

Fresno Madera Continuum of Care			
Date:	November 29, 2023	Type:	HMIS Committee Meeting
Time:	10:30 AM	Presenter:	Marcella Lopez-Schmidt
Location:	Virtually through Teams		

2023 FMCoC Attendance Log:

Organization/ Agency:	Representatives:	Oct 11	Nov 29				
Poverello House	Ricardo Ramos	P	P				
Fresno Housing Authority	Doreen Eley Marcella Lopez-Shmidt	P	P				
Grace Bound Ministries	Keith Scott Chrissy Scott	P	A				
Madera County Department of Social Services	Marissa Rodriguez	P	P				
WestCare California	Magdalena Pesqueira	P	P				
WestCare SJVV	Karla Fitzgerald	P	A				
Fresno Madera Continuum of care- LEAB	Alex Sanchez	P	A				
Fresno County Department of Social Services	Laura Moreno	A	P				
Turn BHS	Chadrick Pickens	P	P				
Kings View Behavioral Health	Jessica Padilla	P	P				
Community Action Partnership of Madera County	Angelica Rivera Ashley Giron-Cortez	P	P				
RH Community Builders	Katie Wilbur	P	P				
Selma COM	Delfina Vasquez	A	P				
Turning Point of Central CA	Jessica Prado Danielle Sandoval Sabrina De Leon	P	P				
City of Fresno	Jillyan Gaytan Dylan McCully	P	P				
Retraining the Village	Haley Crumb	A	P				
Marjaree Mason Center	Andrew	A	A				
Centro La Familia Advocacy Services	Alma Aguilar	A	P				
Fresno Mission	Tiffanie Harrell	A	A				
Fresno EOC	Chrystal Streets	A	P				
We are not invisible	Dez Martinez	A	P				
Madera Rescue	Christina Ortega	A	A				
Total # of agencies present		13	16				

Total Agencies: 21 | Quorum: 9

Key: P= Present | A= Absent | C=Cancel

## **Marcella Lopez-Schmidt: Roll Call**

## **Marcella Lopez-Schmidt: HMIS Team Introductions**

- Announcement about wellsky Fy2024 updates being pushed back. Email of new projected timeframes was provided to agency administrators. For reporting deadlines, please reach out to your funders or who you report to.

## **Marcella Lopez-Schmidt: HMIS Policy and Procedure PowerPoint**

## **Marcella Lopez-Schmidt: Recommendations and questions**

- HMIS P&P was conditionally approved with the caveat of having this meeting to discuss recommendations for Policy Addition
  - HMIS P&P will only go back to the FMCoC Board if it's revised. If no motion for changes, it will be officially approved.

## **Feedback: Each individual is given 5 minutes to share feedback on this item**

- Dez Martinez (FMCoC Individual Member)
  - Dez- 4/10/15 true homelessness, 2016 CoC introduction. Several agencies already utilize her services. Now Dez believes she needs HMIS access to be able to provide outreach. Reached out to Marcella, Doreen, and Laura to get access, but there was a lack of communication. WANI helped 2 families and 2 other individuals who were not in HMIS.
  - Marcella: This is to have a policy on HMIS Request Access process to ensure the HMIS participating members have infrastructure and will be able to safeguard data or have their own P&P relating to this item.
- Erlinda (Community Member)
  - Community Member who helps homeless children
  - It will be helpful to have individuals that help populations usually invisible to the homeless organization in HMIS (Help Make Connections).
- Laura (FMCoC Chair)
  - Laura Moreno clarifies the HMIS P&P is because of the want from various community members to get access to HMIS. HMIS has sensitive information and it is not where people get housed. It is where we report this information for funding purposes. CES/ ByName list helps with bed count etc. Before was not an issue for people to have/not have access. Outreach is valuable source regardless if they receive funding or not. Other organizations help is important but this (HMIS) is not where we get assistance to help.

- Jody: (FMCoC Vice-Chair)
  - Jody clarifies entering someone into HMIS does not result in immediate access to Housing. The map sites more so do that. We have a huge responsibility to keep people's information confidential. Shelter has only access to their own project. Street Outreach is different. Organizations that enter in to HMIS are reporting on their project.
- Lisa (Community Member)
  - The system is not a reservation system, but it is a tracking mechanism and a data collection point. Therefore, recommends and encourages the most broaden access policy for HMIS
  - The current HMIS P&P is a potential roadblock and is it compliant with requirements at the Local/State/Federal Level?
  - Laura: County of Fresno has to comply with all of the requirements at the federal and state level. All HUD requirements are the minimum and local jurisdictions can make own decisions as long as it doesn't go against the minimum. (Approval: FMCoC/ CoC/ Board)
  - Jody: Other HMIS P&P are very similar or even tighter when it comes to requirements because of the sensitive information
- Ricardo (FMCoC Member w/ Poverello)
  - Q: Does our decision and approval have to be unanimous
  - A: No, just the majority for approval
- Bob (Community member)
  - Bob support of a revision of who can be using the HMIS. For Street Outreach= Urge to reconsider where this is going. (HMIS) Community member spoke on issues in our community and it shows we do not have enough resources.
- Katie (FMCoC Member w/ RH Builders)
  - Policy (a) is only to request a copy of a signed contract
  - FMCoC doesn't have the infrastructure to validate agencies requesting access to sensitive information. This section will help safeguard the sensitive information of the community. It is a form of self-certification.

### **Motion: Request for Revision of HMIS Policy and Procedure**

- Dez Martinez requested to revise Policy (a) – to remove the “Copy of the funding contract” clause or to the removal of Policy (a)
  - No seconds on this motion. Motion not approved

### **HMIS Policy and Procedure was Officially Approved**

**Meeting adjourned**

