

Fresno Madera Continuum of Care Board Meeting

Date:	July 13th 2023	Type:	General Meeting
Time:	8:30 a.m.	Chair:	Laura Moreno
Location:	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					
2	Debra Rush A: Cindy Lawrence	Breaking the Chains	P	P	P	A	A	P	P					
3	Harpreet Singh A: Tricia Herrera	Central California Legal Services, Inc.	A	P	A	AP	A	A	A					
4	Margarita Rocha A: Alma Maldonado	Centro La Familia Advocacy Services, Inc.	AP	AP	AP	A	A	AP	AP					
5 Regional Rep.	Claudia Cazares A: Chad McCollum	City of Clovis	P	P	A	A	A	A	P					
6 Regional Rep.	Phil Skei A: Joe Pasillas	City of Fresno	AP	AP	A	AP	AP	AP	P					
7	Renne Wright A: Mrisela Lopez	City of Madera Housing Authority	-	-	-	-	-	AP	AP					
8	Ester Miramontes A: Gregory Coleman	Clinica Sierra Vista	P	P	A	P	AP	A	A					
9	Dan Moorhead A: Melissa Arredondo	Clovis Unified School District, KIT Program	AP	A	AP	A	A	AP	A					
10	Magali Santos A: Ana Ibanez	Community Action Partnership of Madera County	P	P	A	P	P	P	P					
11	Chelsea Aivazian A: Gayle Holman	Community Health Systems	P	A	P	A	P	P	AP					
12 Chair/Regional Rep.	Laura Moreno A: Shannon Duncan	County of Fresno Department of Social Services	P	P	P	P	P	AP	P					
13 Regional Rep	Joel Bugay A: Matthew Treber	County of Madera	P	P	A	P	A	P	A					
14	Brian Kelly A: Elliot Balch	Downtown Fresno Partnership	-	-	-	-	-	P	A					
15	Caroline Jackson A: Gerry Bill	ECO Village Project of Fresno/Dakota Garden	A	P	P	A	A	A	A					
16	Ana Cisneros A: Megan Auld	Elevate Community Services	-	P	P	A	P	P	P					
17	Chia Thao A: Patricia Yost	Elder Abuse Services, Inc.	P	A	A	A	P	P	A					
18	Susan Holt A: Jolie Gordon-Browar	Fresno County Department of Behavioral Health	AP	AP	AP	AP	AP	AP	AP					
19	Pamela Hancock A: Cheryl Vieira	Fresno County Superintendent of Schools	P	A	P	A	P	P	AP					
20 Treasurer	Misty Gattie-Blanco A: Chrystal Streets	Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission	P	P	P	AP	P	P	AP					

21 Collaborative Applicant	Doreen Eley A: Marcella Lopez-Schmidt	Fresno Housing Authority	AP	AP	AP	AP	AP	AP	AP						
22	Priscilla Robbins A: Tiffanie Harrell	Fresno Mission	P	A	P	P	P	P	AP						
23	Keith Scott A: Cristina Scott	GraceBound Inc	P	P	AP	P	P	P	P						
24	Edward Mariscal A: Harout Torosian	Health Net	P	P	A	P	P	P	P						
25	Julie Mendoza A: Yolanda Shahbazian	HOPE Sanger	AP	AP	A	P	AP	AP	AP						
26	David Plunas A: Darrell Hamilton	Kings View Behavioral Health	P	A	A	P	P	P	A						
27	Connie Moreno-Peraza A: Andrea Martinez	Madera County Behavioral Health Services	AP	P	A	P	P	P	A						
28	Sharon Diaz A: Robert Mikel	Madera County Department of Social Services	P	P	AP	AP	A	AP	AP						
29	Laura Lopez A: Leticia Campos	Marjaree Mason Center, Inc.	P	P	A	P	P	P	P						
30	Deanna Kivett A: Annmarie Robles	Mental Health Systems/Turn BHS	-	-	-	-	-	P	A						
31 Secretary	Sara Mirhadi A: Zachary Darrah	Poverello House	P	P	A	P	P	P	P						
32 Officer at Large	Katie Wilbur A: Abbie Velasco	RH Community Builders, LP	P	AP	A	P	P	P	P						
33	Tanesha Morris A: Suzanna Gamez	Resources for Independence Central Valley	A	A	A	AP	A	P	P						
34	Halley Crumb A: Connie Spratt	Retraining the Village	P	P	A	P	A	AP	A						
35	Delfina Vazquez A: Brandi Garcia	Selma Community Outreach Ministries	A	A	A	AP	A	A	AP						
36	Vincent Seaborn A: Chris Washington	St. Vincent Preventative Family Care	-	-	-	-	-	-	A						
37 Vice Chair	Jody Ketcheside A: Latasha Hollins	Turning Point of Central CA, Inc.	AP	P	A	P	P	P	P						
38	Jessica Berzac A: Theresa Benavidez	Upholdings	A	AP	AP	A	A	AP	A						
39	Andrea Evans A: Joseph Evans III	Valley Teen Ranch	P	P	P	P	P	P	P						
40	Mary Ann Knoy A: Jenny Gonzalez	WestCare California, Inc.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P						
41	Maria Aguirre A: Yolanda Randles	West Fresno Family Resource Center	A	A	A	AP	P	P	P						
42	Jeannemarie Caris-McManus A: Nancy Peters	Westside Family Preservation Service Network	P	P	A	AP	P	P	AP						

43	Zaven Kalebjian A: Tom Gray	Wings Fresno	P	A	A	P	P	P	P						
44	Alex Sanchez	Lived Experience Advisory Board Member	-	-	-	-	-	P	P						
45	Allis Vallejo	Individual member	-	-	-	-	-	-	A						
46	Justin Gardner	Individual member	-	-	-	-	-	-	A						
47	Kham Lee	Individual member	-	-	-	-	-	P	A						
48	Chris Allen-Rowe	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:

- HUD CoC NOFO Release – Maya Sparks
- HHIP Plan Update: Poverello House – Laura Moreno, Sara Mirhadi
- HMIS Presentation – Marcella Lopez-Schmidt
- Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB) Update – Alex Sanchez
- County of Fresno Update – Shannon Duncan
- 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 8:33 a.m.

A quorum was established.

Action Items:

Approve June Financial Report & Letter of Response to the City of Fresno Ordinance – Laura Moreno: Laura Moreno, FMCoC Chair, presented the Financial Report for approval. The financial report was approved with no changes.

Motion: Sara Mirhadi **Second:** Katie Wilbur

Abstentions: None

Approved

Approval Letter of Response to the City of Fresno Ordinance – Laura Moreno: Laura Moreno, FMCoC Chair, presented the Letter of Response to the City of Fresno Ordinance. Jody Ketcheside, with Turning Point of Central CA, announced that the ordinance created concerns about the criminalization of homelessness. Jody Ketcheside stated she believed that the City of Fresno has no intention of arresting anyone homeless, although encampment in any public area is illegal within the homeless community. Jody Ketcheside requests a meeting with the City of Fresno to respond to the City of Fresno for passing the ordinance. Alex Sanchez, LEAB Chair, stated that the LEAB board team members on the committee are voicing their concerns about the City of Fresno’s ordinance. Marcella Lopez-Schmidt, with Fresno Housing, expressed her gratitude to Homebase for clarifying the difference in the ordinance about a homeless person being arrested on the streets immediately and the other implications leading to criminalization. Desiree Martinez, with We Are Not Invisible, expressed that the FMCoC Board members should have advocated against the ordinance before getting approved by city council members. Laura Moreno, FMCoC Chair, stated that the FMCoC were not notified about the ordinance until it had passed Fresno City Council.

Laura Moreno, FMCoC Chair, made the motion to approve the FMCoC Letter of Response to the City of Fresno as presented.

Motion: Mrisela Lopez **Second:** Keith Scott

Abstentions: Community Action Partnership of Madera County, City of Fresno, Fresno County Department of Behavior Health, Fresno County Department of Behavior Health, DSS, Fresno County Superintendent of Schools, Madera Behavioral Health, Madera County Department of Behavioral Health, DSS, Madera Housing Authority and Selma Community Outreach Ministries.

Approval for Signifying Yes 21, 9 Abstentions, and 0 No’s

Motion Passes

Agenda Items:

1. HUD CoC NOFO Release – Maya Sparks: Maya Sparks, with Homebase, reported that the Department of Housing Urban Development (HUD) had released the 2024-2025 Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). This renewal funding source funds the Coordinated Entry, Rapid Rehousing, and Permanent Supportive Housing. Applications must be submitted by September 28th.

2. HHIP Plan Update – Poverello House and EOC: Sara Mirhadi, with Poverello House, and Chrystal Streets, with EOC, presented the HHIP Plan with the funding investment in the health plans (CALVIVA and Anthem Blue Cross) for the unsheltered people. The Poverello House, Supportive Services for the Unsheltered through Navigation (SSUN), is a program designed to address the needs of outreach and navigation for those experiencing homelessness and those unsheltered. The Community Coordinator will receive referrals from the street outreach teams and Access Sites within the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care. The Poverello SSUN Program targets unsheltered people who traditionally have difficulty connecting to services, such as not having immediate access to mental health or medical care. This program provides access to these services not utilized by the unsheltered homeless. Chrystal Sheets, with EOC, provided information about their HHIP award for two EOC Street Outreach team staff members. The Fresno EOC is in the process of becoming a CalAim provider to offer the same services the Poverello House does for their Street Outreach team.

3. HMIS Presentation – Marcella Lopez-Schmidt: Marcella Lopez-Schmidt, with Fresno Housing, is asking the community to sign up for the upcoming Action Camp for the FMCoC. The HMIS team is looking at the HMIS Data to align the goals identified in the first Action Camp; for any agency that participates in the NOFO or is federal/state-funded, data entry and collection are

required to enter data into HMIS. Participation in the Action Camp will allow the community to be coordinated in delivery services. The Action Camps have been a two-year process. Marcella encouraged previous participants to attend the upcoming Action Camp. Any questions regarding the Action Camp can be directed to Marcella Lopez-Schmidt at mlopez-schmidt@fresnohousing.org or Katie Wilbur at katie@rhcbfresno.com.

4. Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB) Update – Alex Sanchez: Alex Sanchez, LEAB Chair, provided an update on behalf of the LEAB board. Future meetings will be moved to twice a month, the 1st and every 3rd Tuesday, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The Board's first July meeting occurred on the 11th, with the discussion of adding additional language to be reviewed for the application process for the LEAB membership. The LEAB Board Members approved the new language in the application. The LEAB Board recommended providing extra storage for the homeless community during street clean-ups. Alex reported that Maya Sparks, Homebase, discussed the upcoming CoC NOFO with the LEAB membership. Alex states that The Annual Gender Identity, Equal Access training will be held in August. Alex Sanchez will organize the panel board with people's real-life experiences with gender identity and equal access.

5. County of Fresno Update – Shannon Duncan: Shannon Duncan, the County of Fresno Department of Social Services, provided an update on behalf of the county. The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) completed its remote ESG program monitoring on June 26th, 2023. HUD also conducted remote monitoring on April 24th and provided formal notifications of the findings on June 23rd. The HHAP Round 4 Standard Agreement has been received and will go to the County Board of Supervisors on July 18th for execution. The HHAP Quarterly Rounds 1 through 3 reports were submitted on June 27th. The HHAP Round 1 and 3 reports have captured obligations and expenditures from the program's inception on March 31st.

6. City of Fresno Update – Joe Pasillas: Joe Pasillas, with the City of Fresno, provided an update on behalf of the city. The City of Fresno will attend the next LEAB board meeting. An RFP for youth services will be released by the end of July. The intended start date for services to begin will be in November. For the fiscal year 2023, the mobile shower program provided services to 2694 individuals in the City of Fresno (COF). Joe reported that the COF was awarded the ERF2 Award for \$17 M. The Affordable Housing NOFO closed on July 14th, and the RFP for Consolidated Plan Consultant (CPC) closes on July 28th. The City Council approved the Golden State Triage (TPOCC) 50 shelter beds. The Bridge Point program (BP) was awarded 50 shelter beds. The Marjaree Mason Center (MMC) received an award for 12 beds for their emergency shelter. Joe announced that The Grace Bound organization is providing medical and dental services on September 17th for people experiencing homelessness.

7. County of Madera Update – Connie Moreno-Peraza: With the County of Madera Department of Behavioral Health, Connie Moreno-Peraza presented on behalf of Joel Bugay's absence. Connie Moreno-Peraza expressed her gratitude to the FMCoC board members for the letter of support in contributing to the CSU Discovery Center. The COA has been granted \$25M to construct the youth and adult discovery centers. The Bridge Housing program has been awarded as close to \$3M to begin opening units in the COA. The CAO and the Board of Supervisors continue working with Joel Bugay to find alternative options for the hospital closure in Madera County. A ribbon-cutting ceremony occurred for the new psychiatric hospital (River Vista Behavioral Health), with 128 beds set up for new clients. July 18th will be the opening date an adult client will be admitted to the hospital. In the fall, River Vista Behavioral Health will soon be available to welcome the youth.

8. Marjaree Mason Center – Laura Lopez: Laura Lopez, with the Marjaree Mason Center, presented the program's monthly report for July 2023. The program had 561 hotline crisis response calls and 255 crisis drop-ins. 28% of intakes were admitted to emergency services. Fresno Police Department served 132 restraining orders, with 252 completed safety plans created for victims. The program has 74 enrolled clients and 6 pending referrals. The program by name list has 620 active clients and 483 inactive clients. 48 clients were identified for housing, and 25 openings for housing applications.

9. San Joaquin Valley Veterans Update – Beverly Novella: With San Joaquin Valley Veterans, Beverly Novella summarized the June report of veterans served. The program served 119 veterans and 9 veterans in Homeless Prevention. A total of 24 veterans have been enrolled in the Rapid Rehousing Entry, as 18 veterans have been exited. There are 90 homeless veterans on

the program by name list.

Unscheduled Announcements:

- 1.) Brandi Garcia, with Selma Community Outreach Ministries, shared that the cooling centers in Fresno need flyers to be sent to the Fresno community regarding the operation hours and the locations.
- 2.) Marcella Lopez-Schmidt, with Fresno Housing, clarified that the Action Camp will focus on the HUD Data Standard required from the State.
- 3.) David Petithomme, with Fresno County, announced on July 14th, 2023, that this would be his last meeting with the FMCoC and will be transitioning to the LA Housing Authority.
- 4.) Desiree Martinez, with We Are Not Invisible, reported about the “Stop, Check and Ask” forum due to the numerous amounts of those found deceased on the streets. Any outreach team should stop, check, and ask anyone on the streets to help save an individuals life.
- 5.) Jody Ketcheside, with Turning Point of Central CA, announced on July 14th, 2023, that she will be leaving her position at Turning Point of Central CA but will still participate as a member as the Vice Chair of the FMCoC.

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