



**TEHAMA COUNTY
CONTINUUM of CARE**

Tehama County Continuum of Care
Executive Council Meeting
MINUTES

December 9, 2020 at 9:30 AM
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

IN ATTENDANCE:

Candy Carlson, Tehama County Board of Supervisors
Andrea C. Curry, Empower Tehama, CoC & HMIS Coordinator
Johnna Jones, Red Bluff City Council
Gail Locke, Continuum of Care Chairperson
Tara Loucks-Shepherd, Tehama County Department of Social Services
David Madrigal, Tehama County Community Action Agency
Valerie Lucero, Tehama County Health Services Agency
Jim Southwick, Tehama County Department of Education

Excused:
Jeremiah Fears, Corning Police Department
E.C. Ross, P.A.T.H

Notes by: Andrea C. Curry

Topic	Discussion
Discussion of minutes & agenda from previous Executive Council Meeting	The minutes & agenda from the Executive Council meeting held on October 28, 2020 were made available prior to this meeting for review. No revisions requested, approved as emailed.

Topic	Discussion
Stakeholders' Meeting/Vista Way Navigation Center Update	Val reported that plans for the navigation center have continued to progress. The name PATH Plaza has been chosen for the project. but the PATH Plaza Executive Meeting plans to meet on December 10. A Request for Qualifications was released through which a vendor to provide the engineering and architect services for the project and qualified vendors have responded. The responses are currently being evaluated. Street Outreach has begun and is being conducted by PATH. A Street Outreach committee is meeting semi-monthly on Zoom and is being coordinated by Jennifer Ragsdale. The PATH Day Center is now open daily from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, but Winter Shelter is not open this year because following COVID-19 guidelines would not be possible in the church locations it usually utilizes. The Stakeholders' Group did not meet in December but plans to resume meeting in January.

Topic	Discussion
Executive Council Meetings	A draft of the Executive Council Meeting Schedule for 2021 was reviewed by the council. Johnna suggested that the January meeting be moved up to January 20 because the Point in Time Count is scheduled for January 27. The council agreed to this change and approved the remainder of the schedule.

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Capacity Building	Emergency Solutions Grant – Coronavirus (ESG-CV): The CoC needs to select providers to implement the activities eligible under the ESG-CV funding. Andrea suggested issuing a Request for Proposals with a simplified application and a rolling approval process through which providers could apply for funding to implement one or more of the eligible activities to promote timely use of the funds. Gail suggested that the open position on the CoC's Rating and Ranking Committee be filled. Johnna volunteered to serve on the committee. Gail appointed Johnna to serve on the Rating and Ranking Committee. MOTION: Val made a motion that the CoC authorize release of a single Request for Proposals with a simplified application for available funds for all eligible component activities with applications being approved by the Rating and Ranking Committee on a rolling basis. Johnna seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH) Program: Andrea reported that there are \$352,028.36 remaining in the CESH 2018 funds contract. This council previously determined that these

funds are to be used for ongoing operations for the Navigation Center. At that time, it was anticipated that the center would be located at the county's Vista Way facility and ownership would be retained by the County of Tehama. A Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI) was released in July 2019 through which a non-profit provider was to be selected to operate the center in that location once it opened. In August 2019, the REOI process was paused when property off of Lay St. was identified as a more appropriate site for the center due to its central location and zoning that allows this type of facility by right. The stakeholders worked together to secure donation of this property from Louisiana Pacific and Sierra Pacific to PATH, the county's primary provider of services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. PATH has committed to overseeing construction of the center and to operating the center once it's ready to provide services. In light of this development, it is no longer necessary to solicit proposals for an operator. The CESH 2018 contract requires that award letters for all funds be issued by January 10, 2021, and all funds must be expended by December 31, 2023.

MOTION: *Jim made a motion that the Tehama CoC authorize award of remaining CESH 2018 funds of \$352,028.36 to PATH for operations of the Navigation Center, including Housing Case Management and Rental Assistance to be expended from the opening date of the facility through CESH 2018 spending deadline of December 31, 2023. Tara seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

Homeless Housing and Prevention (HHAP) Program: Applications for funding through HHAP Round 2 are due to Business, Consumer Services and Housing (BCSH) by January 23, 2020. Tehama CoC is eligible to apply for an allocation of \$250,000. Andrea reported that she will put the CoC's application together and provide a draft for the council's review at the January 20 meeting. The county is also eligible for an allocation of \$150,000. Since the program requires collaboration between "overlapping jurisdictions", the applications for the CoC and the county can be largely identical. Andrea will provide the CoC's application draft to the county to use in completion of their application if they choose to apply.

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HMIS/Coordinated Entry

2021 Point in Time Count: Gail reported that the 2021 Point in Time Count Planning Committee has selected January 27, 2021 as the date for this year's count. Because there is no shelter available this winter, the committee would like to provide basic needs items to the unsheltered population during the count, including socks, rain ponchos and hygiene products, in addition to the \$5 gift cards and Resource Info cards that were distributed in 2019. The committee has developed a cost proposal totaling \$3,600 that was provided to the council for review.

MOTION: *Candy made a motion that the Executive Council authorize expenditure of \$3,600 in ESG-CV Street Outreach funds for outreach materials to be distributed during the 2021 Point in Time Count. Jim seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

Point in Time Count Planning Committee meetings will continue being held on select Mondays throughout December and January. For Zoom meeting information, contact Gail.

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COVID-19 Report

Val reported that the number of COVID-19 cases in Tehama County has continued to rise at alarming rate, stretching Public Health's resource. As of December 7, we've had 2148 positives and are now averaging 40-70 new cases per day. As of this morning, 13 people are hospitalized due to COVID-19. The state has provided 13 additional Contact Tracers, but many are unwilling to cooperate with contact tracing efforts, making it impossible for Public Health to identify where the virus is spreading until many people have contracted it.

The state has revised their system for imposing restrictions on what types of businesses are permitted to operate and determining which regions are under stay at home orders. The new system figures heavily on ICU bed availability across regions, not individual counties. Currently, our region is not in the most restrictive tier, but could be soon. Public Health is pleading with the public to wear facial coverings, maintain social distancing and not to gather for the holidays this year.

Public Health has plans in place for distributing COVID-19 vaccines as soon as they become available. It remains to be seen whether that will happen in December yet.

The next Executive Council Meeting is scheduled for **January 20, 2021** at 9:30 AM. The January meeting will be held via Zoom.