



**TEHAMA COUNTY
CONTINUUM of CARE**

Tehama County Continuum of Care
Executive Council Meeting
MINUTES

August 25, 2021 at 10:00 AM
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

IN ATTENDANCE:

Andrea C. Curry, Empower Tehama, CoC & HMIS Coordinator
Valerie Lucero, Tehama County Health Services Agency
Johnna Jones, Red Bluff City Council
Tara Loucks-Shepherd, Tehama County Department of Social Services
Gail Locke, Continuum of Care Chairperson
Jim Southwick, Tehama County Department of Education

Excused:
David Madrigal, Tehama County Community Action Agency
Steve Chamblin, Tehama County Board of Supervisors
Travis Lyon, MHSA Coordinator
E.C. Ross, Poor and the Homeless Tehama County Coalition

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 July 28, 2021 were made available prior to this meeting for review. Val motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Jim seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
Stakeholders' Collaborative Update	<p>PATH is currently working with architects at Nichols, Melburg & Rosetto (NMR) on the plans for construction of the facility. Conversations regarding the use of the Union Pacific property as easement or through purchase of the parcel are ongoing. Debbie Villasenor says that slabs were poured in July for the Olive Grove project and that June 2022 is the date construction should be completed with the exception of weather delays.</p> <p>Amanda Sharp came to speak with us about what she has learned in Placer County in addressing homelessness and shared the process they use by which county agencies and programs share data with one another and collaborate effectively.</p> <p>A presentation from Project Restore was featured at the most recent Stakeholders' Meeting. Project Restore serves youth and young adults that have histories of involvement with the legal system. Kristina Miller from the City of Corning is the Prop 47 Lead and point person for this project. Also presenting were Rowdy Morgan of River City Counseling, who oversees Project Restore services for youth up to age 18, as well as Teri Opdyke and Haley Surtees, Case Coordinators from Empower Tehama, on their program that works with young adults ages 18-26. Adam Zucatto, Tehama County Health Services, Substance Abuse Recovery presented on the services provided by their program, and Carrie Ferchaud, Executive Director at the Job Training Center, spoke on the employment services they provide to Project Restore participants, COVID challenges and the steps they've taken to address them. Andrea also provided information on the California COVID-19 Rent Relief Program for tenants who have fallen behind on rent during the pandemic. She provided information on how to connect people to that program (www.housingiskey.com) and suggested that stakeholders serving households in need of this help assist them with navigating the online application.</p>

	<p>Val provided the Executive Council with an update on the progress of the collaboration with the businesses that border PATH Plaza. She, Clay Parker, Kyle Sanders and Jennifer Ragsdale were recently on a call with Michelle Gregg and Ross Tolbert from Ethan Conrad Properties, who manage the properties currently occupied by Ross, Marshalls and Planet Fitness. It was discussed that flyers distributed have not been reaching the property management companies representatives. The property management company asked questions and shared useful information of their other properties that have a shelter nearby and wants the program to succeed so that the businesses can also be successful. Security to deal with issues was the main concern of Ethan Conrad Properties. They were assured that they could contact the hotline number or go directly to the police department or notify both with any security concern. Heather has since reached out to Michelle Gregg to invite her to attend the Navigation Center Executive Committee meetings as well as Stakeholders' meetings.</p>
<p>Topic</p> <p>Capacity Building Andrea C. Curry</p>	<p>Discussion</p> <p>2020 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Balance of State Program – 2021 ESG Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) was released on August 17, 2021, with a submission deadline of October 19, 2021. The CoC is eligible to recommend up to two applications for a total of no more than \$139,800 in non-competitive Rapid Rehousing funding and up to two applications to be considered in the regional competition for between \$75,000 and \$200,000 each for Emergency Shelter, Rapid Rehousing or Street Outreach activities. Rapid Rehousing applications submitted under either the non-competitive or competitive components can budget up to 10% of their total award for Street Outreach and/or Homelessness Prevention activities. Andrea suggested that the CoC utilize the same local process used in 2020 to select projects for recommendation to HCD for the ESG Balance of State program, updated to reflect the non-competitive RRH amount for 2021 and new deadlines. Johnna motioned to update as necessary and go live. Gail seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>HUD Continuum of Care Program Application – The 2021 Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFAO) was released on August 18, 2021. The final deadline for submission of the consolidated application is November 16, 2021, however, the NOFAO states that CoCs must require that all Project Applications be submitted to the CoC no later than 30 days before that final deadline. Andrea suggested that the CoC utilize the same local process used in 2019, updated to reflect the 2021 deadlines and with revisions necessary to comply with this year's NOFAO. Gail motioned to authorize updating 2019's local selection process to be used for 2021. Jim seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.</p> <p>In addition to the local process for selecting project applications to include with the consolidated application, the CoC is required to complete and submit the main CoC application as in previous years. The application will be available in the eSnaps system soon. Heather and Andrea will review the 2021 application and determine which responses submitted in 2019 need updated for this year's submission and identify new questions for which responses must be developed. They will reach out to CoC members and other community partners as needed to develop the responses needed for the 2021 application.</p> <p>Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) – HHAP-3 and HHAP-4 announced as part of \$12B funding to address homelessness as part of new California budget. Estimated that Tehama CoC will be eligible for about \$425,000 in each round, County of Tehama estimated to be eligible for about \$400,000 in each round. Andrea went over HHAP 3 & 4 and found that it can be used for Navigation Center operations. Each California county will also be eligible for funds. BCSH is encouraging "overlapping jurisdictions" to apply jointly and incentives have been built in to the program rewarding jurisdictions who commit to this level of collaboration. These funds will also cover the costs of Housing Tools Gaps Analysis/Racial Equity Assessment.</p>
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HMIS/Coordinated Entry	<p>We need to pull together an HMIS work group to look at our CES before it's combined with our new HMIS system. The system needs to be revamped to serve Permanent Supportive Housing. The Olive Grove vacancies will be filled through the CES and needs to be designed to do this through No Place Like Home (NPLH) guidelines. We have examples from Butte County which show they have added values for these guidelines. This needs to be in place by 2022 so outreach efforts can begin to get people into CES. All of these changes are behind the scenes, so 211 will stay the same. At risk of chronically homeless needs to be added into the system. An HMIS system group can be formed once the CES group disbands. Masaki from the VA is considering sitting on the committee. Nation's Finest, Empower Tehama, TCHSA-Behavioral Health, PATH and Social Services have also been invited to sit on the committee. We want someone from 211 to sit on the committee and United Way as well. We should consult Kristina on who from South County that would have the capacity for CES would be good to add to the committee. Val suggested reaching out to Corning Health Care District as they have a new manager there who is interested in getting involved. She may also be a good person to ask to sit on the CoC or perhaps a council member or both? A presentation of CES at a future Stakeholder meeting may be a good way to inform everyone on how it works. In the next 2 weeks Heather will find a time that works for all to meet over Zoom. Hybrid meetings can be considered as well. Meetings will be in October and November meeting twice in each month. We have clear goals, so we won't have to spend extra time working on this. Eight or ten hours of meeting should be sufficient.</p>
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Covid -19 Emergency Interventions Update	<p>The Pfizer vaccine was given FDA approval for ages 16 and up. Ages 11-15 can still receive the vaccine, but it is still classified as emergency use for those ages. For individuals with health risks or a low immune system are eligible for a third dose of Pfizer or Moderna and is recommended. It is now an option on My Turn under the "Additional Dose" option and one should sign up for the same brand of vaccine they previously had. From August 16 – 22 we had 302 cases an average of 43 per day. Our lowest point was 66 cases in June, but we are now on track for 1,000 new cases in August. We have 15 people in the hospital, 3 of these are on ventilators and our death rate reached 67 as of last week. Another death was recorded on Monday night which brings the total to 68 Covid deaths. These deaths are in unvaccinated persons. 15.3% of all covid tests were positive in a 7-day period. We are seeing massive transmission. To put this in perspective any positive covid cases over 8% was classified as the purple tier. We are still in the 4th from the bottom of counties in California for lowest vaccination rates. Vaccines are available at pharmacies, LHI website and through My Turn. The Community Center walk-ins for both testing and vaccinations. Monday, Tuesday, and Friday for testing. Wednesday and Thursdays for vaccinations. In Tehama County the 40.5% are fully vaccinated of the eligible population and 6.7% are partially vaccinated. Tara asked why some vaccine records are not showing up in the state records. Val said that the information is in the CARES registry and that it is an issue for some people that say they can't find their vaccination record. There is a call center for that issue as well. Andrea expressed thanks to Val for her part in helping our homeless and how grateful we are to her. She also let Val know that she will always be welcome at these meetings.</p>
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The next Executive Council Meeting is scheduled for **September 22, 2021** at 10:00 AM. The April meeting will be held via Zoom.