

Tehama County Continuum of Care Executive Council Meeting



Meeting Minutes

September 28, 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	
Kimberlee Monroe , Director of Client Services	X	

Guest: Michaele Brown, Executive Director MSW, LCSW

Notes by: **Heather Henderson**

1. Adoption of Minutes from August 24, 2022

The minutes and agenda from the Executive Council meeting held on August 24, 2022 were made available prior to this meeting for review. Tara motioned to approve the minutes and Candy seconded. The minutes were approved as emailed.

2. Additions to the Agenda

Tara reported that there were two action items voted on electronically in the interim between August's meeting and this meeting. The first action, regarding the suggested amendment to Article V, Section B of the CoC's Governance Charter, was completed by email on September 12, 2022. The second, regarding approval of the Letter of Support for the Managed Care Plans' (Anthem Blue Cross and California Health and Wellness) Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program (HHIP) Investment Plan for Tehama County, was completed on September 14, 2022. Andrea reported that both electronic votes were recorded in the minutes for the August 24, 2022 meeting minutes.

Candy requested that the topic of Safe Parking/Safe Camping projects for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness be discussed. The City of Red Bluff City Council discussed designating an area for camping at their September 6 meeting. Andrea pulled up the City Council Agenda materials from that meeting and shared a map of the proposed area via zoom with this group. A discussion took place around potential benefits and drawbacks to this type of project. Candy asked if there were any plans to allow sleeping in vehicles and/or camping on location at the PATH Plaza Navigation Center. Andrea stated that there were no plans for that at this time due to liability

and safety concerns. Johnna reported that the City Council has yet to make any concrete plans but is exploring the option. Andrea mentioned that some funding available through the CoC under which certain limited activities associated with a safe camping or safe parking project, such as ensuring that adequate portable restrooms and handwashing stations are made available to people who are unsheltered, and supporting Street Outreach activities that connect people to services and help them meet urgent physical needs.

3. PATH Plaza Update

E.C. was not present at this meeting, so Andrea provided an update based on what had been reported recently at the Navigation Center Executive meeting. The construction project is going to bid soon, with completion still scheduled for later summer/early fall of 2023, although the weather over the winter could impact the timeline.

4. Permanent Housing Update

Jayme reported that HCD recently announced the No Place Like Home Round 4 awards, which included two projects proposed in Tehama County. Both proposed projects are planned for locations in Red Bluff. Palm Villas is to be located on South Jackson St. with 61 total units: 50 low-income affordable units, 10 NPLH units, and 1 unit for an on-site manager. The Bluffs Community Housing is to be located on Vista Way and Southridge Drive and have 41 total units: 25 dedicated to households experiencing homelessness, 15 NPLH units, and a unit for an on-site manager.

Jayme also reported that Olive Grove Apartments in Corning are close to completion but have been delayed due to availability of certain electrical parts. The delay has impacted the tenant selection process, as tenants have to re-qualify for a unit if not leased-up within a specific amount of time. Due to the circumstances of many households that are eligible for a NPLH unit, maintaining communication with applicants can be challenging. Travis has been working with Chief Fears in Corning to identify individuals who are likely to qualify for units and connecting them to the Coordinated Entry System, and Travis is working with housing staff at PATH to connect with individuals who may be eligible or with whom communication has broken down.

5. Stakeholders' Collaborative Update

Heather reported that at September's Stakeholders' Collaborative meeting, Jessica Candela from Housing Tools gave a presentation on the progress that has been made towards the goals identified in the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness and solicited input on the updates to the 10-Year plan. Housing Tools will be incorporating the Stakeholders' Collaborative's feedback along with input gathered through interviews with stakeholders and people with lived experience into the plan update. Heather asked that any recommendations of potential interviewees be emailed to her to be passed on the Housing Tools.

6. Capacity Building

Andrea C. Curry

a. HUD Continuum of Care Program NOFO

The submission deadline for the 2022 CoC Consolidated Application, including CoC Application, Priority Listing, and CoC Planning Project application in eSnaps is September 30, 2022. A draft of 2022 CoC Application and Priority Listing must be posted publicly and an email sent out to notify community members and key stakeholders that it is available for review, by 5:00 PM PST today, September 28, 2022. A draft of the CoC's consolidated application was provided prior to this meeting for review by the council. No changes were requested, so the application will be posted as-is.

7. HMIS/CES

Andrea C. Curry

Empower Tehama will be holding an HMIS training on October 19th. Contact Heather if you have someone that needs to sign up. As a reminder, be sure and keep all program information current with 2-1-1 to ensure that callers (including those being assessed into the Coordinated Entry System) can be referred to appropriate services.

8. Community COVID -19 Update

New orders from CDC went into effect last weekend. Masking orders are now in alignment with CDC. Our community rate of transmission is ranked at "medium". We were ranked at "low" a week ago but now at "medium" rating. Mask use is strongly recommended in indoor locations. Those that are immunocompromised should wear a mask and anyone visiting them should wear a mask. Walk-in appointments are available on Wednesday, Thursday or by appointment. The new booster is available on Wednesday and Thursday. Use myturn.com for appointments. The rate of vaccinations have doubled in the past week, which will help the spread of the new variant.

Appointments for both testing and vaccines are available through the My Turn website or by calling Public Health at 530-527-6824.

Tehama County Covid-19 updates can be found at [COVID Data - Tehama County Health Services \(tehamacohealthservices.net\)](https://tehamacohealthservices.net) on the Tehama County Health Services website. Scroll down and enter "Tehama" in the "County and statewide data" box to view the most current Covid-19 information. There is a treatment site at the Vista Way location. It's a test to treat site, where community members can get referred to treatment if needed.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 26, 2022, at 9:30 AM and will be held via Zoom.