



**TEHAMA COUNTY
CONTINUUM of CARE**

Tehama County Continuum of Care
Executive Council Meeting
MINUTES

March 24, 2021 at 10:00 AM
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

IN ATTENDANCE:

E.C. Ross, Poor and the Homeless Tehama County Coalition
Andrea C. Curry, Empower Tehama, CoC & HMIS Coordinator
Valerie Lucero, Tehama County Health Services Agency
Gail Locke, Continuum of Care Chairperson
Johnna Jones, Red Bluff City Council
Tara Loucks-Shepherd, Tehama County Department of Social Services
Travis Lyon, MHSA Coordinator
David Madrigal, Tehama County Community Action Agency

Excused:
Steve Chamblin, Tehama County Board of Supervisors
Jim Southwick, Tehama County Department of
Education

Notes by: Heather Henderson

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Discussion</i>
Discussion of minutes & agenda from previous Executive Council Meeting	The minutes and agenda from the Executive Council meeting held on February 24, 2021 were made available prior to this meeting for review. Valerie Lucero requested on the first page under Olive Grove apartments, that we add "the 15 units for chronic homelessness are specifically for people who have serious mental illness" and in the section regarding the PIT Count, that Tehama County Health Services Agency be listed as the agency that provided the health-related items for the outreach bags rather than Public Health specifically. Johnna motioned to accept this change. Val seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
Welcome and Introductions	Gail introduced Heather Henderson, a new addition to Empower Tehama. She will be handling the invitations for the Executive Council and Stakeholders' Collaborative Meetings. The Executive Council Members introduced themselves; E.C. Ross, PATH; Tara Loucks-Shepherd, Program Manager, Vice Chair, Finance Committee, Rate and Rank Committee; David Madrigal, Program Manager for Community Action; Johnna Jones, City Council Member of Red Bluff; Travis Lyon, MHSA Coordinator for TCHSA; Val Lucero, Executive Director of TCHSA, Executive Council, Stakeholders' Collaborative, 10 Year Plan; Gail Locke, CoC Chairperson and member of the CoC for 15-20 years; Andrea C. Curry, Empower Tehama Data and Outcomes Manager, Continuum of Care and HMIS Coordinator.
Stakeholders' Collaborative Update	Transition Meeting: Val reported that a transition meeting was held with Andrea, Tammy and Heather to pass the torch to manage the Stakeholders' Collaborative Group. Heather will be managing the group, sending out invitations and agendas. Val asked that Andrea thank Jeanne Spurr for sponsoring this position. Gail mentioned she would like to meet with Andrea to go over agenda items. Some of the items need to be identified to see how everything fits in. Gail proposed we add a separate item on the agenda for the PATH Plaza update.
Navigation Center	PATH Plaza: E.C. reported that he has a meeting scheduled regarding floor plans and an environmental review by Lorie Adams. Val reported that Tom reached out regarding COVID restrictions. Inquired about how much space needs to be between cots, ventilation requirements, not just for the shelter but in general. Val provided him with the most recent federal guidance on congregate shelters and stated that the door is open if they want to discuss more with Dr. Brown, the new health officer.

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Capacity Building	<p>Emergency Solutions Grant – Corona Virus (CSG-CV): Tara reported that two applications were received and scored for the Emergency Solutions Grant – Coronavirus (ESG-CV). The applications were from PATH Street Outreach and PATH Day Center. There were some questions on the street outreach application; if supporting encampment cleanup, purchasing a vehicle to use for the dump runs and towing the shower trailer were allowable activities. Andrea reached out to HCD to ask if that was eligible and received a response that it is allowable. The group scored both applications high enough to be funded. There was feedback for the applicant specific to fund management and PATH provided additional information on that and plans for an audit. Gail mentioned that the vehicle can also be used to provide hot meals. Tara remarked that it was a well written application. Andrea reported that the ESG-CV funds need to be expended by Jan 30, 2022. The Day Center falls under that component. Request for Applications (RFA) is still available at www.tehamacoc.org/esg-cv; and are open until March 31, 2021 or until all funds have been awarded.</p> <p>Budget Revisions to support PATH Plaza: A suggested action is to authorize re-allocation of a portion of the CESH 2018 (\$187,622), CESH 2019 (\$133,825) and HHAP-I (\$264,604) funds from Navigation Center operations for years 2 and 3 to Navigation Center capital costs. Johnna asked what kind of gap will remain? Andrea noted that it would close the gap and these funds will get us where we need to be on this budget. Johnna made a motion to move the operations funding to capital funding. David seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. It was mentioned for the next meeting to have a report out on all CoC and County funds that covers how they are to be rearranged, what might not be covered and what might not be covered for as long.</p>
2021 CoC Initiatives	<p>Gaps Analysis: The last analysis was a process to develop the 10-year plan. This is a good item to bring to the Stakeholders' Collaborative to set goals, track the progress of these goals and reflect on if they are still the right goals at this time. A discussion took place regarding the possibility of bringing Housing Tools, the consultants that coordinated the development of the 10-year plan, back in to facilitate the Gaps Analysis, as they are already familiar with our local system and the priorities and goals set in the plan.</p> <p>Racial Disparity Assessment: Many CoC's are combining gaps analysis and groups that are underserved to see how services are provided. Val and Andrea discuss enlisting the Stakeholders' help with the RDA and that an outside perspective would be good. Val shared that No Place Like Home (NPLH) were used to support the initial development of the 10-year plan funds. As the recipient of those funds, the county worked with Housing Tools on the project. This time around, the CoC should take the lead, as the Gaps Analysis and RDA are CoC mandates and are allowable activities under state programs like HHAP from which both the CoC and the county have allocations. Gail recommends that we learn from the process as the consultant takes us through it this time so we can coordinate it ourselves in future years. If we keep up on the annual schedule, the task will not be as demanding in future years as it will be this year.</p>
HMIS/Coordinated Entry	<p>2021 Point in Time Count Preliminary Results: Andrea reviewed preliminary numbers for the 2021 Point in Time count, It was broken down by gender and race for HUD. A comparison was added in for 2019, 2020 and 2021. There were 23 individuals counted in Corning, 9 in Los Molinos and 235 in Red Bluff. Gail referenced item #8; it is showing 50% reporting it's their first time being homeless. Val noted that an encampment that was there in Corning in 2019 has since been cleared out and it is suspected that the individuals formerly in that encampment may still be unsheltered but camping in more isolated areas of the surrounding areas.</p>
Covid -19 Emergency Interventions Update	<p>Vaccine Access planning for people experiencing homelessness: Andrea reports on planning a vaccine event for the homeless and how to get the word out using Street Outreach. It would be good to include information on how to get the vaccine on your own and not only at the PATH Day Center. Val reported that My Turn is not working correctly, and the issues are being addressed. Before My Turn, people were calling Public Health for assistance and now it's all done on the website. There was discussion on the best way to have a pop-up vaccine clinic in Corning. Gail asked about holding clinics in Rancho Tehama, Los Molinos and Manton. Val says that once they receive a larger shipment of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, they will be able to serve the smaller communities. Another challenge is getting genuine information about the vaccine to the homeless population before</p>

holding the clinic, as there is a lot of misinformation out there. Val recommended the CDC website as a good source to find credible information.

Community Covid-19 update: Val reported that they received 200 Johnson & Johnson doses. They started with the jail and would like to use the rest for the homeless. Johnna asked if there was a way to know which vaccine you're getting. Val said My Turn doesn't tell you, but if you call the local pharmacies, they can tell you which vaccine they're offering. The number of Covid cases are slowing down and that Tehama County recently moved from the red tier to the purple tier. There was a height of 50-55 cases in one day. This week (a seven-day week) we had 57 cases, 8 cases per day. This is higher than we want it to be. The concern is that the more people are vaccinated they will not be as diligent on pre-cautions. We need everyone to observe the guidance provided to prevent the spread of Covid -19.

The next Executive Council Meeting is scheduled for **April 28, 2021** at 10:00 AM. The April meeting will be held via Zoom.