

Tehama County Continuum of Care Executive Council Meeting



Meeting Minutes

March 23, 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	

Guest: **James Coles**, Housing Tools; **Jessica Candela**, Housing Tools

Notes by: **Heather Henderson**

1. Adoption of Minutes from January 26, 2022

The minutes and agenda from the Executive Council meeting held on January 26, 2022 were made available prior to this meeting for review. The minutes were approved as emailed.

2. Stakeholders' Collaborative Update

The Stakeholder's meeting was cancelled in March due to scheduling conflicts. Our next meeting will be April 6, 2022. There will be an open forum for identifying needs and brainstorming potential solutions. Housing Tools will be attending future Stakeholder meetings to work on the Local Homelessness Action Plan. At today's meeting E.C. shared a general update on PATH Plaza. Plans have been submitted to the city for review and approval which should be done in April. Once that is in place they will be going to bid in May and will award the construction contract in June. They are currently working on grading the land before it goes to bid. PATH Plaza will be operational summer of 2023.

3. Local Homelessness Action Plan (LHAP)/10-Year Plan Update

The updated Housing Tools Proposal was sent out to the council prior to this meeting. The updated proposal covers both the activities required for applying for HHAP-3 and HHAP-4 funds and the larger updated to the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness developed in 2018. The Gaps Analysis referenced in the proposal was the term used in HHAP-1 and HHAP-1, which Cal ICH (formerly the Homeless Financing and Coordinating Council or HCFC) is now referring to as the Local Homeless Action Plan (LHAP). The concept has been expanded and is a requirement for award of HHAP-3 funds. The CoC and county will be applying jointly for HHAP-3 and HHAP-4, which will bring a

combined total of over \$3 million to the community for addressing homelessness. Jess Candela and James Cole from Housing Tools are here today to answer any questions we have regarding the proposal. Per the scope of work, they will be reaching out to incorporate interviews with members of the Executive Council and Stakeholder's group to get feedback on where we want to go with this plan. They will also reach out to underrepresented groups to determine the gaps that need to be addressed. The short-term goal is to get the HHAP 3 application completed and submitted by the June 30, 2022 deadline, whereas the long term goal is a thoughtful year long process involving outreach to underserved populations and extensive solicitation of feedback from stakeholders. Jess from Housing Tools is striving to make this as collaborative as possible, so it becomes a community plan and reflective of our community wants. Before the council voted Andrea pointed out that the HHAP funding that is requiring the LHAP does include funds to cover this activity. The cost of this proposal has increased since it was last brought before the council and requires approval from the council today. The total cost includes development of both the LHAP and 10-Year Plan update, as well as the racial equity assessment features of both.

ACTION: Johnna moved to approve the updated proposal from Housing Tools and authorize use of HHAP-3 advanced funds to support the associated cost. Jim seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. HMIS/CES Update

A copy of the FY2021 System Performance Measure (SPM) Report serving those experiencing homelessness, was emailed out before this meeting. The SPM Report compares systemwide outcomes across two fiscal years. In this case, the SPM covers FY2019-20 and FY2020-21, so there are significant differences in the numbers of persons served due to the closing of Winter Shelter just prior to the start of the second fiscal year included on the report. Additionally, since Metric 3, which covers the change in the PIT count numbers, only includes the counts that we can officially submit to HUD, those numbers will look slightly different than those shared locally. Local numbers typically include the Sportsman's Lodge transitional project and persons surveyed in the county jail, but those locations are not eligible for the official HUD report. Metric 7b.1 does show a significant increase in the percentage of persons exiting projects who exited to permanent housing (from 25% to 47%) however, it's important to note that the over 4 times as many persons were exited overall in 2019-20, and many of those exits occurred when the Fairgrounds shelter closed.

The PIT count included who in our schools are homeless, which will be information Jim can supply to Jessica from Housing Tools. Next year Andrea will share the numbers from Olive Grove as it will show individuals exiting to the permanent supportive housing project, though it will not be an active section on the SPM report. James from Housing Tools was instrumental in working with the Housing Authority to get these projects up and running as Tennent based housing vouchers were available.

5. Capacity Building

The Emergency Solutions Grant – Coronavirus (ESG-CV) update – HCD pushed out to CoC's the Duplication of Benefits Policies and Procedures. This will add an additional form to the packet that families need to complete and sign to declare they are not getting the same assistance from another program that they would receive from this program. Andrea used the suggested policy straight from HCD and will do the same for this form to be in compliance with the funding program.

ACTION: Jayme so moves that we accept this draft of the ESG-CV Duplication of Benefits Policy and Procedure. Johnna seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ESG-CV Awards and Expenditure Tracking – Additional funding was made available to CoCs through the ESG-CV program, and HCD specifically confirmed that operations of Homekey interim housing projects were eligible. After discussing the opportunity with PATH for the Sale Property transitional houses, we requested \$42,644 for use at that project as well as additional funds for HMIS and grant administration, for a total of \$116,835. The award of additional funds also allowed us to

extend our overall ESG-CV spending period from July 30, 2022, to September 30, 2022. Based on rates of expenditure for the various subawards to local providers, it's become clear that some projects will need additional funds to continue operations through September, while others have not expended funds as quickly as they had anticipated. Funds may need to be reallocated across projects to ensure that services are supported, and resources used efficiently. Andrea will send out a breakdown of the awards and expenditures and/or bring this information to April's meeting for review by the council.

6. Community COVID-19 Update

We saw more favorable numbers yesterday and they continue to improve according to today's report. Cases were down to 3.9% today which is a huge improvement. The testing numbers are down due to the availability of home testing, but community spread is much more manageable now. We are seeing lower numbers of hospitalizations and the staffing issues are resolving. There are less absences related to Covid. Our upcoming major events are being held outdoors so the risk of spreading Covid is reduced. Vaccination rates are dropping but not by much. There is growth in the vaccination rate for the age bracket of 5-11 and we are hoping soon to open the possibility to vaccinate those up to four years of age.

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.

7. Camp Hope

Empower Tehama is recruiting for Camp Hope counselors. This is a volunteer opportunity for individuals for the age group of 17-24. It is a one-week camp held this summer, July 31st – August 5th.

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