



**TEHAMA COUNTY
CONTINUUM of CARE**

Tehama County Continuum of Care
Executive Council Meeting
MINUTES

June 23, 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
David Madrigal, Tehama County Community Action Agency
Kathleen Carlson, Tehama County Board of Supervisors

Excused:
Jeremiah Fears, Corning Police Department
Tara Loucks-Shepherd, Tehama County Department of
Social Services
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 June 23, 2021 were made available prior to this meeting for review. There were no changes to the minutes, and they were accepted as emailed. Valerie asked to include an agenda item of scheduling a meeting with Amanda Sharp under agenda item number 6a: Gaps Analysis and Racial Disparity Assessment.
Stakeholders' Collaborative Update	Andrea spoke about the meeting held on June 2, 2021. Around 25 people were in attendance this month. We had a presentation from Jennifer Ragsdale about PATH's Transitional Housing program and an update from EC on where we are at with the Navigation Center. Barbara Weaver from Department of Education presenting on the Foster and Homeless Youth program or Project Restore in July. Project Restore will likely be presenting in August; waiting on confirmation.
Navigation Center	PATH Plaza: E.C. reported that they are still working with NMR to get the Navigation Center floorplans finalized. E.C. has been in contact with Union Pacific regarding the needed easement but hopes to negotiate an affordable price. It was noted that the easement would be an eligible cost under the CDBG funds, but whether or not it could be purchased using these funds would depend on whether or not there is room in that budget.
Capacity Building	Youth Homelessness Services (YHS) The agreement for the award to Children First FFA ends June 30, 2021. Due to project start-up activities, not all funds have been drawn down yet. Based on their previous spending, remaining funds will be spent by the end of September. Interest earned on HEAP funds must be expended according to guidelines for expenditure of HEAP funds awarded to the CoC, including no less than 5% must be used to address youth homelessness. Five percent of the interest earned on the HEAP funds equals \$57.00. Johnna motioned to add \$57.00 interest from HEAP funds to the Children First contract and extending the contract by 90 days. David seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor. TESH 2020 - PATH Day Center Award – This award to PATH Day Center operations in July 2020 was originally funded by CESH 2018 funds, which the CoC has until 2023 to expend. The Day Center activities are also eligible under ESG-CV funding, which must be expended by July 30, 2022 and can be used to support activities that took place as far back as March 2020. Per the guidelines of the ESG-CV award, we are required to have expended 20% of the total award of \$2,669,936 by July 31, 2021 (\$533,987). To date we have expended \$438,635, so an additional \$95,352 needs to be expended to ESG-CV by the end of July. Moving the PATH Day Center TESH award of \$122,362, of which all but approximately \$2,500 has already been expended from CESH 2018 to ESG-CV would allow us to meet the 20% ESG-CV requirement by the deadline and would allow us to budget \$85,654 the \$122,362 back to CESH 2018 which can be budgeted towards the first year of operations of the Navigation Center. A motion to move the

PATH Day Center funding from CESH 2018 to ESG-CV funding. A motion was made by Valerie and Candy seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) – Andrea sent out an update to the council on the larger expenses that had been made. As of yesterday, we still had some funds available in the Empower Tehama Warehouse fund and the PATH Navigation Center. All checks have been cut for Empower Tehama. There is still some ordering for PATH to do for Navigation Center kitchen equipment. Allene has been working with her son, Rick; Heather and Kyle from NMR to determine what is going to be needed in the kitchen and in getting quotes. Heather located a vendor that will hold our purchase delivery on the equipment until it's needed to avoid storage fees. The purchase should be finalized by the end of this week. All funds including interest will be expended by the June 30, 2021 deadline.

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2021 CoC Initiatives

Gaps Analysis and Racial Disparity Assessment: Andrea emailed the proposal from Housing Tools to the council members ahead of this meeting. She requested that everyone please review it and provide feedback. Andrea has met with Housing Tools a few times on the development of the proposal. Deliverables will include a set of tools that we can use ourselves to conduct updated Gaps Analysis. The proposal is itemized, please let Andrea know if you would like something removed or added. The current proposal will cost \$37,400. Andrea noted that there are a it would be possible to opt for stakeholder interviews be held via Zoom rather than in-person meetings to reduce travel costs for Housing Tools, which they would pass along to us. In the racial equity section, it's very encouraging to see that some of their staff has done work with Migrant Education and Latino Outreach and the Paskenta Nomlaki Tribe in South Tehama County. The funding that we can use to cover the analysis would be HHAP Round 1 & Round 2 funds which have a regional coordination component. We may be able to use ESG-CV funds which support meeting the states racial equity goals. Completing a Gaps Analysis and a Racial Equity Assessment is a requirement of being a HHAP funds recipient. starting point of the gaps analysis would be to look at our 10-year plan to see if we've made any progress on the priorities and goals that we set and to assess the progress that we've made and determine whether the goals need updated. In group discussion it was mentioned Permanent Housing could be added to the scope of work. Andrea will inquire on how an update to the current 10-Year Plan would be done and what funding would be available for this.

Permanent Housing – Valerie proposed having Amanda Sharp come speak to interested Stakeholders' Group members and Executive Council members about the ins and outs of the Housing Authority. This way we will be well informed and ready for any opportunities of the brick and mortar funding that is in the works. Amanda has gained knowledge and understanding of Public Housing Authorities and housing funding in her position in Placer County and is willing to share what she's learned with us in order to strengthen our position to build capacity in Tehama County. Val will contact Amanda to set a meeting before the end of August.

Gail suggested that a Permanent Housing subcommittee be formed to begin working on specific plans for promoting development of more housing in Tehama County. Val mentioned that Debbie Villasenor, the housing consultant that has been instrumental in the Olive Grove project would be an important person to have on this subcommittee, as she has extensive knowledge in this area. Gail, David and Andrea expressed interest in participating on the subcommittee, as well. Andrea mentioned that she has been reviewing the current housing elements in the city and county and looking specifically at the properties on the vacant land inventories zoned for multi-family housing. She noted that the county's most recent inventory includes parcels that were not included in the previous inventory. Johnna noted that the city had just started another Housing Elements update that is scheduled to be done in eighteen months.

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HMIS/Coordinated Entry

Andrea reported that the first training for the new HMIS Apricot system was held yesterday with two more scheduled for June 24th and June 29th. Most users will be training in person at the Empower Tehama Walnut Street location with an additional Zoom training for Nation's Finest. We will have access to the Clarity data until August 31, 2021, and the goal is to have all data transferred to the new system so that it can go live on July 6th. Lowell Fletcher is our HMIS trainer and Heather will be working on the CES Training, which is scheduled for September/October after the HMIS migration. We need a HMIS/CES committee to review the technical changes and updates to these policies and procedures. CES has been used on more projects, so this will be a bigger conversation for the committee. The committee should be made up of representatives from each of the agencies that are HMIS/CES users if possible, in updating the policies and procedures. She would like to have this committee formed by September 2021. This will be on the agenda again in September.

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Covid -19 Emergency Interventions Update

Community Covid-19 update: Val reported that our case numbers have decreased but that COVID is far from over. We had 11 cases in the week of June 13th – 20th. That's the lowest we've had to date for a seven-day period. We still have hospitalized patients and haven't had a death in the last five weeks. We had sixteen state contact tracers at the height of COVID-19 that have been recalled, so we need locals to do this job now. Our vaccination rates are low which is a concern with the new variants that are showing up in the county. She noted that people are reluctant to get the vaccine because they see it as experimental, but this is incorrect – the FDA reviewed extensive clinical trial

data before approving it for emergency use. Youth (ages 18 – 29) are currently the highest Covid rates in the country, yet they have the lowest immunization rates. We're working with Public Health and the state to target the youth population. They seem to not want to take direction from the government. They may respond better to people they trust, such as their physicians or pastors. In Tehama County in ages 12 and up, 41% have had their first dose of the vaccine. First Responders (EMS, Fire and Law Enforcement) and healthcare providers have the lowest rate of being vaccinated. Some people who have antibodies because they have already had COVID have so far chosen not to get the vaccine because they believe that the antibodies are sufficiently protective against future COVID infections, but Val advised that the vaccine is the best option because it targets the spike protein on the virus, which is the mechanism the virus uses to invade a person's cells. Antibodies from past infections only target the center part of the virus and cannot stop the virus as quickly.

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