CEO Message – June 2026

June was another meaningful and inspiring month for our agency and the communities we are honored to serve.

Across Stanislaus County and Modesto, Juneteenth celebrations brought our community together to honor freedom and recognize the history, strength, and lasting contributions of the Black community. As we reflect on this important day, we must remember both the pain and suffering endured by generations before us and the progress made through their courage, resilience, and leadership. Their struggle and determination helped open doors for many communities, and their legacy reminds us to continue working toward freedom, justice, and dignity for all.

This month, we were proud to host our first Parent Café, an opportunity created to strengthen families by building relationships within families and across the community. I want to thank Sutter Health, the Stanislaus County Health Services Agency, and Love Our Neighbors for helping make this gathering possible. Partnerships like these allow us to create spaces where families feel supported, connected, and valued.

We also welcomed the League of Women Voters of Stanislaus County, who provided an informative presentation to help community members better understand and exercise their right to vote. With the June primary behind us and the general election approaching in November, I encourage everyone who is eligible to make their voice heard. We look forward to continuing these educational sessions so our community can feel informed, empowered, and ready to participate in our democracy.

Our agency continues to stand alongside migrant and seasonal workers through our CWOP project. Our team works directly with families to share information about resources and benefits they may qualify for while also building trusting relationships. It is important for us to extend a helping hand and let families know that we care about their well-being, their future, and their place in our community.

I am also pleased to share that our 2025 Impact Report is now available on our website: www.westmodestocollaborative.com. The report highlights many of the agency's accomplishments and reflects how far we have come, even while working with limited resources. I am proud of what our staff, partners, volunteers, and community members have helped us achieve together.

I invite you to check out our podcast, "Vibin' with West Modesto," to learn more about what is happening in our community. The podcast features guest speakers, community leaders,

performing arts activities, and conversations that uplift local voices. We hope you will tune in and be part of this growing movement in West Modesto.

Later in July, we are planning to share a report on the MLK Park renovation. Community members will have an opportunity to learn more about the progress of the project and the new building being developed beyond the King-Kennedy Memorial Center. This is an exciting step forward for our neighborhood, and we look forward to keeping the community informed.

We also have several upcoming events, including Workforce Initiative events on July 23 and July 31. Please check the calendar for more information. Sip N Paint Night will take place on July 17 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.; we invite you to come enjoy the evening, connect with others, and make new friends. If you enjoy walking, please join us for our Wellness Walk every first and third Friday at 9 a.m. It is a great opportunity to stay active, spend time in community, and meet the CEO.

Finally, we are excited for the agency's annual Back-to-School Health Fair, made possible through the generous support of Walgreens, Sutter Health, Health Net, Children's Valley Hospital, and Valley First Credit Union. Families can look forward to children's games, health screenings, and much more. We are grateful for the partners who make this event possible, and we look forward to seeing you there.