

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, December 11, 2025 @ 9:00 a.m.

Location: Tuolumne County Committees & Commissions Room/48 Yaney/3rd Floor

Email &/or U.S. Mail comments to: Michelle Clark at MClark@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 Ryan Campbell

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

#1 Vacant

#2 Shelley Muniz

#3 Dawn Lien

#4 Stephanie Foster

#5 Chris Neves

OTHER MEMBERS

ATCAA

-Joe Bors

City of Sonora

-Andy Merrill

Chicken Ranch Rancheria of
Me-Wuk Indians of California

-Wittney Hawkins

Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians

-Darla Merlin

Tuolumne County Business Council

-Tom Crosby

Local Service Providers

-Larry Brunel

Lived Experience

-Phil Hickenbottom

NON-VOTING ADVISORS

Tuolumne County Sheriff

Tuolumne County District Attorney

STAFF

HHSA Assistant Director

-Michelle Clark

DSS Supervisor (Unhoused)

-William Vanderheiden

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions during roll call

- Confirm quorum requirements are met [*Quorum = 7 members*]

III. APPROVAL OF 11/13/2025 MEETING MINUTES

[*Committee Chair/Attachment/5 minutes*]

(*Public Comment (limited to three minutes per person)*)

IV. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

[*Committee membership expiration and vacancies/5 minutes*]

Update on Committee Membership: New applications Needed for Members with Expired Terms.

V. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

[*Committee Chair/Community Members/15 minutes*]

- 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.
(*Public Comment (limited to three minutes per person)*)

VI. CAMP JUSTICE WORKGROUP UPDATE & RECOMMENDATIONS

[*Subcommittee Workgroups/Committee Members/30 minutes*]

- Subcommittee will provide an update on workgroup recommendations for Camp Justice.
- Discussion on Recreational Vehicles and Potential Solutions
(*Public Comment (limited to three minutes per person)*)

VII. TUOLUMNE COUNTY HOMELESS SERVICES STAFF REPORT

[*Department of Social Services Team Members/ Committee Members/15 minutes*]

- Staff will report on Homeless Services projects and initiatives and answer questions from Committee members and the public.
- Hotel Utilization as Part of the Homelessness Continuum: Eligibility Review and Discussion
- Camp Justice Update Following the November 18, 2025 Board of Supervisors Meeting
(*Public Comment (limited to three minutes per person)*)

VIII. COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS REPORT

[*Committee Members/Community Members/15 minutes*]

- Members of the Committee will be given the opportunity to share updates on community projects addressing homelessness in Tuolumne County.
(*Public Comment (limited to three minutes per person)*)

IX. FUTURE MEETINGS

[*Committee Chair/2 minutes maximum*]

- Thursday, January 8, 2026 @ 9 a.m. - Committees & Commissions Room/48 Yaney/3rd Floor
- Thursday, February 12, 2026 @ 9 a.m. Committees & Commissions Room/48 Yaney/3rd Floor
- Thursday, March 12, 2025 @ 9 a.m. – Committees & Commissions Room/48 Yaney/3rd Floor

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADJOURNMENT



Tuolumne County Homelessness Committee

Minutes of November 13, 2025, Meeting DRAFT

<u>2025 TCHC Membership</u>	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Apr 2025	May 2025	June 2025	July 2025	Aug. 2025	Oct. 2025	Nov. 2025	Dec. 2025
Supervisor: Ryan Campbell - Chair		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Colette Such, District 1 Rep.		A	A	A	A	A	A		A	
Shelley Muniz, District 2 Rep.		✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓		✓	
Dawn Lien, District 3 Rep.		✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓		✓	
Stephanie Foster, District 4 Rep.		A	✓	A	✓	✓	A		A	
Chris Neves, District 5 Rep.		A	A	A	A	A	A		✓	
ATCAA, Joe Bors		A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Andy Merrill, City of Sonora Rep.		A	✓	A	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Wittney Hawkins, Rep. Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California		✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓		✓	
Darla Merlin, Rep. Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians		✓	A	A	A	✓	✓		A	
Thomas Crosby, Rep. Tuolumne County Business Council		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		A	
Local Service Provider Larry Brunel (8/24)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Lived Experience Phil Hickenbottom		✓	A	A	A	A	A		A	
NON-VOTING ADVISORS REP.										
Tuolumne County Sheriff		✓	✓	A	✓	✓	A		✓	
Tuolumne County District Attorney's Office		A	A	A	A	A	A		A	

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

13 Committee Members = 7 Quorum

<u>Tuolumne County Staff in Attendance</u>	<u>Guests in Attendance</u>
Michelle Clark, HHSA Director William Vanderheiden, DSS Social Worker Truman Kruse, DSS Admin. Support Deputy County Counsel	Lisa Silva - Mastercare Mark Villasenor -Nav center Resident Annabritt Spears – Nav Center Resident Katie Hodges – Adventist Health Nikki Hyske - ATCAA Several unidentified community members.

I. Call to Order

Chair Ryan Campbell called the meeting to order at **9:01 AM**.

II. Roll Call & Introductions

Present Members:

- Ryan Campbell – Chair
- Larry Brunel – Local Service Providers
- Shelly Muniz – District 2 Representative
- Chris Neves – District 5 Representative
- Michelle Clark – Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA)
- Joe Bors – ATCAA
- Wittney Hawkins – Rep. Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California
- Dawn Lien – District 3 Representative
- Andy Merrill – City of Sonora

Quorum Confirmed: Yes (Minimum requirement: 7 members)

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes from **August 14, 2025**.

- **Motion:** Bors
- **Second:** Muniz
- **Vote:** Unanimous approval, no opposition, no public comment.

IV. Oral Communications

- Concerns were expressed about previously canceled meetings.
- Acknowledgement and accolades of Navigation Center success and William Vanderheiden's efforts.
- Further acknowledgements as well as some critiques of the process and representation.

V. Camp Justice Workgroup update & recommendations:

- Discussion of Camp Justice Rules and Expectations document.
- County Counsel voiced concerns about program participation language in the Rules and Expectations document as it relates to Housing First Requirements.
- William Vanderheiden provided background information about need for rules.
- Discussion of ERF funding rules and their implications for Camp Justice rules and

expectations.

- Discussion of board goals and relationship to Homelessness Committee.
- Agreement on language edits for rules.
- RV-related issues were noted for discussion at the next meeting.

Public Comment:

- Questions on plan to solve problems and available options regarding those exited from Camp Justice.
- Questions were raised about why trailers are not allowed, along with advocacy for allowing them to remain.
- Suggested ideas for housing solutions, including container homes at Camp Justice.
- A suggestion was made to include an RV-related agenda item at the next meeting.
- Discussion of Housing First requirements mandated by ERF funding. .
- Discussion of bringing different groups efforts together.

Back to Board:

- Review of Rules and Guidelines with group edits.
- Questions about the future of Camp Justice..

Motion to approve : Merril

Second: Hawkins

VI. Tuolumne County Homeless Services Staff Report:

William Vanderheiden – DSS Social Worker

HDAP:

- Mold damage to trailer necessitated it to be surplus..

Navigation Center Updates:

- Family side full.
- 36 current residents, 12 children.
- 84 served in total.
- 48 have completed program, 38 exited to permanent housing.
- 22 served with ERF funds.
- Highlighted recent successes.
- Local HOA happy with situation.

Camp Justice Updates:

- 62 current residents.
- 47 permanent residents.
- 177 total people have participated in camp.

Board Questions and Comments:

- Questions about Navigation Center vetting and approval process to which William Vanderheiden provided explanation.

Public Comment:

- Question about what constitutes the vetting process, and given limited resources, how is it decided who gets vetted.
- Concerns about lack of social workers for support.
- Question about cost of vetting process.

VII. Community Organizations Reports

Tuolumne band of Mi-Wuk Indians:

- Community dinner at TAY House.
- Working with community groups.
- Only have 4 beds currently.

ATCAA:

- Shared several successes.
- 5 people moved out to housing.

GSAC and Nancy's Hope:

- Approaching conclusion of merger.
- Planning thanksgiving dinner for homeless.

Sheriff's Office:

- Reflection on progress and successes.

City of Sonora:

- Shared opportunities for donating meals.

Host Team:

- Next activities in December.

Compassion Outreach:

- Developing food outreach program.

Public Comment:

- Discussion of difficulties for navigation center residents getting to meetings.

VIII. Future Meetings

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X. Announcements & Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Chair, Ryan Campbell, at 11:17 AM.