



**STANISLAUS COUNTY FOCUS ON PREVENTION
STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL MEETING**

DATE: Thursday, February 22, 2018
TIME: 1:00 - 4:30 PM
LOCATION: Sutter Health Education and Conference Center • Suite 60B
1700 McHenry Avenue • Modesto CA

INTENTIONS: Review the emerging FY 2018-19 United Way funding priorities
Practice communicating about the Access Center and Low Barrier Shelter
Begin exploring how to advance our sector development work
Develop shared agreement about next steps

1. **Opening session** 1:00
 - a. Welcome • Check-in
 - b. New roles • Evolving support structure
 - c. Focus for today
2. **2018-19 United Way Funding priorities:** Request for endorsement 1:10
 - a. Process to date • Recommended priorities
 - b. Group discussion • Decision
3. **Movement to Reduce and Prevent Homelessness** 1:45
 - a. Access Center progress • Process • Talking points
 - b. Small group practice
 - c. Large group discussion
4. **Break** 3:00
5. **Developing our sectors:** a beginning exploration 3:15
 - a. Our current efforts and actions
 - b. Small group discussion
 - 1) Opportunities to deepen our intra- and inter-sector work
 - 2) Ideal support going forward
 - c. Large group reflections
6. **Closing session** 4:20
 - a. Next steps
 - b. Assessment of today
 - c. Final reflections
7. **Adjourn** to an informal reception 4:30



MEMORANDUM

To: Stewardship Council
 FROM: Michelle Arender
 DATE: February 22nd, 2018
 RE: **Highlights, decisions and next steps from February 22nd, 2018 meeting**

1. Meeting **intentions**

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2. Stewardship Council **members present**

Name	Sector	Organization
Tim Byrd	Business	E.J. Gallo
Darrell Long	Entertainment Arts Sports	Gallo Center for the Arts
Lynn Dickerson	Entertainment Arts Sports	Gallo
Kim Greer	Education	Stanislaus State
Marvin Jacobo	Faith	City Ministry Network
Ross Lee	Faith	Community
Jim Applegate	Faith	Redeemer Church
Christina Schweininger	Media	Vision Magazine
Jeff Dirkse	Local government	Stanislaus County Sheriff
Mike Hamaski	Local government	Stanislaus County Probation
Brad Hawn	Neighborhoods	Modesto Neighborhoods, Inc.
Cindy Duenas	Non-profits	Center for Human Services
Karen Williams	Non-profits	Learning Quest
Francine Diciano	Philanthropy	United Way Stanislaus County
Marian Kaanon	Philanthropy	Stanislaus Community Foundation
Michelle Tetreault	Ex Officio	United Way Stanislaus County
Stan Risen	Ex Officio	Community
Terry Withrow	Ex Officio	County Board of Supervisors

3. **Staff and others present**

Ruben Imperial	CEO's office
Damian Martinez	CEO's office
Lisa Clifton	CEO's office
Damian Martinez	CEO's office

Michelle Arender
John Ott

CEO's office
Center for Collective Wisdom

4. **Agenda Item:** United Way Funding Priorities
 - a. Francine DiCiano, President and CEO of United Way, recommended the following funding priorities of the United Way Board:
 - 1) One navigator as an extension of the Housing Assessment Team to provide support service and community navigation support.
 - 2) One navigator at the Day Reporting Center to focus on strengthening families of individuals on probation.
 - 3) Investing in support for the Faith and Neighborhood sectors to help them more deeply align their organizing efforts to support Focus on Prevention.
 - b. **Decision:** Using the Gradients of Agreement, all present members of the Stewardship Council endorsed the priorities.
 - c. **Next Step:** United Way will begin working to develop the guidelines and process to allocate this funding by the first quarter of FY 2018-19.
5. **Agenda Item:** Low Barrier Shelter Update/Discussion
 - a. Brad Hawn, provided an update on zoning requirements, the Stanislaus Foods lease agreement, prototype development, and expectations of the Access Center and Low Barrier Shelter.
 - b. The United Way Board endorsed United Way entering into formal discussions with the County to become the non-profit for the Low Barrier Shelter.
 - c. In a large group discussion, participants explored the following issues:
 - 1) Limited 3-year lease with Stanislaus Foods
 - 2) Plan for services
 - 3) Need for a qualified provider
 - 4) Determining the priority population for this shelter
 - 5) Addressing permanent housing solutions for individuals temporarily lodged at the Low Barrier Shelter
 - 6) Outreach and Engagement Center location
 - d. **Next step:** Seek Board of Supervisors and City Council approval on 27 February 2018.
 - e. Low Barrier Shelter Talking Points. In small group discussions, participants practiced the talking points and identified the following modifications and additions:
 - 1) Identify that the Low Barrier Shelter is a temporary solution to **act now**. The search is already underway to determine the best long-term site for the site after this initial three year period.
 - 2) The Low Barrier Shelter is to be used by individuals, 18 years or older.
 - 3) The Low Barrier Shelter does not have restrictions, and homeless individuals can bring their pets, possessions, and partners. Other shelters within Stanislaus County have restrictions.

6. **Agenda Item: Developing our Sectors**
 - a. Marvin Jacobo and Ross Lee of the Faith Sector discussed three steps they are taking to align the Faith sector with the Focus on Prevention movement:
 - 1) Asset-mapping to identify current efforts of organizations
 - 2) Development of a “Better Way” website for cities of Stanislaus County. The website will be a tool for community members to find opportunities to serve, adopt families experiencing homelessness, provide donations, etc.
 - 3) Hold a midyear Faith summit to help organizations align their efforts with the Focus on Prevention movement.
 - 4) **Next step:** Marvin Jacobo and Ross Lee to work with other leaders of the Stewardship Council to assist with communication, funding, and expertise on website development as it relates to the “Better Way” website.
 - b. Additional issues explored during the large group discussion
 - 1) Ruben Imperial discussed the proposal for the Homelessness Job Program to aid individuals experiencing homelessness with employment. The Homeless Job Program allows non-profit agencies to hire residents at the shelter to work. **Next Step:** A proposal is in place, and the budget is being developed.
 - 2) Importance of exploring new ideas for raising funds and outreach engagement
 - 3) Cross-sector relationships are important in aligning Focus on Prevention efforts
 - 4) Shifting mindsets in law enforcement to focus on rehabilitation and strengthening families
 - 5) The need to increase involvement across all sectors
 - 6) Bring a member of City of Modesto to the Stewardship Council
 - 7) Increase communication by identifying all the non-profit organizations in Stanislaus County
7. **Next Stewardship Council meeting**
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Gradients of agreement

How much do we support the recommendations?

Endorse	Endorse with minor point of contention	Agree with some hesitation	Abstain	Stand aside	Disagree but will support the majority	Disagree and don't want to help implement	Can't go forward
<i>I like it.</i>	<i>Basically I like it.</i>	<i>I can live with it.</i>	<i>I have no opinion.</i>	<i>I don't like this, but I won't hold up the group.</i>	<i>I want my disagree- ment recorded, but I'll support the decision.</i>	<i>I won't stop anyone else, but I don't want to make this happen.</i>	<i>We have to continue working.</i>