



**TEHAMA COUNTY
CONTINUUM of CARE**

Tehama County Continuum of Care
Executive Council Meeting
MINUTES

April 22, 2020 at 10:00 AM
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

IN ATTENDANCE:

Andrea C. Curry, Empower Tehama, CoC & HMIS Coordinator
Johnna Jones, Red Bluff City Council
Gail Locke, Continuum of Care Chairperson
Valerie Lucero, Tehama County Health Services Agency
David Madrigal, Tehama County Community Action Agency
Jim Southwick, Tehama County Department of Education

Excused:
Steve Chamblin, Tehama County Board of Supervisors
Jeremiah Fears, Corning Police Department
Tara Loucks-Shepherd, Tehama County Department of Social Services
E.C. Ross, P.A.T.H

Notes by: Andrea C. Curry

Topic	Discussion
Discussion of minutes & agenda from previous Executive Council Meeting	The minutes & agenda from the Executive Council meetings held on January 22, 2020 and February 26, 2020 were made available prior to this meeting for review. MOTION: Jim made a motion to accept the minutes as emailed. Val seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Topic	Discussion
Stakeholders' Meeting/Vista Way Navigation Center Update	Val reported that the Stakeholders' Meeting on April 1 was held via conference call due to COVID-19 restrictions on in-person meetings. TCHSA is still waiting on the CDBG contract; possibly due to HCD revising CDBG contracts in general. The group working on the potential land donation from Louisiana Pacific has not heard back from them recently, possibly due to Tennessee having experienced a tornado recently. The next Stakeholders' Meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2020 at 3:30 PM and will likely be held via conference call.

Topic	Discussion
COVID-19 Emergency Interventions	The PATH Winter Shelter ended its seasonal operation early this year because it was not possible to adhere to CDC COVID-19 guidelines while operating in area churches as it usually does. The last night the shelter operated was March 16, 2020. A workgroup including Val, Andrea, Gail, Michele, as well as Jennifer Ragsdale and Colleen Lewis from PATH met on March 18 to discuss possible solutions for providing shelter during the pandemic. Due to the State of California's Shelter in Place order, the state will be releasing emergency allocations of funding to both the CoC and the county. The state is encouraging communities to use this funding to support non-congregate sheltering of homeless populations, prioritizing those who are COVID-positive or who have been exposed to a known case, then individuals who are considered high risk for developing complications if they were to contract the virus, then all unsheltered individuals. The guidance provided by the state and federal governments specifically defines this high-risk category as including individuals who are age 65 and older and those with certain underlying conditions, including lung, heart or liver conditions or other conditions that compromise their immune systems. After analyzing the HMIS demographic and attendance records for the individuals who have been staying at Winter Shelter, it was determined that the cost of sheltering the population in Tehama County in individual motel rooms would be cost prohibitive, and the workgroup had concerns regarding logistics and community acceptance of such a project. PATH developed a Cost Plan for re-opening the Winter Shelter using three separate buildings at the Tehama District Fairgrounds. It was determined that the shelter could be re-opened in this configuration for a lower cost and could be operated in a manner consistent with all COVID-19 guidelines. The shelter began operations on March 30. PATH and TCHSA are partnering to ensure that the shelter can be

operated safely during the pandemic, with Public Health providing screenings for COVID-19 and connecting guests to medical, mental health and substance use recovery services as needed. This council was consulted by email during the planning process, and approved use of the CoC's COVID-19 Emergency Homelessness funds allocation as well as some CESH funding to be used to support the Fairgrounds Shelter.

A request for five trailers to be used for isolation units was submitted to the state through TCDSS and was granted. The trailers were recently delivered to the fairgrounds and are in the process of being setup. These will be used for guests that need to be isolated due to having an active case of COVID-19, having been exposed to an existing case or because they are at high risk for developing serious illness if they were to contract the virus.

Additional outreach to unsheltered individuals in outlying areas including Corning, Los Molinos and Rancho Tehama including access to hygiene stations and basic needs items like grab-n-go meals and toiletries are being discussed by the workgroup, and a portion of the COVID-19 Emergency Homelessness Funds have been allocated to supporting these interventions.

COVID-19 Testing: Val shared that Tehama County has been identified by the state as a “testing desert” and that Public Health has been in discussions with them regarding making virus testing available locally. Tentative plans include having a testing site in Red Bluff first then moving it to Corning after a few weeks.

Topic Discussion

Capacity Building

2020 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program: The deadline for providers to submit Project Overviews for consideration for recommendation by the CoC was April 20. to HCD. The CoC can recommend up to two applications to HCD from the Single-Phase Competition into the 2020 ESG Balance of State Non-Competitive RRH component for a maximum total of \$116,578. These applications will be funded, provided they meet threshold requirements. One Project Overview from PATH's Rapid Rehousing Program was submitted for consideration in Single-Phase Competition. The CoC can also recommend up to two applications to HCD from the Two-Phase Competition into the 2020 ESG Balance of State Competitive Component. Provided they meet threshold requirements; these applications will then go on to compete for regional ESG funds. Two Project Overviews for consideration in Two-Phase Competition were submitted: Empower Tehama Domestic Violence Emergency Shelter and PATH Street Outreach. The Rating and Ranking Committee will be evaluating these applications and will notify those that meet threshold requirements that they will be recommended into their respective programs, at which time applicants will prepare and submit applications to HCD.

Youth Homelessness Services (YHS) Local RFP: The YHS RFP was originally released in December with January 20 deadline. Zero proposals were received. A discussion took place regarding re-releasing the YHS RFP.

MOTION: *Johnna made a motion that the YHS RFP be re-released on May 1 with an application submission deadline of June 8. Jim seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

Topic Discussion

HMIS/Coordinated Entry

System Performance Measures Report

The council reviewed the System Performance Measures Report for the period beginning on October 1, 2018 and ending on September 30, 2019. This report was submitted to HUD just before the deadline of February 28, 2020. The draft of this report was reviewed at February's meeting prior to submission to HUD, but because several members were not present at that meeting it was made available for this meeting as well. Andrea pointed out the decrease in the system-wide exits to permanent housing from 37% in FY2018 to 30% in FY2019 and noted that this is likely due to the decreased in ESG funding for RRH services. A discussion took place regarding exploring use of CESH 2018 funds to support increased capacity for RRH services.

The next Executive Council Meeting is scheduled for **May 27, 2020** at 9:00 AM. The May meeting will likely be held via Zoom.