

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, June 11, 2026 @ 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

Supervisor Mike Holland, Alternate

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

#1 Jeff Klay

#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

-Anne-Brit Spears

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. 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)*)

IV. APPROVAL OF 5/14/2026 MEETING MINUTES

[*Committee Chair/Attachment/5 minutes*]

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

V. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

[*Committee membership expiration and vacancies 5 minutes*]

- June 2, 2026, Board of Supervisors Approved Anne-Brit Spears-Lived Experience Representative
(*Public Comment (limited to three minutes per person)*)

VI. CAMP JUSTICE WORKGROUP UPDATE & RECOMMENDATIONS

[*Subcommittee Workgroups/Committee Members/15 minutes*]

- Camp Justice Update- No Workgroup Update
- Total Cost to Operate Camp Justice
(*Public Comment (limited to three minutes per person)*)

VII. TUOLUMNE COUNTY HOMELESS SERVICES STAFF REPORT

[*Department of Social Services Team Members/ Committee Members/30 minutes*]

- Miner’s Motel Update-Trinity Abila, Habitat for Humanity
- Staff will report on Homeless Services projects and initiatives and answer questions from Committee members and the public.
(*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, July 9, 2026 @ 9:00 a.m. Committee & Commissions Room/48 Yaney/3rd Floor
- Thursday, August 13, 2026 @ 9:00 a.m. Committee & Commissions Room/48 Yaney/3rd Floor
- Thursday, September 10, 2026 @ 9:00 a.m. Committees & Commissions Room/48 Yaney/3rd Floor

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADJOURNMENT



Tuolumne County Homelessness Committee

Minutes of May 14th, 2026, Meeting
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<u>2026 TCHC Membership</u>	Jan 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	May 2026	June 2026	July 2026	Aug. 2026	Sept. 2026	Oct. 2026	Nov. 2026	Dec. 2026
Supervisor: Ryan Campbell - Chair	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Jeff Klay, District 1 Rep.	A	A	✓	✓							
Shelley Muniz, District 2 Rep.	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Dawn Lien, District 3 Rep.	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Stephanie Foster, District 4 Rep.	A	✓	✓	A							
Chris Neves, District 5 Rep.	✓	✓	✓	✓							
ATCAA, Joe Bors	✓	✓	✓	A							
Andy Merrill, City of Sonora Rep.	A	✓	✓	✓							
Wittney Hawkins, Rep. Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California	✓	A	A	A							
Darla Merlin, Rep. Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians	A	A	✓	✓							
Thomas Crosby, Rep. Tuolumne County Business Council	✓	A	✓	✓							
Local Service Provider Larry Brunel (8/24)	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Lived Experience, VACANT	A	A	A	A							
NON-VOTING ADVISORS REP.											
Tuolumne County Sheriff	A	✓	✓	✓							
Tuolumne County District Attorney's Office	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 Assistant Director Truman Kruse, DSS Admin. Support	Lisa Silva, Mastercare Nikki Hyske, Mastercare Jen Salazar Anna-Britt Spears 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
- Andy Merrill – City of Sonora
- Jeff Klay – District 1 Representative
- Shelly Muniz – District 2 Representative
- Dawn Lien – District 3 Representative
- Stephanie Foster – District 4 Representative
- Chris Neves – District 5 Representative
- Joe Bors – ATCAA
- Thomas Crosby – Tuolumne County Business Council
- Darla Merlin – Tuolumne Band of Mi-Wuk Indians
- David Vasquez – Tuolumne County Sheriff

Quorum Confirmed: Yes (Minimum requirement: 7 members)

III. Oral Communication:

- Lisa Silva with Mastercare requested agendaizing a future item for the refuge to discuss and explain the situation surrounding them and their future.
- Anna-Britt Spears discussed a personal medical incident. She expressed gratitude for public health and William Vanderheiden.
- Jenn Salazar discussed the transfer of the Miner's Motel to Habitat for Humanity and concerns with ERF grant compliance. Also provided awareness for the homeless resources fair in Jackson where she will be speaking.

IV. Approval of 4/9/2026 Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes from **April 9th, 2026**.

- **Motion:** Merrill
- **Second:** Muniz

- **Vote:** approval, no opposition,

Corrections:

- Unitarian Universalists have offered to purchase the dog run, they have not purchased at this time.

Public Comment:

No public Comment

V. Committee Membership

- Committee has received an application from Anna Britt for the lived experience position.
- Anna Britt spoke on the honor of potentially becoming a member of the committee, her previous experience as a member of the behavioral health committee of Alpine County. She discussed her experience battling homelessness on an individual level.

Public Comment:

- Endorsement of Anna Britt for the Lived Experience position provided

Back to Board:

- Chris Neves motioned for approval of Anna Britt for the Lived Experience Position.
- Andy Merrill Seconds
- Unanimous Approval, no opposition

VI. Camp Justice Workgroup update & recommendations:

William Vanderheiden

- Post removal trailer update.
- Most trailers and trailer residents have found temporary or permanent housing situations.
- To William's knowledge there is only one trailer moving around the county at this time without at least a temporary solution.
- Pallet project has hit some snags.
- Probation work group has reportedly been picking up extra work with county roads.
- Larry Brunel asked how many tent sites there are pallets for at this time.
- 15 sites with pallets purchased, several more from Nancy's Hope. 18 to 15 sites worth of pallets currently purchased. 35 tents on site.
- Tom Crosby asked if we are too early in the process to assess problems with pallets.
- William discussed the use of cardboard to make the pallets more useable, but there is potential for other concerns with pests and moisture.

Public Comment:

- Discussion of pallet issues. Specifically issues with water retention and drainage. Zip

- ties used to assemble sites are breaking. Possibility of using other materials instead of cardboard.
- Question about the meeting schedule of the Camp Justice Workgroup meetings. Meetings scheduled as needed. A meeting will be scheduled in the near future.
- Question about the funding situation of camp justice and potential extension of camp justice.

Back to Board:

- Question from Dawn Lien about use of Opioid Funds. Another round of ERF available
- Discussion of ERF funding deadline and various areas the funds are being spent.
- Questions about award date of next round of ERF funding. Likely sometime in September.
- Questions about monthly cost of camp justice. Michelle Clark estimates it to be between eight and ten thousand dollars a month.
- Supervisor Campbell requested to agendaize Camp Justice future funding and total cost for future meeting.
- Shelly Muniz brought up the need to clarify for the public the current situation with ERF and the 108 Miner's Motel.
- Sheriff Vasquez asked if the staff at Camp Justice are eligible for reimbursement under MediCal.
- William Vanderheiden brought up his staff's utilization of MediCal Administrative Activities in order to receive reimbursement from the state.
- Andy Merrill discussed JD Vance withholding 1.3 billion in MediCal from the state of California.
- Tom Crosby discussed need to show positive outcomes in light of the potential fiscal environment, especially the comparative costs of having the camp versus not.

VII. Tuolumne County Homeless Services Staff Report:

Michelle Clark:

- Michelle Clark discussed the decision of the HHSA to add an unboxed unit in order to support the various homeless initiatives in Tuolumne County.
- Discussion of funding sources and the future funding situation.

Board Comment:

- Question from Larry Brunel about why the successes are not affecting state funding.
- Michelle answered that there are quarterly meetings with the state, may be affected by the size of Tuolumne County.
- Question from Chris Neves about the implementation and effect of the rules at camp justice.
- William stated that it is impossible to ensure rule following
- William stated that almost every issue can improve with better communication between the entities involved. Trying to get former camp residents to speak with current camp residents.

Navigation Center

- Navigation center population is 46 will soon be 51. Includes 18 unsheltered children.

Public Comment:

- Discussion of camp recidivism and deteriorating conditions at the camp. People previously trespassed sneaking back into the camp.

VIII. Community Organizations Reports

The Refuge Recovery Center:

- Medical respite facility is shutting down. Other facilities are not closing.
- People currently in facility are not being put out on the street. They will be at the facility until medically well.
- Issues with medical coverage regarding Medicare and Medi-Cal.
- Constituted 10 beds total.
- Was targeted toward seniors
- Andy Merrill asked if facility is involved in addiction treatment. It is not.
- Lisa Silva asked several questions about the specific context of this situation, including how reimbursement is provided and eligibility criteria

HOST team:

- Will be going out on May 29th.
- Seeing significant increase in engagement.
- Many have been previously contacted but not all.

ATCAA:

- 9 men, 2 women, and 2 children. 2 people from refuge. 1 person from Nancy's Hope. 1 moving to nav center. Pending mother with two children. Recently bought tomatoes and lettuce to start a garden at the shelter. With capacity changes some residents can have their own rooms and reunify with their children. Capacity previously reduced to 14.
- Andy Merrill found original files related to building capacity, Supervisor Campbell also found state level documentation relating to the building capacity.
- Tom Crosby asked about the ability of the county to get the homeless living off the street into housing.
- Chris Neves stated there are people who simply will not engage with services.
- Agendizing of Homelessness issues with potential business impacts

IX. Future Meetings

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X. Announcements & Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Chair, Ryan Campbell, at 10:06 AM.