

TUOLUMNE COUNTY HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

“The purpose of the Tuolumne County Homelessness Committee is to serve the County Board of Supervisors by advising on policy and practices related to services and programs that affect the County’s residents who are currently or at risk of experiencing homelessness.”

Date/Time: Thursday, October 12, 2023 @ 9:00 a.m.

Location: Tuolumne County Board Chambers, 2 S. Green Street, 4th Floor - Sonora, CA 95370

Email &/or U.S. Mail comments to: Michael Roberson at mroberson@co.tuolumne.ca.us or: CAO Office 2 S. Green St. Sonora CA 95370 no later than 8:00 AM on the morning of the meeting.

CHAIRPERSON

Supervisor David Goldemberg

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

#1 Colette Such

#2 Shelley Muniz

#3 Dawn Lien

#4 Dana Butow

#5 Jeanette Lambert

OTHER MEMBERS

ATCAA

-Joe Bors

City of Sonora

-Andy Merrill

Chicken Ranch Rancheria of
Me-Wuk Indians of California

-LeeAnn Hatton

Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians

-Darla Merlin

Tuolumne County Business Council

-Tom Crosby

Tuolumne County Sheriff

-Bill Pooley

Tuolumne County Veterans Services

-Kris Albrecht

Local Service Providers

-Interfaith/Cathy Peacock

Lived Experience

-Jennifer Salazar

STAFF

County Administrator

-Tracie Riggs

Homeless Services Coordinator

-Michael Roberson

Executive Clerk/Committee Secretary

-Tanya Bruchacek

NON-VOTING ADVISORS

Adventist Health Sonora

District Attorney’s Office

Health & Human Services Agency

Law Enforcement

Superintendent of Schools Office

Youth Advisory Board

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

[Tanya Bruchacek/5 minutes]

- Introductions during roll call
- Confirm quorum requirements are met [Quorum = 9 members]

III. APPROVAL OF 8/10/23 MEETING MINUTES

[Tanya Bruchacek /Attachment/5 minutes]

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

[Supervisor Goldemberg/Community Members/15 minutes maximum]

- Members of the public may be heard on any item **not** on the Committee’s agenda. A person addressing the Committee will be limited to three minutes. Comments by members of the public on any item on the agenda will only be allowed during consideration of the item by the Committee.

V. COUNTY COUNSEL PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION ON THE BROWN ACT

[County Counsel/15 minutes maximum]

Public Comment (limited to three minutes per person)

VI. COUNTY COUNSEL PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION ON PURPOSE, AUTHORITY & RULES FOR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEES

[County Counsel/15 minutes maximum]

Public Comment (limited to three minutes per person)

VII. DISCUSSION ON REDUCTION OF MEMBERSHIP & ELIMINATION OF ADVISORY MEMBERS

[Supervisor Goldemberg/Committee Members/15 minutes maximum]

Public Comment (limited to three minutes per person)

VIII. DISCUSSION ON FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

[Supervisor Goldemberg/Committee Members/15 minutes maximum]

Public Comment (limited to three minutes per person)

IX. TUOLUMNE COUNTY HOMELESSNESS SERVICES STAFF REPORT

[Michael Roberson/Committee Members/15minutes maximum]

- Staff will report on progress related to the Homeless Services Priority Projects
- Public Comment (limited to three minutes per person)

X. FUTURE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

[Supervisors Goldemberg/2 minutes]

- Review of 2023 Homeless Services Priority Projects
- Discussion on 2024 Homeless Services Priority Projects

XI. FUTURE MEETING DATES & TIMES

[Supervisors Goldemberg/2 minutes]

- Thursday, November 9, @ 5:30 p.m. – Board of Supervisors Conference Room
- Thursday, December 14, @ 9 a.m. – Board of Supervisors Conference Room

XII. ADJOURNMENT



**Tuolumne County Homelessness Committee
(Minutes of the Meeting on August 10, 2023)**

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<u>2023 TCHC Membership</u>	Aug 2022	Sep 2022	Oct 2022	Nov 2022	Dec 2022	Jan 2023	Feb 2023	Mar 9, 2023	Mar 20, 2023	Apr 2023	May 2023	Jul 2023	Aug 2023
Supervisor David Goldemberg - Chair	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓*	✓	✓	✓	✓*	✓	✓	✓
Colette Such, District 1 Rep.	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	✓	✓
Shelley Muniz, District 2 Rep.	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
*Dawn Lien, District 3 Rep.											✓	✓	✓
Dana Butow, District 4 Rep.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Jeanette Lambert, District 5 Rep.	E	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Joe Bors, ATCAA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	E	E	✓	✓	✓	E
Andy Merrill, City of Sonora Rep.	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LeeAnn Hatton, Rep. Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California	E	E	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	E	✓	✓
Darla Merlin, Rep. Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians	E	E	✓	A	✓*	✓	A	✓	E	✓	A	E	A
Thomas Crosby, Rep. Tuolumne County Business Council	V	✓	E	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A
Bill Pooley, Tuolumne County Sheriff	E	E	✓	✓	✓*	A	E	✓*	✓*	E	✓	A	A
Kris Albrecht, Tuolumne County Veteran Services	✓	✓	✓	✓*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓*	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cathie Peacock, Interfaith	✓	✓	✓	E	✓	E	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	E	✓
Jennifer Salazar, Lived Experience	V	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A
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

* May 11, 2023, first meeting as new member

<u>Tuolumne County Staff in Attendance</u>	<u>Other Guests in Attendance</u>
Michael Roberson, Homeless Services Coordinator	
Tanya Bruchacek, Executive Clerk	

I. CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Goldemberg called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

All Committee Members and staff introduced themselves. Tanya Bruchacek confirmed a quorum was present.

III. APPROVAL OF 07/13/23 MEETING MINUTES

Andy Merrill made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2023 meeting. Dana Butow seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote with Cathie Peacock arriving at 5:43 p.m.

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No public comment

V. HOMELESS SERVICES STAFF UPDATES AND DISCUSSION ON HOMELESS SERVICE PRIORITY PROJECT

Michael Roberson, Homeless Services Coordinator reported on 2023 projects with a handout provided.

Committee Members provided questions.

Supervisor Goldemberg and Michael Roberson, Homeless Services Coordinator provided clarifying comments.

Member of the public provided comment in support of using county land and buildings for transitional use, the Lambert Community Center, and the installation of a gate at the navigation center.

VI. SOCIAL SERVICES STAFF UPDATE ON COORDINATED ENTRY AND HOMELESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Christina Nixon, Social Services Supervisor provided a report on the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

Committee Members provided questions.

Michael Roberson, Homeless Service Coordinator and Supervisor Goldemberg provided clarifying comments.

No public comment.

Shelly Muniz left the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

VII. TUOLUMNE COUNTY HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

Andy Merrill reported on recent visits to the encampment behind DMV and the enrichment center.

LeAnn Hatton and Jeannette Lambert reported on the success of the Wellness Day event hosted by Compassion Outreach. Jeannette noted that there has been improvement in the volunteer vetting process and expressed her appreciation.

Colette Such stated her support of the enrichment center for future events.

Kris Albrecht reminded the community to send Veterans their way for services and a recent resource discovery of Victory Gardens out of San Joaquin County for displaced veterans.

Cathie Peacock reported on the Wellness Day event's success and the client's appreciation. Interfaith has seen a 22% increase in homelessness noting a trend of single mothers and seniors. She continued that the education teams going into the camps along with trash services have been successful.

Member of the public provided a comment on Wellness Day events.

VIII. COMMUNITY Q & A

Member of the public provided a question asking how the Tuolumne County Homelessness Committee advises the County Board of Supervisors.

Michael Roberson, Homeless Services Coordinator; Supervisor Goldemberg, Cassandra Jenecke; District Attorney, and Cathie Peacock, Committee member responded.

LeAnn Hatton left the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Supervisor Goldemberg noted the upcoming September 14, 2023 meeting at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m., due to lack of a quorum.



TUOLUMNE COUNTY HOMELESS SERVICES

Engaging the unsheltered on a path to permanent housing

PRIORITY PROJECTS 2023

Community Toolkit on Homelessness

Homeless people are members of our community and should be extended the same level of consideration as those who are housed. However, every private citizen, business, and property owner deserves to live their lives free of the negative impacts of those living unhoused. A community toolkit will address County policy and practice related to citizen rights, law enforcement efforts and homelessness.

Coordinated Entry

The Coordinated Entry System (CES) is a Continuum of Care (CoC) established system-wide process to quickly and equitably coordinate the Housing & Urban Development (HUD) requirements of access, assessment, prioritization and referrals to housing and services for people experiencing or at imminent risk of homelessness. HHSA staff has been trained and the system is being developed consistent with the programs offered. Other regional service providers input their project information to this system to help create accurate data-driven assessments and reports.

Homeless Management Information System

A Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is a local information technology system used to collect client-level data and data on the provision of housing and services to homeless individuals and families and persons at risk of homelessness. Each CoC is responsible for selecting an HMIS software solution that complies with HUD's data collection, management, and reporting standards. Regional partners are obligated to use the HMIS system. HMIS is operational in Tuolumne County and is expanding consistent with staff training and program development.

Navigation Center

Navigation Centers are a critical tool in the effort to end homelessness. Navigation Centers provide intensive case management to connect people to the unique care and housing solutions they need. Clients receive personalized support to help address housing barriers such as lack of personal identity documents, employment opportunities, or histories of eviction. If a Navigation Center has a housing component the housing is temporary and low barrier with on-site case management, streamlined access to social services and medical care, and coordinated entry into pathways to permanent housing. Tuolumne County also has a need for a mobile and outreach-oriented component of navigation services.

Transitional Shelter

Transitional shelters are a form of temporary housing that is typically offered with other supportive services for a set period of time and could be a part of a more permanent Navigation Center but with the option for a longer stay.

HMIS AND COORDINATED ENTRY

Overview of HMIS (Homeless Management Information System)

HMIS is a local information technology system used to record and store person level information on the characteristics and service participation of individuals and families experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness in a given CoC. HMIS was developed in response to a Congressional mandate and ensures that homeless service organizations receiving funding from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) are collaborating with regional community partners to collect a universal set of data elements and work towards community-wide outcomes. While HUD sets the requirements for HMIS, HMIS is administered and implemented at the local homeless CoC level. A CoC is a local or regional planning body (Currently 44 CoC's in California) that seeks to provide housing and services, develop a strategic approach to homeless solutions, and fulfill various federal and state requirements including the administration of a local HMIS. Below are additional aspects of HMIS:

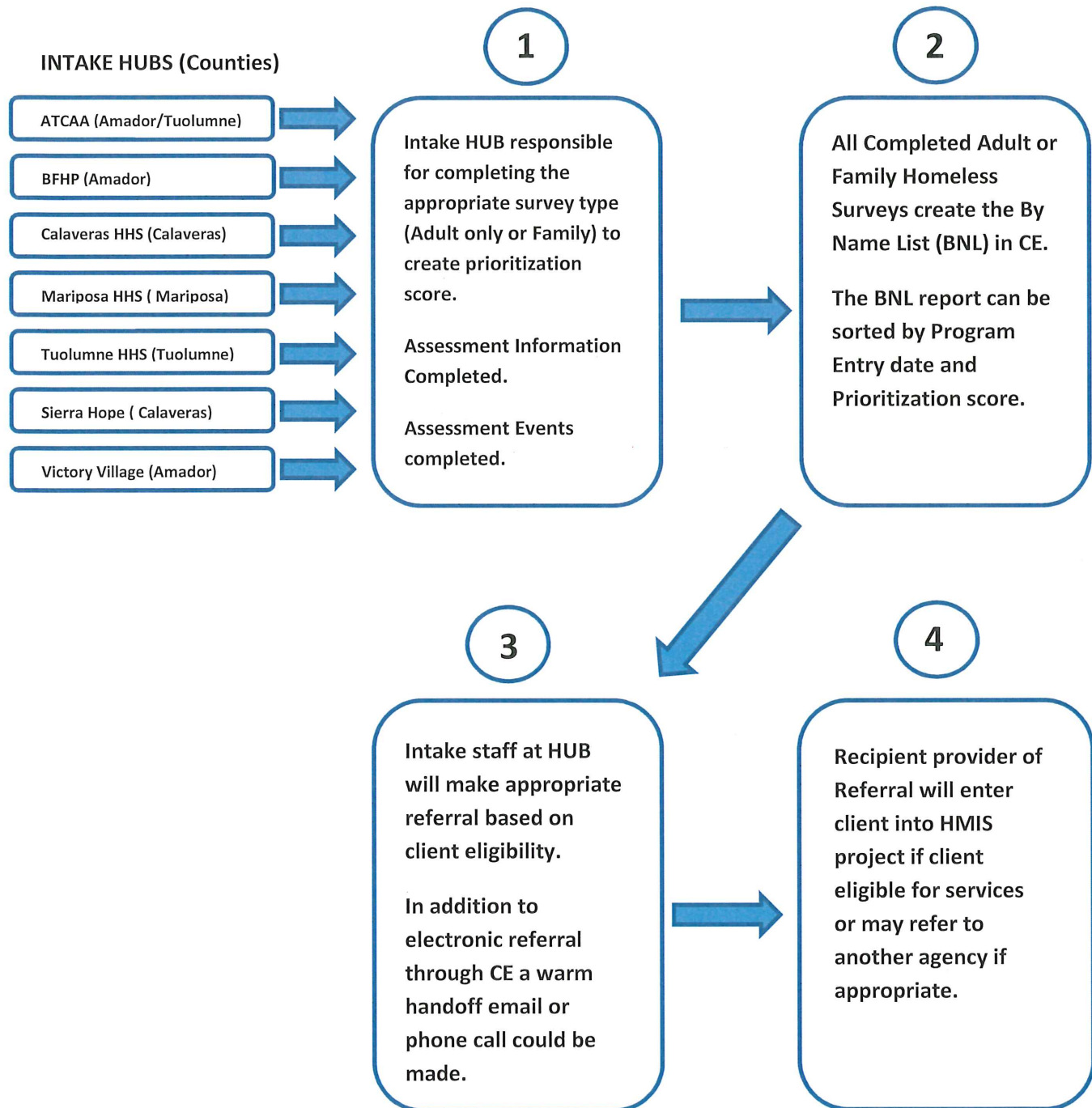
- Each CoC designates an entity to administer and oversee the HMIS. Many times the HMIS lead agency may also fulfill the duties of the CoC lead agency. HMIS lead agencies may be public entities (Counties, Cities, Public Housing Authorities) or non-profit organizations.
- Each CoC must designate an HMIS software. While each HMIS software uses the HUD data standards, software solutions vary. Popular HMIS software solutions include Bitfocus Clarity, Client Track, Wellsky, and others.
- HMIS is a major source of information for HUD's Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) to Congress which provides estimates on numbers and characteristics of individuals and families experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity.
- All designated agencies funded to provide homeless services by the State of California and/or HUD must meet the minimum HMIS participation standards as defined in accordance with CoC policies and procedures. These designated programs include Homelessness Prevention, Street Outreach, Emergency Shelters, Transitional Housing, Safe Haven, Coordinated Entry, Rapid Re-Housing, Permanent Housing, Permanent Supportive Housing, and Supportive Services Only programs.

Benefits of Using HMIS

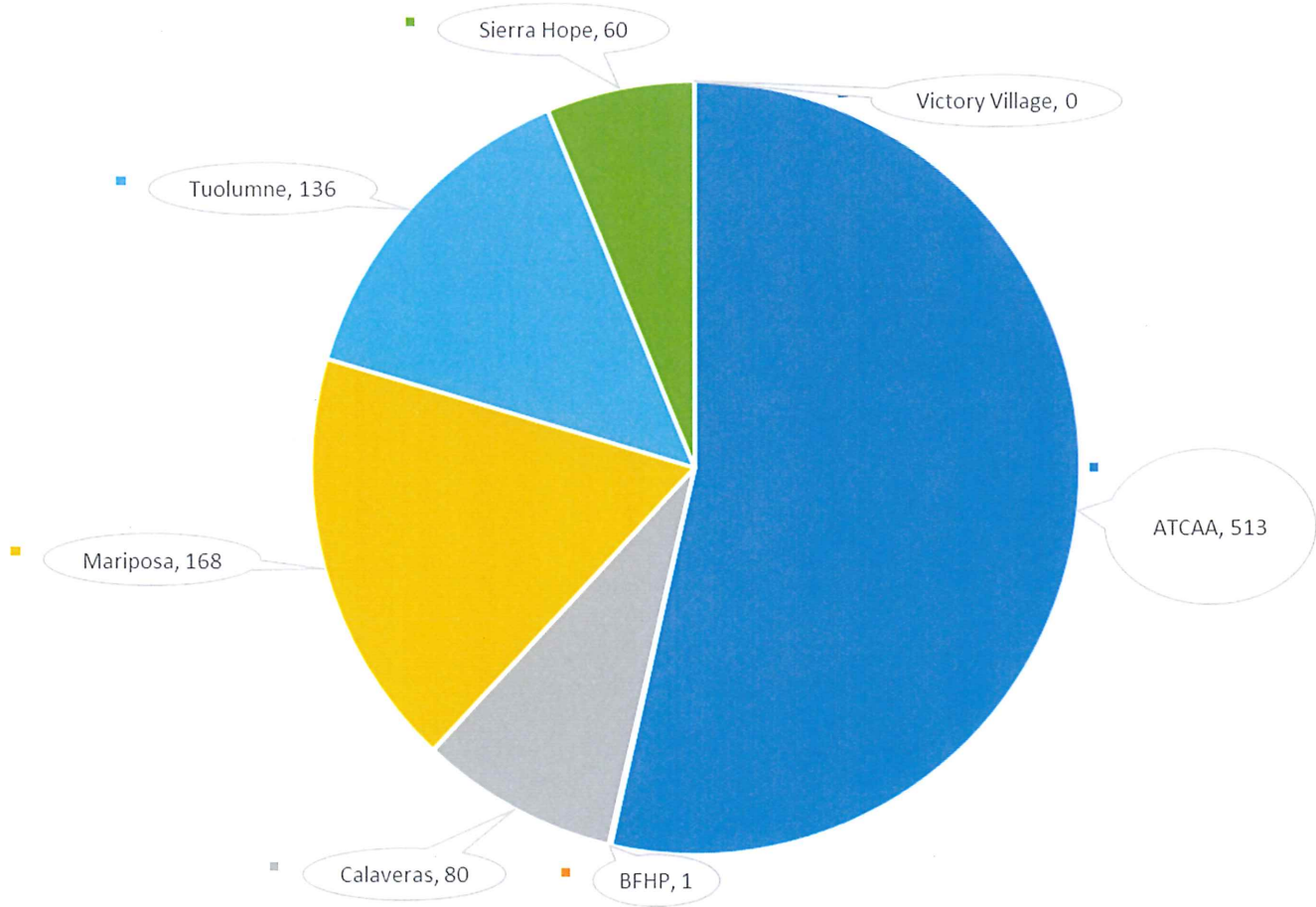
Participation in the local HMIS system provides a wide array of benefits for ECM and CS providers and members they are serving:

- Ability to identify individuals experiencing homelessness who may be eligible for ECM and CS services and proactively conduct outreach and engagement for enrollment.
- Enhances outreach, engagement, and care management planning by providing a member's history of homeless services utilization including participation in prior homeless programs as well as an understanding of the current housing and homeless services they might be accessing. In addition some HMIS are using geolocation functionality to provide the locations of where individuals may be receiving services such as outreach which may help to locate and engage members if struggling to find them.
- In most CoC's, the local CES is embedded in the HMIS. CES is the system that each CoC uses to support individuals and families experiencing homelessness to be assessed for housing

CA 526 Coordinated Entry Process Flow



CES SPDAT Surveys Completed Calendar Year 2022



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Thu Aug 10
03:23 PM

Nixon, Christina

User

Tuolumne County

WIS Only

ADULTS, NO CHILDREN V-SPDAT [DATE: 08/07/2022 5:00PM EST]

Project History

IntakeID	Client Name (this file)	Applicant Name of Project	Agency Name	Program	Date Entered	Date Exited	Project Type	User
			Tuolumne County	Tuolumne DSS ES HDAP	06/02/2022	04/04/2023	Emergency Shelter	
			Tuolumne County	Tuolumne HHSA Refugee Recovery ES	03/07/2022	05/09/2022	Emergency Shelter	
			Coordinated Entry	SPDAT Coordinated Entry	02/01/2022		Coordinated Entry	
			Coordinated Entry	SPDAT Coordinated Entry	10/19/2021	12/28/2021	Coordinated Entry	
			ATCAA	SPDAT Coordinated Entry	10/12/2018	02/01/2019	Rapid Re-Housing	
			SIERRA HOPE	Homesite RR ESG	06/22/2017	06/30/2020	Other	
			Coordinated Entry	SHOE Food Pantry				
			SPDAT Coordinated Entry			10/12/2018	Coordinated Entry	

- Client Demographics
- Client Address Info
- Project History
- COVID-19 Vaccine
- Intake
- HDAP
- HSAPS
- Other Program Info
- FEMA NCS Project
- Services
- Annual/Update
- Shelter
- Housing Counseling
- Exit
- Known Client Alias Info
- Data Completeness
- Documents
- Admin Use Only