



## Tuolumne County Homelessness Committee (Minutes of the Meeting on July 13, 2023)

<u>2022 TCCoH Membership</u>	Aug 2022	Sep 2022	Oct 2022	Nov 2022	Dec 2022	Jan 2023	Feb 2023	Mar 9, 2023	Mar 20, 2023	Apr 2023	May 2023	Jul 2023	Aug 2023
Supervisor David Goldemberg - Chair	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓*	✓	✓*	✓	✓*	✓	✓	
Colette Such, District 1 Rep.	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	✓	
Shelley Muniz, District 2 Rep.	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
*Dawn Lien, District 3 Rep.											✓	✓	
Dana Butow, District 4 Rep.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Jeanette Lambert, District 5 Rep.	E	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Joe Bors, ATCAA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	E	E	✓	✓	✓	
Andy Merrill, City of Sonora Rep.	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
LeeAnn Hatton, Rep. Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California	E	E	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	E	✓	
Darla Merlin, Rep. Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians	E	E	✓	A	✓*	✓	A	✓	E	✓	A	E	
Thomas Crosby, Rep. Tuolumne County Business Council	V	✓	E	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Bill Pooley, Tuolumne County Sheriff	E	E	✓	✓	✓*	A	E	✓*	✓*	E	✓	A	
Kris Albrecht, Tuolumne County Veteran Services	✓	✓	✓	✓*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓*	✓	✓	✓	
Cathie Peacock, Interfaith	✓	✓	✓	E	✓	E	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	E	
Jennifer Salazar, Lived Experience	V	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
<b>NON-VOTING ADVISORS REP.</b>													
Adventist Health Sonora					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Central Sierra Continuum of Care (CSCoC) Youth Advisory Board					✓	✓	✓			✓			
Law Enforcement						✓		✓					
Superintendent of Schools Office		✓				✓						✓	
Tuolumne County District Attorney's Office	✓						✓	✓		✓	✓		
Tuolumne County Health & Human Services Agency	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

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

15 Committee Members = 9 Quorum

\* May 11, 2023 first meeting as new member

<u><b>Tuolumne County Staff in Attendance</b></u>	<u><b>Other Guests in Attendance</b></u>
Michael Roberson, Homeless Services Coordinator	
Christina Cunha, Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors	
Tanya Bruchacek, Executive Clerk	

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Supervisor Goldemberg called the meeting to order at 9:03a.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

All Committee Members and staff introduced themselves. Tanya Bruchacek confirmed a quorum was present.

**III. APPROVAL OF 5/11/23 MEETING MINUTES**

Andy Merrill made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2023 meeting. Joe Bors seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by 9-3-2 vote with Darla Merlin, Cathie Peacock, and Bill Pooley absent, Colette Such and Leann Hatton abstaining and Jennifer Salazar arriving at 9:19 a.m.

**IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Kristina Herrera, Tuolumne County Public Health provided a report on the updated community resource guide with a digital copy being made available and print copies timeline for distribution.

Supervisor Goldemberg asked that the link be released to the committee members.

A member of the public provided comment passing around a card for signature to send well wishes to a member of the community as she recovers. She also expressed concerns that the .99 cent store is filing an application for alcohol sales and suggested individuals submit their comments to the ABC website by July 20th.

**V. OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION**

Dore Bietz, Office of Emergency Services Assistant Director provided a report on updating the Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) and Multi Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan and provided a handout

Committee Members asked clarifying questions and provided comments.

Melissa Eads, City of Sonora Administrator provided comments of appreciation for Dore Bietz and OES operations and requested continued help with communication to

constituents of the City of Sonora during an emergency. Further comments were on fire focus outreach and the memorandum of understanding collaboration.

## **VI. HOMELESS SERVICES STAFF UPDATES AND DISCUSSION**

Michael Roberson, Homeless Services Coordinator announced that escrow has closed on the Oak Terrace property and summarized his work thus far with partners and the probation department to prepare for the upcoming volunteer days.

Supervisor Goldemberg provided an update on transportation and that dial-a-ride is available to the Navigation Center location.

Progress on the Safe Parking program is in the planning phase including applying for grants. Discussion continued regarding data, location, mitigation and local count of members of the community living in vehicles.

Inclement Weather Shelter program is in the planning phase with benchmarks and thresholds data needed along with financial support. Discussion continued regarding grant applications, location, staffing, and direction needed from the Board of Supervisors.

Transitional and Permanent Housing program has become the priority moving forward, acquisition for transitional housing is in process and grants are being looked at for permanent supportive housing (bridge housing). Due to the large number of inquiries regarding the Sonora Senior Living facility, the property was reviewed, and it is considered too large of a project to pursue. Discussion continued around the Tuolumne County Housing Element hosting meetings and to affirm the programs supportive nature of transitional and permanent housing.

Committee members provided comment and asked clarifying questions.

A member of the public provided comment of appreciation for committee members input and provided a question about funding for temporary housing.

Michael Roberson provided clarifying comments.

## **VII. SERVICE PROVIDER REPORTS**

Joe Bors, ATCAA Executive Director provided a report on the success of transitional housing property that ATCAA owns in Amador. He addressed staffing issues, funding for rapid re-housing, section 8, and the severe weather energy services threat (SWEAT) program that ATCAA is participating in.

Shelly Muniz, Resiliency Village provided a report on garbage removal and hauling with unsheltered community members contributing to the clean-up efforts. Fire mitigation vegetation removal at unhoused campsites, fire extinguishers for camps, and announced on July 29, 2023, a wellness day event with activities including shower bus, haircuts, and medical personnel on site and made a request for assistance to help with toenails.

LeAnn Hatton provided comment on fire extinguisher training to be held at the wellness day event happening on July 29, 2023. She continued to report on a meeting held in June with community partners and Lourdes Castro Ramirez, California Secretary of Housing.

Jeanette Lambert provided comment that the Lambert Center has been serving 25-35 people daily and the generous community support. She expressed concerns with the 3-6 month vetting process which is delaying and discouraging the on-boarding of much-needed volunteers.

Member of the public provided comment on the vetting process thru the County.

Supervisor Goldemberg provided further comment.

Lori Brit, Public Health Program Health Technician provided a report on the Local Indigent Care Need (LICN) funded health van and staffing.

Pablo Lopez, Public Health provided comment using extrapolated data from the California Office of Health Equity on the estimated number of people living in vehicles in Tuolumne County would be approximately 200, and local vacancy rates.

## **VIII. TUOLUMNE COUNTY HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

Committee members provided words of support.

Jennifer Salazer provided a report on her employed positions working with the unhoused community and volunteer work. She encouraged interaction with the unhoused such as visiting the enrichment center, camps, resiliency village or volunteering for the wellness day. She offered input on approaching housing from scratch seems to have become a barrier and suggested looking at successful models currently functioning in other communities such as safe tent sleeping areas with laundry/shower access and churches as locations for safe parking.

Andy Merrill, Representative for City of Sonora provided comment on funding for water filling station, impact from the community visit to the Sullivan creek bridge and offered to be a guide for people interested in bringing awareness to the public.

Michael Roberson provided comment on an email sent out on the comprehensive study by Dr. Kashel regarding homelessness and how it could help inform decisions moving forward.

Dana Butow provided comment of congratulations on the acquisition and hard work that went into Oak Terrace.

Christina Nixon provided comment on the challenges of homelessness and how helpful the navigation center will be.

## **IX. FUTURE MEETING DATES AND TIMES**

- Thursday, August 10, @ 5:30 p.m. – Board of Supervisors Conference Room
- Thursday, September 14, @ 9 a.m. – Board of Supervisors Conference Room
- Thursday, October 13, @ 9 a.m. – Board of Supervisors Conference Room

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Supervisor Goldemberg adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.