

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, August 13, 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 7/9/2026 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]

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

VI. CAMP JUSTICE WORKGROUP UPDATE & RECOMMENDATIONS

[Subcommittee Workgroups/Committee Members/15 minutes]

- Camp Justice Update-
- Pallet Project update
- Funding Update
(*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]

Discussion of Homelessness Committee Meeting Schedule

- 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
- Thursday, November 12, 2026 @ 9:00 a.m. Committee & Commissions Room/48 Yaney/3rd Floor

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADJOURNMENT



Tuolumne County Homelessness Committee

Minutes of July 9th, 2026, Meeting DRAFT

<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.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A					
Stephanie Foster, District 4 Rep.	A	✓	✓	A	✓	A					
Chris Neves, District 5 Rep.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
ATCAA, Joe Bors	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓					
Andy Merrill, City of Sonora Rep.	A	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Veronica Alverado, 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	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 William Vanderheiden, DSS Supervisor	Lisa Silva with Mastercare Several members of the Lighthouse Ministry. 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
- Bess Levine – City of Sonora
- Jeff Klay – District 1 Representative
- Shelly Muniz – District 2 Representative
- Chris Neves – District 5 Representative
- Joe Bors – ATCAA
- Thomas Crosby – Tuolumne County Business Council
- Anna-Britt Spears – Lived Experience

Quorum Confirmed: Yes (Minimum requirement: 7 members)

III. Oral Communication:

- None

IV. Approval of 6/11/2026 Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes from **June 11th, 2026**.

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

Lisa Silva with Mastercare raised concerns and had questions about validity of information about the refuge recovery center closing and associated information.

Anne-Britt Spears noted “Report” is misspelled on the Agenda and corrected the pronouns used in relation to their child.

Public Comment:

No public Comment

V. Committee Membership

- Veronica Alverado replacing Whitney Hawkins as the Chicken Ranch Rancheria representative.
- Michelle Clark questioned what the process is for changing representatives for Chicken Ranch.
- Board involvement unnecessary for change.

VI. Camp Justice Workgroup update & recommendations:

Tom Crosby

- Described tactical changes at Camp Justice
- New revised designs for pallets in the works.
- Discussion and overview of funding situation and options.
- Possibility of private bridge funding.

Board Discussion

- Michelle Clark noted that the ERF-5 application has been submitted and discussed what it will be supporting.
- A TA form with department of healthcare services for opioid funding has also been submitted in order to potentially support camp funding efforts.
- Ryan Campbell asked about the monthly cost targeted for Camp Justice.
- Michelle Clark stated it was \$10,000 per month, \$22,000 per month with personnel. Opioid funding can be used for case management.
- Tom Crosby suggested that three months of bridge funding would be sufficient.
- Highlighted need for a plan. The potential need for private funding.
- Ryan Campbell discussed other county programs that were funded by the Sonora area foundation after elimination of county funding.
- William discussed the lack of funding. Only have one mock up of revised pallet design.
- Tom asked about mechanism for getting \$3,000. William stated it is likely more appropriate for non-profit to do a fundraiser.
- William Vanderheiden introduced community members from lighthouse ministry that are willing to help with fundraising.

Public Comment:

- Community member from lighthouse- on the board of another non-profit. They initially got seed money to become successful non-profit.
- Discussion of promoting various non-profits at Nancy's hope music festival.

Back to Board:

- Ryan Campbell discussed need for community to demonstrate that they care about the continuation of the camp.
- Ryan asked when the funding will expire. Michelle noted it would be September 30th.
- Discussion of need for a report to the board to discuss upcoming end to funding and potential solutions.
- Discussion of potential use of Opioid Settlement Funding at the camp. Unsure whether funds can apply to non-case management aspects (portable toilets, etc).
- William discussed search for cheaper options for porta potties. Issues with scheduling and availability.
- William noted the need to explain the consequences of closing the camp. Where the current residents will go and what they will do.
- Questions about the number of unhoused individuals downtown. Chris Neves estimates four or five, but they refuse to engage with services.
- Shelly and Tom will reach out to Sonora area foundation.

Pallet Redesign Revisited

- Tom requested William discuss pallet redesign and mock up.
- William stated there has not been as much money as hoped for this project. Only have one mock up. Likely need around \$3,000 for 15 sites.
- Discussion of positives of new design, including difficulty to disassemble and relative ease to move.
- Still a work in progress. Good design, but lacking in funding.
- William stated that the camp residents that want to make progress have been provided with opportunities. Those remaining are typically harder to work with.
- Still able to exit people from camp, but at a slower rate.
- Behavioral health now coming to camp twice a week.
- Questions about acquiring the \$3000 needed for pallet project. William stated it is likely easier to go through a non-profit.
- William highlighted need to make visible progress. Issues with hoarding at the camp.
- Question to Sheriff about the consequences of Camp justice closing. While noting he does not like hypotheticals, Sheriff Vasquez believes that some people would leave to the area they previously lived in. Some would leave the county, some would become justice involved, some would try to live with family,

VII. Tuolumne County Homeless Services Staff Report:

William Vanderheiden

- HDAP Trailer project going ahead.
- Trailer Program currently at 50% success rate.
- Navigation Center at full capacity. Currently at 73% success rate of permanent housing.
- Upgrading the facilities at the navigation center.
- Behavioral Health now visiting the navigation center twice a week.
- Interns are dedicated and persevering through adverse conditions.
- Public Health is also coming to the Navigation Center once a week.
- Continue to be supported by Unitarian Universalists and Soroptimists.

VIII. Community Organizations Reports**Chicken Ranch:**

- Waiting on construction. Will be transferring several children to Tay house.

Nancy's Hope:

- Music Festival going well. Planned for September 26th
- Requested help with promoting the festival.
- Met with Black Oak recently. Impressed with last year's festival.

HOST team:

- Going out July 31st
- Contacted 20 individuals.
- At least one housed.

ATCAA:

- Emergency Shelter has 13 individuals. 8 men, 3 women, two children.
- Three have become employed.
- Two have become housed.
- Another family about to enter shelter

IX. Future Meetings

- **August 13, 2026, @ 9 AM** – Committees & Commissions Room, 48 Yaney, 3rd Floor
- **September 10, 2026, @ 9 AM** – Committees & Commissions Room, 48 Yaney, 3rd Floor
- **October 8, 2026, @ 9 AM** – Committees & Commissions Room, 48 Yaney, 3rd Floor

X. Announcements & Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Chair, Ryan Campbell, at 9:51 AM.

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