

40	Delfina Vazquez A: Michael Mancillas	Selma C.O.M.	A	P	A	P												
41	Teng Vang A: Dao Lor	The Fresno Center	P	P	P	AP												
42	Latasha Hollins A: Froylinda Villareal	Turning Point of Central CA, Inc.	P	P	P	P												
43	Jessica Berzac A: Rebecca Peter	Upholdings	AP	AP	AP	AP												
44	Andrea Evans A: Joseph Evans III	Valley Teen Ranch	P	P	P	P												
45	Mary Ann Kroy A: Maria Gonzalez	WestCare California, Inc.	P	AP	P	P												
46	Maria Aguirre A: Yolanda Randles	West Fresno Family Resource Center	A	P	A	P												
47	Jeannemarie Caris-McManus A: Nancy Peters	Westside Family Preservation Service Network	P	P	P	P												
48	Alex Sanchez	Lived Experience Advisory Board Member	P	P	P	P												
49	Allis Vallejo	Individual Member	A	P	A	A												
50	Cathleen Ballesteros	Individual Member				A												
51	Chris Allen-Rowe	Individual Member	P	A	P	A												
52	Jennifer Webb	Individual Member			P	P												
53	Jody Ketcheside	Individual Member	P	P	P	P												
54	Rikki Jo Rodriguez	Individual Member	A	A	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 March Meeting Minutes and Financial Report

Approval of Joint TH-RRH Project Transfer from Westside Preservation to Marjaree Mason Center

Approval of County of Fresno's HUD Emergency Solutions Grants 2024 Funding Plan

Informational Items:

Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB) Update

City of Clovis: CDGB Action Plan Update

Homeless Information Management System Update

City of Fresno Update

Coordinated Entry System Management Entity Update

County of Fresno Update

County of Madera Update

Marjaree Mason Center Report

San Joaquin Valley Veterans Report

Announcement of Election Results

Unscheduled Announcements

Minutes:

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

Action Items:

Approval of March Meeting 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 were approved with no changes.

Motion: Margaret Goddard **Second:** Katie Wilbur **Abstentions:** None

Approved

Approval of Joint TH-RRH Project Transfer from Westside Preservation to Marjaree Mason Center – Maya Spark: Maya Spark presented information regarding Westside Family notifying HUD that they were going to need to forfeit their grant for circumstances outside of their control and they could no longer serve their clients under their 2022 grant. There was about \$600,000 that was previously awarded in CoC funds for a joint transitional housing rapid rehousing project serving survivors of domestic violence (category 4 of homelessness) and it was located in Huron. Jeannemarie Caris-McManus, CEO and Executive Director of Westside family joined in the presentation explaining how Westside lost the contract of the site and immediately contacted HUD. Westside was not able to go forward due to losing control of the site. A meeting was conducted and in that meeting HUD stated that in order to transfer the funds, it would need to stay in the same project component type or the same subpopulation. CoC put out a letter of interest for someone to take over the joint TH-RRH project. Marjaree Mason Center was selected to take over. The next step in this process is that CoC will need to apply to HUD to approve the transfer of the grant. Three letters will need to go out to HUD, they are the following: A letter from Westside Family that is formally forfeiting the grant, a letter from Marjaree Mason Center formally accepting the grant, and then a letter of support from the CoC that we are supporting the transfer.

Motion: Jody Ketcheside **Second:** Doreen Eley **Abstentions:** Laura Lopez

Approved

Approval of County of Fresno’s HUD Emergency Solutions Grants 2024 Funding Plan – Shannon Duncan: Shannon Duncan with County of Fresno introduced Yolanda Valenzuela who is the analyst overseeing the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG), to present on behalf of County of Fresno. The County of Fresno is requesting FMCoC input on the program year 2024 HUD Emergency Solutions Grant funding plan that the county receives in the annual entitlement allocation of HUD Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG), which is administered by the Department of Social Services. The purpose of this funding is to engage homeless individuals and families living on the street, improve the number and quality of emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families, help operate these shelters, provide essential services to the shelter residents, rapidly rehouse homeless individuals and families and prevent families and individuals from becoming homeless. The funding must be used in one or more of the 5 categories which are: street outreach, emergency shelter, homeless prevention and rapid rehousing, HMIS, and administration. The county is preparing the annual action plan for the fifth year of the 5-year consolidated plan (program year 2024). For this final year of the current plan, the county will utilize the 2024 funds for rapid rehousing to provide case management, financial assistance, rental assistance, security deposits, moving costs, and supportive services to housing and disability advocacy program HDAP clients. The ESG match will not be met with HADP funding as there are activities such as advocacy that are not eligible. The county plans to use the HHAP-4 rapid rehousing funding to provide this match. The county is asking for approval for this plan from the FMCoC.

Motion: Katie Wilbur **Second:** Delfina Vazquez **Abstentions:** County of Fresno DSS
Approved

Informational Items:

Opening of Elections: Candidates were given a moment to introduce themselves prior to voting.

Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB) Update – Alex Sanchez: Alex Sanchez, LEAB Chair, presented the LEAB update. They recently met and gave members time to discuss their needs and barriers that are causing them to miss monthly meetings or not being able to engage the way that they want to. They gave time for members to talk to each other and just catch up on events going on in everyone’s lives. Notes were taken about the barriers members are experiencing, an idea for members experiencing barriers is getting them hotspots as well as revisiting the time and day that the LEAB meets. The LEAB is also working on getting more individuals involved with CES. Maya Spark also shared that the LEAB reviewed HUD CoC NOFO Scoring Tools at the last meeting. Maya also mentioned that thanks to the CoCs budget, they will hopefully be able to send some LEAB members to NAH in DC.

City of Clovis: CDGB Action Plan Update – Claudia Cazares: Claudia Cazares, City of Clovis, presented information regarding the annual action plan to HUD for the CDGB funds is open for public comment right now. This is how they determine how they will propose CDGB funds. This is available online and also at several different public locations in Clovis. Public comments are being taken up until May 6 via writing, phone, or email (housing@cityofclovis.com). The public hearing will be May 6 at 6:00pm.

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Update – Marcella Lopez-Schmidt: Marcella Lopez-Schmidt presented an informational update regarding HMIS. There are 7 system performance measures that are required by HUD and the metrics that they use are as follows: Length of time, return to homelessness, sheltered annual counts, changes to income, first time homelessness, and permanent housing placement and retention. Marcella reviewed the metrics for a more detailed understanding.

City of Fresno Update – Phil Skei: Phil Skei presented an update on behalf of the City of Fresno. The City of Fresno is planning to start a new mobile shower site in the month of May which will be off of McKinley and Maple. City of Fresno will be publicizing that and utilizing social media as well as updating their mobile shower calendar. The HHAP 5 application was submitted by the City of Fresno on March 25. The city was recently informed that the first application window for the encampment resolution fund round 3 award notifications is being moved from March 31 to the middle of April, possibly even into May. Another update shared was that the RFQ the city released is seeking an operator for human trafficking and or domestic violence and abuse shelters closed on March 29. The city plans to go to council with a staff recommendation on May 23. Also, the RFQ for the rapid rehousing administrator closed on April 5, the review committee will meet this month. The rapid rehousing program which the city hopes to establish, will only be established if they receive the encampment resolution fund round 3 grant award. The city has been recently working with the mayor and big city mayors on preparing and providing HHAP data. Phil also wanted to give a shoutout to Fresno Housing Authority who is working on some housing choice voucher data currently for a large lobbying meeting at the end of this month in DC. The City of Fresno is also very pleased to host Grant Denton who is the executive director of the Karma Box project in Reno. City of Fresno is thankful for the HOPE outreach team, the Poverello House, and Fresno Rescue Mission for also partnering with them and hosting. And lastly, The City of Fresno’s 2024 annual action plan draft has been published and is on the website. City of Fresno is going to council next Thursday. They are still waiting to receive HUD allocations though. They anticipate it to be approximately the same as last year.

Coordinated Entry System Management Entity Update – Ricardo Ramos: Ricardo Ramos with the Poverello House presented an update on CES Management Entity. When it comes to The Bridge policies and procedures, they have completed the training requirements and cadences for each of the job channels within the strategic learning plan. Also, a quality control plan is being built into the PNPs and that includes logistic information such as training titles, description, and length. A compliance checklist will ensure any HUD requirements are met. Also included is the administrative review and quality control, and oversight of training. They have met with several agencies in the CoC for training. There is more training being coordinated right now.

County of Fresno Update – Shannon Duncan: Shannon Duncan presented an update on behalf of County of Fresno. The County of Fresno is doing well in the HHAP 5 application. The regional MOU and action plan was brought to the County of Fresno board of supervisors on March 19 and it passed unanimously. The city then submitted the application ahead of schedule and the county wants to personally thank Joe, Jillian, and Dylan with the city for leading that coordinated effort. The HHAP rounds 1-4 quarterly reports were submitted to Cal ICH March 27. Yolanda Valenzuela also shared that the county released an RFP for HHAP-funded homelessness services in December of last year. The evaluation committees were made up of LEAB members, FMCoC Board Members, and staff from Fresno City, Madera County, and Fresno County. They met and made their recommendations in February and on February 21, 2024, a tentative award notice was sent to bidders for the following services: Rapid Rehousing; Diversion; Triage; Youth Emergency Shelter and Bridge Housing; and Youth Rapid Rehousing. No proposals were received for regular (non-youth specific) Bridge Housing. The awards resulted in the following recommended agreements which will go to the County BOS on May 21, 2024 for execution:

Triage Emergency Shelter: Turning Point, Poverello House, and Marjaree Mason Center

Diversion: WestCare and Selma Com

Rapid Rehousing: WestCare and Selma Com

Youth Emergency Shelter and Bridge Housing: Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission

Youth Rapid Rehousing: Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission

County of Madera Update – Magali Santos: Magali Santos presented an update on behalf of the County of Madera. For the month of March they had 12 individuals and families that were housed. There were 3 individuals added to the by name list, 4 were added to the PSH priority list, and 3 were added to the rapid rehousing priority list. For the month of March they had 32 new clients in the City of Madera and 3 for the City of Chowchilla. Out of those 35, 2 were families and 33 of them were single individuals.

Marjaree Mason Center – Laura Lopez: Laura Lopez with Marjaree Mason Center presented an update. For the Month of February there were a total of 709 hotline calls, 230 crisis drop-ins, and 30% of intakes were admitted to emergency services. There are 16 head of households under 25. The Victim Advocate Stats consisted of the following: Fresno PD: 105 clients served, Restraining Orders: 27, and Safety Plans: 286 completed. Housing Updates consisted of the following: Emergency Safe House (1 project): 200 adults and children, Transitional Housing (2 projects): 21 adults and children, and Rapid Re-Housing (6 projects): 112 adults and children. Exit Destinations (118 total) consisted of the following: Permanent: 36 (31%), Temporary: 47 (40%), Institutional: 2 (2%), Other: 33 (27%). The MMC DV Coordinated Entry consisted of the following: Community Case Management clients enrolled: 99, pending referrals 14. The By Name List consists of the following: Active Clients: 673, Inactive Clients: 628, Clients Identified for Housing: 48, and Housing Applications OPEN: 12.

San Joaquin Valley Veterans Report – Beverly Novella: Beverly Novella with San Joaquin Valley Veterans presented an update: For the month of February there were 115 Veterans served, 5 Veterans housed. There were 25% negative exits and 75% were positive exits. The By Name List holds a total of 88 homeless Veterans. The current estimated length of time between project start date and housing move in date is 47. There have been some fun activities going on for our clients like an Easter BBQ and visiting the underground gardens.

Election Results – Jody Ketcheside: Laura Moreno, Chair & Sara Mirhadi, Secretary

Unscheduled Announcements:

Katie Wilbur: On behalf of the CES Katie shared that the coordinated entry system policies and procedures have been reviewed and edited and they have been updating them for a long time. They have finally finished the process and have a version that has been approved by the CES committee to move forward with much needed updates and compliance updates, too. They are now bringing them to the full CoC for review and approval.

Brandi: There is an outdoor fire resolution that was proposed by council member Arias for the Fresno City Council that started in February and has been tabled. It is basically saying that having outdoor warming fires is a hazard and a nuisance. It is important for the unhoused to have these because they need to stay warm and have a way to cook. I am advocating for that – some have said this is no different then having a BBQ at the park. This goes back to the need for warming centers. Brandy also wanted to encourage people to go to Art Hop to support and see some artwork at the graduate studios.

Doreen Ely: Doreen wanted to introduce Christine Moto and Andrea Garcia, both who are colleagues of hers at Fresno Housing, joining this body (FMCoC). They will eventually be doing a bunch of work with the CES committee, because as most know, Doreen will be retiring sometime next year.

Amina Flores: Amina wanted to introduce Dylan McCully as her new homelessness program manager at the administrative office (County of Fresno). Amina has been doing the homeless liaison role as well as the Deputy CAO role. Dylan will be the new dedicated person for this.

Maya Spark: Maya wanted to remind everyone that the HUD CoC NOFO scoring tool and policy development meeting is on April 17 from 9-11.

MaryAnn Knoy: MaryAnn wanted to give a shout out to Dez Martinez. They are currently in Atlanta and Dez was a panelist on 2 different sessions and was recognized on the lunch plenary as she participated on the California statewide reach on homelessness with UCSF. MaryAnn also wanted to share that a Save the Date will be going out for a fundraising event for Wings on May 17.

Tina Rodriguez: Tina wanted to share with everyone that Victims' Rights Week is coming up and it is also Sexual Assault Awareness Month. She wants to uplift all the unhoused victims that have been impacted and also wants to extend the visibility and remind everyone of those that lost their lives while being unhoused crime victims.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:03am