

44	Delfina Vazquez A: Brandi Garcia	Selma Community Outreach Ministries	A	P															
45	Vincent Seaborn A: Chris Washington	St. Vincent Preventative Family Care	A	A															
46	Veronica Thao A: Teng Vang	The Fresno Center	P	P															
47	Latasha Hollins A: Froylinda Villareal	Turning Point of Central CA, Inc.	P	P															
48	Jessica Berzac A: Rebecca Peter	Upholdings	AP	AP															
49	Andrea Evans A: Joseph Evans III	Valley Teen Ranch	P	P															
50	Mary Ann Knoy A: Maria Gonzalez	WestCare California, Inc.	P	AP															
51	Maria Aguirre A: Yolanda Randles	West Fresno Family Resource Center	A	P															
52	Jeannemarie Caris-McManus A: Nancy Peters	Westside Family Preservation Service Network	P	P															
53	Zaven Kalebjian A: Tom Gray	Wings Fresno	A	A															
54	Alex Sanchez	Lived Experience Advisory Board Member	P	P															
55	Allis Vallejo	Individual Member	A	P															
56	Chris Allen-Rowe	Individual Member	P	A															
57	Dez Martinez	Individual Member	P	P															
58	Jennifer Webb	Individual Member																	
59	Jody Ketcheside	Individual Member	P	P															
60	Justin Gardner	Individual Member	A	A															
61	Kham Lee	Individual Member	A	A															
62	Shaya Bledsaw	Individual Member	A	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:

Action Items:

Approval of January Minutes and Financial Report

Informational Items:

HUD CoC NFO 2023 Final Award Listing
Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB) Update
City of Fresno Update
County 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 8:30AM.

Action Items:

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

Motion: Jody Ketcheside **Second:** Katie Wilbur **Abstentions:** None

Approved

Informational Items:

HUD CoC: Maya Spark, FMCoC Vice Chair, presented information regarding the HUD CoC NOFO 2023 Final Award Listings. CoC was awarded more than half of the bonus funds that they applied for. \$456,836 dollars were awarded in those bonus funds. Maya explained that not everyone receives bonus funds so this shows that a lot of the hard work that is being done is being paid off. The new projects on the list are 2 expansions. \$12.7 million total in renewable funding. Mays will be sending invites out for 2024 NOFO.

LEAB Update: Alex Sanchez, LEAB Chair, presented on behalf of the LEAB. There have been two meetings since January's FMCoC meeting. The LEAB has been meeting with the Fresno State team that is putting together the new assessment tool. The LEAB has been reviewing their materials and they are accepting the feedback given by the LEAB to find out what works and what does not work. Homebase is currently working on a CoC grievance policy so they came to the LEAB for ideas. Last year the LEAB and Homebase discussed wanting an appeals policy regarding when people get exited or removed from programs, this was discussed again and the LEAB provided Homebase with feedback on that. The LEAB also discussed troubleshooting with Vanessa who handles the Bridge Line Management. Alex also mentioned that there are two board members on the HHAP panel, February 9 is the final HHAP panel review. The LEAB also reviewed membership applications and decided to keep a pause on that. The LEAB is currently looking for more outreach, wanting to find people to help talk to clients more. The LEAB was able to meet with Maya for a 101 training on HUD CoC NOFO. There were inquiries on if the LEAB has any incentives, and Laura Moreno, FMCoC Chair, stated that the LEAB is paid, hopefully there is an incentive of just wanting to get more involved. Lastly, the LEAB is reviewing the coordinate entry tool right now and hoping everyone will review that as well. Fresno State (HHIP dollars) is helping with the coordinated entry program.

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. Joe stated that they are currently waiting on finding out if the EARF 3 Grant will be awarded, they had requested \$11 million dollars of funding and should know if they are awarded or not by March 31. Joe informed everyone that they have added

an additional area for an encampment (East Barstow Ave., East Shields Ave., and East Blackstone Ave. are the boundaries for that app). The City of Fresno is working on increasing mobile shower sites, looking into district 5 & 7. HHAP 5 resolution will be going to counsel on March 7. Brandi requested information on the cope of the Barstow encampment area (outreach services, counselors, social workers, services provided out in the community). Joe informed everyone that HOPE is currently out there. Brandi mentioned that there are a number of people who have been waiting for shelter services, that they have had contact but no luck of getting into places. Joe mentioned that this grant will help open up additional beds in shelters for the individuals in this area. There will be potentially 30 beds that this grant will be able to fund and City of Fresno is included independent living homes to help with the situation as well. Shar, with Tenants Together, stated that they are hoping these independent living homes are inspected prior to individuals moving in. Rizpah stated that they will be inspected and they want them to be up to the highest standards, they don't currently have a lot of homes, but they are growing. Brandi asked if the grant funding will be used for code enforcement and Joe informed her that it is only going to be used for services for those who are in the encampment areas.

County of Fresno Update – Cynthia Cardenas: Cynthia Cardenas presented on behalf of The County of Fresno. The HHAP 1-4 annual reports were submitted to California Interagency Council on Homelessness on December 15, 2023. The Reports capture obligations and expenditures from program inception through September 30, 2023. For the FMCoC HHAP Round 1 total amount budgeted was \$2.9 million, total amount obligated was \$2.9 million and total expenditures were \$2.1 million. For the County of Fresno HHAP Round 1, total amount budgeted was \$2.3 million, total amount obligated was \$2.3 million and total expenditures were \$1.8 million. For the FMCoC HHAP Round 2, total amount budgeted was \$1.3 million, the total amount obligated was \$1.3 million and total expenditures were \$254 thousand. For the County of Fresno HHAP Round 2 the total amount budgeted was \$1 million, the total amount obligated was \$1 million and total expenditures was \$522 thousand. For the FMCoC and County HHAP round 3, the total amount budgeted was \$6.7 million, total amount obligated was \$2.4 million and total expenditures was \$379 thousand. The County also released an RFP for HHAP services, the evaluation committees are meeting this month, and recommended agreements will be shared in the March meeting. Cynthia also informed everyone that the HHAP 5 Regional MOU and Action Plan will be brought to the FMCoC in the March meeting and submitted to the Fresno County Board of Supervisors on March 19 for approval. The HHAP 5 application will be submitted to the state on March 27.

Marjaree Mason Center Update – Laura Lopez: Laura Lopez presented on behalf of Marjaree Mason Center. Laura mentioned that September of last year the FBD launched their lethality assessment and reaching out to hotline, offering services if needed. This has doubled MMC hotline calls from the last operating year. Laura presented the monthly report stating that most crisis drop ins are still reporting to the main office (155). There were 14 in the court house, 51 in the fields, 3 assessments were done in the Reedley office. Victim advocates served 107 clients, there were 19 restraining orders completed, and over 200 safety plans completed. Most clients are exiting to permanent or temp destinations (32% permanent and 44% temporary), 1% are exiting to institutional, and 25% are exiting to other. There are currently 100 clients enrolled in Community Case Manager, and 24 pending referrals. On the By Name List, there are currently 723 active clients, 538 inactive clients, 57 clients identified for housing, and 31 open housing applications. An important announcement was also made regarding the fact that MMC is currently seeing a government potential cut of funds to the services. Leticia Campos informed everyone that most victims in the community are supported by the Victims of Crime Act (federal dollars). MMC wants to raise awareness to everyone right now due to these potential decreased funds. There will be a likelihood of reduction of services. Leticia stated that there have been a significant amount of conversations taking place all the way to the CAO's office. Leticia encouraged everyone to brainstorm and come up with a plan to advocate towards the funding. If these cuts happen, that will significantly eliminate funding for emergency shelter programs. Leticia stated that there has not been a clear pathway or roadmap on when, but expressed the importance of everyone being aware. Nicole Linder also shared that emergency shelter does not really have a funding source so MMC wants to make everyone aware how these cuts will impact them. The conversation has talked about 40% cuts. This will also impact CVAC, law enforcement, not just MMC as service providers.

San Joaquin Valley Veterans Report – Beverly Novella: Beverly presented on behalf of the SJVV starting with the celebration of 50 years this year! WestCare will have an open house on February 28 from 11-1pm showcasing their buildings. Beverly also mentioned that SJVV will be putting on a BBQ for the Veterans on SuperBowl Weekend at Park Road. Beverly also provided a monthly update on SJVV. For the month of January 128 Veterans were served and 8 were housed. There was 27% negative exits and 73% positive exits. There are currently 92 homeless Veterans on the By Name List. There are currently 20 Veterans in the Rapid Rehousing Entry, 20 Veterans in the Rapid Rehousing Exit, 1 Veteran in the Homeless Prevention Entry, and 6 Veterans in

the Homeless Prevention Exit. The current estimated length of time between project start date and housing move-in date is 44 days.

Unscheduled Announcements:

Claudia Cazares - The City of Clovis: The City of Clovis is now accepting applications for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. We will have an application workshop today (February 8) at 4PM at Clovis City Council Chambers, which is not mandatory. Applications are available on our website and due March 27 by 4PM.

Delfina Vasquez - Selma Community Outreach Ministries: Delfina announced that they have PG&E Reach for clients. If anyone has a client that is unable to pay their PG&E bill of \$1k or more they are able to get help. If PG&E gets turned off at their property they have 7 days to let us know and we can assist them. Delfina is encouraging everyone to try, the application approvals are hit and miss but it does not hurt to try. They are also providing access to showers on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11-2 and are also doing hygiene and clothing. They are now introducing haircuts as well. And as always, food distributions. This is all located in Selma, the number to reach them is 559-632-3808.

Dez Martinez: Dez requested information on what kind of policies are in place for HUD funded apartments. She has been notified that tenants are not allowed to call for advocates such as herself because it violates their lease – she was referring to Turning Point. Dez stated that a tenant’s roof caved in their unit and the tenant was not able to reach out to an advocate.

Brandi: Brandi brought up warming centers, she wants everyone to be aware that they only had warming centers open for 3 days at the beginning of January because they have only been opening them when it is under 35 degrees. People need to be advocating to see about an extension especially when it is raining. We should consider advocacy towards ensuring that this extended warming center services are budgeted for the 2024-2025 City of Fresno budget.

Maria Rodriguez: Maria requested to see if nominations were still open. Misty informed everyone that they are working on descriptions and will send them out and also place them on the CoC website once they are finalized.

Keith Scott - Gracebound: Keith was curious if there was a change to the PIT process as it was noticed that there was no street count. Laura Moreno informed him that PIT street count is required by HUD every other year. Not required every 2 years. What they do every year is a shelter count. The Board decided to stick with annual shelter count and bi-annual street count. They want to focus on a Youth count this year. They are also currently working on having a Youth LEAB advisory board. The Focus this year 2024 is YOUTH PIT count.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:42AM.