

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, July 9, 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

-Veronica Alvarado

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]

- Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California representative
(*Public Comment (limited to three minutes per person)*)

VI. CAMP JUSTICE WORKGROUP UPDATE & RECOMMENDATIONS

[Subcommittee Workgroups/Committee Members/15 minutes]

- Camp Justice Update—Workgroup met on June 18, 2026
- Pallet Project update
- Camp Justice funding discussion: Minimum amount to operate: approximately \$8,000
(*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]

- 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, 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
- Thursday, October 8, 2026 9:00 a.m. Committee & Commissions Room/48 Yaney/3rd Floor

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADJOURNMENT



Tuolumne County Homelessness Committee

Minutes of June 11th, 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	A						
Darla Merlin, Rep. Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians	A	A	✓	✓	A						
Thomas Crosby, Rep. Tuolumne County Business Council	✓	A	✓	✓	✓						
Local Service Provider Larry Brunel (8/24)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Lived Experience, Anna-Britt Spears	A	A	A	A	✓						
NON-VOTING ADVISORS REP.											
Tuolumne County Sheriff	A	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Tuolumne County District Attorney's Office	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 Assistant Director Tyler Jackson, DSS Admin. Support William Vanderheiden, DSS Supervisor	Leif Husman Amber Anderson Trinity Abila, Habitat for Humanity Veronica Alvarado, Chicken Ranch Rancheria Several unidentified community members.

I. Call to Order

Chair Ryan Campbell called the meeting to order at **9:02 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
- Anna-Britt Spears – Lived Experience
- David Vasquez – Tuolumne County Sheriff

Quorum Confirmed: Yes (Minimum requirement: 7 members)

III. Oral Communication:

- None

IV. Approval of 5/14/2026 Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes from **May 14th, 2026**.

- **Motion:** Neves
- **Second:** Crosby
- **Vote:** approval, no opposition,

Public Comment:

No public Comment

V. Committee Membership

- On June 2, 2026, the Board of Supervisors approved Anna-Britt Spears for the Lived Experience Position
- The Committee welcomed Anna-Britt Spears.
- Anna-Britt gratitude for the opportunity to join the committee

VI. Camp Justice Workgroup update & recommendations:

Michelle Clark

- Workgroup unable to meet prior to this committee meeting.
- Meeting scheduled for the 18th of June at 11:00.
- Noted weed eating and fire mitigation to be discussed based on camp clean-up day and volunteers showing up to help with weed eating.
- Issues related to weed eating noted on social media.
- Work group will be meeting with County Counsel and HR Risk Management.
- Social Services applying for ERF grant jointly with Sonora PD and will also support ATCAA by June 30th to extend funding.
- Current funding expires 9/30, award notice not until 9/30
- Tom -Operational Costs estimates that, if funding is delayed, we could look for alternate funding, 2-3 months bridge funding could be possible.
- Michelle - Opioid could not cover all the operational costs; grant is focused on one encampment, application is solid-we have a continuum in place, 3 year grant, 93 million total, other counties applying-host, animal services, work crew, etc.
- Ryan – questions about the overall cost and where that information comes from.
- Michelle – Used time study to estimate staff time. Total cost for the year of staff ~241,000.
- Ryan – Asked if cost would stay static over time.
- Michelle – Likely yes, unless there are changes to staffing.
- Dawn - Asked if there is money left over in the current grant to pre pay for services.
- Michelle – Not really, budget modification was already made to cover current cost like garbage and toilets.
- Andy – Brought up the possibility of asking Waste Management to cut costs as a write off. Possibly something to bring up at solid waste management.
- William – Currently not incurring extra costs, staying under contract level.
- Tom– Action Item, by August can we determine the minimum operational amount with additional overhead costs (20,800 month)
- Anna-Britt – Asked if volunteering at the camp is currently being affected, such as church providing food
- Tom – brought up possibility of risk management attending the next meeting

Public Comment:

- El Dorado Septic - some of them are mean, it's not sanitary that he is throwing these

things on the ground Question about the meeting schedule of the Camp Justice Workgroup meetings. Meetings scheduled as needed. A meeting will be scheduled in the near future.

William

- El Dorado Septic has some employees that are not excited about servicing camp justice, pull things out and throw things that shouldn't be in the toilet, has talked to them, documented this, has been a year. Some employees are good, others do not. One guy does a sub par job, he doesn't like unhoused people.

Back to Board:

- Andy – Questioned why these employees keep coming and asked what corrective action could be taken.
- Shelly – Asked what remediation can be taken.
- William – Situation has been improved after contacting the company
- Andy – This situation is not satisfactory, I am not satisfied.
- Discussion of other septic options by the group. Other companies in the area, what services are available, and request for estimates from these other companies.

VII. Tuolumne County Homeless Services Staff Report:

Trinity Abila – Habitat for Humanity

- Overview of Miner's Motel progress.
- Miners Motel renovations in progress, ready for occupation on October 1st
- Brought handout explaining the housing ladder.
- Four fully furnished units set aside for Navigation Center residents.
- Clarified they are creating permanent housing.
- Apartments will have kitchenette, washing machines.
- Home being turned into a duplex.
- Tom - question on the name, none decided at this time, request for ideas.
- Chris – Will there be on site management, yes one person on site to be a contact.
- Dawn – Question about occupancy numbers per room, rooms are both single and double, some are bigger and some are small.

Public Comment:

- Amber – Thanked Trinity for her efforts. States it's not enough housing. Asked if they are turning the pool into a dog park.
- Trinity – The dog park budget contains a typo; actual cost is \$4,000 instead of \$44,000. Habitat does not provide substandard housing. Dog park is going ahead.
- William – What are some volunteer opportunities, In the future there will be volunteer opportunities, once large equipment is no longer on site.
- Amber – Will speed bumps be added? Speed bumps will be added if necessary.

Board Comment:

- Joe – Questions about plumbing separate water in the bathrooms, electrical and plumbing is being re-routed through the back of the building.
- Dawn – Questions on price of units, likely \$500 -\$800 monthly.

Michelle Clark

- County is in process of doing the same process as the Miners Motel with the Columbia Way property.
- ATCAA selected as the awardee.
- Tom – Question about the Snell street properties, have been transitioned to Behavioral Health. Now referred to as the Sonora House.

William Vanderheiden

- Camp population: 57 (high)
- Navigation Center: 61-18 children (62 after today)
- Case managing 22 people in hotels
- Among 2 Social Workers, 80 per Social Workers, ideal is 20..
- ERF
 - Target 34 people, up to 50.
 - Secured Miners Motel.
 - Housed over 65 people, funding for more .
 - 203 people through camp justice.
 - Exited 76 people to permanent stable housing.
 - 13 exited form hotels.
 - 22 exited from nav center.
 - 41 exited from camp justice.
- Budget modifications were moving funding from personnel to direct client services.
- Shelly – Asked if we can get that information out to the community
- Ryan – June 16th is the next Board of Supervisors meeting and time to make a staff report.
- Public – Amber stated that William and Dominik are outstanding, if another person could be added it would be great.
- Andy- Need to do more with success stories. Need to get this to state officials.
- Chris – Need to get good news out.

VIII. Community Organizations Reports

Nancy's Hope:

- GSAC has officially merged with Nancy's Hope.

The Refuge Recovery Center:

- Medical respite facility has been shut down
- Takes longer for service authorizations to pull through.
- Unsure if it will open back up in the future
- 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.

Compassion Outreach:

- Three projects currently.
- Music festival on September 26th. Still need volunteers and people to publicize the event.
- No charge for booths.
- Set up at 9, contact shelly if interested.
- TC Food recovery programming. Major food contributors are involved. Meeting every 4th Friday of the month at the new chicken ranch learning center in Jamestown. Under auspices of Nancy's hope.
- Compassion outreach meeting: 10am first Friday of every month at SAF. Next meeting is about their work program.

Lived Experience and Advocacy Project:

- One other member.
- Went to Navigation Center to get an idea of what is needed.
- No regular meetings at this time.

City of Sonora:

- City finished resurfaced rotary park's playground.
- Thanked SAF for matching some funding. Bathroom is open 7am - 7pm

HOST team:

- Will be going out on June 26th.
- Housed three people last month.
- Bringing services out to people really helps.

Unitarian Universalist:

- Serving Breakfast on Camp Justice clean up day.
- Funneling some donations to Navigation Center.

ATCAA:

- Mariposa-Alliance has a shelter that is closing June 30th.
- May see some people coming down to Tuolumne.
- Discussion about other places sending people to Tuolumne County services.
- Sheriff's Office has reached out to other areas to discourage sending people to Tuolumne County.
- 92% of Homeless individuals in Tuolumne County became homeless in Tuolumne County
- Emergency Shelter has 14 residents.
- HOST team goes out with them.
- Joe – Constantly trying to get people off the street.

Chicken Ranch:

- Veronica Alvarado – Will be replacing Whitney Hawkins going forward.
- Will have two beds open in September.
- Running the TAY house.
- Another individual has been housed at the manzanita house

Michelle Clark:

- Community Roots sept 23rd at the fairgrounds

Sheriff's Office:

- Asked if there is any work the jail work crew can do.
- TCTC transit center as daily reporting center come August.
- Partnership with probation.

IX. Future Meetings

- **July 9, 2026, @ 9 AM** – Committees & Commissions Room, 48 Yaney, 3rd Floor
- **August 13, 2026, @ 9 AM** – Committees & Commissions Room, 48 Yaney, 3rd Floor
- **September 8, 2026, @ 9 AM** – Committees & Commissions Room, 48 Yaney, 3rd Floor

X. Announcements & Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Chair, Ryan Campbell, at 10:32 AM.