



Tuolumne County Commission on Homelessness (Minutes of the meeting of December 9th, 2021)

<u>21/22 TCCoH Membership</u>	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21
Tina Welch - Chair							✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Dana Baker – Vice Chair							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kelsey Stone - Secretary							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E
Jaron Brandon – BOS							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kathleen Haff - BOS							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E
Cathie Peacock							✓	✓	A	✓	✓	A
Collette Such							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hazel & Dick Mitchell							✓	✓	✓	A	✓	A
Jeanette Lambert							✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓
Joe Bors/							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LeeAnn Hatton							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lori Severson							✓	✓	A	✓	✓	A
Mary Rose Rutikanga							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Nancy Hope							✓	E	A	A	✓	✓
Nathan Levering							✓	✓	✓	✓	E	✓
Rick Breeze							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mark Dyken/Shelley Muniz							✓	✓	A	✓	E	✓
Tom Crosby							E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Wittney Hawkins							✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓

Present = ✓ Absent = A Excused = E

20 TCCoH Members = 11 Quorum

<u>Tuolumne County Staff in Attendance</u>	<u>Other Guests in Attendance</u>
Rebecca Espino, HHSA Director	Tuck Briggs

I. CALL TO ORDER

Tina Welch called to order at 9:00 AM.

II. ROLL CALL

Members present: Tina Welch, Dana Baker, Supervisor Jaron Brandon, Colette Such, Jeanette Lambert, Joe Bors, LeeAnn Hatton, Nathan Levering, Rick Breeze- Martin, Shelly Muniz, Tom Crosby, Wittney Hawkins, MaryRose Rutikanga. Member's excused, Kelsey Stone and Supervisor Kathleen Haff. Member Absent were Cathie Peacock, Hazel Mitchell, Lori Severson.

III. INTRODUCTIONS

No introductions were made.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

V. AGENDA REVIEW PERIOD

Tina Welch asked that we move speaker an up as Rebecca Espino has to leave by 9:30 am the board agreed.

VI. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

November 4th, 2021 mins: Corrections are needed as follows:

1. An Ad- Hoc Committee was established to linking services with people who need it members are Nancy Scott, Wittney Hawkins, and Cathie Peacock
2. Correct two council members names Wittney Hawkins, LeeAnn Hatton

Jaron Motioned to approve the November minutes, Tom Crosby Seconded, all were in favor

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Members of the public may be heard on any item not on the Board's Agenda. A person addressing the Board will be limited to five minutes. Comments by members of the public on any item on the agenda will only be allowed during consideration of the item by the Board.

Greg Popovich- Wanted to see if there was funding available to help property owners fix the damage that has been done to his building on Stockton Street. He has been told there is not. He wanted to offer the building for a warming station one last time to the commission before he places it on the market.

Maryann Smicht- Please consider having these meetings over zoom as it is not safe due to covid-19

Sherry Bradley- She had planned to attend the meeting however due to it being an in person meeting and her health factors she cannot attend in person.

VIII. REPORTS

OFFICERS:

Chair Tina Welch

- I. Meeting's Intent: Work on Council Goals [1] Decision on short-term goals.

- II. 2) Begin discussion of longer-term strategic plan].
- III. Future items: what other entities are doing for homeless; communication with the public.
 - I. Protocol in vetting new Council position applicants inviting the member to the meeting and then communicating with BOS on the participation and interest of adding the member.
 - II. Direction for filling vacant Commission positions is given in the Bylaws: ARTICLE III – Membership, which says that the members of the TCCOH shall be appointed or assigned by the BOS.
 - As a new Commission, no precedence has been established for the role of the Commission in filling vacant positions
 - Two recently added positions (Lived Experience (F/M)) have been advertised.
- III. ***Process to be Used:***
 - Invite applicant(s) to attend a meeting as a member of the public, to ensure familiarity with the Commission’s work and process.
 - Ask applicant(s) to appear in the “Speakers” portion of the following month’s agenda
 - Applicant introduces them self and confirms compliance with By-laws Article III- Membership, responds to comments & answers questions of Commission Members.
 - If more than one applicant is being considered, the Commission discusses attributes and documents that for Board of Supervisors’ use.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Housing Committee-The TC CoH Housing Committee held its second meeting Thursday, November 18. The meeting was held at the ATCAA Sonora Offices meeting room from 1 pm to 3 pm. The November meeting minutes are being prepared and will be provided after Housing Committee approval. The approved meeting Minutes for the Committee’s October 2021 meeting are attached for your information.

The next Housing Committee meeting is Thursday, December 16, 2021 from 1pm to 3 pm at the ATCAA Sonora offices meeting room.

Some Committee November meeting results include:

- I. Joe Bors provided the Committee an overview of the Central Sierra Continuum of Care (CA 256) history and status. The overview was continued to the December meeting agenda.
- II. It was decided to invite Mary Rose Rutikanga, City of Sonora, to speak to the Committee at its Dec. 2021 meeting (she is leaving soon). Colette Such is extending the invitation to speak to Mary Rose
- III. The Committee began discussion of its draft future work plan; work plan discussion is to be continued at the December meeting
- IV. The issue of the Committee’s formation language and its scale and scope was raised and will be a discussion item on the December 2021 meeting agenda.
- V. The possibility of a Committee ad hoc sanctioned shelter work group or ad hoc committee was discussed and will be continued at the December meeting.

AD-HOC COMMITTEES:

- I. Outdoor Shelter Committee is going to present the letter to the BOS on the Dec 20, 2021. At this time all sites proposed were denied so next steps are to collectively work with the county and city to obtain proper sites.
- II. Navigation Center- After the last navigation meeting Supervisor Kathleen went to ATCAA and successfully accomplished with the help of Joe Bors adding some question to assist in gathering information during the pit count.
- III. Resources & Funding DB Development - The Ad Hoc Committee has not met since October; we will be working for a while via email. Currently I am working on a draft template for database resources records and information collection for other members input to start development design. The draft template is anticipated to be done sometime in December and distributed to ad hoc committee members for review input.
- IV. Link Clients w/Support Services- Nothing at this time.

IX. SPEAKERS

- I. Tuolumne County Homeless Services Program Coordinator Update [10 min/Rebecca Espino]. The hire of a Homeless Coordinator was not successful, with the support of Human services, the position will transition over to the CAO's office to have the support of the city and land requirements temporary shelter. Possible consideration of an ad hoc committee to assist in investigating sites for Project Home Key proposals. The main barrier is we do not have a site at this time until we have a site we cannot file an application. The CAO's office will more than likely take this over too. Because this item is not a direct service, it will be going to the CAO's office to be met properly.
- II. City of Sonora Plans that affect the Homeless; Affordable Housing by Mary Rose the City of Sonora is actively looking at how short term rental are impeding the ability for housing affordability due to out of area purchases. The city is seeing no available rentals not even for our population that are of higher social economic status. The city also started looking into opening up a shelter to house 15 more people and have secured the building and on Monday, it will go before the planning commission as ATCAA has collaborated with the city to make this happen. The homeless will not be a drop in center as it will be in a residential environment.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- I. Confirm goals for the Commission to achieve in CY 2022. Note that the Commission may also start and/or accomplish additional work, too, but this short list will give County staff and others advance notice so they can plan to be available to support these efforts.

Short List of Goals for 2022:

- II. Based on Commission discussions and actions to date, the following seem to be the foremost & urgent items to pursue in 2022:

- III. • Support establishment of a Navigation Center (ad hoc committee doing pre-work; if this item is set as a goal, it alerts other agencies of potential needed support if/when funding becomes available)
- IV. • Identification of sites with potential to replace Camp Hope for sheltering (tents, vehicles) (being worked on by a current ad hoc committee). Joe Bors suggested we do more than just identify the site but develop a model for these sites to that includes operations. Supervisor Jaron shared also including safe parking sites as well and Dana Baker suggested the parking sites be a separate bullet point.
- V. • Support application for Project Home key grants as requested by lead County Agency. Work with County staff to locate possible properties and help in the development of Requests for Proposals for both property acquisitions as well as for property management, as asked for by County staff.
- VI. • Create a 5-year plan of action for the Commission (including an update of the 2019 *County of Tuolumne Plan to Combat Homelessness*). Incorporate the work of Commission sub-committees into it.
- VII. • Address the County's need for more affordable housing by proposing solutions and assisting other entities in collaborative efforts.
- VIII. COMMENTS: Jeanette Lambert feels mental health services are not in the trenches but are a part of the solution, and need to be addressed. Rick Breeze Martin stated checking in with CNVC a good portion of the people living in car are women running from domestic violence relationships and could benefit from CNVC. Supervisor Jaron requested to change the name of the plan to a work plan, and wording on bullet five needs to be changed as well. Joe Bors suggested edits on bullet five. Kim Cooper asked for clarification on the group's participation on some of these topics, which Supervisor Jaron explained.
- IX. Tina will bring this back in January for a final review.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

I. Rick Breeze Martin- 5 Year Plan

Strategic Plan to help the Commission: envision such a plan as a road map to help guide its current work towards its long-term goals; organize its different long-term goals and objectives for current year (CY) work; as a starting point for the Commission to discuss its strategic (5 year) aspirations, and a discussion paper on how to go about achieving these strategic goals, especially focusing on the CY level of work.

The attached is framed as a 2022 – 2027 Strategic Plan offered as a “stick to poke” the Bear’s Cub, the Commission on Homelessness, to get its attention on its long-term intentions. The Commission’s bylaws call for a Strategic Plan, I believe now is the time to start the process to develop that plan. I am also hopeful that Commission discussion will lead to the Chair initiating a Commission Strategic Plan work group or ad hoc committee (not requiring Brown Act meeting protocols) to develop and recommend a Strategic Plan to the Commission. There are several attached model plan characteristics to keep in mind as the attached draft is reviewed and discussed.

- II. • Its (draft) content of goals and objectives is consistent with the BOS approved May 2019 Combatting Homelessness Plan, its derivative July 2019 Chart of Solutions, and our current Commission work.
- III. • Its structure documents intent from general (i.e. Strategic Goals & objectives) to the more specific (i.e. CY & benchmarks for task scheduling) helping to monitor, evaluate and manage plan implementation
- IV. • Its core resource strategy extends Commission capacity (*20 members*) with appropriate community volunteers added by standing Committees as needed to help with the work of CY Objectives.
- V. • Its structural strategy is to sort strategic goals and their objectives into the appropriate standing Committees to provide the focused attention and work needed to complete CY Objectives consistent with their long-term goals
- VI. • It addresses strategic plan resource needs for effective implementation along with a “budgeting” method to help identify resources needed and account for resources utilized
- VII. • It is flexible and can begin with staggering starting work of some objectives and it is adaptable and can be managed consistent with the pace of Commission organizational development.
- VIII. Tina will push this to January so that a plan committee and be set forth. Tina created a short-term ad-hoc committee of Dana Baker, Supervisor Jaron Brandon, Rick Breeze Martin and Tina Welch and Supervisor Kathleen Haff to finalize the strategic plan to bring back in January.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- I. Jeanette Lambert – Has 40 to 50 sleeping bags to give out at her center they also have a Christmas party at the center the 24 from 11-2pm
- II. Supervisor Jaron Brandon- Stated approval of the millionaire tax law to bring more funding down, housing project was approved for golf links, biking plan was also approved. City council meeting at 8:30 am next Friday.
- III. Shelly Muniz- Homeless have moved into smaller groups all over the county due to the camp hope closing. With winter coming we need to do stuff and a big part of this is identifying the homeless camps.
- IV. Public comment is there a way to get a public restroom due to the homeless use the street as a rest room.
- V. Nancy’s Hope and Kelsey Stone have teamed up to help families and youth who are not able to receive help with other organizations. Tuolumne County MI-Wuk Government provided the funding to go directly to the at risk youth in our county.
- VI. Tuolumne County MI-Wuk Government has helped provide Christmas for foster youth within the county this year.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Tina Welch called Adjournment at 11:10am