



**TEHAMA COUNTY
CONTINUUM of CARE**

Tehama County Continuum of Care
Executive Council Meeting
MINUTES

June 24, 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

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Discussion</i>
Discussion of minutes & agenda from previous Executive Council Meeting	The minutes & agenda from the Executive Council meeting held on May 27, 2020 were made available prior to this meeting for review. No revisions requested, approved as emailed.
Stakeholders' Meeting/Vista Way Navigation Center Update	<p>Val reported the Stakeholders' Meeting has been held virtually. The next meeting is scheduled for July 1.</p> <p>The donation of the land owned by LP to PATH has closed escrow and is considered the new site for the planned Navigation Center. Plans also include additional features in the future, such as temporary housing, community gardens, etc. Val also reported that there may be an opportunity to purchase a steel building that was originally to be purchased by another entity, but the deal fell through, so the seller may be willing to give the county a good deal. Community fundraising is important at this point, as work done after we begin using CDBG funding must adhere to strict procurement policies.</p> <p>Due to the changes in site planning, membership on the committee originally convened as the Vista Way Executive Committee may change. Some committee members were involved specifically due to their relation to the Vista Way site and my not wish to continue serving, while other stakeholders may want to be added to the committee based on their relation to the new site.</p>
COVID-19 Emergency Interventions	<p>The COVID-19 Fairgrounds Shelter and the Project Roomkey Isolation Trailers are still being operated at the Tehama District Fairgrounds by PATH. Currently, there are 25 persons being served in the combined project, 3 of whom are in isolation trailers, and another 10 of whom are being housed in the high-risk dorm but do not require isolation. So far, there have been no outbreaks of COVID-19 among the homeless population. Operating the services at the fairgrounds is costing between \$100K and \$110K per month. TCHSA plans to contribute funds from the CMSP funding for which they expect to be in contract soon, but those funds cannot pay for facility rental.</p> <p>COVID-19 Testing: Val shared that as of yesterday, 3579 COVID-19 virus tests had been completed in Tehama County. Of those, 3520 were negative and 59 were positive. 28 cases are active and in isolation, 30 have recovered, and one died in April. An additional 55 individuals are currently under quarantine due to having potentially been exposed to a known COVID-19 case. Of the positive cases, 55% (30 people) are or were symptomatic and the remaining 45% (29 people) were or are asymptomatic. This is a change seen since last week, when most of the positive cases had been asymptomatic. Val also reported that transmission of COVID-19 seen in Tehama County has been traced back to small gatherings and other community transmission may be due to non-compliance with the stay at home order and neglecting to wear facial coverings. Public Health is advising that everyone take universal precautions and follow guidance regarding facial coverings to prevent further community</p>

	transmission. She noted that the California Department of Public Health has released new guidance on facial coverings that is available on their website.
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Capacity Building	<p>Youth Homelessness Services (YHS) Local RFP: Andrea reported that the Rating and Ranking Committee has evaluated the one proposal received in response to the Spring 2020 YHS RFP, submitted by Children First FFA for their Homeless Youth Services Hub project. Through this project, Children First FFA proposes providing assistance to unaccompanied homeless youth and children and youth who are members of households experiencing homelessness with assessments of needs, advocacy, resource guidance, transportation strategies, vetting and supply of basic needs items, outreach to family/guardians to include them in resource guidance, self-efficacy development and social support groups. Services will be provided by Children First Support Specialists and will be integrated into their existing Solutions for Youth Fund and Elevate Youth Solutions programs, both of which are established programs that have served over 400 students since 2018. The committee recommended awarding Children First the \$68,000 in Spring 2020 YHS funds. Gail had some a clarifying question for Children First regarding their plan to fill spots in their program exclusively through referrals from school Homeless Liaisons due to the possibility that schools would not be open in their usual format in the fall. Andrea also had questions about details of their proposed budget items. Andrea posed these questions to Children First and they responded, explaining that they are open to relying more heavily on referrals from other community partners as needed, and clarified that the immediate needs items they planned to expend funds on include food, clothing, bus passes and personal hygiene items, and in certain cases may also include technology, out of area transportation, temporary housing or housing-related expenses.</p> <p>Andrea reported that she plans to coordinate a Welcome Meeting for Children First to go over the terms of the grant and process for drawing down funds. Jim requested that Barbara and Stormy from TCDE's Foster and Homeless Youth program also be included in the meeting. Andrea will add Barbara and Stormy to the attendee list for the Welcome Meeting.</p> <p>CARES Act Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Funding: Andrea reported that HCD has released the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the first allocation of ESG-CV funding and that Tehama County is entitled to an allocation of \$575,600. HCD will be receiving a second tranche of ESG-CV funding from HUD, but the process by which they will allocate this funding has not yet been announced. Andrea requested that a subcommittee meet to discuss how the CoC would like to budget the first allocation so that the application can be submitted to HCD by the July 20 deadline. Gail, Jim, Val, Johnna and Tara volunteered to participate if a suitable time could be found. It was suggested that representation from PATH and County Admin also be invited to participate. Andrea will coordinate a meeting of the subcommittee.</p> <p>California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH) Program Funding: The proposal for requesting authorization use of additional CESH funds to support ongoing COVID-19 services is not ready yet so is not available for review at this meeting. Andrea will prepare it based on recommendation of the Homelessness and COVID-19 Workgroup and send it out to the council electronically when ready. A proposal from Empower Tehama requesting CESH funds to support the purchase and installation of a generator at the domestic violence emergency shelter was reviewed by the council. Justification for the request included safety considerations for victims of domestic violence and their children being housed in the shelter during anticipated PG&E PSPS Events, and cited issues that arose during PSPS events in 2019, including the security system and electronic entry system being inoperable without electricity. MOTION: Val made a motion that the funding requested by Empower Tehama for purchase and installation of a generator in the amount of \$32,500 be approved. Johnna seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA): A discussion took place regarding funding that will be available to cities and counties to support a range of housing-related projects, including supporting emergency interventions and housing assistance for those experiencing homelessness as well as down-payment assistance programs to assist households in becoming first-time homeowners. The funds originate with the real estate transaction fee imposed through SB 2. It was reported that the program had come up briefly on a regular call between the county and city managers, but no decisions have been made as of yet.</p>
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HMIS/Coordinated Entry	Review of the 2020 Sheltered Point-in-Time Count Report Draft: This item will be added to the Executive Council meeting agenda for July, as time did not allow for it to be addressed today.

The next Executive Council Meeting is scheduled for **July 22, 2020** at 10:00 AM. The June meeting will likely be held via Zoom.