



**TEHAMA COUNTY
CONTINUUM of CARE**

Tehama County Continuum of Care
Executive Council Meeting
MINUTES

August 30, 2017 at 9:00 AM
 Held at Tehama County Department of Social Services

IN ATTENDANCE:

Michele Brousseau, Tehama County Health Services Agency,
 Mental Health Division
 Andrea C. Curry, Alternatives to Violence, CoC & HMIS
 Coordinator
 Tara Loucks-Shepherd, Tehama County Community Action
 Agency, Tehama County Department of Social Services
 Valerie Lucero, Tehama County Health Services Agency

Excused:
 Allene Dering, Lisa Kassik, Bobbi Sawtelle, Jeanne Spurr
 Gail Locke, David Madrigal, Sherry Wehbey

Notes by: Andrea Curry

Topic	Discussion	Action
Discussion of minutes from previous Executive Council Meetings	The minutes from the Executive Council meeting held July 26, 2017 were made available prior to this meeting for review. No revisions requested, approved as emailed.	

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General Collaborative Update	<p>Andrea reported that the Case Managers meeting was discussed at the General Collaborative meeting and will be starting up again, and that Theresa Lopez, the new Patient Navigator from TCHSA had provided an overview of what her program provides and the referral process.</p> <p>Andrea followed up on the discussion held at this meeting in July regarding the differences in the McKinney Vento definition of homelessness and HUD's definition of homeless. A handout was provided included the McKinney Vento definition. The McKinney Vento definition includes "individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence" and goes on to state that it includes youth and children living in the circumstances that the HUD definition mentions (persons living in places not meant for habitation or shelters) but also includes youth and children who are "sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason ..." This confirmed that while HUD's homeless definition excludes "couch-surfers" and families that are doubled-up in a unit with another family from eligibility for most HUD-funded homelessness assistance services, youth that are "couch-surfing" or doubled-up in housing, unaccompanied or part of a family, are eligible for McKinney Vento services, such as those provided by Project Connect at TCDE.</p>	

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HMIS/Coordinated Entry Update	Andrea suggested that because there are some ESG funds available that are allocated to HMIS, and additional funds are expected in the future for Coordinated Entry through a couple of different funding sources, a separate HMIS/CES Committee be formed to conduct research how to make sure that the funds are used efficiently and result in the best outcomes for community providers and those they serve. The group decided to add this to the agenda for the September Executive Council meeting so that those councilmembers who were not able to attend today could participate in the discussion.	

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Stakeholders' Meeting	Val reported that the second Homeless Stakeholders' meeting was held on August 8 and was attended by a broad range of folks. The three main objectives that the workgroup identified as priorities were: 1. Affordable Housing, 2. Emergency Housing and 3. A One-Stop resource. It was also agreed that "Understanding and Awareness" is an important component of addressing each of the three identified objectives. Mandy is putting together a draft work plan that will be discussed with some members of city and county leadership in early September. The plan is to get their input, then to either bring that information back to the workgroup or schedule a public meeting to address all work generated by both groups. Val also reported that the City Council has appointed Councilwoman Amanda Jenkins to work with the CoC on addressing homelessness. The City Council and County are responding to the report published by the Grand Jury in June regarding addressing homelessness in Red Bluff.	

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LIFT Planning	LIFT Planning Committee is meeting on the 2 nd and 4 th Thursdays at 1PM at Tehama County Department of Education. Plans are coming along; please attend if you can help out with the event. Sherry confirmed that CAA will be able to support the event financially to the extent that they have in prior years. Andrea reported that the setup day for the LIFT Event will include providing vendors with information on CoC participation. Val suggested that a brochure be developed that describes the purpose and activities of the CoC at-a-glance to communicate this more clearly.	Gail will send out announcements regarding the LIFT 2017 planning meetings.

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CoC Application	Andrea reported that she will be compiling the responses to the FY2017 CoC Application this month and will reach out for updates on sections that may need updated with new information. Tara suggested consulting TCDE for information on the Youth Homelessness questions.	Andrea will notify the council and other stakeholders by email when a draft of the application is ready for review.

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TCCoC Website	In response to discussion at a previous Executive Council meeting regarding the possibility of switching to the paid option available through the service that the TCCoC's website is hosted on, Andrea suggested that the cost of doing so (~\$220 for two years) be allocated in the budget of the upcoming CoC Planning grant. The group agreed that this is a reasonable solution,	Andrea will include the website subscription expenses in the CoC Planning grant application budget.

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PCCDC / CAA Tripart Board Meeting	A representative from Plumas County Community Development Commission will be met with CAA's Tripartite Board on August 17. The meeting was open to those who would like to attend to learn about the Housing Choice Vouchers (Section 8) program, and was well-attended. Questions regarding the preferences that the program uses to prioritize applicants for receiving housing vouchers was brought up as it was in 2016. PCCDC maintains that Housing Choice Vouchers are intended for working families, hence homelessness is not a prioritization criteria. A discussion took place at this TCCoC EC meeting regarding finding out more about the process for determining those preferences and how Tehama County might get involved in this process.	

The next Executive Council Meeting is scheduled for September 27, 2017 at 9:00 AM Tehama County Department of Social Services.