

Tehama County Continuum of Care Executive Council Meeting



Meeting Minutes

June 22, 2022

Meeting held via Zoom

ATTENDANCE:	PRESENT	EXCUSED
Gail Locke , Chairperson	X	
Tara Loucks-Shepherd , Vice-Chair; Tehama County Department of Social Services		X
Jayme Boffke , Tehama County Health Services Agency	X	
Candy Carlson , Tehama County Board of Supervisors		X
Andrea Curry , Empower Tehama	X	
Jeremiah Fears , Corning Police Department		X
Johnna Jones , Red Bluff City Council (Alternate: Kris Deiters)	X	
Travis Lyon , Tehama County Health Services	X	
David Madrigal , Tehama County Community Action Agency	X	
E.C. Ross , Poor and the Homeless Tehama County Coalition (PATH)	X	
Jim Southwick , Tehama County Department of Education	X	

Guests: **James Coles from Housing Tools**

Notes by: **Andrea C. Curry**

1. **Welcome and Introductions**
2. **Adoption of Minutes from May 25, 2022**

The minutes and agenda from the Executive Council meeting held on April 27, 2022 were made available prior to this meeting for review. The minutes were approved as emailed.

3. **Additions to the Agenda** – None

4. **Stakeholders' Collaborative Update**

Andrea C. Curry

The Stakeholders' Collaborative met on June 1, 2022 . At that meeting, updates were provided on the PATH Plaza navigation center and the Olive Grove Permanent Supportive Housing project. Jessica Candela from Housing Tools led a conversation to review the goals and strategies to be included in the Local Homelessness Action Plan (LHAP) portion of the HHAP-3 application, which were determined with input from the Stakeholders' Collaborative in May. Kristopher Kuntz from Anthem Blue Cross presented to the group on the Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program (HHIP).

PATH Plaza: The building plans are under review by the City of Red Bluff. Once they are approved by the city, the project will go to bid.

No Place Like Home: Debbie Villasenor reported that No Place Like Home (NPLH) projects serve individuals with serious mental illness that are homeless, chronically homeless, or at risk of chronic homelessness. Two additional project applications have been submitted to the state to be considered for No Place Like Home funding. Both proposed projects would be located in Red Bluff. If approved, the developers involved in the projects will be seeking additional funding to complete the projects.

Update on items for NPLH Units: Gail has been organizing fundraising for household items for the Olive Grove NPLH units. She recently presented at Rotary and received donations towards the purchase of these items and as a result of the presentation was later contacted by the Shasta Community Foundation, who has agreed to contribute the remaining \$1,600 needed to complete the purchases.

5. Capacity Building

Andrea C. Curry

Homeless Housing and Prevention Round 3 (HHAP-3)

The HHAP-3 application is almost completed and will be submitted to Cal ICH by the June 30 deadline. The Local Homeless Action Plan (LHAP) was presented to the county Board of Supervisors on June 7 by James Coles from Housing Tools.

The CoC and the County have agreed to apply jointly for the HHAP-3 funding. The *Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention, Round 3 Joint Application and Regional Coordination Agreement* describes the responsibilities of each party, as well as those of Empower Tehama as the Administrative Entity for the CoC. This agreement was reviewed by this council at the May 2022 meeting.

Jayne Bottke made a motion that the the council authorize the CoC Chairperson to sign the Housing, Assistance and Prevention, Round 3 Joint Application and Regional Coordination Agreement on behalf of Tehama CoC. David Madrigal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Emergency Solutions Grant – Coronavirus (ESG-CV)

Andrea reported that during it's June 8 Office Hours webinar HCD announced that they have met the deadline set in HUD's Notice CPD-22-06 goal of drawing at least 50% of the s ESG-CV funds by June 16th, which will allow them to avoid having funds recaptured by HUD and also to have their expenditure deadline with HUD extended from September 30, 2022 to September 30, 2023. HCD stated that CoCs who met their own 50% drawdown goal by June 16 would also not be in danger of having funds recaptured by the state. They stated that they would be reaching out individually to CoCs to discuss possible expenditure deadline extensions, but encouraged CoCs to continue expending funds based on the original 2022 deadline unless/until their HCD rep reaches out to discuss this possibility. As of May 30, Tehama CoC has drawn 61% of it's total ESG-CV award. While this council had planned to review to-date spending of subgrantees during this meeting, Andrea suggested that this be done in July instead, when we would hopefully have more information about the potential extension and can look at expenditure rates through this lens. Andrea mentioned that it's possible that HCD may recapture funds from other communities that have not met expenditure milestones that they might then need to redistribute. If requesting additional funds is a possibility by July 27, Andrea will also prepare an analysis of the cost of continuing to support the projects currently funded under the CoC's ESG-CV allocation through the extended deadline of September 2023.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Balance of State

Andrea reported that the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Balance of State Allocation 2022 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) was released on June 13. Tehama CoC is eligible to recommend up to two projects to submit applications into the regionally competitive component and select up to two projects to receive up to a combined \$122,370 in non-competitive Rapid Rehousing funding. In past years, Tehama CoC has updated it's previous process for soliciting interest in this funding opportunity locally and evaluating Project Overviews submitted to the CoC.

Jayme made a motion that the council authorize Andrea and Heather to update the process used in 2021 to comply with the 2022 NOFA and release the 2022 ESG Funding Opportunity announcement. David seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. HMIS/CES Update

Andrea C. Curry

Andrea reported that HMIS/CES staff has been working out any glitches with the CES prioritization and referral system as Travis uses it for the Olive Grove No Place Like Home unit lease-up process. Travis reported that he is now available two days per week on location in Corning to assist individuals experiencing homelessness with accessing CES assessments. Gail asked if all of the funded projects are now entering records into HMIS. Andrea reported that they are, that the past year has seen substantial growth in HMIS and that HMIS User Trainings are being held monthly at Empower Tehama.

7. Community COVID-19 Update

Jayme Bottke

Jayme reported that new COVID cases are currently being reported at a weekly average of 20 per day and that the rate peaked yesterday at 34 in one day. Because there are so many home testing options available now, it's likely that many cases are not being reported, but the county has not seen a dramatic increase in hospitalizations recently. She shared that they are seeing instances of the B2 and B5 COVID variant cases coming through, and while these variants appear to be much more easily transmissible, so far they do not appear to cause more severe illness. Jayme noted that a sore throat and/or laryngitis are often the first symptoms individuals with these variants of COVID notice.

TCHSA recommends getting vaccinated to protect against serious illness and that COVID vaccinations are now approved for young children. Public Health is preparing a press release and will be working locally with those who will be providing the pediatric vaccine. Community members interested in having their children vaccinated can schedule appointments on the My Turn website and can watch for the press release to find out about other locations and providers.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 27, 2022, at 9:30 AM and will be held via Zoom.