

## Fresno Madera Continuum of Care Board Meeting

<b>Date:</b>	September 14th 2023	<b>Type:</b>	General Meeting
<b>Time:</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>Chair:</b>	Laura Moreno
<b>Location:</b>	Zoom Video Conferencing		

### 2023 FMCoC Board of Directors Attendance Log:

Committee Position	Director	Organization / Agency	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1	Kevin Foster A: Javier Garza	ACTS Foundation	A	P	AP	P	AP	A	A		A			
2	Kristopher Kuntz A: Miguel Perez	Anthem Blue Cross									AP			
3	John Mishou A: Heather Genito	Aspiranet									P			
4	Debra Rush A: Cindy Lawrence	Breaking the Chains	P	P	P	A	A	P	P		P			
5	Harpreet Singh A: Tricia Herrera	Central California Legal Services, Inc.	A	P	A	AP	A	A	A		A			
6	Margarita Rocha A: Alma Maldonado	Centro La Familia Advocacy Services, Inc.	AP	AP	AP	A	A	AP	AP		A			
7 Regional Rep.	Claudia Cazares A: Chad McCollum	City of Clovis	P	P	A	A	A	A	P		A			
8 Regional Rep.	Phil Skei A: Joe Pasillas	City of Fresno	AP	AP	A	AP	AP	AP	P		AP			
9	A: Marisela Lopez	City of Madera Housing Authority	-	-	-	-	-	AP	AP		A			
10	Priscilla Franco A: Gregory Coleman	Clinica Sierra Vista	P	P	A	P	AP	A	A		P			
11	Dan Moorhead A: Melissa Arredondo	Clovis Unified School District, KIT Program	AP	A	AP	A	A	AP	A		A			
12	Magali Santos A: Ana Ibanez	Community Action Partnership of Madera County	P	P	A	P	P	P	P		P			
13	Chelsea Aivazian A: Gayle Holman	Community Health Systems	P	A	P	A	P	P	AP		P			
14 Chair/Regional Rep.	Laura Moreno A: Shannon Duncan	County of Fresno Department of Social Services	P	P	P	P	P	AP	P		P			
15 Regional Rep	Joel Bugay A: Matthew Treber	County of Madera	P	P	A	P	A	P	A		P			
16	Brian Kelly A: Elliot Balch	Downtown Fresno Partnership	-	-	-	-	-	P	A		P			
17	Caroline Jackson A: Gerry Bill	ECO Village Project of Fresno/Dakota Garden	A	P	P	A	A	A	A		A			
18	Ana Cisneros A: Megan Auld	Elevate Community Services	-	P	P	A	P	P	P		P			
19	Chia Thao A: Patricia Yost	Elder Abuse Services, Inc.	P	A	A	A	P	P	A		A			
20	Susan Holt A: Dr. Emma Rasmussen	Fresno County Department of Behavioral Health	AP	AP	AP	AP	AP	AP	AP		AP			
21	Pamela Hancock A: Cheryl Vieira	Fresno County Superintendent of Schools	P	A	P	A	P	P	AP		A			

22 Treasurer	Misty Gattie-Blanco A: Chrystal Streets	Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission	P	P	P	AP	P	P	AP	P				
23 Collaborative Applicant	Doreen Eley A: Marcella Lopez-Schmidt	Fresno Housing Authority	AP	AP	AP	AP	AP	AP	AP	AP				
24	Priscilla Robbins A: Tiffanie Harrell	Fresno Mission	P	A	P	P	P	P	AP	P				
25	Keith Scott A: Cristina Scott	GraceBound Inc	P	P	AP	P	P	P	P	A				
26	Edward Mariscal A: Elizabeth Campos	Health Net	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	AP				
27	Julie Mendoza A: Yolanda Shahbazian	HOPE Sanger	AP	AP	A	P	AP	AP	AP	P				
28	David Plunas A: Darrell Hamilton	Kings View Behavioral Health	P	A	A	P	P	P	A	A				
29	Paul Klair A: Eva Garcia	Klair Co LLC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A				
30	Connie Moreno-Peraza A: Andrea Martinez	Madera County Behavioral Health Services	AP	P	A	P	P	P	A	P				
31	Deborah Martinez A: Robert Mikel	Madera County Department of Social Services	P	P	AP	AP	A	AP	AP	P				
32	Laura Lopez A: Leticia Campos	Marjaree Mason Center, Inc.	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P				
33	Deanna Kivett A: Chadrick Perkins	Mental Health Systems/Turn BHS	-	-	-	-	-	P	A	A				
34 Secretary	Sara Mirhadi A: Zachary Darrah	Poverello House	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P				
35 Officer at Large	Katie Wilbur A: Abbie Velasco	RH Community Builders, LP	P	AP	A	P	P	P	P	AP				
36	Tanesha Morris A: Suzanna Gamez	Resources for Independence Central Valley	A	A	A	AP	A	P	P	A				
37	Halley Crumb A: Connie Spratt	Retraining the Village	P	P	A	P	A	AP	A	A				
38	Delfina Vazquez A: Brandi Garcia	Selma Community Outreach Ministries	A	A	A	AP	A	A	AP	A				
39	Vincent Seaborn A: Chris Washington	St. Vincent Preventative Family Care	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	A				
40	Pao Yang A: Jensen Vang	The Fresno Center								A				
41 Vice Chair	Latasha Hollins A: Froylinda Villareal	Turning Point of Central CA, Inc.	AP	P	A	P	P	P	P	P				
42	Jessica Berzac A: Theresa Benavidez	Upholdings	A	AP	AP	A	A	AP	A	AP				

43	Andrea Evans A: Joseph Evans III	Valley Teen Ranch	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
44	Mary Ann Knoy A: Jenny Gonzalez	WestCare California, Inc.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
45	Maria Aguirre A: Yolanda Randles	West Fresno Family Resource Center	A	A	A	AP	P	P	P	P				
46	Jeannemarie Caris-McManus A: Nancy Peters	Westside Family Preservation Service Network	P	P	A	AP	P	P	AP	P				
47	Zaven Kalebjian A: Tom Gray	Wings Fresno	P	A	A	P	P	P	P	P				
48	Alex Sanchez	Lived Experience Advisory Board Member	-	-	-	-	-	P	P	A				
49	Allis Vallejo	Individual Member	-	-	-	-	-	A	A					
50	Chris Allen-Rowe	Individual Member								P				
51	Jody Ketcheside	Individual Member								P				
52	Justin Gardner	Individual Member	-	-	-	-	-	A	A					
53	Kham Lee	Individual Member	-	-	-	-	-	P	A	P				
54	Shaya Bledsaw	Individual Member	-	-	-	-	-	P	A					

Key: Present = P Alternate Present = AP Absent = A

\* Due to the virtual nature of the meeting, only the names of the Directors and their Alternates will be captured and not the meeting participants.

**Agenda:**

- Medi-Cal Renewal Presentation – Riley Meve, Homebase
- Formation of Ad Hoc Committee for Bridge Training Platform – Laura Moreno, Chair and Sara Mirhadi, Secretary
- HUD CoC NOFO Priority Listing Update – Maya Spark, Homebase
- Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB) Update – Alex Sanchez
- HMIS Presentation – Marcella Lopez-Schmidt
- County of Fresno Update – Shannon Duncan, Cynthia Cardenas, and Yolanda Valenzuela, County of Fresno, DSS
- City of Fresno Update – Joe Pasillas
- County of Madera Update – Joel Bugay
- Marjaree Mason Center – Laura Lopez
- San Joaquin Valley Veterans Update – Beverly Novella
- Unscheduled Announcements –

**Minutes:**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Laura Moreno at 8:30 a.m.

A quorum was established.

## Action Items:

**Approve Agenda, August and July Minutes, and September Financial Report– Misty Gattie-Blanco:** Misty Gattie-Blanco, FMCoC Chair, presented the Financial Report for approval. The financial report was approved with no changes.

**Motion:** Jody Ketcheside      **Second:** Misty Gattie-Blanco

**Abstentions:** None

**Approved**

## Agenda Items:

- 1. Medi-Cal Renewal Presentation – Riley Meve:** Alissa Weiss, with Homebase, presented on behalf of Riley Meve’s absence. Alissa delivered a PowerPoint presentation on Medi-Cal Renewals: Ensuring People Experiencing Homelessness Retain Coverage. Enrollees in Medi-cal are required to renew their coverage every year. In California, the renewal procedure resumed in June 2023 after a 3-year break. During the entire year-long process, 2-3 million Californians will lose their insurance, including 1.5 million still eligible individuals. Mainly, those experiencing homelessness are at risk of losing Medi-cal coverage. Navigators should update clients' contact information, obtain an updated mailing address to share with Medi-Cal, set up a Medi-Cal account online, or contact/visit the county Medi-Cal office to renew directly to assist those who are currently experiencing homelessness or have experienced homelessness in the previous three years. Those can contact the Madera County Department of Social Services at 559-675-2300 or the Fresno County Department of Social Services at 559-600-1377 to request assistance.
- 2. Formation of Ad Hoc Committee for Bridge Training Platform – Laura Moreno, Chair, and Sara Mirhadi, Secretary,** exchanged information regarding the Bridge Training platform. The platform will create a training program for the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care (FMCoC), the Bridge Platform, who signed a contract with Homebase. With a collaborative effort from all organizations within the FMCoC committee, the Bridge platform is designed to be where policies and procedures must be developed. Case managers and community navigators who are part of the onboarding process will all receive the same kind of training according to how this platform is set up. The CES Management Entity at Poverello House will manage the Bridge Training Platform. The following people will voluntarily lend their time to help construct this training platform: Marcella-Lopez Schmidt, Cynthia Witrigo, Katie Wilbur, Miguel, Tina Rodriguez, Elizabeth Campos, Dez Martinez, and Chris Allen Rowe.
- 3. HUD CoC NOFO Priority Listing Update – Maya Sparks:** This agenda topic has been removed.
- 4. Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB) Update – Alex Sanchez:** Maya Sparks, with Homebase, provided an update on behalf of the LEAB board for Alex’s absence. The City of Fresno attended a LEAB board meeting regarding the application of the second phase of encampment resolution. Members of the LEAB were reminded to send a biography of each LEAB board member for the FMCoC website. Dez Martinez was chosen as the vice president during the vice-chair elections. The FMCoC Treasurer, Misty Gattie-Blanco, provided a brief update on a stipend about payments at the meeting on September 15.
- 5. HMIS Presentation – Marcella Lopez-Schmidt:** Marcella Lopez-Schmidt, with Fresno Housing, provided information about the update from the Homeless of Urban Development (HUD) regarding new changes to the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Data Standard Agreement. The recent modifications on the live HMIS site acquired more options for the gender and ethnicity questions that will go effective on October 1, 2023. Additionally, new terminology has been introduced to the update to make it easier to distinguish between inquiries on gender and ethnicity on the HMIS system. Current HMIS users received live training for the new update on October 13, 2023. Marcella reported that email notifications with links to the agreement and the training recording should have been sent to current HMIS users before the modifications took effect on October 1, 2023. Marcella added that she strongly advises supervisors who use HMIS to evaluate the most recent upgrades.

**6. County of Fresno Update – Shannon Duncan:** Cynthia Witrago, with the County of Fresno Department of Social Services, presented on behalf of Shannon’s absence. Cynthia provided an update on behalf of the county. Cynthia reported on September 19, 2023, the County Board of Supervisors will vote on a subgrantee agreement for \$600,000 in Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) funds for the County of Madera's Triage Emergency Shelter. Cynthia said that on August 28, 2023, there was the first cross-jurisdictional HHAP 5 preplanning meeting. Cynthia reported that a master leasing agreement for 42 apartments at Monte Vista Terrace was made with the Fresno Housing Authority. These apartments will be a part of the neighborhood's project-based fast rehousing initiative, which RH Community Builders will run. On September 19, 2023, this agreement is slated to be presented to the County Board of Supervisors. The County is working with the jurisdictional partners to develop HHAP-5 while writing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for HHAP services—entities wishing to submit a financing application.

Yolanda Valenzuela, with the County of Fresno, DSS, provided information about the County of Fresno drafting an RFP for HHAP services and will meet with the jurisdictional partners for the HHAP 5 planning. Entities interested in applying for this funding must register to be a vendor to receive notification. The RFP will be open for 30 days.

**7. City of Fresno Update – Joe Pasillas:** Joe Pasillas, with the City of Fresno, provided an update on behalf of the city. Joe reported that the City of Fresno’s second mobile shower is in operation and is to have the scheduled times posted on a flyer that will be sent to the CoC and on social media. The RFP for outreach and mobile restrooms is awaiting approval by the council. Joe stated that the RFPs for the youth service, which will be closed on August 29, 2023, have been received by the City of Fresno. A review panel will evaluate all RFPs on September 14, 2023. Joe reported that HOME ARP Supportive Services NOFO was published on September 5th, 2023, and will be active through October 16th.

**8. County of Madera Update – Joel Bugay:** Joel Bugay, with the County of Madera Department of Behavioral Health, provided an update on behalf of the County of Madera. Joel reported that the Triage Center project, in partnership with the Madera Rescue Mission, has been delayed and is proposed to be completed by spring 2024. In July, the County of Madera was awarded the Crisis Stabilization Award funding. Joel expressed his gratitude to the FMCoC committee for writing a letter supporting that project. The psychiatric hospital and CSU Discovery Center are proposed to be completed by mid-2026.

**9. Marjaree Mason Center – Laura Lopez:** Laura Lopez, with the Marjaree Mason Center, presented the program’s monthly report for August 2023. The program had 568 hotline crisis response calls and 225 crisis drop-ins. 30% of intakes were admitted to emergency services. Fresno Police Department served 15 restraining orders, with 218 completed safety plans created for victims. The program has 97 enrolled clients and three pending referrals. The program by name list has 631 active clients and 510 inactive clients. Sixty-four clients were identified for housing, and 46 openings for housing applications.

**10. San Joaquin Valley Veterans Update – Beverly Novella:** Beverly Novella outlined the August report on veterans serviced with San Joaquin Valley Veterans. Beverly reported that the program serviced 114 veterans, and 29 veterans participated in homelessness prevention. As 18 veterans left the Rapid Rehousing Entry, 85 are registered in Rapid Rehousing. The program's by-name list contains 107 homeless veterans. Housing has been provided for four veterans—35% of negative exits and 65% of positive departures from the program. The projected period between the start of the project and the move-in date for the housing is 61 days.

### **Unscheduled Announcements:**

- 1.) Zaven, with Wings of Fresno, will be collaborating with WestCare regarding the operations and finances of Wings.

**Meeting Adjourned at 10:00 a.m. - The next meeting will be on October 12th, 2023.  
(Meeting will be conducted via Zoom video conferencing until further notice.)**