



## Tuolumne County Homelessness Committee (Minutes of the Meeting on February 09, 2023)

| <u>2022 TCCoH Membership</u>                                                      | Aug 2022 | Sep 2022 | Oct 2022 | Nov 2022 | Dec 2022 | Jan 2023 | Feb 2023 | Mar 2023 | Apr 2023 | May 2023 | Jun 2023 | Jul 2023 |
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| Supervisor<br>David Goldemberg - Chair                                            | ✓        | ✓        | ✓        | ✓        | ✓        | ✓*       | ✓        |          |          |          |          |          |
| Colette Such, District 1 Rep.                                                     | ✓        | ✓        | E        | ✓        | ✓        | ✓        | ✓        |          |          |          |          |          |
| Shelley Muniz, District 2 Rep.                                                    | ✓        | ✓        | ✓        | ✓        | E        | ✓        | ✓        |          |          |          |          |          |
| Larry Barsetti, District 3 Rep.                                                   | V        | V        | ✓        | ✓        | ✓        | ✓        | E        |          |          |          |          |          |
| Dana Butow, District 4 Rep.                                                       | ✓        | ✓        | ✓        | ✓        | ✓        | ✓        | ✓        |          |          |          |          |          |
| Jeanette Lambert, District 5 Rep.                                                 | E        | ✓        | A        | ✓        | ✓        | ✓        | ✓        |          |          |          |          |          |
| Joe Bors, ATCAA                                                                   | ✓        | ✓        | ✓        | ✓        | ✓        | ✓        | A        |          |          |          |          |          |
| Andy Merrill, City of Sonora Rep.                                                 | ✓        | ✓        | A        | ✓        | ✓        | ✓        | ✓        |          |          |          |          |          |
| LeeAnn Hatton, Rep. Chicken<br>Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk<br>Indians of California | E        | E        | ✓        | ✓        | E        | ✓        | ✓        |          |          |          |          |          |
| Darla Merlin, Rep. Tuolumne<br>Band of Me-Wuk Indians                             | E        | E        | ✓        | A        | ✓*       | ✓        | A        |          |          |          |          |          |
| Thomas Crosby, Rep. Tuolumne<br>County Business Council                           | V        | ✓        | E        | ✓        | E        | ✓        | ✓        |          |          |          |          |          |
| Bill Pooley, Tuolumne County<br>Sheriff                                           | E        | E        | ✓        | ✓        | ✓*       | A        | E        |          |          |          |          |          |
| Kris Albrecht, Tuolumne County<br>Veteran Services                                | ✓        | ✓        | ✓        | ✓*       | ✓        | ✓        | ✓        |          |          |          |          |          |
| Cathie Peacock, Interfaith                                                        | ✓        | ✓        | ✓        | E        | ✓        | E        | ✓        |          |          |          |          |          |
| Jennifer Salazar, Lived Experience                                                | V        | E        | ✓        | ✓        | ✓        | ✓        | ✓        |          |          |          |          |          |
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| <b>NON-VOTING ADVISORS<br/>REP.</b>                                               |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| Adventist Health Sonora                                                           |          |          |          |          | ✓        | ✓        | ✓        |          |          |          |          |          |
| Central Sierra Continuum of Care<br>(CSCoC) Youth Advisory Board                  |          |          |          |          | ✓        | ✓        | ✓        |          |          |          |          |          |
| Law Enforcement                                                                   |          |          |          |          |          | ✓        |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| Superintendent of Schools Office                                                  |          | ✓        |          |          |          | ✓        |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| Tuolumne County District<br>Attorney's Office                                     | ✓        |          |          |          |          |          | ✓        |          |          |          |          |          |
| Tuolumne County Health &<br>Human Services Agency                                 | ✓        | ✓        | ✓        | ✓        | ✓        | ✓        | ✓        |          |          |          |          |          |

**Present = ✓   Absent = A   Excused = E   Vacant = V**

**15 Committee Members = 9 Quorum**

| <b><u>Tuolumne County Staff in Attendance</u></b>                             | <b><u>Other Guests in Attendance</u></b>     |
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| Michael Roberson, Homeless Services Coordinator                               | Quincy Yaley, Community Development Director |
| Tracie Riggs, County Administrator                                            |                                              |
| Christina Cunha, Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors |                                              |

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Supervisor Goldemberg called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

## **II. ROLL CALL**

All Committee Members and staff introduced themselves. Christina Cunha confirmed a quorum was present.

## **III. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 12, 2023, MEETING MINUTES**

Andy Merrill provided a comment regarding the ATCAA presentation at the January meeting. Andy Merrill made a motion to approve the minutes of January 12, 2023, Shelly Muniz seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

## **IV. ORAL COMMUNICATION (3 minutes per person, maximum 15 minutes)**

There was no oral communication.

## **V. PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION FROM TUOLUMNE COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

Quincy Yaley, Director of the Community Development Department (CDD) provided a presentation regarding the different divisions and services in her department. She spoke specifically regarding housing and code compliance and how it relates to the community. Director Yaley provided a handout titled "Housing Ladder" and spoke about CDD's approach to housing projects to incorporate community concerns and address hurdles that arise. They are currently working on a process to approve building permits at a much faster pace. She briefly spoke of the code compliance program and how they work closely with partners to address homeless complaints noting CDD's commitment to supporting housing in Tuolumne County.

Committee members provided comments and asked clarifying questions.

A member of the public commented regarding bunk houses and the possibility of having them locally.

A member of the public commented on the radio information he heard about the Columbia Inn and said that would be great.

A member of the public provided comments regarding his good working relationship with CDD. He stated he has two units coming available in the next couple of weeks and four more in the next couple of months for over 55 years of age and over. He stated his projects have been exempt from CEQA.

Christopher Kahn director of the Refuge Recovery Center provided his statistics and stated that if there are funds available go after existing homes.

Donna Wilhelm provided public comment regarding placing modulars or campers on residents' properties with assistance from the County to assist the homeless.

A member of the public provided comment about affordable housing subsidies.

## **VI. TUOLUMNE COUNTY HOMELESS SERVICES REPORT & DISCUSSION**

Michael Roberson stated that he will be regularly sharing information regarding the priority projects approved by the Board of Supervisors. He reported on Community Tool Kit committee work and the Safe Parking ideas which will all come back to the full Committee once County Counsel has time for review. He expressed his gratitude to the Board of Supervisors and County Leadership who are all very supportive of moving forward with getting housing for the unhoused. He shared details regarding shared housing and how it could increase housing capacity and provided some details of a Navigation Center as a one-stop for those in need. He shared a story that came out of public concern during the last rainstorms and noted that staff is working on helping the unhoused during those times when the weather does not meet the threshold to open warm shelters.

Next month the guest speaker will be Emily Graham from Mother Lode Job Training.

Committee members provided comments and asked clarifying questions.

A member of the public provided comments regarding different weather policies for opening warming shelters county by county.

A member of the public provided a comment regarding drug addiction and the homeless population and that may be why residents are so concerned.

Morgan Rain with the LGBTQ Rural Resource Center provided comment on their new program opening locally, soon. She spoke of the need for more community-based programs.

A member of the public provided comment regarding the funds needed to help those in recovery.

A member of the public provided comment regarding fairgrounds' use for housing during extreme weather events.

A member of the public provided comment regarding his concerns about the amount of money being utilized for emergency housing. He would like to see more work therapy, for food and housing.

A member of the public provided comment regarding information regarding Care Court.

## **VII. SERVICE PROVIDERS REPORTS & DISCUSSION**

Cathy Parker with Adventist Health spoke about their work actively enrolling individuals into Medi-Cal and that their Social Workers are linking the homeless to resources and working with Project Hope.

Kelly Camp with Center Sierra of Care of Youth Advisory Board announced the Youth Action Board meeting and provided a handout with the details for the February 28<sup>th</sup> event.

Nicole Griswold with the Health and Human Services Agency noted that they currently assisting the unhoused with case management and provided statistics and noted that more staff are needed.

Kelsey Stone with Victim Witness with the District Attorney's Office noted how they help victims of crime.

Jeanette Lambert with the David Lambert Drop-In Center announced their 25th anniversary, and she shared a success story of someone who previously attended the drop-in center. Also, they are actively encouraging their members to participate in the garbage exchange program through "Compassion Outreach"

Cathie Peacock with Interfaith announced that they are hearing a lack of assistance for paying utilities and many Seniors are affected. She stated that individuals get offers for housing but cannot sustain the housing due to requirements. A new non-profit contacted Interfaith and will begin assisting individuals with their pet care through Interfaith. Cathie also noted that individuals are noting interest in daily work programs.

Shelly Muniz with Resiliency Village noted progress with their new buildings. They are working with Chicken Ranch on different methods to assist with homelessness issues through "Compassion Outreach" with other partners. Currently, they are working on the garbage exchange program and education. She noted the importance of mindful donating and holding campers accountable and announced a sharps recovery program and upcoming community training sessions regarding mindfulness.

Leanne Hatton with Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California piggy-backed on some of the information provided by Shelly Muniz, but additionally noted several partner projects, Narcan education availability, and spoke about some tiny home options.

Lori Brit with Public Health noted her work with the indigent needs program and announced a new mobile health van providing outreach in the community. She noted that the homeless are frustrated with the lack of housing.

Christopher Kahn with Refuge Recovery stated he has 5 bedrooms available, referrals are good, but they must come with funding. He thanked the Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California for their generous donation.

Hazel Mitchell with Give Someone A Chance announced their mobile shower unit and soon-to-be-launched mobile laundry vehicle, free to all.

A member of the public provided a comment on her need for Narcan training.

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| <p><b>VIII. TUOLUMNE COUNTY HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE MEMBER<br/>REPORTS &amp; DISCUSSION</b></p> |
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Dana Butow asked about the idea of a public campground and asked that it be brought back and commented on reassessing the time of the meeting.

Andy Merrill announced that the Sonora City Council approved a contract with a consulting firm regarding the City's finances to include homelessness in the measures as part of the contract. He announced he has been appointed as the new representative for the Solid Waste Committee. He encouraged partners to come together for volunteer clean-up day.

LeAnn Hatton with Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California spoke about their homeless outreach and an event coming up “Earth Day” a clean-up day for all to participate.

Shelly Muniz with Resiliency Village commented on her support of the idea of safe camping.

Kris Albrecht with the Veteran Service Office spoke of services they can provide for the local veterans to advocate for them, such as access to health care and maybe a little extra money.

Jen Salazar shared her personal experiences.

Supervisor Goldemberg stated his gratitude.

#### **IX. FUTURE MEETING DATES & TIMES REMINDER**

Michael Roberson announced the next meeting will be Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at the Sonora Library and future meeting locations would be determined. There was a quick raise of the hands for those who could attend night meetings and who could attend morning meetings.

A member of the public provided comment regarding the health equity recovery initiative.

#### **X. ADJOURNMENT**

Supervisor Goldemberg adjourned the meeting at 7:26 PM.

# Youth Action Board

**Are you 14-24?**

**You have something to say about YOUR  
experience with:**

- **living somewhere you shouldn't**
- **couchsurfing**
- **doubled up living**
- **living in a car or the street**
- **unstable housing**

**Join the YAB at our NEXT MEETING!!**



*You could get  
paid for your  
expertise!*

## IN-PERSON

AMADOR: MotherLode Job Training office: 1 Prosperity Ct, Sutter Creek

CALAVERAS: MotherLode Job Training office: 7 Main St, San Andreas

TUOLUMNE: MotherLode Job Training office: 197 Mono Way, Suite B, Sonora,

MARIPOSA: MotherLode Job Training office: 5362 Lemee Lane, Mariposa,  
ETHOS office: 5075 CA-140 Ste G, Mariposa

## FEBRUARY



**3:15pm-4:15pm**

## ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84438503655>

Can't make it? Fill out this  
[survey](#) to stay involved!



Figure 1. Scope of Work of the Community Development Department  
Related to Housing Type, based on the "Housing Ladder"

