



**TEHAMA COUNTY  
CONTINUUM of CARE**

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**Executive Council Meeting**  
**MINUTES**

**May 27, 2020** at 9:00 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  
Tara Loucks-Shepherd, Tehama County Department of Social Services  
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  
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 meeting held on April 22, 2020 were made available prior to this meeting for review. <b>No revisions requested, approved as emailed.</b>

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Stakeholders' Meeting/Vista Way Navigation Center Update	The most recent stakeholders meeting was held on May 6, 2020 via Microsoft Teams. Andrea reported that work continues on the possible donation of land for the Navigation Center.

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COVID-19 Emergency Interventions	<p>The COVID-19 Fairgrounds Shelter has been in operation since March 30 and has served 117 unduplicated individuals. Contingent on approval of additional funding, PATH plans to operate the shelter through the end of June with an added focus on transitioning guests into permanent housing.</p> <p>On May 13, three of the state-provided trailers went into use. The trailers are part of Project Roomkey, the state's program for providing isolation units to individuals who are homeless and who fall into one of three prioritization categories: those who are COVID-positive, those who have been exposed to a known case of COVID-19, and those who are considered high risk for developing complications if they were to contract the virus according to state-provided criteria which include being age 65 or older or being any age with one or more underlying health conditions, including lung, heart or liver disease, insulin-dependent diabetes or a condition that compromises the immune system. The Workgroup determined that two trailers would be reserved for COVID-positive or COVID-exposed individuals and the remaining three trailers would be put into use housing high-risk individuals.</p> <p><b>COVID-19 Testing:</b> Val shared that as of yesterday, 1524 COVID-19 virus tests had been completed in Tehama County. Of those, 1520 were negative and 4 were positive. 10 individuals are currently under quarantine due to having potentially been exposed to a known COVID-19 case, either inside or outside of Tehama County. The most recent person to test positive is currently under isolation.</p> <p>Community testing was conducted at the Red Bluff Community Center for the first 2 weeks of May, and is now being conducted at Corning High School. The Corning testing site will wrap up on Friday and will then move back to Red Bluff. Public Health is currently working on outreach to encourage community members to get tested. Some community members have asked about antibody testing, but Val advised that none of the several types of antibody tests currently available have been confirmed as reliable. Public Health will be looking into making antibody testing available once a reliable test has been identified. Public Health is encouraging all community members to be tested, whether they are symptomatic or not and regardless of whether they plan to undergo an antibody test when they are made available.</p>

Jim inquired as to whether or not individuals should get re-tested if they had a negative test but later developed symptoms. Val advised that official guidance regarding repeat testing is in development and will focus on individuals in congregate settings such as skilled nursing facilities. She advised that there is nothing stopping any individual from being re-tested if they wish and that there would still be no cost for the test, however, if a person is experiencing symptoms they should call their primary care provider for medical advice and for information on possible access to testing that does not require them to leave their vehicle.

Topic Discussion

Capacity Building

**2020 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program:** Andrea reported that 2 applications were received under the Competitive ESG program: PATH Street Outreach and Empower Tehama Domestic Violence Emergency Shelter. Both were scored by the Rating and Ranking Committee and will be recommended to HCD to compete regionally. One application was received under the Non-Competitive Rapid Rehousing program: PATH Rapid Rehousing. This application was scored by the committee and will be recommended for funding through HCD. All applicants under both components are required to submit full applications to HCD by the extended deadline of July 10. Gail will sign the documents that need to be sent to HCD with the CoC's Recommendation Package.

**Youth Homelessness Services (YHS) Local RFP:** The YHS RFP was originally released in December with January 20 deadline. One organization has registered for email updates. Jim is familiar with this organization and will reach out to them to encourage them to apply and answer any questions they might have. Jim also reported that he has heard that there may be increased funding available through the Department of Education this year for serving children and youth experiencing homelessness.

**Fiscal Support for COVID-19 Interventions:** Andrea reported that initial information regarding the CARES Act ESG has been published, in which Tehama CoC's preliminary allocation was listed as \$676,000, and that HCD staff stated on an informational call that this funding will be able to reimburse expenses retroactively to at least the date the CARES Act was passed. It is unclear as of yet exactly what activities will be eligible under this funding and whether or not capital improvements will be eligible.

It was proposed that \$110,000 funding be approved to support the COVID-19 Fairgrounds Shelter operations through the end of June through re-allocation of the remaining COVID-19 Emergency Homelessness Funding (\$9,404.29) and allocation of \$100,595.71 in CESH 2018 funds. This will likely result in a surplus of funds that PATH can use to support Rental Assistance and other support for guests transitioning out of shelter. **MOTION:** Jim made a motion that funding for the COVID-19 Fairgrounds Shelter be approved and that "Rental Assistance" and "Non-Congregate Shelter" be added to the eligible activities in the contract under which the PATH is operating the shelter. Tara seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Topic Discussion

HMIS/Coordinated Entry

**Revisions to HMIS and CES Releases of Information:** Tara reported having worked with County Counsel's office to review the CoC's combined HMIS/CES Release of Information for use in County programs. They recommended that the combined ROI be split into two separate ROIs and requested some changes in the language, particularly in the "consent" section. Andrea reviewed their suggested changes and has determined that the resulting draft documents are in compliance with HUD requirements. It is being proposed that these revised ROIs be approved by the CoC for use in all CoC member projects that enter data into HMIS or CES.

**MOTION:** Tara made a motion that the revised drafts of both ROIs be approved for use as provided to this council for review. Jim seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Coordinated Entry Tehama 2-1-1 Proposal:** A copy of the proposal from NorCal United Way and Tehama 2-1-1 was made available for review prior to this meeting. A discussion took place regarding the positive impact that designating 2-1-1 as the CES Primary Entry Point has had on the system since being put into place in the spring of 2019 and about the important role of 2-1-1 in the response to homelessness, as well as recent public health and natural disaster emergencies in Tehama County. Andrea confirmed that the cost of renewing the contract for another year is within the CoC's budget and is part of the approved budget plan. **MOTION:** Andrea made a motion that the proposal be approved and that the contract with NorCal United Way and Tehama 2-1-1 be renewed. Tara seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The next Executive Council Meeting is scheduled for **June 24, 2020** at 9:00 AM. The June meeting will likely be held via Zoom.