



**Tuolumne County Homelessness Committee
(Minutes of the Meeting on March 09, 2023)**

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<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
Supervisor 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	E				
Andy Merrill, City of Sonora Rep.	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
LeeAnn Hatton, Rep. Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California	E	E	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	E				
Darla Merlin, Rep. Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians	E	E	✓	A	✓*	✓	A	✓				
Thomas Crosby, Rep. Tuolumne County Business Council	V	✓	E	✓	E	✓	✓	✓				
Bill Pooley, Tuolumne County Sheriff	E	E	✓	✓	✓*	A	E	✓*				
Kris Albrecht, Tuolumne County Veteran Services	✓	✓	✓	✓*	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Cathie Peacock, Interfaith	✓	✓	✓	E	✓	E	✓	✓				
Jennifer Salazar, Lived Experience	V	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
NON-VOTING ADVISORS REP.												
Adventist Health Sonora					✓	✓	✓	✓				
Central Sierra Continuum of Care (CSCoC) Youth Advisory Board					✓	✓	✓					
Law Enforcement						✓		✓				
Superintendent of Schools Office		✓				✓						
Tuolumne County District Attorney's Office	✓						✓	✓				
Tuolumne County Health & Human Services Agency	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				

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

15 Committee Members = 9 Quorum

* Alternate Supervisor Jaron Brandon

**Neil Evans

<u>Tuolumne County Staff in Attendance</u>	<u>Other Guests in Attendance</u>
Michael Roberson, Homeless Services Coordinator	Emily Graham, Mother Lode Job Training
Christina Cunha, Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors	

I. CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Brandon called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM.

II. ROLL CALL

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

III. APPROVAL OF 2/9/2023, MEETING MINUTES

Christina Cunha noted an error under item number 6. Morgan Rain represents LGBTQ Rural Resources Center. Andy Merrill made a motion to approve the minutes of February 09, 2023, with the noted change. Colette Such seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved as amended. Shelly Muniz joined at 9:03 AM.

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

A member of the public provided comment regarding engaging the public with vetting the homeless housing projects moving forward and to consider not having a large number of homeless people housed in the same area.

V. PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION FROM MOTHER LODE JOB TRAINING

Emily Graham, Planning Manager for Mother Lode Job Training introduced herself and reported that she provides support for multiple surrounding counties. She provided a presentation and handout on information regarding their “REBOOT” – a Workforce Accelerator Funding Project (see handout attached for details).

Jennifer Salazar joined at 9:11 AM.

Committee members asked Emily Graham questions regarding services.

A member of the public thanked Emily for her presentation.

Michael Roberson provided comments of appreciation for everything Mother Lode Job Training does for our community, specifically Emily’s passion for the work.

VI. HOMELESS SERVICES REPORT & DISCUSSION

Michael Roberson provided his report focused on the priority projects the Board of Supervisors approved. He provided an update on the status of the Safe Parking and the Community Took Kit. He explained what a Navigation Center could include and spoke of property acquisitions and some of the difficulties when it comes to government entity acquisitions. County team members are working on a strategic plan for how and when to get public input within the process of housing acquisitions. Later on the agenda, he will be asking for committee volunteers to help with this process. Michael Roberson spoke about distributive, supportive, and permanent housing, and how they have been successful locally. He noted funding is available for housing but there are deadlines for using the money. He also noted he had an opportunity to speak at a Senate hearing and impress upon them housing funding needs for rural counties.

A member of the public suggested community education on homelessness.

Chair Brandon requested to take the next items out of order.

X. TUOLUMNE COUNTY HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS & DISCUSSION

Chief Vanderwiel noted the status quo with the homeless population.

Undersheriff Evans noted that the Sheriff's Office's primary focus is the public safety of the community at large. He requested they be involved with projects moving forward.

Jennifer Salazar announced how she has helped people during the storms and has noticed desperation in the homeless during these storms.

Tom Crosby spoke of the need to separate the needs and solutions that have been fully vetted as we try to develop solutions.

Colette Such thanked the County for opening the Community Resilience Centers and noted she is happy to help as a volunteer in the future.

Shelley Muniz commented that there is so much to be done, but we must keep pushing forward and providing community education.

Larry Barsetti noted a need for mobile outreach services.

Dana Butow stated she was happy that Michael Roberson spoke at a Senate for accessibility for rural counties.

Jeanette Lambert spoke about the article in the newspaper regarding a homeless individual's success and now owning a home.

Cathie Peacock spoke regarding isolated seniors during emergencies and the homeless population's need for transportation.

Andy Merrill spoke about his issues regarding closed-session decision-making and stated it is critical to have community engagement. This committee should vet ideas before the Board. He noted his concern about not having the same Supervisor present consistently at the meetings.

Kris Albrecht reported on his visit with legislators at the State Capital.

Darla Merlin spoke about having an emergency response plan to organize ahead of time for the homeless.

Christina Nixon with Health and Human Services spoke about the services provided during the storms and noted that Search and Rescue were very busy helping to get people in hotels.

Kelsey Stone, District Attorney Victim Witness advocates for homeless individuals who are victims of crime. She also noted she assisted at the shelter.

Supervisor Brandon encouraged a re-evaluation of the housing project. He suggested policies be vetted to allow more community interaction. He supports the strategic plan to include the community.

A member of the public provided comment agreeing with Andy Merrill and suggested this committee be part of the strategic plan. She spoke of the notification system and how other counties use it.

A member of the public provided comment on her support for healthy people and some positive solutions.

VII. HOMELESS SERVICES INCLEMENT WEATHER PLAN DISCUSSION & WORK GROUP RECRUITMENT

Michael Roberson requested a small group of volunteers interested in assisting with developing an inclement weather plan for the unhoused populations as their needs differ from others. These volunteers will interact with the Office of Emergency Services and Health and Human Services Agency Staff and other stakeholders and will report back to the full committee.

Colette Such, Shelley Muniz, Jennifer Salazar, and Cathie Peacock volunteered to be part of the workgroup.

A member of the public commented about an already existing volunteer list and County employees and when they are activated to be disaster workers.

VIII. HOMELESS SERVICES COMMUNITY INPUT FORUMS DISCUSSION & WORK GROUP RECRUITMENT

Michael Roberson requested a small group of volunteers to work together to design a public input process for housing opportunities for the unhoused. This recommendation will come back to the full committee and then to the Board of Supervisors for the ultimate vote.

LeeAnn Hatton could not be at the meeting but brought this idea up as she has experience in this area.

LeeAnn Hatton, Andy Merrill, Dana Butow, Tom Crosby, and Shelley Muniz volunteered to be part of the workgroup.

Committee Members provided comments.

A member of the public provided comment regarding a firm that worked with the City of Sonora to provide data and noted a consultant who attended the Board Workshop.

IX. SERVICE PROVIDER REPORTS & DISCUSSION

Shelley Muniz, with Resiliency Village, shared about the food redistribution project and how they are working with the Chicken Ranch Band of Me-Wuk Indians and Mother Lode Job training. She spoke of the health care initiative group working with the Matheson Clinic on an outreach medical van. Shelley Muniz, Jeanette Lambert, and Cathie Peacock shared information regarding the collaborative program of “Compassion Outreach” and the positive efforts moving forward with garbage collection and more.

Jeannette Lambert commented on her recent time spent with the Health and Human Services staff.

Cathie Peacock spoke positively of the Compassion Outreach Team.

Andy Merrill reported that the recent solid waste committee was canceled. However, there could be a garbage clean-up grant funding opportunity through Tuolumne County Transportation Council.

Jennifer Salazar spoke about trash clean-up history and stated her excitement regarding the new garbage program through “Compassion Outreach”.

A member of public health commented on hygiene kits they have that need to be distributed but have been delayed due to the storms.

XI. FUTURE MEETING DATES & TIMES REMINDER

Michael Roberson noted a date change needed for the regular meeting in April and requested a show of hands of voting members who could attend an afternoon meeting on Thursday, April 6 @ 1 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Conference Room. The new date was agreed upon. All future dates are noted below.

- Thursday, May 11 @ 5:30 p.m. – Board of Supervisors Conference Room
- Thursday, June 8, @ 9 a.m. – Board of Supervisors Conference Room

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Brandon adjourned the meeting at 10:59 PM.

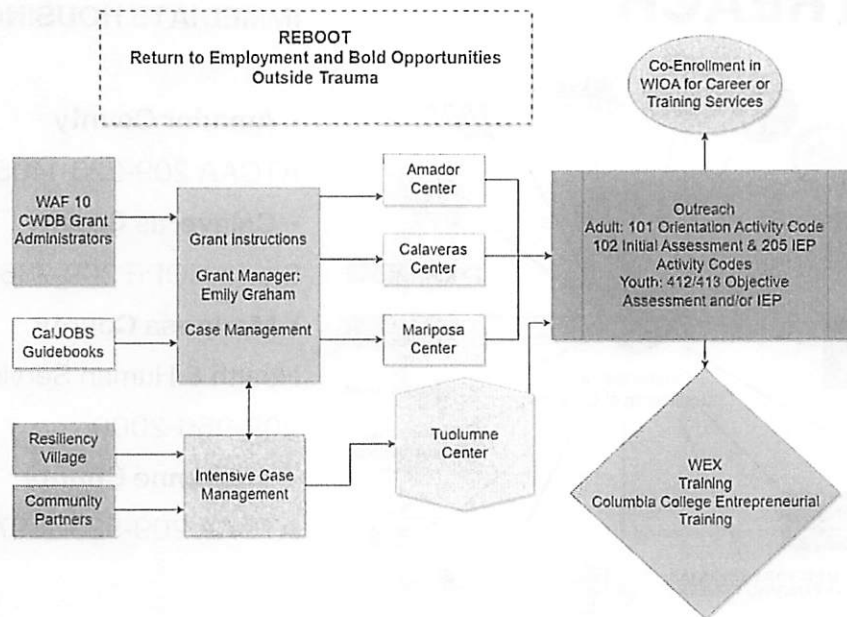
REBOOT – a Workforce Accelerator Funded Project



- Return to
- Employment and
- Bold
- Opportunities
- Outside
- Trauma

**June 1, 2022 –
Dec 31, 2023**

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Incentives and Supportive Services

- Hire Homeless Tax Credit Assistance for Employers
- Transportation Assistance – mileage reimbursement, vehicle registration and initial insurance costs, e-bike
- Clothing assistance – interview attire, uniforms, shoes, work-appropriate clothes
- Dental care – when MediCal providers cannot be accessed
- Temporary housing – short term rental assistance, housing while in training
- Tools, books, and fees for employment and training participation
- Employment and/or Training related expenses

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OUTREACH



IMMEDIATE HOUSING NEEDS

- **Amador County**
ATCAA 209-223-1485 x 243
- **Calaveras County**
Sierra HOPE 209-736-6792
- **Mariposa County**
Health & Human Services
209-966-2000
- **Tuolumne County**
ATCAA 209-533-1397 x 238

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Myths vs. Truth About Homelessness (click + for truth)

— Myth: people who are homeless should just get a job and then they would not be homeless.

Truth: Many people who are homeless do have jobs, sometimes two or even three. The National Coalition for the Homeless estimates as many as 40%-60% of people experiencing homelessness nationwide are employed. However, a paycheck does not necessarily solve their homelessness or other challenges.

Participant Outcome

No of Participants at End of Quarter

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Quarter 5	Quarter 6	Quarter 7
0	6	19	32	33	20	0

DELIVERABLES & GOALS

- 60 INDIVIDUALS REACHED (ORIENTATION)
- 6 RESILIENCY VILLAGE RESIDENTS SERVED WITH CAREER AND TRAINING (JOB READINESS, TRAINING, OJT, WEX, FINANCIAL LITERACY)
- 46 RECEIVE ORIENTATION, INITIAL ASSESSMENT AND IEP. Additional Career and Training services provided according to IEP and funds availability
- 6 EMPLOYMENT PLACEMENT with higher earnings (\$18+ PER HOUR)
- 6 EMPLOYMENT RETENTION with higher earnings

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WEX AND FINANCIAL LITERACY GO TOGETHER

Those enrolled in WEX activity **MUST** also be enrolled in this activity and complete a baseline budget within the first 90 days of starting WEX.

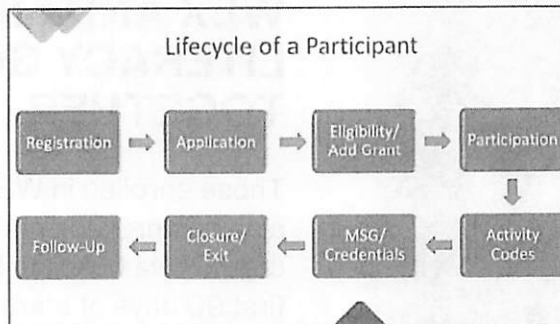
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OTHER GRANT DELIVERABLES

What will project do? List specific project outcomes and deliverables (quantitative and/or qualitative)	How will this be measured/achieved? Describe how you will know if project is successful (quantitative and/or qualitative).
Develop partnership agreements.	Finalize and execute the agreement between MLJT and Resiliency Village.
Develop strategic objectives for integrated service delivery model.	Finalize written objectives. Disseminate to project team, partner staff, and community stakeholders.
Align policies and procedures across partners.	Finalize written policies and procedures reflecting alignment.
Develop strategies, protocols, processes, relationships, and tools to implement housing/homeless services and workforce development services integration.	Finalize written procedures/tools. Disseminate procedures/tools and provide training to staff.
Prepare a written summary describing the model.	Complete summary and post online.

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Lifecycle of a Participant



Case Management

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HOMELESS - defined

A homeless and/or housing insecure individual:

- Lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence;
- Has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;
- Is living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements;
- Is an unaccompanied or migratory youth;
- and/or is fleeing domestic violence or life-threatening conditions in the individual's current housing situation.

42 U.S.C. Section 11302 103(a) and (b) full section follows

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(a) IN GENERAL

For purposes of this chapter, the terms "homeless", "homeless individual", and "homeless person" means— 1 an individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence;

(2) an individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground;

(3) an individual or family living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including hotels and motels paid for by Federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals or by charitable organizations, congregate shelters, and transitional housing);

(4) an individual who resided in a shelter or place not meant for human habitation and who is exiting an institution where he or she temporarily resided;

(5) an individual or family who—(A) will imminently lose their housing, including housing they own, rent, or live in without paying rent, are sharing with others, and rooms in hotels or motels not paid for by Federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals or by charitable organizations, as evidenced by—(i) a court order resulting from an eviction action that notifies the individual or family that they must leave within 14 days;

(ii) the individual or family having a primary nighttime residence that is a room in a hotel or motel and where they lack the resources necessary to reside there for more than 14 days; or

(iii) credible evidence indicating that the owner or renter of the housing will not allow the individual or family to stay for more than 14 days, and any oral statement from an individual or family seeking homeless assistance that is found to be credible shall be considered credible evidence for purposes of this clause;

(B) has no subsequent residence identified; and

(C) lacks the resources or support networks needed to obtain other permanent housing; and

(6) unaccompanied youth and homeless families with children and youth defined as homeless under other Federal statutes who—(A) have experienced a long term period without living independently in permanent housing,

(B) have experienced persistent instability as measured by frequent moves over such period, and

(C) can be expected to continue in such status for an extended period of time because of chronic disabilities, chronic physical health or mental health conditions, substance addiction, histories of domestic violence or childhood abuse, the presence of a child or youth with a disability, or multiple barriers to employment.

(b) **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, STALKING, AND OTHER DANGEROUS, TRAUMATIC, OR LIFE-THREATENING CONDITIONS RELATING TO SUCH VIOLENCE** Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the Secretary shall consider to be homeless any individual or family who—(1) is experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to, or fleeing or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous, traumatic, or life-threatening conditions related to the violence against the individual or a family member in the individual's or family's current housing situation, including where the health and safety of children are jeopardized;

(2) has no other safe residence; and lacks the resources to obtain other safe permanent housing.

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BARRIERS INFORMATION

* Homeless:

☒ Yes ☐ No

* Verify:

[[Verify](#) | [Scan](#) | [Upload](#) | [Link](#)]

✓ Written statement from shelter

Homeless Verification

- ☒ Written statement from shelter
- ☐ Written statement from an individual providing temporary assistance
- ☐ Written statement from Social Service agency
- ☐ Applicant statement/self attestation, in limited cases
- ☐ Self Certification

**MUST SELECT
"YES"**

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ACTIVITY CODES

ALL ADULT PARTICIPANTS

101	Orientation An individual attended an orientation informing him/her of the information and services available through the AJCC delivery system. This includes, but is not limited to, Veteran Orientation, WIOA Orientation, and Local Office Orientation.
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ALL YOUTH PARTICIPANTS

412	Objective Assessment AJCC staff conducted an objective assessment of the Youth participant's academic levels, skill levels, and service needs, which included an assessment of basic skills, occupational skills, prior work experience, employability, interests, aptitudes (including interests and aptitudes for nontraditional jobs), supportive service needs, and developmental needs for the purpose of identifying appropriate services and career pathways. Assessments must also consider a youth's strengths rather than just focusing on areas that need improvement.
413	Develop Service Strategies (IEP/ISS/EDP) AJCC staff developed individual strategies for the Youth participant that are directly linked to one or more performance indicator, and that identified career pathways that included education and employment goals, including, when appropriate, nontraditional employment, appropriate achievement objectives, and appropriate services that took into account the Youth's Objective Assessment.

FOR ALL ADULT PARTICIPANTS: 102 Initial Assessment AND 205 IEP in the WAF 10 Grant are REQUIRED by the grant administrators for ALL participants who are served in the grant

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ACTIVITY CODES -, NOT WIOA CO-ENROLLED

300 Occupational Skills Training (Approved ETPL Provider) The participant enrolled in a California (CA) Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) training program designed to provide the technical skills necessary to perform a specific job or group of jobs. All Occupational Skills Training services must have an Occupational Code (ONET Code) that indicates the type of training being provided. The Industry Code (NAICS Code) is not required.	215 Short-Term Prevocational Services A participant is receiving short-term, prevocational services, including the development of learning, communication, interviewing skills, punctuality, personal maintenance skills, and professional conduct to prepare the participant for unsubsidized employment or training.
301 On-the-Job Training A participant took part in paid training while engaged in productive work in a job. The training (a) provided knowledge or skills essential to the full and adequate performance of the job; and (b) provided reimbursement to the employer for up to 50% of the participant's wage rate for extraordinary costs of providing the training and additional supervision related to the training; and (c) was limited in duration appropriate to the occupation for which the participant was being trained, taking into account the training's content, the participant's prior work experience, and service strategy, as appropriate.	219 Work Experience A participant took part in a planned, structured learning experience that took place in a private, for-profit, nonprofit, or public sector workplace for a limited time period. Work experience may be paid or unpaid, as appropriate. This activity does not include Internship (218), Pre-Apprenticeship Training (224), or Transitional Job (320).
302 Entrepreneurial Training A participant attended entrepreneurial skills training that included, but was not limited to, the elements of starting and operating a small business, business plan development, securing financing, general business law concepts, employee management, and the understanding of marketing concepts.	221 Financial Literacy Education A participant received financial literacy services that support the ability to do one or more of the following: 1. Create household budgets, initiate savings plans, and make informed financial decisions about education, retirements, home ownership, wealth building, or other savings goals. 2. Manage spending, credit, and debt, including credit card debt, effectively. 3. Increasing awareness of the availability and significance of credit reports and credit scores in obtaining credit, including determining their accuracy (and how to correct inaccuracies in the reports and scores), and their effect on credit terms. 4. The ability to understand, evaluate, and compare financial products, services, and opportunities. 5. Address the particular financial literacy needs of non-English speakers, including providing the support through the development and distribution of multilingual financial literacy and education materials.

If Youth: 407 Financial Literacy Education, 416 Occupational Skills Training (Approved ETPL Provider), 424 Entrepreneurial Training, 425 Work Experience, 428 Youth On-The-Job Training

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How to Refer:

Method

- In person
- Phone
- Email
- Facebook
- Unite Us
- CoC Coordinated Entry

Access

- 197 Mono Way Suite B Sonora, Mon-Fri 8am to 4:30pm
- 209-588-1150
- info@mljt.org; cjim@mljt.org
- <https://www.facebook.com/MotherLodeJobs>
- Uniteus.com
- Weekly phone calls

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MLJT – Tuolumne Center



- 197 Mono Way Suite Sonora, CA
- 209-588-1150



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Resiliency Village



13707 Jenny Lind Rd
Sonora, CA
(about 20 minutes from MLJT)

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