and staffing.

### **B. Emergency Housing Vouchers**

No update given.

### **C. Los Banos Non-Congregate Shelter – Final Update**

Luke Brown shared the Los Banos Project Roomkey was funded through ESGCV in partnership with the City of Los Banos. It was designed mostly for the rooms contracted at the La Plaza Inn. This project was designed for individuals to have their own rooms to help prevent the spread of COVID in the community. Within two hours of project launch day, the entire hotel was filled. Total clients served in this project was 57. Upon successful ID restoration, 36 of these individuals were able to obtain employment. With help from Golden Valley, 39 were linked to healthcare services. Through partnership with BHRS, 17 individuals were linked to behavioral health services. Twelve individuals were successfully linked to Veterans Affairs. Thirty-three pets were linked to proper veterinary care. In total, 31 clients received housing. This success was highly attributed to working very closely with many other community providers and pursued family reunification.

### **D. Distributive Housing**

David Carr stated Los Banos is currently full with all nineteen beds taken. Merced currently has three beds open, twenty-two are taken.

### **E. Homeless Court**

Christy McCammond shared the court application remains the same and she is still the contact until further notice. One application has come through from Turning Point. The Homeless Oversight Committee meets on a regular basis, which John Ceccoli would be able to speak to. Currently looking for a replacement Homeless Court Navigator as the previous one was through a grant. The return of a Court Navigator will enable a more robust outreach effort regarding the Homeless Court Initiative.

### **F. Housing Update**

Christy McCammond started off with a recap of the 95-unit Homekey Project at 1213 V Street. The lead service provider for this project is MCCAA. Of the 95 units, 45 units must meet HUD Housing Quality Standards (HQS) to be eligible for a voucher. We are working on securing project-based vouchers but will likely be Housing Choice Vouchers, HUD VASH vouchers, or Emergency Housing Vouchers. The other 50 units are habitability standards. According to Housing and Community

Development, these habitability standards are a little less complicated and a little more accessible than HQS HUD standards.

It will take some time to bring all 95 units to the HUD standard. The time frame for all construction to be completed is June 28, 2023. The required time frame to be 100% leased is September 28, 2023 with a 10% vacancy rate leeway.

Christy shared she has begun examining how people are placed into units, understand who can live there, how does one qualify to live there, and what must be done to keep them living there. Christy also stated she is working hard to understand who all of the involved stakeholders are and what requirements, criteria, and documentation are needed from all levels (HUD, State, local).

This project will flow through CES, as is mandated. It will look like a CES referral to the Homekey Project if the client is connected with a community partner. The community provider will then begin the application and document process. If no community provider is on record, MCCA and the CalAIM and ECM community supports will be used to guide the client through documentation and application review. The rental application will then be reviewed by project managers and hopefully approved. The 20-unit Homekey Project for Veterans is next in line for project management.

#### **VIII. Chair Comments**

- Reminder: Point in Time Count taking place on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, encouraged all present to register by contacting Phil Schmauss.
- Gratitude expressed to all those involved in navigating through the disaster relief.
- Many have expressed concern over the disbanding of DART. This was an operational decision based on staffing levels that no one came to lightly, but is hopeful this is will be restored in the future.

#### **IX. Action Items**

##### **A. CoC General Membership Applications – General Membership Vote**

Three applications from Agape Community Transitional Services Foundation, Livingston Community Health, and The Dr. Jennifer M. Jones Foundation were proposed for approval to join the CoC General Membership. No comments or concerns were shared by any in attendance.

Motion from Josh Pedrozo, second from Jennifer Mockus. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously at 11:38am.

##### **B. HHAP Round 1 Funding – Board Vote**

The Collaborative Applicant Administrative Entity requested the use of up to \$1,000 of system support for landlord engagement, promotion, and informational items specifically for a Homeless Connect event. This event will include local agencies, organizations, and vendors providing services and supplies to those experiencing homelessness throughout the County. Additional services such as case management, rapid rehousing, and more will be on site to connect and register individuals experiencing homelessness. No money will be exchanged with landlords, this money will simply be used to secure a space to conduct the outreach event. Motion from Josh Pedrozo, second from Steve Roussos. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously at 11:46am.

#### **X. Board Information & Possible New Action Items**

None at this time.

#### **XI. Reports**

##### **A. CA Information Report Out**

- The Collaborative Applicant received Gary Brizee's resignation from CoC Board, effective December 12, 2022.
- The 2023 PIT Count was extended due to the recent flooding disaster and state of emergency. Following HUD approval and consultation with Phil Schmauss, the event was pushed to February 23, 2023.

- CoC Committees are expected to begin re-engaging and report back to the CoC on a quarterly basis in the near future. Presently established committees are dedicated to CES, Health, HMIS, Planning and Development, Sustainability, Youth, and Faith. At this moment, the CoC is not asking for volunteers but an email will be sent out to Board Members and the entire General Membership with more information. The CoC will facilitate the formation of the committees and offer directional guidance.
- Per Interim Rule, the CoC must hold annual public invites to our membership. To remain compliant, we have been attending the first hour of recent City of Merced Town Hall meetings (1/25/23, 1/31/23) to present an overview of the CoC's work and facilitate membership from the public. The next town hall is scheduled for February 9<sup>th</sup>.
- The CoC has also participated in recent CDBG meetings to provide information about the CoC, talk with local nonprofits who are applying for CDBG funds through the City to give an idea of other nonprofits in the area. These engagements have brought about an increase in membership applications with more expected to come.
- The CoC applied for a HHAP 4 Allocation and received approval. The HHAP 4 funding allocation amount awarded to the Merced City and County CoC is \$1,136,537. The CoC is working with our fiscal department to determine present status of projects and develop a fiscal plan for the next one, three, and five years.

**B. *Prioritization Update***

The last prioritization adoption took place in September of 2021, during which the Board approved five sub-priority groups within the homeless population. It was discussed that the CoC would bring this back to the Board annually but it was not doable in 2022. The prioritization update will be brought back to the General Membership and the Board for a new approval which aligns with today's landscape.

**XII. CoC General Membership Comments**

- Josh Pedrozo shared information regarding a Town Hall at the Cesar Chavez Middle School in Planada from 6pm to 8pm that evening. County representatives and staff will be there to provide information and resources to those affected by the flood. Information can also be found on the County website.
- Gloria Sandoval suggested sending outreach to the Merced Smart & Final as there are frequently individuals who appear to be homeless around there. Jennifer Carr said she will send out their Outreach Team to that area.

**XIII. Adjournment**

This meeting was adjourned at 12:09pm. The next CoC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 11:00am.



## BOARD AGENDA ITEM

**BOARD DATE:** March 2, 2023  
**TO:** Board of the Continuum of Care  
**FROM:** Collaborative Applicant  
**SUBJECT:** Membership Application for Love Focus International Association

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):**

Approve the application from Love Focus International Association to join the Merced City and County Continuum of Care (CoC) as an Organizational Member.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Love Focus International Association has requested to join the CoC as an organizational member. Any interested members from a relevant organization or from within the community of the geographic service area may request to become a member upon completing the requirement to attend one (1) CoC meeting and submitting a membership application request to the Collaborative Applicant (CA). The requirement to attend a CoC meeting was met at the February 2, 2023 meeting.

Love Focus' mission is to reduce poverty through education, sustainable assistance, sustainable self-help initiatives and empowerment. In joining the CoC, they hope to create partnerships and collaboration with other community organizations that share the same common cause and commitment to end youth homelessness through the provision of decent, safe, and affordable housing with supportive services for non-minor dependents transitioning from the Foster Care and Juvenile Court systems, as well as homeless and disabled youth.

CoC members are expected to carry out the mandate of the CoC to the best of their ability and to maintain the highest standards of integrity for communications and actions with other CoC

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**STAFFING IMPACT:** None by this action.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None by this action.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A - Application

**DEPARTMENT CONTACT:** Maribel Baron, Program Manager (209) 385-3000 Ext. 5210,  
[collabapp@countyofmerced.com](mailto:collabapp@countyofmerced.com)

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY** (continued from page 2):

representatives, the CoC Board, service recipients, service providers, and members of the public.

Members are expected to conduct themselves with courtesy and respect, without harassment, physical, or verbal abuse. Personal relationships will not result in special considerations, including bias or favoritism, that influence the performance of their official duties in a manner contrary to the interest of the CoC. Members are expected to exercise adequate accountability over matters for which they are individually responsible. A simple majority vote of fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) must be achieved in order to grant membership.



# MERCED CITY AND COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

If you are interested in becoming a member of the CoC, complete this form and submit to the Collaborative Applicant via email: [collabapp@countyofmerced.com](mailto:collabapp@countyofmerced.com)

## Type of Membership

- Individual Member-At-Large  Organization

## Individual / Organization Information

LOVE FOCUS INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION

### Individual or Organization Name

108 W ALEXANDER AVE.

### Street Address

MERCED

CA

95348

### City

### State

### Zip

### Contact E-mail

admin@lovefocushcbs.com

### Contact Telephone

(209)233-9024

### Organization Secondary Contact

admin@lovfocusyouth.org

### Secondary Contact E-mail

## Member Affiliations or Potential Conflicts

Is the individual affiliated with one or more organizational member agencies of the CoC?

- Yes  No If yes, identify organization(s) and relationship below:

Does the organization receive federal or state funding?

- Yes  No If yes, identify the funding type:

Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Foster Care (AFDC-FC) Transitional Housing Program Placement-Non-Minor Dependent (THP-NMD) rate.

**Organizational Profile**

Type of organization:  Public  Private for Profit  Not for Profit  Other:

STATE LICENSED TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PLACEMENT PROGRAM

Primary service or business of organization

ASSISTED LIVING

**Affiliations of Individuals or Organizations**

The CoC is interested in having representatives from a wide variety of fields, interests, experiences, and professions in the community. Please indicate if you or the agency for which you work falls into one or more of the categories listed below by marking all categories that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Advocate  | <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable Housing Developer                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agencies serving survivors of Human Trafficking | <input type="checkbox"/> Business  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dept. of Human Services                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Disability Services                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence Service Providers             | <input type="checkbox"/> Elected Official                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EMT / Crisis Response Team                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Faith-Based Organization               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government Entity                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Homeless Organizations                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital & Health Care Providers                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Aid Services                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local Government Staff / Officials              | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Jail / Dept. of Corrections                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Service Organizations             | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Housing Authority                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School Administrators/ Homeless Liaisons        | <input type="checkbox"/> Street Outreach Team                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Substance Abuse Services Organizations          | <input type="checkbox"/> University  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Utility Companies                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Organizations                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Workforce Development Employment Services       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Youth Advocates                        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Youth Homeless Organizations         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES |

**Description of Interest in CoC Membership**

Please describe why you are interested in joining the CoC:

Joining the CoC as a member creates partnership and collaboration with other community organizations who share the same common cause and commitment to ending homelessness through the provision of housing and supportive services to assist the homeless low income individuals, families and youth to remain housed in a decent and safe environment in order to remain healthy and active member in their community of choice.

Joining CoC, aligns with our mission: To end youth homelessness through the provision of decent, safe and affordable housing with supportive services to assist non-minor dependents (NMD) 17-24 years old transitioning from California’s Foster Care and Juvenile Court System, homeless and disabled youth. We empower and support them with RESOURCES and TOOLS to ACHIEVE their GOALS anywhere and anytime.

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**Merced City and County Membership Requirements & Commitments**

- Commit to the CoC plan to end homelessness
- Attend meetings of the full membership or Board
- Participate in board advisory committees and or task groups
- Abide by the Conflict of Interest and Code of Conduct policies

**Signature of Individual or Authorized Organizational Representative**

X 

Date: 1/24/2023.

Margaret Mungai, Executive Director

Love Focus Youth Outreach (A program of Love Focus International Association)



## BOARD AGENDA ITEM

**BOARD DATE:** March 2, 2023  
**TO:** Board of the Continuum of Care  
**FROM:** Collaborative Applicant  
**SUBJECT:** Membership Application for Sweet Ethics Residential Association

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):**

Approve the application from Sweet Ethics Residential Association to join the Merced City and County Continuum of Care (CoC) as an Organizational Member.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Sweet Ethics Residential Association (SERA) has requested to join the CoC as an organizational member. Any interested members from a relevant organization or from within the community of the geographic service area may request to become a member upon completing the requirement to attend one (1) CoC meeting and submitting a membership application request to the Collaborative Applicant (CA). The requirement to attend a CoC meeting was met at the February 2, 2023 meeting.

SERA provides residential care facilities and services for individuals who are unable to care for themselves including room and board, supervision, case management, counseling, telepsychiatry, and community-based linkages. SERA is looking to gain community support and resources through the CoC to aid in reducing homelessness and barriers to equitable healthcare in an effort to reduce crime in Merced County and keep families integrated.

CoC members are expected to carry out the mandate of the CoC to the best of their ability and to maintain the highest standards of integrity for communications and actions with other CoC

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**STAFFING IMPACT:** None by this action.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None by this action.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

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## Type of Membership

- Individual Member-At-Large  Organization

## Individual / Organization Information

The Sweet Ethics Residential Association (SERA)

### Individual or Organization Name

431 Collins Drive Apt #6

### Street Address

Merced

CA

95348

### City

### State

### Zip

[sweetethics@gmail.com](mailto:sweetethics@gmail.com)

### Contact E-mail

(209) 641-8073

### Contact Telephone

CEO Julius Sweet

### Organization Secondary Contact

ceo@sweetethics.org

### Secondary Contact E-mail

## Member Affiliations or Potential Conflicts

Is the individual affiliated with one or more organizational member agencies of the CoC?

- Yes  No **If yes, identify organization(s) and relationship below:**

CEO of SERA works for Merced County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services as a peer support specialist

Does the organization receive federal or state funding?

- Yes  No **If yes, identify the funding type:**

Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)

**Organizational Profile**

Type of organization:    Public    Private for Profit    Not for Profit    Other:

Primary service or business of organization

*Residential Care Facilities, Social Rehabilitation Centers, and Adult Day Centers*

**Affiliations of Individuals or Organizations**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Advocate  | <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable Housing Developer                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agencies serving survivors of Human Trafficking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Business   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dept. of Human Services                           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disability Services                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence Service Providers               | <input type="checkbox"/> Elected Official                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EMT / Crisis Response Team                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Faith-Based Organization                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government Entity                                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Homeless Organizations                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital & Health Care Providers                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Aid Services                                     |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Utility Companies                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Organizations                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Workforce Development Employment Services         | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Advocates  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Youth Homeless Organizations           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Mental Health and SUD housing</u> |

**Description of Interest in CoC Membership**

Please describe why you are interested in joining the CoC:

So that The Sweet Ethics Residential Association can gain community support, resources, and assist in reducing homelessness and barriers to equitable healthcare which will in turn lead to reducing crime in our communities in Merced and keeping families integrated.

**Merced City and County Membership Requirements & Commitments**

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- Participate in board advisory committees and or task groups
- Abide by the Conflict of Interest and Code of Conduct policies

**Signature of Individual or Authorized Organizational Representative**

X Julius Sweet Julius M. Sweet (CEO and President)

Date: 10/6/2022



## BOARD AGENDA ITEM

**BOARD DATE:** March 2, 2023  
**TO:** Board of the Continuum of Care  
**FROM:** Collaborative Applicant  
**SUBJECT:** Membership Application for Valley Crisis Center

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):**

Approve the application from Valley Crisis Center to join the Merced City and County Continuum of Care (CoC) as an Organizational Member.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Valley Crisis Center has requested to join the CoC as an organizational member. Any interested members from a relevant organization or from within the community of the geographic service area may request to become a member upon completing the requirement to attend one (1) CoC meeting and submitting a membership application request to the Collaborative Applicant (CA). The requirement to attend a CoC meeting was met at the February 2, 2023 meeting.

Valley Crisis Center's mission is to prevent domestic violence, sexual abuse, and human trafficking by advocating for positive changes in the societal systems. They serve victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and other serious crimes while working to prevent violence and abuse through prevention education, intervention training and public awareness. Valley Crisis Center would like to join the CoC to be more connected with Merced County and to better understand and utilize resources for their survivors who are currently homeless.

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**FISCAL IMPACT:** None by this action.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A - Application

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If you are interested in becoming a member of the Merced City and County Continuum of Care (CoC) CA-520, complete this form and submit to the Collaborative Applicant via email: [collabapp@countyofmerced.com](mailto:collabapp@countyofmerced.com)

**Type of Membership**

- Individual Member-At-Large  Organization

**Individual / Organization Information**

Valley Crisis Center - Genesis Gutierrez

**Individual or Organization Name**

790 Loughborough Dr

**Street Address**

Merced

CA

95348

**City**

**State**

**Zip**

genesis@alliance4you.org

**Contact E-mail**

209-725-7900

**Contact Telephone**

Tysha Fuentes

**Organization Secondary Contact**

tysha@alliance4you.org

**Secondary Contact E-mail**

**Member Affiliations or Potential Conflicts**

Is the individual affiliated with one or more organizational member agencies of the CoC?

- Yes  No **If yes, identify organization(s) and relationship below:**

Does the organization receive federal or state funding?

- Yes  No **If yes, identify the funding type:**

Several grants including from OES

**Organizational Profile**

Type of organization:  Public  Private for Profit  Not for Profit  Other:

Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Human Trafficking prevention and advocacy.

Primary service or business of organization

**Affiliations of Individuals or Organizations**

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- Advocate
- Agencies serving survivors of Human Trafficking
- Dept. of Human Services
- Domestic Violence Service Providers
- EMT / Crisis Response Team
- Government Entity
- Homeless Organizations
- Law Enforcement
- Local Government Staff / Officials
- Mental Health Service Organizations
- School Administrators/ Homeless Liaisons
- Substance Abuse Services Organizations
- Utility Companies
- Workforce Development Employment Services
- Youth Homeless Organizations
- Affordable Housing Developer
- Business
- Disability Services
- Elected Official
- Faith-Based Organization
- Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons
- Hospital & Health Care Providers
- Legal Aid Services
- Local Jail / Dept. of Corrections
- Public Housing Authority
- Street Outreach Team
- University
- Veterans Organizations
- Youth Advocates
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of Interest in CoC Membership**

Please describe why you are interested in joining the CoC:

We are interested in joining the CoC in order to be more connected with Merced County

and better understand and utilize resources for our survivors who are currently homeless.

VCC used to be a part of the CoC and we want to rejoin.

**Merced City and County Membership Requirements & Commitments**

- Commit to the CoC plan to end homelessness
- Attend meetings of the full membership or Board
- Participate in board advisory committees and or task groups
- Abide by the Conflict of Interest and Code of Conduct policies

**Signature of Individual or Authorized Organizational Representative**

Signature Genesis Gutierrez

Date: 01/02/2023

# MERCED CITY AND COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD

## Monthly Grant Report Out

<b>Organization/Project Name:</b>	Merced County BHRS – Project Home Start		
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Michael Thompson		
<b>Report Month:</b>	February 2023		
<b>Grant Type:</b>	Permanent Supportive Housing		
<b>Expenditures in Report Month:</b>			
	Expenditures calculated quarterly		
<b>Total Grant Expenditures to Date:</b>	\$39,822 – Pending Sub-Contracts (Voucher submitted quarterly)		
<b>Remaining Funding Balance:</b>	\$127,445		
<b>Summary of Services Provided in Report Month:</b>			
	2 clients served during the timeframe of 2/1/23 to 2/16/23 1 of 4 Vacancies		
(Number of clients served, number of clients on waiting list, number of units available/vacancies, etc.)			
<b>Related to the services reported here, did you receive or make referrals through the Coordinated Entry System (CES) process in the report month?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Related to the services reported here, did you enter new client information, and update existing client information in HMIS?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>If you answered no to any of the above, please explain:</b>	Click or tap here to enter text.		
<b>Comments/Additional Information:</b>			

# MERCED CITY AND COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD

## Monthly Grant Report Out

<b>Organization/Project Name:</b>	Merced County BHRS – Project Hope Westside		
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Michael Thompson		
<b>Report Month:</b>	February 2023		
<b>Grant Type:</b>	Permanent Supportive Housing		
<b>Expenditures in Report Month:</b>			
	Expenditures calculated quarterly		
<b>Total Grant Expenditures to Date:</b>	\$32,314 – Pending Sub-Contracts (Voucher submitted quarterly)		
<b>Remaining Funding Balance:</b>	\$160,295		
<b>Summary of Services Provided in Report Month:</b>			
	8 Clients Served during the timeframe of 2/1/23-2/16/23 0 of 8 Vacancies		
(Number of clients served, number of clients on waiting list, number of units available/vacancies, etc.)			
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<b>Comments/Additional Information:</b>			
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# MERCED CITY AND COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD

## Monthly Grant Report Out

<b>Organization/Project Name:</b>	Mission Merced Bridge to Hope		
<b>Contact Person:</b>	David Carr		
<b>Report Month:</b>	January 2023		
<b>Grant Type:</b>	HHAP		
<b>Expenditures in Report Month:</b>			
	\$9,974.78		
<b>Total Grant Expenditures to Date:</b>			
	\$63,560.44		
<b>Remaining Funding Balance:</b>			
	\$136,439.56		
<b>Summary of Services Provided in Report Month:</b>			
(Number of clients served, number of clients on waiting list, number of units available/vacancies, etc.)	Number of clients served – 13 Number of clients on waitlist – 20 Number of beds available - 1		
<b>Related to the services reported here, did you receive or make referrals through the Coordinated Entry System (CES) process in the report month?</b>			Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Related to the services reported here, did you enter new client information, and update existing client information in HMIS?</b>			Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>Comments/Additional Information:</b>			

# MERCED CITY AND COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD

## Monthly Grant Report Out

<b>Organization/Project Name:</b>	<b>Mission Merced Incorporated</b>		
<b>Contact Person:</b>	<b>David Carr</b>		
<b>Report Month:</b>	<b>January 2023</b>		
<b>Grant Type:</b>	<b>HHAP</b>		
<b>Expenditures in Report Month:</b>			
	<b>\$2,218.00</b>		
<b>Total Grant Expenditures to Date:</b>			
	<b>\$26,064.88</b>		
<b>Remaining Funding Balance:</b>			
	<b>\$5,785.12</b>		
<b>Summary of Services Provided in Report Month:</b>	<b>1 Security Deposits</b>		
	<b>1 first month rent</b>		
<b>(Number of clients served, number of clients on waiting list, number of units available/vacancies, etc.)</b>			
<b>Related to the services reported here, did you receive or make referrals through the Coordinated Entry System (CES) process in the report month?</b>	<b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>No</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	
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<b>If you answered no to any of the above, please explain:</b>	N/A		
<b>Comments/Additional Information:</b>			

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## Monthly Grant Report Out

<b>Organization/Project Name:</b>	Mission Merced Incorporated		
<b>Contact Person:</b>	David Carr		
<b>Report Month:</b>	January 2023		
<b>Grant Type:</b>	HHAP		
<b>Expenditures in Report Month:</b>			
	\$13.34		
<b>Total Grant Expenditures to Date:</b>			
	\$13.34		
<b>Remaining Funding Balance:</b>			
	\$21,078.66		
<b>Summary of Services Provided in Report Month:</b>			
(Number of clients served, number of clients on waiting list, number of units available/vacancies, etc.)	Landlord Incentive		
<b>Related to the services reported here, did you receive or make referrals through the Coordinated Entry System (CES) process in the report month?</b>			Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>If you answered no to any of the above, please explain:</b>	N/A		
<b>Comments/Additional Information:</b>			



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## Monthly Grant Report Out

<b>Organization/Project Name:</b>	Healthy House Within a MATCH Coalition																										
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Nai Saechao																										
<b>Report Month:</b>	February 2023																										
<b>Grant Type:</b>	Housing for Homeless Elders or those at Imminent Risk																										
<b>Expenditures in Report Month:</b>	CESH I I = \$12,093.18																										
<b>Total Grant Expenditures to Date:</b>	CESH II = \$12,093.18																										
<b>Remaining Funding Balance:</b>	CESH II = \$187,906.82																										
<b>Summary of Services Provided in Report Month:</b>  (Number of clients served, number of clients on waiting list, number of units available/vacancies, etc.)	<p>We provide support in these areas: Rental &amp; Desposit Assistance, Case Management, Social Security Applications/Appeals, Cal Fresh Applications/Appointments, Elder Abuse and Neglect, Housing, Transportation, Hygiene kits, Food, Clothing, and Counseling.</p> <p>Number of New Clients Served: 203</p> <table> <tr> <td>Housing Voucher Referral : 2</td> <td>Immigration: 3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Employment Development: 1</td> <td>Application Fee: 3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Housed: 8</td> <td>Transitional Housing: 0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Section 8 Assist: 4</td> <td>Housing Search: 16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Case Management: 32</td> <td>Medical Assistance: 0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Deposit Assistance: 8</td> <td>Homeward Bound: 0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Social Security Assist: 2</td> <td>IHSS: 0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rental Assistance: 3</td> <td>Emergency Hsg: 30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Community Garden: 32</td> <td>Food Packages Del: 0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Housing Interpreting: 6</td> <td>DMV Assistance: 0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Relocated client: 0</td> <td>ERAP: 12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AFYA: 24</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>			Housing Voucher Referral : 2	Immigration: 3	Employment Development: 1	Application Fee: 3	Housed: 8	Transitional Housing: 0	Section 8 Assist: 4	Housing Search: 16	Case Management: 32	Medical Assistance: 0	Deposit Assistance: 8	Homeward Bound: 0	Social Security Assist: 2	IHSS: 0	Rental Assistance: 3	Emergency Hsg: 30	Community Garden: 32	Food Packages Del: 0	Housing Interpreting: 6	DMV Assistance: 0	Relocated client: 0	ERAP: 12	AFYA: 24	
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<b>Comments/Additional Information:</b>	Food 4 RX twice a week. Tobacco Cessation, Southeast Asian COVID Vaccine & Booster Events, Distributed food boxes to needy, Breast Cancer Awareness, Ace Overcomers training, COVID Health Ambassador, Oral Health, PIT Count, Health Equity Pilot Program, Assisted 386 individuals during the month of February 2023, MOU/CCR, Mental Health Provider Training																										



## Merced City and County Continuum of Care 2023 Meeting Schedule

All meetings are scheduled 11:00am – 12:30pm and are held on the first Thursday of the month unless otherwise noted.

January 5, 2023	No Meeting
February 2, 2023	Board Meeting
March 2, 2023	General Membership Meeting
April 6, 2023	General Membership Meeting
May 4, 2023	Board Meeting
June 1, 20223	General Membership Meeting
July 6, 2023	No Meeting
August 3, 2023	Board Meeting
September 7, 2023	Board Meeting
October 5, 2023	Board Meeting
November 2, 2023	General Membership Meeting
December 7, 2023	General Membership Meeting

### Meeting Location:

Virtual Conference via Microsoft Teams

Phone Number: 1 (323) 676-6251

Meeting ID: 294 694 828 #

*\*These meetings will be recorded\**