



**TEHAMA COUNTY
CONTINUUM of CARE**

Tehama County Continuum of Care
Executive Council Meeting
MINUTES

July 28, 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
Tara Loucks-Shepherd, Tehama County Department of Social Services
Travis Lyon, MHSA Coordinator
David Madrigal, Tehama County Community Action Agency
Jim Southwick, Tehama County Department of Education

Excused:
Steve Chamblin, Tehama County Board of Supervisors
Johnna Jones, Red Bluff City Council
Candy Carlson, Tehama County Board of Supervisors

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 June 23, 2021 were made available prior to this meeting for review and were accepted as emailed.
Additions to Agenda	Val requested that a discussion on Amanda Sharp's meeting be added to the agenda to review Amanda's recommendations.
Stakeholders' Collaborative Update	In July we had a presentation from Barbara Weaver from Department of Education. It was very informative about the programs they operate for foster and homeless youth, the eligibilities and how they work with the schools. We also had updates on PATH Plaza and Olive Grove. Our next meeting is August 4, 2021 and will feature a presentation on Project Restore. This program helps youth that have had a history of involvement with the criminal legal system and involves intensive case management.
Capacity Building	<p>Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) - 100% of HEAP funds were expended by the June 30, 2021 deadline. Heather worked with PATH and Rick Dering, a restaurant owner, to get kitchen items and worked with NMR to make sure we were ordering the right equipment. Heather found a vendor that will keep everything until we need delivery. The youth spending requirements were met by Children First who serves homeless youth and foster youth. It took a while to get up and running but it's going great. The Empower Tehama storage unit was purchased and houses many donations from Walmart that are distributed to households receiving housing services.</p> <p>Tehama Emergency Solutions and Housing - Three grants were awarded by the CoC through the 2020 TESH RFP; Faith Works Emergency Assistance - \$35,000 (100% CESH 2018 funds) which was fully expended by original contract end of June 30, 2021. In spring of 2020, CESH funds under that RFP, Faith Works, PATH Day Center and Children First awards. Extending Children's First contract was approved last month and will now end Sept 30th. Would we like to release new RFP, renew existing projects or a combo of both? Due to the concern of the projects being unfunded while the council decides on how to proceed; it was decided to extend existing TESH contracts to September 30, 2021. Andrea and Heather will work with subgrantees to determine if</p>

	<p>that will require additional funding to continue operations through September 30, 2021 and help them develop a budget and budget narrative, if needed.</p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
<p>2021 CoC Initiatives</p>	<p>Gaps Analysis and Racial Disparity Assessment: This proposal from Housing Tools was reviewed at last month's meeting and the council requested that it be discussed again today to implement any requests for changes to the proposal. Andrea recommends getting on Housing Tools schedule now, as more CoC's will be seeking their help due to the new requirements from the next HHAP round. The suggested action is to Authorize Empower Tehama as Administrative Entity to contract with Housing Tools to provide proposed services as proposed or with revision, contingent on funder(s) approval of expense. Val motioned to approve; Tara seconded that we move ahead with the Housing Tools RFP. The motion passed unanimously. Andrea asked that any language changes be sent to her by next week to include in her response to Housing Tools.</p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
<p>HMIS/Coordinated Entry</p>	<p>Apricot HMIS – Due to migration issues there was a delay in launching the new HMIS system (Apricot). Once those were addressed, Apricot went live on July 19, 2021. Three user trainings have been held and two more are planned next week for those that weren't hired yet or missed the first three trainings. The additional trainings are scheduled for August 5th and August 6th.</p> <p>Coordinated Entry System – CES integration is scheduled for September/October 2021. With CES having more capabilities and HUD providing more stringent requirements, we need to update our policies and procedures through convening an HMIS/CES Workgroup made up of representatives from HMIS and CES participating agencies to review and update current HMIS and CES policies.</p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
<p>Covid -19 Emergency Interventions Update</p>	<p>Covid -19 Emergency Interventions Update – Val reported that we went through weeks where the new numbers of positive cases dipped down. Ten new cases in one week is the lowest we've had. This is still a lot but not compared to the 50 cases per day and over 1,200 cases in January. The Delta variant is here, and we've had three new deaths in less than 10 days of each other bringing the total deaths from Covid to 66. We are still trying to have people get onboard with not transmitting the virus. The youngest people are the most affected. 99% of Covid deaths are in people that are unvaccinated. In Tehama there is a lot of resistance to getting vaccinated. 43.8% of those eligible have had one dose of the vaccine. We held a number of outreach clinics in outlying areas but the turn out was very low. We are working with schools to do clinic with students and their families. Those that are hesitant to get the vaccine is because it's an "emergency use vaccine" and they say once it's not experimental they will get vaccinated. Until the transmission of Covid is under control the virus will change and as new variants appear it may require a new vaccine. Herd immunity is the goal. Tehama County is ranked the 4th lowest vaccination rate in California, which is not due to lack of effort. New requirements for certain sectors to follow starting August 9, 2021. These are new rules that pertain to masking, vaccination and testing. In high-risk settings employees must show proof of vaccination. Employees that don't show proof will be required to test for Covid twice a week. This order affects all state employees in California. State employees must show proof of vaccination and wear masks in appropriate situations. Unvaccinated employees must text once a week. All state agencies must abide by these rules. These requirements are also for workers in congregate establishments such as jails and homeless shelters. They must show proof of vaccination, wear surgical masks around people. Must test twice a week if unvaccinated. Clinics such as dental offices and day surgery have similar requirements. Lower tier facilities must test unvaccinated staff weekly.</p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
<p>Recap of "Housing Lessons Learned" Presentation</p>	<p>Amanda Sharp gave a presentation for a group of stakeholders on July 16. She shared information on housing programs and strategies being used in Placer County. She also provided suggestions on how county agencies could collaborate to ensure that their services were being provided efficiently across programs. Val asked Heather to add a recap of Amanda's presentation to the agenda for the August Stakeholder's Agenda, as well, so a synopsis of the information can be shared with the group. Val also suggested that Heather ask Debbie Villasenor</p>

to give a presentation at a future Stakeholder Meeting on what we need to put into place to make this area attractive to developers. The discussion continued with the focus on forming housing groups, one at the county level and one at the stakeholders' level that could touch base from time to time. Questions were posed on how often the group would meet and what would they focus on. It was suggested that the stakeholders'-level group could start with a small group to develop a plan on what the committee's objectives and goals would be. It was determined that it would be more beneficial for the county-level group to begin meeting first, then the stakeholders'-level group could get a better idea of what their role should be.

The next Executive Council Meeting is scheduled for **August 25, 2021** at 10:00 AM via Zoom.