

**MERCED CONTINUUM OF CARE
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
369 West 18th Street, Merced
Wednesday, May 20, 2009
8:00 a.m.**

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Oral Communications**
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- 3. Information only:**
 - *Minutes of the April 15, 2009 General Collaborative Meeting*
 - *Homeless Prevention Fund*
 - *10 Year Plan*
 - *Project Proposals Received*
 - *Regional Steering Committee Meeting*
 - *MHSA – Public Comment*
- 4. Minutes of the April 8, 2009 Executive Council Meeting**

Requires motion to approve and file.
- 5. General Collaborative Agenda**
 - *Workgroup Updates*
 - *Presentation: Larry Zuercher, Merced Yosemite Gateway Mall*
 - *Continuum of Care Plan*
 - *2008 Continuum of Care Score*
- 6. Executive Council Membership**

Father Fred Risard requested the Council consider removing the Business Representative from the Council due to length of vacancy. Since his recommendation, staff has received one Business Representative application.
- 7. Prioritization Panel**

Appoint five members to the Prioritization Panel for 2009/2010 Project Proposals.
- 8. 2008 Merced Continuum of Care Score**

Staff will provide overview of the 2008 Merced CoC Plan score.
- 9. Network of Care vs. Continuum of Care Site**

If time permits, staff will provide overview of recent discussions with HSA.
- 10. Executive Council Announcements / Coordinator Announcements**
- 11. Adjourn**

**MERCED CONTINUUM OF CARE
GENERAL COLLABORATIVE MEETING
MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
632 West 13th Street, Merced, CA
Wednesday, April 15, 2009
1:30 – 3:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jim Bunnel, Human Services Agency Adult Services
Kathleen Cadden, Human Services Agency
Denise Cannistraci, Impact House
Sal Cannistraci, Impact House
John Carlisle, City of Merced City Council
John Carlos, Mental Health
Marcia Dailey, Challenged Family Resource Council
Renee Davenport, Sierra Presbyterian
Patti Dossetti, Grant Writer
Liz Freitas, Mental Health
Monika Grasley, Lifeline CDC
Carl Joachim, Merced Parole
Christina Kraushar, Department of Mental Health
Lori Newman, Community Social Model Advocates
Terry Nichols, Department of Rehabilitation
Masoud Niroumand, City of Merced
Loranda Norah, Center for Independent Living
Erika Petersen, MCOE Headstart
Terry Raley, Love INC
Dennis Queen, Public Health
Fr. Fred Risard, Episcopal Church
Darrell Rogers, Impact House
Audrey Slocum, Mental Health
Louise Tilston, Public Health

STAFF PRESENT

Lori Flanders, Assistant Planner

1. Welcome

Vice-Chair Nichols called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

2. Oral Communications

None.

3. Minutes of the March 18, 2009 General Collaborative Meeting

So noted.

4. Homeless Street Count Presentation

Lori F. explained that the Street Count occurred on January 22nd with over 30 volunteers surveying and counting the homeless throughout Merced County.

John Carlos created a presentation that included statistics collected from the surveys, pictures of the homeless, with the song Lean on Me playing in the background. John explained that the presentation is a work in progress and requested feedback from the CoC.

The CoC appreciated the presentation, and showed interests in presenting to other groups outside of the CoC. Christina Kraushar commented that the presentation would need to be approved through Mental Health management prior to releasing to the public.

Marcia recommended that portions of the presentation be slowed down to have more of a “shock” factor with the results of the surveys/count.

Carl Joachim requested Lori F. send him the actual numbers from the surveys.

Christina Kraushar announced that Liz Freitas with Mental Health has been tasked with improving the One Stop Shop.

5. Establish Goals – 2009 CoC Plan

Lori F. explained that the CoC Plan requires continuums to outline action steps in response to goals designed by HUD as well as other goals the CoC would like to tackle each planning year. She explained that our continuum is currently exceeding the goals of homeless persons staying in permanent housing over six months as well as the percentage of homeless persons moving from transitional to permanent housing. Lori F. asked the continuum to establish goals and specific action steps for inclusion in the 2009/2010 CoC Plan.

Renee Davenport would like to see a goal established to provide **housing options for homeless sex offenders**. She explained that there are very limited housing options (due to compliance issues) for this population and that they make up many of the homeless staying along black rascal creek.

Monika commented that the Re-entry Assistance Program (RAP) is working with ex-offenders through the PACT Program in the hopes that they will become self-sufficient and avoid homelessness. Carl commented that the parolees do receive 60 days of paid housing when first released.

Lori Newman commented that a program called West Care (located in Fresno) provides funding for parolees (including sex offenders) if they have a drug and/or alcohol problem. Lori F. will look into the requirements of this program and report back. She will also request MCAG’s GIS department create a map that will document compliant housing for sex offenders within the city and county

limits. John Carlisle recommended that Lori F. also check with the City of Merced GIS department as they may have already created such a map.

Lori N. would like to see the CoC focus on **services and housing for foster youth** that are aging out of the system. Lori F. will research the unmet needs for this population.

Monika commented that the Merced County Office of Education, Human Services Agency, and Community Action Agency recently partnered to create programs for foster youth that will improve the chances at job stability. Their program could be included in the CoC Plan.

Marcia commented that it is difficult to track/count foster youth as most of them “couch surf”. She further commented that most want to be rid of the “system” once they age out.

Father Risard would like to see **discharge planning from hospitals** as a focus for the CoC. He explained that the hospital is doing the best they can, and that the social workers are frustrated. Father Risard stated that Sierra Presbyterian has picked up eight homeless individuals that were discharged from the hospital. He further explained that although the shelter is in close proximity to the hospital, it is not the proper environment for rehabilitation. Through his research as Chair of the Healthcare group, he has found that there are many services available for this population, but housing is lacking. He stated that individuals need 3-9 months of transitional housing to become stable.

Additional goals that the group would like included in the CoC Plan are:

- Increase participation in HMIS via outreach - Several members recently discovered the barriers that existed for their program back in 2004 no longer exist, yet they have not been approached in years to enter data.
- Improvement of the weekly One Stop Shop – Mental Health has assigned a staff person to coordinate the One Stop Shop, Liz Freitas. Liz commented that she is trying to expand to bring in more community-based organizations and is in the process of developing a brochure for the program. She further commented that she is open to any and all ideas. She has scheduled regular meetings to discuss the One Stop Shop on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, which will be held at the D Street Shelter at 1:15.

6. Workgroup Updates

Supportive Services - Jim Bunnell provided an overview of the group's second meeting. He and Terry Raley discussed the early stages of a proposal that a gentleman by the name of Larry from Central Presbyterian Church has created. The purpose of the proposal is to recommend the County re-use the hospital as a One Stop Shop for agencies/non-profits, and possibly even housing. Lori F. and Terry Raley are in the process of scheduling this topic for the May CoC meeting for discussion.

7. Applications for Prioritization Panel

Lori F. explained that the panel would meet for a single two hour meeting in mid May to discuss/score/rank projects for inclusion within the 2009/2010 CoC Plan and Application. Applications were provided in the agenda packets and an electronic version will be emailed out immediately following the CoC meeting.

8. Executive Council Application

Lori F. provided a brief summary of Kiley Carrillo's application for appointment to the Executive Council as a non-profit representative. She explained that the General Collaborative is charged with appointments to the Executive Council and asked that they vote by a show of hands.

Renee Davenport commented that she knows Kiley and her heart is always in the right place with the homeless population.

Majority of the General Collaborative voted to approve Kiley's appointment to the Executive Council as a non-profit representative.

Following the vote, Father Risard requested that the Executive Council remove the business representative position from the council, as it has been vacant for some time. He requested another faith-based slot be created in place of the business slot. Lori F. stated she would include the recommendation on the next Executive Council agenda.

9. Information Item

- News Articles
- Homeless Prevention Funds
- Grant Opportunities

So noted.

10. Announcements from group?

Dennis Queen inquired to the group if homeless assistance through the Human Services Agency is a once a lifetime benefit. Several members of the CoC responded that it is their understanding it is a once a lifetime benefit.

11. Adjourned at 3:05 p.m.



Merced City and County Continuum of Care

A collaborative effort to end homelessness

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MAY 13, 2009

TO: CONTINUUM OF CARE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

FROM: LORI FLANDERS, CONTINUUM OF CARE COORDINATOR

RE: INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

HOMELESS PREVENTION FUNDS – City of Merced allocated \$515,000

The Homelessness Prevention Fund will provide financial assistance and services to prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless and help those who are experiencing homelessness to be quickly re-housed and stabilized. The funds under this program are intended to target individuals and families who would be homeless but for this assistance. The funds will provide for a variety of assistance, including: short-term or medium-term rental assistance and housing relocation and stabilization services, including such activities as mediation, credit counseling, security or utility deposits, utility payments, moving cost assistance, and case management.

The City of Merced has received proposals from Community Action Agency, Housing Authority, Impact House, Love INC, and Sierra Presbyterian. City staff will announce sub-grantees within the next few months.

10 YEAR PLAN TO END CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS

Completion of a 10 Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness is an eligible activity under the CDBG Planning and Technical Assistance Grant. Applications are typically accepted July - April. Applicants MUST be a jurisdiction, so staff has asked Merced County Mental Health if they would allow MCAG to apply for this grant on their behalf for development of a 10 Year Plan for our region. Staff is currently awaiting their decision.

PROJECT PROPOSALS

A Call for Projects (CFP) was released on March 24, 2009 to solicit potential applicants for the 2009 Continuum of Care Plan/Application. The CFP closed on April 24, 2009. Staff has received seven new project proposal as well as two renewal applications. Renewal applications are for Project Home Start through Mental Health and the Homeless Management Information Systems through Community Action Agency. New proposals were received from Community

Social Model Advocates, Impact House, JMJ Maternity Homes (AKA Mary's Mantle), Merced County Public Health, Rainbow Valley Group Homes, Sierra Presbyterian, and Turning Point.

Grant request total approximately \$1.4 million.

REGIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE

On April 17, 2009 Chair Tatum and I attended the Regional Steering Committee (RSC) on Homelessness in Oakland. The RSC is made up of homeless housing and service providers throughout the Bay Area who meet quarterly to discuss common issues and share possible solutions. Topics discussed during the April meeting included:

- 2009 Homeless Census – the group compared results of several Bay Area CoC's. Ideas that we caught from the discussion include engaging the hospital, Worknet, and jails to participate in the annual Point in Time Count (regardless if the data can be used in the Plan). The CoC may also want to consider setting up survey sites at service sites, not just shelter sites (HSA, food banks, Social Security Administration etc.) to gauge not only how many are homeless based on HUD's definition but also how many individuals/families may be "doubled-up".
- Second Chance: Funding for discharge planning at jails and prisons – Many of the Bay Area CoC's have Re-Entry Councils. RSC provided a staff report / chart that outlined future funding opportunities for this initiative. Staff will keep the CoC updated when RFP's are released by the U.S. Department of Justice.
- Stimulus Package: What are communities doing? – The group shared how they are utilizing their local stimulus funds.
- Future Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing money – Department of Housing and Community Development discussed the proposed process for non-entitlement jurisdictions to apply for Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing dollars through the state.



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**MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT ACCEPTING PUBLIC COMMENT ON
HOUSING PROGRAM APPLICATION**

MERCED – The Merced County Department of Mental Health (MCDMH) has opened a 30-day public viewing and comment period for its current *Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) – Housing Program Application Section D Supportive Housing and Services Information*. At the close of this public comment period, the Merced County Mental Health Advisory Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 8, 2009 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Building 2 Conference Room at its Merced County, Department of Mental Health, located at 480 East 13th Street in Merced. Interpretative assistance will be available to Spanish and Hmong-speaking residents in attendance at the public hearing.

The Mental Health Services Act Housing Program (MHSA Housing Program) offers permanent financing and operating subsidies solely dedicated to housing for Merced County residents who are homeless, at risk of being homeless, and who otherwise meet the MHSA Housing Program target population. Special consideration will be given to unserved/underserved populations in Merced County. The current housing program proposal will partner permanent supportive housing development with supportive services to allow tenants to remain and succeed in housing.

The supportive services portion of the plan will be posted on the Merced County Department of Mental Health website ([Application](#)). Residents can request an electronic version of the documents by emailing mhsa@co.merced.ca.us. The public can also request a hard copy of the documents by contacting the Mental Health Department at (209) 381-6800 or toll free at 1-866-626-6472. The following staff will be on hand to accept requests:

English speaking residents	Josette Torres
Spanish speaking residents	Iris Mojica de Tatum
Hmong speaking residents	Blong Lee

To provide input, recommendations and comments, please call 1-866-626-6472 or email your comments to mhsa@co.merced.ca.us.

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For more information regarding Merced County, please visit our website at www.co.merced.ca.us

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MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Monika Grasely, Concerned Citizen
Mae Pierini, Merced County Office of Education (arrived at 2pm)
Terry Tatum, Faith-based Representative
Su Briggs, Community Action Agency
Terry Nichols, Department of Rehabilitation
Masoud Niroumand, City of Merced

MEMBERS ABSENT

Herb Opalek, Merced County Rescue Mission

OTHERS PRESENT

Lori Flanders, MCAAG

1. Welcome

Chair Tatum called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

2. Oral Communications

Monika asked the committee their thoughts to include a background check for applicants of CoC funding.

After a brief discussion, the Council directed staff to contact HUD and other CoC's to research their existing practices.

3. Information only:

- *Minutes of the March 18, 2009 General Collaborative Meeting*
- *News Articles*
- *Homeless Prevention Fund*

Lori explained that the City of Merced has been allocated \$515,000 for this program. She provided an overview of the public comment/information meeting that was held on April 7th at the City of Merced. Proposals for the program are due to the City of Merced on April 20, 2009.

So noted.

4. Minutes of the March 11, 2009 Executive Council Meeting.

Su Briggs made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2009 Executive Council meeting.

Seconded by Mae Pierini.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. General Collaborative

Lori recommended the following items for the April 15, 2009 General Collaborative meeting:

- Workgroup Updates: Healthcare and Supportive Services.

Lori explained that the CoC Planning Process group has disbanded and the Housing-Shelter Committee lacks leadership at this point. Lori has contacted the Housing Authority and the Central Valley Coalition for Affordable Housing to possibly sign on. Masoud offered to join this committee as Housing Manager for the City of Merced.

Chair Tatum would like to see a sub-committee established to create an emergency shelter plan for the 2009/2010 winter months. Lori will include discussion at the April 15th CoC meeting. Monika recommended the council research a program called Family of Promise as a model. Church's combine efforts and take turns housing homeless families/children.

- Continuum of Care Plan – Establish Goals for 2009/2010
- Street Count Presentation

6. MCAG Governing Board Action – 10 Year Plan

Chair Tatum explained that the MCAG Governing Board directed staff to solicit plan funding from member agencies and community-based organizations and to release a RFP to prepare a 10-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness.

Lori explained that staff would solicit funding from member agencies using a formula that is population based. She also asked the council if they'd be interested in having a study session regarding the 10 Year Plan lead by the Interagency Council on Homelessness. The council was in favor of the session and directed Lori to schedule for May.

7. Request for Projects

Lori explained that four agencies/non-profits have expressed an interest in submitting proposals for this years CoC competition.

8. Executive Council Membership

Lori reminded the council that this item is carryover from their March meeting. She provided the council copies of the two applications received to date; one represented faith based and the other a non-profit. They agreed that an expansion of the council was not necessary at this point, as we still have a vacancy for business representative.

Chair Tatum commented that several terms would be up at the end of the planning year, which will provide opportunity for new appointments.

Terry Nichols asked if Herb was still serving as a member. Mae offered to speak with Herb following the meeting.

9. Executive Council Announcements / Coordinator Announcements

Monika announced that seven schools are now participating in donating un-used food to the Homeless Shelter. She also commented that the next “No Homeowner Left Behind” workshop would be held on April 24th at Gateway Community Church.

Chair Tatum commented that while serving as a member on a United Way committee, she learned that the results of a recent community assessment show an increased need for food in Merced County.

Masoud announced that, until now, there has not been a counselor for local homeowners facing foreclosure that homeowners have had to travel to Fresno or Modesto. The City of Merced will now be providing office space for counseling staff to assist Merced area residents.

Mae announced that recent partnerships have developed among the Merced County Office of Education, the Dept of Recreation, Human Services Agency, and Community Action Agency to develop several programs (summer program, work program, drivers education, etc.) for 131 foster youth.

10. Adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

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GENERAL COLLABORATIVE MEETING**

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- 3. Minutes of the April 15, 2009 General Collaborative Meeting**
For information only.
- 4. Merced Yosemite Gateway Mall Presentation**
Larry Zuercher: Proposal for re-use plan for the hospital.
- 5. Outline of Goals Established for the 2009 Plan**
Any additions?
- 6. Workgroup Updates**
- 7. 2008 Continuum of Care Score**
What we did well. What we need to improve upon.
- 8. Informational Items**
 - *News Articles*
 - *Homeless Prevention Funds*
 - *Grant Opportunities*
 - *MHSA – Public Comment*
- 9. Announcements from group?**
- 10. Adjourn**



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: MAY 13, 2009

TO: CONTINUUM OF CARE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

FROM: LORI FLANDERS, CONTINUUM OF CARE COORDINATOR

RE: PRIORITIZATION PANEL

BACKGROUND

The 2009 Prioritization Panel will meet for a single, two-hour meeting to discuss potential projects for inclusion in the 2009 Continuum of Care grant application. The panel will discuss the merits of each project and assign each proposal a ranking and score based on those merits.

According to the Continuum of Care Bylaws the Prioritization Panel is appointed by the Executive Council. Staff has received the following applications:

Applicant	Representing
John Carlisle, Council Member, City of Merced	Government Representative
Christina Kraushar, Merced County Mental Health	Government Representative
Terry Raley, Love INC	Non-Profit Representative
Father Fred Risard, Episcopal Church	Faith-based Representative
Renee Davenport	Concerned Citizen Representative

REQUESTED ACTION

Appoint two Government, one Non-profit, one Faith-based, and one Concerned Citizen representative to the Prioritization Panel.

Attachments: Application forms



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DATE: MAY 13, 2009

TO: CONTINUUM OF CARE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

FROM: LORI FLANDERS, CONTINUUM OF CARE COORDINATOR

RE: 2008 CONTINUUM OF CARE SCORE

DISCUSSION

On April 21, 2009 the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released the 2008 Continuum of Care Plan/Application Scores.

Merced CoC Score	57.50
Median Score	78.50
Funding Line	78.25
High Score	92.00
Low Score	35.75

The below chart indicates the maximum amount of points available for each scoring category and the actual score our CoC received.

Scoring Category	Maximum Score	Merced's Score
CoC Housing, Services and Structure	14	12.25
Homeless Needs and Data Collection	24	16.75
CoC Strategic Planning	16	9.25
CoC Performance	28	19.25
Emphasis on Housing Activities	18	0
Total CoC Score	100	57.5

Staff has analyzed possible weaknesses that may have existed in our 2008 Plan/Application based on the national webcast provided by HUD. Unfortunately, individual debriefs do not occur to assist CoC's in identifying strengths and weaknesses.

Part I: CoC Housing, Services, and Structure

Total Points Available: 14 Merced CoC: 12.25 Average: 12.25

- Creating a Discharge Planning Committee could help increase our points.

Part II: Homeless Needs and Data Collection

Total Points Available: 24 Merced CoC: 16.75 Average: 16

- Participation in the Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) would increase our points. Staff and the CoC's Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) staff have worked with a technical assistance provider to create a community plan to participate in next years AHAR (75% bed coverage in HMIS required).
- Need to increase the amount of agencies inputting data into HMIS. Bed coverage of at least 86% for each housing type (emergency, transitional, permanent) excluding domestic violence beds. In 2008 our percentages were as follows:
 - Emergency shelter: 58% - Percentage will increase now that the D Street Shelter is in operation. Since the submission of the 2008 Plan the Rescue Mission has begun to enter data.
 - Transitional shelter: 22% - Percentage will increase now that the Rescue Mission has begun to enter data.
 - Permanent housing: 100%

Part III: CoC Strategic Planning

Total Points Available: 16 Merced CoC: 9.25 Average: 11.5

- We need formal discharge planning protocols documented to receive sufficient points in this category.
- Our CoC needs to demonstrate we can leverage funds with other resources, including private, other public and mainstream services and housing programs for proposed projects and ongoing efforts.
- Comprehensive goals with measurable achievements for the annual, 5-Year, and 10-Year action steps.

Part IV: CoC Performance

Total Points Available: 28 Merced CoC: 19.25 Average: 20.75

- Our permanent housing supply did not increase for the chronically homeless population.

Part V: Emphasis on Housing Activities

Total Points Available: 18 Merced CoC: 0 Average: 14.75

- We had no housing projects within our 2008 Application.

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Leona for Herb Opalek, Merced County Rescue Mission
Mae Pierini, Merced County Office of Education (arrived at 2pm)
Terry Tatum, Faith-based Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT

Monika Grasely, Concerned Citizen
Masoud Niroumand, City of Merced
VACANT, Business Representative

OTHERS PRESENT

Lori Flanders, MCAG
Fred Risard

1. Welcome

Chair Tatum called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

2. Oral Communications

Lori provided a copy of a letter from Monika Grasely resigning from the Executive Council.

Fred Risard commented on the recent improvements of the One Stop Shop operated by Mental Health.

Staff requested to add item 3a to the agenda to request their approval for staff to confirm the local need for Community Action Agency to apply for Federal Emergency Shelter (FESG) grant funding for the D Street Homeless Shelter and Havenwood.

Chair Tatum asked if anyone was aware of recent activity at the Sierra Presbyterian Shelter. Fred Risard commented that he believes they have closed for the summer and are no longer accepting patients from the hospital.

Su Briggs announced that Community Action Agency would be holding their final public hearing regarding their Two Year Plan in Dos Palos on May 20th at

the Carver Center.

- 3a.** Kiley Carillo made a motion to authorize staff to sign the confirmation of local need for FESG funding for the D Street Homeless Shelter and Havenwood. Seconded by Mae Pierini.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Information only:

- *Minutes of the April 15, 2009 General Collaborative Meeting*
- *Homeless Prevention Fund*
- *10 Year Plan*

Lori explained that Mental Health has agreed to allow MCAG staff to apply for funding on their behalf for the completion of a 10 Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness via a CDBG Technical Assistance Grant. She explained that the NOFA is typically released in July.

- Project Proposals Received
- Regional Steering Committee Meeting
- MHSa – Public Comment

So noted.

4. Minutes of the April 8, 2009 Executive Council Meeting.

Terry Nichols made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2009 Executive Council meeting.

Seconded by Su Briggs.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. General Collaborative

Lori recommended the following items for the May 27, 2009 General Collaborative meeting:

- Workgroup Updates
- Continuum of Care Plan – Review established goals for 2009/2010
- Continuum of Care 2008 Score
- Presentation: Vision for a Merced Yosemite Gateway Mall

Chair Tatum asked the Council if they have any thoughts on how to build the momentum for other sub-committees to meet (supportive services, housing, etc.).

Mae Pierini commented that agencies are encountering tough times, and participation has been low in meetings/workshops across the community.

Lori commented that once a project is chosen for CoC funding in June, it might serve as a springboard for a housing group to meet.

In order to provide a greater action plan for foster youth aging out the system, Mae recommended Lori contact Patricia Evans with the Human Services Agency to identify the current unmet need for this population.

Kiley commented that 50-65% of foster youth are homeless at least one night once they are aged out of the system.

6. Executive Council Membership

Lori explained that Fred Risard requested the Council consider removing the Business Representative from the Council due to length of vacancy. She further explained that since his recommendation, staff has received a Business Representatives application. Lori also explained that Monika's resignation opens a position for a concerned citizen.

7. Prioritization Panel

Lori explained that the Panel will meet for one two hour meeting on June 12, 2009 at 2pm to score and rank the 9 proposals received for inclusion in the 2009 Continuum of Care Plan.

Terry Nichols made a motion to recommend appointment of two Government, one Non-profit, one faith based, and one Concerned Citizen representative(s) to the Prioritization Panel as outlined in the staff report.

Seconded by Mae Pierini.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. 2008 Merced Continuum of Care Score

Lori provided an overview of the 2008 CoC Plan Score. She explained that improvements have been made since last years plan and that our 2009 Plan will be more competitive.

9. Network of Care vs. Continuum of Care Site

Lori and Fred Risard gave an overview of their discussion with HSA staff regarding the Network of Care site. Fred commented that it is rather difficult to navigate.

Terry Nichols asked staff to follow up with HSA on the possibility of creating a homeless link as a priority button (on the front page) prior to creating a new CoC site.

10. Executive Council Announcements / Coordinator Announcements

The Council agreed to hold their next meeting on June 22, 2009 at Deli-licious at noon and the General Collaborative on June 24, 2009.

11. Adjourned at 9:09 a.m.