



**TEHAMA COUNTY
CONTINUUM of CARE**

Tehama County Continuum of Care
Executive Council Meeting

MINUTES

March 22, 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
Allene Dering, P.A.T.H.
Gail Locke, Tehama County Continuum of Care
Tara Loucks-Shepherd, Tehama County Community Action
Agency, Tehama County Department of Social Services

Valerie Lucero, Tehama County Health Services Agency
David Madrigal, Tehama County Community Action
Agency
Sherry Wehbey, Tehama County Department of Social
Services
Excused: Lisa Kassik, Jeanne Spurr, Bobbi Sawtelle
Notes by: Andrea Curry

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Discussion of minutes from previous Executive Council Meetings	Allene noted a discrepancy in attendance section the minutes from the February 22 meeting. With no other changes requested, minutes were approved with change.	Andrea will revise February 22 minutes as discussed.

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General Collaborative Report	Gail reported that the Case Managers Meeting is still in planning stage. Discussion took place regarding appropriate staff to send to the General Collaborative Meeting. Gail confirmed that direct services staff should attend to discuss ways that member organizations can work together collaboratively. She also reported that the Department of Ed does not currently have the McKinney-Vento funding that they previously did, though they are still sending their staff assigned to student in Foster Care. They are seeking to get that funding again in the future.	

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PIT Count Recap	<p>Andrea presented the results sheet for the 2017 PIT Count, held January 24. Count totals: 52 in Emergency Shelters, 16 in Transitional Housing, 56 unsheltered and 33 in Tehama County Jail. Details of the results were discussed.</p> <p>It was noted that the question regarding an individual's length of time in Tehama County provided much more meaningful data than the previous question regarding the zip code of their last permanent address. The 2017 results indicate that 84% has been in Tehama County for at least one year, and that 28% had been here for over 20 years.</p> <p>It was also noted that a significant percentage of those surveyed reported receiving SSI benefits. Michele suggested that many of these individuals could potentially be housed with little financial assistance if connected to payee services. It was noted that Public Guardian can provide payee services, and that VRC offers payee services to veterans.</p>	Andrea will prepare the data for submission to HUD by the May 1 deadline.

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LIFT Event Planning	Tara suggested that planning and funding requests for the 2017 LIFT Event begin soon. Discussion took place regarding potential sources for funding. Gail reported that both Sierra Pacific and US Bank declined to fund the event in 2016, but added that the manager at our local US Bank branch had encouraged her to apply for the funding. It was suggested that we ask that manager if he could find out for us what might have made our request more likely to have been funded and get suggestions for future requests.	Gail will contact Artie at US Bank to request feedback.

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Housing Meeting Update	<p>Gail provided update from the Housing Meeting. The County is still looking into the possibilities for the properties that were originally funded through CDBG but have been reverted back to the county since the occupants for whose use they were originally approved passed away.</p> <p>It was noted that Jeanne Spurr is developing a presentation for the Housing Meeting that will provide a background on the CoC's purpose for those attending from other focus areas.</p> <p>Val suggested that it may be useful to create subcommittees of the housing committee according to areas of focus; that these smaller groups might be more effective at moving forward the projects within their scopes. They could then report back to the main meeting regarding progress. She emphasized that having an overall plan would be important to the success of this.</p>	

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Strategic Plan Process	<p>A discussion took place regarding the importance of pulling all of the pieces together into a strategic plan. Gail reported that Mandy is onboard with helping get a "whiteboard" session or similar process to identify and map out the pieces that we do have, identify gaps and brainstorm ways to fill those gaps. Val emphasized the need for clearly spelling out GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND DEADLINES as part of the plan process. Tara mentioned that TCDSS is hosting a training session on creating a business plan and that some of the activities may be transferrable to this process.</p>	

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Vets@Home update	<p>Gail reported that the VASH voucher piece is now in the hands of the Board of Supervisors/Public Housing Authority. The BOS has asked Bill Goodwin to gather info on the program and report it back to them. All information that the CoC has received through communication with the HUD Public and Indian Housing (PIH) Representative and the CoC Program Representative has been passed on to them, as well as contact information for those representatives. She will continue to ask Bill Goodwin for updates and report back.</p> <p>It was noted that the HUD reps emphasized that it is important that the CoC gather data to support the need for this program in Tehama County. Specifically, the number of veterans that would qualify for vouchers if they were available. The first eligibility criteria would be that the veteran is eligible for VA medical benefits. Kelly Osborne at TCVSO can assist a veteran in determining this. Eligibility is also dependent on a vet being chronically homeless. Michelle from Veterans Resource Center can help a veteran determine this. VRC currently screens for this to determine a vet's eligibility for using a VASH voucher in Shasta County. It was emphasized that all providers should connect any veteran experiencing homelessness with these two organizations.</p>	<p>All providers should be sure to connect homeless veterans with the VSO and VRC.</p>

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Program Updates	<p>PATH: Allene reported that PATH's Dinner Auction is scheduled for May 20. Tickets are \$35 each or \$250 for a table of 8. Tickets are available through Allene.</p> <p>Alternatives to Violence: Andrea reported that ATV's transitional housing opening has been delayed by weather preventing PG&E from switching the power back over to the main power supply. If all goes as scheduled right now, the units should be in service by the end of April.</p>	

Next Executive Council Meeting scheduled for April 26, 2017 at 3PM Tehama County Department of Social Services.
 (Time change due to TCDSS All Staff scheduled for the morning of April 26.)