



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

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

<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 5:32p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

III. APPROVAL OF 10/12/2023 MEETING MINUTES

Colette Such made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2023 meeting. Shelly Muniz seconded the motion. The minutes were approved 9-0-1 with Ann Segerstrom abstaining.

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A member of the public read the Tuolumne County Homelessness Committee purpose statement and inquired if the notice of intent to purchase properties presented at the November 07, 2023, Board of Supervisors was discussed in the committee meeting. She offered further comments on transparency, public involvement, committee meeting cancellations, and reducing the non-voting advisors.

V. TUOLUMNE COUNTY HOMELESS SERVICES STAFF REPORT

Michael Roberson, Homeless Services Coordinator reported on the property acquisition process and operational policy. On November 07, 2023, the board of supervisors was presented one (1) property mandated for Behavioral Health housing which failed to be approved, and three (3) properties for homelessness housing. Michael and District Supervisors are reaching out to the community for public input on the three (3) housing properties with final costs and details to be returned to the board on or around December 19, 2023.

A request for proposal is now open for site management of the navigation center, six (6) different agencies have downloaded the information and it is still to be determined if the county will contract house management services or provide the management in-house.

Work on the roof of the navigation center has begun and will continue as weather permits.

Safe parking is on pause as ordinances are in the design process.

The homeless services bulletin board and dashboard are live, the best way to find it is to Google Tuolumne County Homeless bulletin board and it will appear at the top of the search engine. This tool shows how many people are under case management with real-

time data and date range options, 86 people have transitioned to permanent housing since the inception of the dashboard.

Homelessness Awareness Week: Homelessness services partnered with ATCAA; Michael asked that Christina Nixon report on the upcoming events. Starting with invitations to participate in Volunteer Day on Saturday, November 11, 2023; the League of Women Voters will host a live forum on Tuolumne County Homeless services that will broadcast through Access Tuolumne, A watch party online event to view the documentary “Lead Me Home” streaming on Netflix and ending with a Homeless Resource Fair that caters to the unsheltered or people who are at risk of homelessness with 20 plus service providers participating and a video highlighting local services and outreach. A handout was provided.

A member of the public provided comment that the advisory committee should be involved in providing input to the board of supervisors regarding the properties related to services.

VI. CHAIRPERSON UPDATES ON REDUCTION OF MEMBERSHIP AND ELIMINATION OF ADVISORY MEMBERS

Supervisor Goldemberg provided comment on the history of the governing handbook and how committees are here to assist in an advisory capacity. The board of supervisors relies on staff for operational matters and implementation.

It is recommended that advisory members who are experts in the field when needed be reached out to by the chair and to eliminate the non-voting advisors from being officially listed.

Committee members provided comments and questions.

A member of the public provided comment in support of the public and all committee members advising the board of supervisors.

VII. REVIEW OF 2023 HOMELESS SERVICES PRIORITY PROJECTS & BRAINSTORM OF 2024 PRIORITY PROJECTS

Michael Roberson, Homeless Services Coordinator provided a report on his responsibilities, the 2023 priorities as requested by the board of supervisors and the exercise for selecting the 2024 priorities.

The committee spoke of the need for beds at the beginning of 2023 and brought it to the board as an urgent priority. Over 100 beds are in the process of becoming available because of this committee's impact. Michael spoke to the barriers that make implementing change challenging and slow.

This exercise is to review the priorities from last year and invite recommendations for 2024 priorities. The priorities will come to you for a vote and then to the board of supervisors as a recommendation.

2023

Toolkit: in process with ordinances in process or design phase.

HMIS: client and case management compliance

Navigation Center: currently considering site management options with the navigation center behaving as our social services office. We are partnering with other agencies for walk-in shelter needs.

Safe Parking: on pause while ordinances are being developed with an element of camping and parking.

Landlord engagement: incentivize landlords with assistance from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Housing Choice Voucher program and house share agreements. There has been limited movement on landlord engagement due to many reasons however it continues to be a top priority.

Distributive housing: on going with behavioral health still having a housing need.

Permanent housing: The permanent supportive housing model is part of homeless services and is defined by supportive housing of up to 2 years and is meant for stabilization. This is not a development that increases housing such as the Community Development Departments Housing Collaborative model. The National Alliance to End Homelessness has information on house sharing, an app that connects people with support services including housing options, and Stanislaus Housing Authority is willing to work with Tuolumne County to provide vouchers for supportive housing.

2024

Committee members provided the following for the 2024 homeless services priority project recommendations:

- Community House Share and matching | 2 votes
- Build Out Goals and Timelines
- Safe Parking/Camping | 3 votes
- Landlord Education and Engagement | 3 votes
- Distributive Housing
- Medical Respite | 7 votes
- Life Skills Programs including but not limited to jobs, day labor, job boards/internships health and education | 9 votes
- Prevention Programs and aide | 3 votes
- Lived Experience/Self-Governance such as individual encampment leaders | 1 vote
- Post Incarceration/Re-Entry | 1 vote
- Sanitation and Fire Abatement for encampments | 3 votes
- Pet support | 1 vote
- Public education and awareness | 2 votes
- Dashboard data
- Youth Housing | 9 votes
- Emergency 24/7 Shelter | 2 votes

Jeff Clay provided comment in support of sanitation, fire abatement and volunteers.

A member of the public provided comment and contact information on a program developed by Michal Baldwin a former incarcerated individual that focuses on internships and housing.

Sammy Vanzant provided comment on the success of the Cassina High life skills programs such as mock interviews, job training and appearance.

Joanne McCollough provided comment on having lockers available at the safe parking/camping site.

A member of the public provided comment in support of an open shelter that will reduce the barriers to individuals in immediate need of resources and information.

Michael Roberson wrote the recommendations on poster paper and then proceeded to request the committee members pick their top three priorities by marking them with a star.

VIII. FUTURE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

Supervisor Goldemberg stated that the three most starred priorities will be reviewed at the next meeting.

IX. FUTURE MEETING DATES AND TIMES

Thursday, December 14, 2023 | 9:00 am

X. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Goldemberg adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.