

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

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:

Action Items:

- Approval of November Financial Report
- Approval of 2024 FMCoC Budget
- Approval of Membership Application
- City of Fresno Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Allocation
- Approval Governance Charter Edits

Informational Items:

- DBH's Behavioral Health Bridge Housing Program – Katie Wilbur and Vincent Montgomery
- Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB) Update – Alex Sanchez
- Domestic Violence Reduction Plan for Marjaree Mason Center – Larisa Kofman
- County of Fresno Update – Cynthia Cardenas and Yolanda Valenzuela
- City of Fresno Update – Joe Pasillas
- Marjaree Mason Center Report – Laura Lopez

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Laura Moreno, at 8:30 am.

A quorum was established.

Action Items:

Approval of November Financial Report – Misty Gattie-Blanco: Misty Gattie-Blanco, FMCoC Treasurer, presented the Financial Report for approval. The financial report was approved with no changes.

Katie Wilbur made a motion to approve the November Financial Report.

Motion: Katie Wilbur **Second:** Sara Mirhadi **Abstentions:** None

Approved

Approval of 2024 FMCoC Budget – Misty Gattie-Blanco: Misty Gattie-Blanco, FMCoC Treasurer, requested the approval of the FMCoC budget for 2024. All expense line items match the 2023 budget which consisted of the following:

Approximately 11,000 for Project Lead (includes website maintenance), \$7,000 for annual Point-in Time Count, and \$5,000 for initiative and launches. The amount the Board or Chairperson can approve is \$4,000 (this allows things that come up unexpectedly to be approved quickly). The Lived Experience Advisory Committee includes a budget of \$43,460 from CoC Dues only and one time technology cost of \$23,460. There is also \$12,000 for scholarships for individuals with lived experience to attend national conferences. Account fees are \$5,000. Anticipated expenses for 2024 would equal approximately \$110,920. Jodie Ketcheside made a motion to approve the 2024 FMCoC Budget.

Motion: Jodie Ketcheside **Second:** Sara Mirhadi **Abstentions:** Misty-Gattie Blanco – FMCoC Treasurer, Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission

Approved

Approval of Membership Application – Misty Gattie-Blanco: Misty Gattie-Blanco, FMCoC Treasurer, requested a motion to approve the 2024 FMCoC membership applications. There are two applications available which include an application for individual members and an application for organizations. Minor updates were made to the applications which included updates to dates, asking people to acknowledge that they attend regular meetings, and conflict of interests. Current membership applications expire December 31, 2023 and 2024 dues must be paid by March 1, 2024.

Claudia Cardenas made a motion to approve the Membership Application.

Motion: Claudia Cazares **Second:** Katie Wilbur **Abstentions:** None

Approved

City of Fresno Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Allocation – Brandon Sisk: Brandon Sisk requested the approval of the ESG allocation adjustments from last year's amount which would show as follows: Emergency Solutions Grant would have a decrease from 33.5% to 32.5%, Homeless Preventions which would have a decrease from 5% to 4.4%, Rapid Rehousing which would have a decrease from 54% to 52.1%, Administration would stay the same at 7.5%, HMIS which would be an increase from 0% to 3.5%. The adjustments made are to include the HMIS amount. Laura Lopez, Marjaree Mason Center, requested an explanation of how the allocation of funds is determined. Brandon Sisk explained that they tried to maintain a level of service that they have had from year to year but that they had to downsize funds to make room for the HMIS operations. Jody Ketcheside, FMCoC Vice-Chair, provided background on HMIS and explained that last year it was 0% because there was money left over from a different source and they were able to use it because it was not needed in the other category. Numbers were kept as even as possible to try to not disrupt any services. Dez Martinez, LEAB Member, stated concerns about the amount of money going into street outreach and rapid rehousing and they are not seeing enough positive outcome. Dez Martinez requested an explanation as to why more money is not being used to help

homelessness. Dez Martinez stated that based on conversations they have had with service providers, people in the community, and the level of care they are witnessing in the community, there are many individuals trying to get into our shelters and we need to do what we can to make them better aware. Dez Martinez requested that more money needs to be allocated on prevention. After discussion and clarification Dez Martinez made a motion to recommend the following allocations:

- Street Outreach and Emergency Shelters – 33.5%, with a request to prioritize Emergency Shelter
- Homelessness prevention– 10%,
- Administration 7.5%,
- HMIS– 3.5%
- Rapid Rehousing–45.5%

The City of Fresno was also requested to report back on the final decided allocations for their application.

Motion: Dez Martinez **Second:** Katie Wilbur **Abstentions:** Sara Mirhadi, Laura Lopez
Approved

Approval Governance Charter Edits – Maya Spark, Homebase: Maya Spark, with Homebase, presented the updated FMCoC Governance Charter for approval. Maya Spark provided an overview of the process, which occurs annually for review, edits are not required but typically occur. Highlights of changes included: Add a process for the CoC to select a Collaborative Applicant, HMIS Agency, and CES Management Entity. Add a process to have the CoC General Membership vote over email without needing to call a Special Meeting (likely to apply to CoC NOFO Priority Listing votes). Add a CoC Advocacy Policy. Move CoC Conflict of Interest and Code of Conduct from the Written Standards to the CoC Governance Charter (as Attachment B) and add Code of Conduct language (since it was titled Conflict of Interest and Code of Conduct but only had provisions related to conflicts (HUD required document).

Alex Sanchez made a motion to approve the Governance Charter Edits.

Motion: Alex Sanchez **Second:** Claudia Cazares **Abstentions:** None
Approved

Informational Items:

DBH Behavioral Health Bridge Housing Program – Katie Wilbur and Vincent Montgomery: Katie Wilbur, FMCoC Member at Large, provided an update that as of September 5, 2023 the county had been awarded the entire requested amount for the BH Bridge Housing. Sierra Sunrise officially opened on December 5, 2023. There will be a second site opening in early February. They are intensified low barrier shelters with services on site. Dez Martinez, LEAB Member, voiced concerns that the location may not be the best for the individuals who will be on site at these shelters. Katie Wilbur explained that they pick the best of what they can for the locations that are available. Dez Martinez requested to know what funds paid for these shelters. Katie Wilbur informed everyone that this was a one time fund from Behavioral Health Bridge Housing (BHBH) from the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS).

Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB) Update – Alex Sanchez, LEAB Chair: Alex Sanchez, Lived Experience Advisory Board Chair, provided an update on behalf of the board. The Board met on November 21, 2023 and met with Fresno State to provide feedback on the new CES prioritization tool. Members gave feedback on the HHAP meetings, Madera Members were unable to speak. LEAB did express a very negative experience. Alex Sanchez stated that this was a lot of misunderstanding and he was unable to resolve it due not having enough time to respond to emails when these issues arise.

Domestic Violence Reduction Plan for Marjaree Mason Center – Larisa Kofman, Infuse Consulting Firm: Lisa Kofman and Dr. Jason Kyle-Yano with Infuse Action Collective, provided information regarding their services with communities around the country to center the needs for survivors to provide insight recommendations and promising practices. In the County

of Fresno, the recommending department specifically focuses on DV, SA, and Trafficking. They recommended a step-by-step process to get everyone into a space where they can work towards the common vision and bringing in experts to provide training and addressing the needs of survivors. The focus is on reducing homelessness for DV survivors.

County of Fresno Update – Cynthia Cardenas, Yolanda Valenzuela – County of Fresno DSS: Cynthia Cardenas and Yolanda Valenzuela, County of Fresno DSS, provided an update on behalf of the County of Fresno. The HHAP Rounds 1-3 annual reports were submitted to the State on September 25, 2023. An overview of the report was reviewed during the meeting and reports were sent out with agenda packets.

The FMCoC HHAP Round 1 Grant Expenditure Overview report reflected approximately \$2.9 million budgeted, approximately \$2.9 million obligated, and approximately \$1.9 million expended.

The County of Fresno HHAP Round 1 Grant Expenditures Overview report reflected approximately \$2.3 million budgeted, approximately \$2.3 million obligated, and approximately \$1.6 million expended.

The FMCoC HHAP Round 2 Grant Expenditure Overview report reflected approximately \$1.3 million budgeted, approximately \$1.3 million obligated, and approximately \$1.21 million expended.

The County of Fresno HHAP Round 2 Grant Expenditures Overview report reflected approximately \$1 million budgeted, approximately \$1 million obligated, and approximately \$403k expended.

The FMCoC and County of Fresno HHAP Round 3 Grant Expenditure Overview report reflected approximately \$6.7 million budgeted, approximately \$2.1 million obligated, and approximately \$178k expended.

City of Fresno Update – Joe Pasillas, City of Fresno: Joe Pasillas, with the City of Fresno, provided an update on behalf of the City of Fresno. Attended conference board – EARF Project. The first window will close January 21, 2023, second window closes April 30, 2023, and third window will close June 30, 2023.

Marjaree Mason Center Report – Laura Lopez, Marjaree Mason Center: Laura Lopez with the Marjaree Mason Center, provided an update on behalf of the program. The program received 775 hotline calls, 223 crisis drop-ins, and 29% of intakes admitted to emergency services. The program's by-name list has 691 active clients, 524 on their inactive list. 62 clients have been identified for housing and there are currently 22 housing applications open. The program also has 101 clients enrolled and 18 pending referrals in Community Case Management.

San Joaquin Valley Veterans Report – Beverly Novella, San Joaquin Valley Veterans: Yvette Morales, sit in for Beverly Novella, presented on behalf of San Joaquin Valley Veterans. The program currently has 98 homeless veterans on the by-name list. The program had 126 clients in the month of November. They housed 7 households, 43% negative exits, 57% positive exits, 9 entered RH, 6 exited into RH. It is currently a 38-day project between start date and housing.

Unscheduled Announcements:

1. Dez Martinez, LEAB Member, would like to address the fact that the City Council denied affordable housing and is requesting that the CoC writes a letter to try and assist in getting this approved.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:09 am.

The next meeting will be January 11, 2024 at 8:30am

(The meeting will be held via Zoom Video Conference)