

45	Latasha Hollins A: Froylinda Villareal	Turning Point of Central CA, Inc.	P																
46	Jessica Berzac A: Rebecca Peter	Upholdings	AP																
47	Andrea Evans A: Joseph Evans III	Valley Teen Ranch	P																
48	Mary Ann Knoy A: Maria Gonzalez	WestCare California, Inc.	P																
49	Maria Aguirre A: Yolanda Randles	West Fresno Family Resource Center	A																
50	Jeannemarie Caris-McManus A: Nancy Peters	Westside Family Preservation Service Network	P																
51	Zaven Kalebjian A: Tom Gray	Wings Fresno	A																
52	Alex Sanchez	Lived Experience Advisory Board Member	P																
53	Allis Vallejo	Individual Member	A																
54	Chris Allen-Rowe	Individual Member	P																
55	Jody Ketcheside	Individual Member	P																
56	Justin Gardner	Individual Member	A																
57	Kham Lee	Individual Member	A																
58	Shaya Bledsaw	Individual Member	A																
59	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 December Minutes and Financial Report

Informational Items:

- FMCoC Officer Elections
- YHSI Grant Application
- HHAP Annual Reports and HHAP 5 Application Update
- Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB) Update
- City of Fresno Update
- Marjaree Mason Center Report
- San Joaquin Valley Veterans Report
- Unscheduled Announcements

Minutes:

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

A quorum was established.

Action Items:

Approval of December Minutes and Financial Report – Laura Moreno: Misty Gattie-Blanco, FMCoC Chair, presented the Meeting Minutes and Financial Report for approval. The meeting minutes and financial report was approved with no changes.

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

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

Approved

Informational Items:

FM CoC Officer Elections – Jody Ketchside: Jody Ketchside, FMCoC Vice Chair, presented information regarding the FM CoC Officer Elections for 2024. There are 2 new seats open. Secretary and Chair positions are both up for re-election. The official nomination announcement will go out next month (February) and then elections will be in March. Laura Moreno, FMCoC Chair, mentioned that if you are going to nominate someone, to please speak to them about it. If anyone has any questions or wants to know what the positions consist of, please let Laura know. Laura wanted everyone to note that you do need to be an official member to be nominated and the Chair position needs to be someone who is or has already done a 2-year term on the Board of Directors. Everyone can look at the bylaws on the FMCoC website to see regulations.

YHSI Grant Application – Misty Gattie-Blanco: Misty Gattie-Blanco, FM CoC Treasurer, presented information regarding the YHSI Grant. We may or may not make the deadline for this grant application, we still want to move forward with our youth providers in building up some sort of youth advisory board so that we can look at other funding sources in the future. If anyone is interested in discussing this further (both the grant application as well as the youth advisory board) and what that looks like, please email Misty (Misty.Gattie-Blanco@fresnoec.org) or the FMCoC, Misty would like to schedule a meeting with all of you who are interested.

HHAP Annual Reports and HHAP 5 Application Update – Jillian Gayton: Jillian Gayton, City of Fresno, presented the HHAP Annual Report and HHAP 5 Application update.

The City of Fresno HHAP Round 1 Grant Expenditure Overview report reflected approximately \$6.1 million budgeted, approximately \$6.1 million obligated, and approximately \$5.6 million expended.

The City of Fresno HHAP Round 2 Grant Expenditure Overview report reflected approximately \$2.9 million budgeted, approximately \$2.9 million obligated, and approximately \$2.1 million expended.

The City of Fresno HHAP Round 3 Grant Expenditure Overview report reflected approximately \$7.5 million budgeted, approximately \$6.9 million obligated, and approximately \$2.3 million expended.

The City of Fresno HHAP Round 4 Grant Expenditure Overview report reflected approximately \$11.2 million budgeted, approximately \$7.3 million obligated, and currently \$0 has been expended.

In regards to Round 4; Jillian wanted to remind everyone that we have only received half of the \$11.2 million disbursements. There are some requirements that the city must meet in order to receive the second disbursement. With the current allocation, we are funding emergency shelters and we have a youth set aside. We will be releasing an RFP later this year and then administrative costs.

For HHAP 5 as with the other rounds, the jurisdiction collaborates together. The FMCoC, Fresno County, Madera County, and the City of Fresno. With the HHAP 5 we are designing a homelessness action plan. The action plan requires identifying and describing specific roles and responsibilities of each of the participating eligible applicants in the region. Including each outreach and site coordination, use and of available land, site development, interim and permanent housing options, and coordination and connection to the delivery of services for individuals experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness within the region. The original coordinated homelessness action plan also described and explained how all participating jurisdictions are coordinating in each of the areas. We also identify the key actions each jurisdiction will take to accomplish the following:

- Improve the homeless system performance measures outlined by the states
- Ensure racial equity in the homeless response system
- Reduce exits to homelessness from institutional settings
- Connecting individuals experiencing homelessness with available community resources and benefits

The current status is the city has coordinated with each of the jurisdictions to respond to all of these sections within the action plan. The city has compiled an overview of current and projected regional homelessness funds administered by each of the jurisdictions and the final edits have been approved by each of the jurisdictions. Part of the requirements include a memorandum of understanding between each of the jurisdictional partners. The MOU reflects the regional coordinated homelessness action plan submitted under the HHAP 5 application. The Fresno County Council developed the MOU with the support of Amina Flores-Becker. The City of Fresno Attorney's office and risk has approved the language of the MOU and submitted those edits to the county. The city anticipates going to council on March 7 to review and approve those details. Madera County is going to council February 20 to go to their board for their action items. And Fresno County is going to the Board of Supervisors March 19 to review those action items. The FMCoC is going to have a chance to review this as well on February 8. A part of the application includes funding plans, so the city coordinated with each of the jurisdictions to review responses collected during our 6 community meetings held throughout the jurisdictions.

Since there is no allocation for HHAP 5 at this time, there is a process that the city takes in order to determine the percentage each jurisdiction receives based on the last PIT count that was done in the previous year. Currently we just have an estimate of the percentage that each of the jurisdictions will be allocating to specific edible use categories. For Fresno County and FMCoC, they are going to be dedicating about 16% of youth set aside for youth services. Generally, the state only requires a 10% but the FMCoC and Fresno County are dedicating the 16%. These eligible use categories include rapid rehousing, prevention and shelter diversion, operating subsidies for interim shelter, street outreach, HMIS, and administration. Madera County will be dedicating 10% and Fresno City will also be setting aside 10%. The jurisdictions are required to submit the application on March 27, 2024.

Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB) Update – Alex Sanchez: Alex Sanchez, LEAB Chair, provided an update on behalf of LEAB. LEAB had 2 meetings (December 19 and January 2). December 19, Laura Moreno came and presented to the board on the LEAB Code of Conduct and updates on the board. Laura responded to general comments and questions on the actions. HHAP 5 submission was reviewed and feedback provided. The appeals policies that Homebase is assisting the LEAB with was reviewed. On January 2, EARF 3 was discussed with the City of Fresno. City of Fresno discussed where the encampment is located that will be the focus, took comments and feedback in regards to accommodations and the survey that they are going to do. Elections were held for Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. Alex Sanchez was re-elected as chair, a new member is Vice Chair, and our secretary was re-elected for secretary.

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. The City of Fresno home supportive services agreement will be going to council next week (January 18). City of Fresno is currently working on an RFQ for a potential DV Shelter. It would be in a city owned property so City of Fresno is working on getting that RFQ out. The RFQ is expected to be released in February. City of Fresno met with the LEAB to review EARF 3, the encampment resolution fund application – the application will be due at the end of this month on the 30th, City of Fresno is still waiting for leadership to agree with the boundaries of the new encampment.

Laura Moreno (FMCoC Chair) requested further information regarding the RFQ for the potential DV shelter in the city. Joe Pasillas explained further regarding the DV shelter, the type of property it is and stated that it would be leased out to an organization and that whatever organization it is that leases will use their own funds for operating the DV shelter. Laura Moreno asked how this is expected to work with Marjaree Mason Center to which Joe Pasillas stated that is why the City of Fresno is still going back and forth on the RFQ and how it would work with partners in the city. Laura Moreno also requested to hear why the city decided on this. Joe Pasillas stated it is because the City of Fresno has the property and they want to put it to good use. Misty Gattie-Blanco wanted clarification because in a previous meeting it was not stated that it would be only specific for DV but also sex trafficking, Joe confirmed it would be for both. Dez Martinez requested information on when it comes to getting the grant if the city is going to be making sure that the individuals of this organization have had prior history of working with sex trafficking victims both male and female and also with DV victims both male and female – will the city make sure that the organization taking over has prior history of doing this already and working amongst and have qualified staff like counselors, therapists, and all that or are qualified enough to be able to work with individuals that will be utilizing this facility, and also curious if this facility is only going to take referrals from certain organizations or if it will be open to referrals from the public. Joe Pasillas stated that the organization who does lease will need to show in their proposal or statement qualifications that they do have staff on site that will be working with the organization that does have live experience, so that is part of the scoring matrix that we are creating. The City of Fresno is also asking for a breakdown of how this organization will be taking individuals or assisting individuals from DV or human trafficking so that will be in their statement of the scope of work that they will be doing. The CoC will be notified once the RFQ is put out. Tina made a statement thanking the City of Fresno for doing this, the city needs it and she wanted to give a sincere thank you.

County of Fresno Update – Cynthia Cardenas: Cynthia Cardenas, with the County of Fresno, provided an update on behalf of the county regarding the annual reports for the HHAP rounds 1-4 that were submitted to California Interagency Council on Homelessness on December 15. The reports captured obligations and expenditures from program inception through September 30, 2023. The report and the report summaries will be provided in the February meeting. Cynthia also provided an update regarding the county and that they released a request for proposal for HHAP services on December 1, 2023. The RFP was opened for a little over a month and closed on January 9, 2024. Two review committees will evaluate the proposals and the recommended agreements will be shared at a future meeting. The RFP included FMCoC and County have funding from rounds 3 and 4 and prospective funding from rounds 5 through 8. This will enable the county to enter into 5-year agreements with 3 base years plus optional 1-year extensions for continuity of services. It will also enable the county to spend more time evaluating the effectiveness of services funded rather than amending to extend each year. The services to put out to bid were based on the need to maintain similar services in the community with an emphasis on program strategies for exiting people to permanent housing and leveraging other resources to maximize budgets and outcomes. The services solicited included the following:

- Non-congregate triage centers
- Emergency Shelters
- Bridge Housing
- Diversion
- Rapid re-housing
- Youth emergency shelter
- Youth rapid re-housing

It is anticipated that the agreements resulting from the RFP will begin July 1, 2024 and terminate June 30, 2029 if all extensions are exercised. However, depending upon future funding, they could terminate sooner.

The last update that County of Fresno has is that the plan for the county's 2024 ESG allocation from HUD will likely be used to support the required match for the Housing and Disability Advocacy Program, whose focus is people experiencing or at risk of homelessness who are likely eligible for disability benefits. The funding plan will be brought to the FMCoC for input in February as well.

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 724 hotline calls, 178 crisis drop-ins, a majority of them are still coming into our administration building with 141 of them, 3 reporting to Clovis, 11 to court, 19 we responded out to the field, and 4 to our Reedley site. 31% came in as new clients. MMC served 173 adults and children in our emergency safe house, 18 in transitional, and 125 in rapid. For exits MMC had 40% exit to permanent, 26% exited

to temporary, and then 28% exited to other. MMC is also serving clients on the MMC by name list, we have 708 individuals actively on the by name lists, 524 that are inactive, and currently working with 62 new applicants that are experiencing a housing crisis. MMC is also offering community case management for those clients that are not interested in coming into our shelter yet or not ready to leave or have left but still need supportive services. MMC is serving 90 clients in that program right now with about 29 that are pending a follow-up.

San Joaquin Valley Veterans Report – Beverly Novella, San Joaquin Valley Veterans: Beverly Novella presented on behalf of San Joaquin Valley Veterans. During the month of December San Joaquin Valley Veterans served 132 veterans. 45 of those veterans were in our HP and 87 were rapid rehousing. In the month of December, SJVV housed 13 veterans. 1 was by rental by client using a housing subsidy, 1 went to stay with a family friend, 7 were rental by client with no ongoing subsidy, and 4 were rental with MASH subsidy. Negative exits were 25% last month and 75% were positive. SJVV by name list for the month of December got to 101 homeless veterans. SJVV had 16 in our rapid rehousing entry, 20 in rapid rehousing exit, 5 in homeless prevention entry, and 4 in homeless prevention exited. The length of stay between the project start date and housing moving date was down to 47 days.

Unscheduled Announcements:

1. Dez Martinez, requested for an update on when the letter regarding the sit by sleep ordinance and the letters that are going to be going out regarding addressing the city. Curious if there is any new information. Laura Moreno responded that Maya was still waiting on a response from her to complete this request. Dez will follow through with the information that is needed.
2. Marcella Lopez, HMIS Lead, wanted to remind everyone that they are completing the sheltered PIT on January 30, which is a Tuesday. If you are a provider that enters into HMIS, HMIS will be sending out an email that provides details on how to prepare for that. If you have been doing your regular data management or just to make sure that your entries and exits are happening on time then you are likely going to be right on track for the pit. A follow up email will be sent. Dez Martinez asked if there is a reason why we're not doing counts on the unhoused individuals on the street? And how does this affect future funding if we are only going to count people in the shelters and not on the streets in Fresno? Chair, Laura Moreno, responded that the street count is required by HUD every 2 years, it is not required annually. This body has done it annually for the last 8-10 years. It is only required to be done bi-annually every other year. And this year they are going to focus on the youth count. It takes a lot of resources to do that and they have been doing it for a long time. This time they want to focus on youth so that in order to make it a robust count they want to direct the resources of time, staff, and volunteers and everything that is included towards the youth count. This is not going to affect the funding. They will be doing the shelter count for those experiencing homelessness this year as well.
3. Andrea Martinez, spoke on behalf of Madera County Behavioral Health, informing everyone that they did post the RFA for bridge housing on Madera County Behavioral Health's website. Anybody who is interested was instructed to please go on there to review, and apply.
4. Brandi Nunez wanted to notify everyone that the warming centers are open tonight (January 11), it is only announced for tonight. Information has been provided on the community page and they request that it be emailed to everyone. Brandi also wanted to mention that the Fresno Homeless Union had a press conference asking the city to keep the warming centers open continuously through the winter months. It is hard to reach people and for people to know about this and the continuity would make it more reliable and increase the likelihood that people are going to access that service. Brandi encouraged the FMCoC to also contact our city council and mirror why they think this should be kept open continuously. Brandi also mentioned that she posted an informational resource from the 2015 California Homeless Youth Projects regarding the effects of criminalization as well as the tactics that the heart team has been doing even before that ordinance that includes how it increases the risk of exploitation of trafficking. It is human trafficking awareness month.
5. Keith Scott with Gracebound provided information regarding an opportunity to help maybe 4-5 people with dental services. If you have any clients in your agency that would need free dental services, please reach out to Gracebound at 559-500-9503 by text or by call. Gracebound has these services every month or two.
6. Dez Martinez raised a concern regarding a client exit at Ambassador. Chair, Laura Moreno, responded she would follow up and gather more information for a better understanding of the situation.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:37 am.

**The next meeting will be January 8, 2024 at 8:30am
(The meeting will be held via Zoom Video Conference)**