



Tuolumne County Homelessness Committee

Minutes of May 16, 2024 Meeting

Final

<u>2024 TCHC Membership</u>	Mar 20, 2023	Apr 2023	May 2023	Jul 2023	Aug 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Apr 2024	May 2024
Supervisor David Goldemberg - Chair	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Colette Such, District 1 Rep.	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓
Shelley Muniz, District 2 Rep.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dawn Lien, District 3 Rep.			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	✓
Stephanie Foster, District 4 Rep.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	V	V	V	✓	✓	A
Jeanette Lambert, District 5 Rep.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	A	A	✓
ATCAA	E	✓	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	✓
Andy Merrill, City of Sonora Rep.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A
LeeAnn Hatton, Rep. Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓
Darla Merlin, Rep. Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians	E	✓	A	E	A	A	A	A	E	A	A	✓
Thomas Crosby, Rep. Tuolumne County Business Council	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cathie Peacock, Interfaith	E	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	E	E
Jennifer Salazar, Lived Experience	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NON-VOTING ADVISORS REP.												
Tuolumne County Sheriff	✓	E	✓	A	A	✓	✓	A			✓	✓
Tuolumne County District Attorney's Office		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	E

Present = ✓ Absent = A Excused = E Vacant = V 13 Committee Members = 7 Quorum

<u>Tuolumne County Staff in Attendance</u>	<u>Guests in Attendance</u>
Michael Roberson, Homeless Services Coordinator Annie Hockett, HHSA Director Robert Smith, DSS Unhoused Unit Supervisor	

I. CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Goldemberg called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Committee Members and staff introduced themselves. Michael Roberson confirmed a quorum was present. Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians was represented by Merci Rust.

III. APPROVAL OF 04/11/2024 MEETING MINUTES

Member LeeAnn Hatton requested a change to the wording on the TAY report to be “Partnerships for services with community-based organizations are being developed.” Member Colette Such requested the correction of the spelling of her name in the Staff Report.

Tom Crosby motioned to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2024, meeting. Colette Such seconded the motion.

There were no comments from the community.

The motion passed with approval of members Goldemberg, Such, Muniz, Lien, Lambert, Bohrs, Rust, Crosby, and Salazar and an abstention from Hatton.

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No members of the public shared comments.

V. TUOLUMNE COUNTY HOMELESS SERVICES STAFF REPORT

Robert Smith provided an informative update on client referrals (90) from January-April. Approximately one-third have been assigned to a case worker and 40 are pending. Currently 9 clients are activated in the Encampment Resolution Funds grant programs.

Michael Roberson provided written reports for April 2024 related to his efforts as the Homeless Services coordinator for those months. Committee Members provided comments and questions. A progress update on the Sanctioned Camping was shared to include the approval of the Committee proposed plan by the Board of Supervisors, site plans and capacity. Annie Hockett shared plans to include community-based organizations and their services as a part of the overall delivery of services onsite. Sheriff Vasquez reported that he seeks to balance the needs for community health and camper protection while enforcing the law to ensure safety.

Committee members Tom Crosby stated that he saw this initiative as something that community members and organization may want to contribute to financially as a means for sustainability. Member Shelley Muniz asked for clarity on the specific location of the site. Colette Such sought confirmation on the acceptance of the Committee’s recommendations by the Board of Supervisors with explanation by Michael Roberson that the recommendations were accepted. LeeAnn Hatton asked for clarity as to whether local service providers would have to schedule a time to offer services with clarity provided by Annie Hockett who suggested that groups work with her to schedule times to have consistency of services across the week/month.

Public comment included concerns about the County’s response to future Supreme Court decisions that may affect the need for sanctioned camping

VI. REVIEW OF HOMELESS SERVICES 2024 PRIORITY PROJECTS

Michael Roberson gave a brief overview of priority projects as an introduction to the workgroup reports.

There were no public comments.

VII. HOMELESS SERVICES PRIORITIES WORKGROUPS REPORTS

Landlord Education and Engagement: Tom Crosby & Michael Roberson reported out that they are redirecting their effort to engage with property managers and landlords in collaboration with the Tuolumne County Association of Realtor to offer education on the benefits of house share agreements instead of single-family rentals. It was recommended by LeeAnn Hatton that consideration of including an agency that provides homeless prevention services funding be included in the conversation.

Medical Respite: Michael Roberson reported on behalf of Refuge Recovery that they have contracted with CalAim managed care providers to operationalize a medical respite/recuperative care site. Refuge has opened their services and will be offering training soon to agencies who likely will make referrals to the Refuge for medical respite services.

Safe Camping: An update was given as a part of the staff report.

Encampments Sanitation and Fire Abatement: Michael Roberson reported that through partnership with Deborah Regan, Solid Waste Director, the County was able to offer free dumping for a recent 1pileatime initiative and that there is possibility for this partnership to continue and to include Compassion Outreach. Roberson also reported that the manager of Wal-Mart has agreed to provide trash bags for free for all community clean-up efforts and that Jennifer Salazar as a representee of Compassion Outreach has agreed to connect with the manager.

Transitional Age Youth Housing: LeeAnn Hatton reported that Chicken Ranch has purchased a tri-plex for use as housing for transitional age youth as well as life skills training. The housing has capacity for 4-8 people and will include common space for cooking, educational opportunities and services from community groups. She further stated that she has funding to support case management and that any agency interested in providing services could contact her.

Committee members and members of the public asked question regarding the development of these programs to include a Cal Aim provider, Mastercare, who offers services in the County for people who meet criteria for eligibility.

VIII. FORMATION OF LIFESKILLS WORKGRORUP

Michael Roberson asked for volunteers for the Lifeskills Workgroup that will be responsible to engage with community providers to develop a scope of services and report back to the Committee. The volunteers are the Sheriff's Office, ATCAA, Shelley Muniz and possible Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians.

There were no public comments.

IX. FUTURE MEETINGS

Supervisor Goldemberg reviewed the schedule of future meetings.

- Thursday, June 13, @ 9 a.m. – Board of Supervisors Conference Room
- Thursday, July 11, @ 9 a.m. – Board of Supervisors Conference Room
- Thursday, August 8, @ 9 a.m. – Board of Supervisors Conference Room

There were no public comments.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Jeanette Lambert invited the community to the 25th Anniversary Celebration of the David Lambert Drop-In Center on May 30th from 4-6 p.m.

Shelley Muniz announced that Compassion Outreach will be hosting a “Stuff the Bus” event on May 18th in the Wal-Mart parking lot from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with priority given to items needed for the winter months.

Supervisor Goldemberg adjourned the meeting at 10:19 a.m.

April 2024 Monthly Report



*Progress and development of Homeless Services initiatives
Submitted by Michael Roberson, Coordinator*

Advocacy

- Attended the National Alliance to End Homelessness seminar on “The Supreme Court & the Criminalization of Homelessness”
- Met with several community members to discuss the Tuolumne County Strategy to Reduce Homelessness for education & Engagement

Collaboration

- Meetings with HHSA staff for discussion on operations and coordination of housing initiatives to include the Navigation Center Residential Resident Manager job description and approval process (job description was posted for recruitment on 3/25/24 and ended on 4/25/24)
- Onsite planning meetings at the Justice Center Drive Sanctioned Camping location with Capital, Community Development and Public Works
- Implementation discussions on Clean & Clear and Critical Infrastructure ordinances with County Counsel, Sheriff Department, County Administrator and Community Development
- Pet Services program development with Health & Human Services Agency and Friends of the Animal Community staff related to grant funding and scope of service delivery
- Homeless Management Information System discussion with Amador Tuolumne Community Action Agency, Health & Human Services Agency and the Central Sierra Continuum of Care for service delivery in Tuolumne County and data reporting

Community Engagement

- Hosted a volunteer day in conjunction with Love Tuolumne County with The Gathering Church at the new Behavioral Health housing on Parrotts Ferry Road

Grants

- Administration of Encampment Resolution Funds and the creation of reporting mechanisms through the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
- Participate in regular meetings/discussions on Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Round-5 grant application
- Research and discuss with capital projects team grant funds and long term low-interest loans for Veteran’s Housing

Homelessness Committee

- Homelessness Committee & community stakeholders meeting to advance the development of a “Sanctioned Camping” program to seek input on program model, location, supervision and operations. Organized meetings with participating agencies and adjacent neighbors. Presented to and approved by the Board of Supervisors on April 16, 2024.

Housing Acquisition & Development

- Onsite visits with contracted architectural firm for design and construction management services for transitional and permanent housing building renovations
- Encroachment permit process with California Department of Transportation related to the Highway 108 housing initiative
- Playground development, permitting and contract for Navigation Center
- Navigation Center HVAC replacement scope & bidding process