

TUOLUMNE COUNTY HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

“The purpose of the Tuolumne County Homelessness Committee is to serve the County Board of Supervisors by advising on policy and practices related to services and programs that affect the County’s residents who are currently or at risk of experiencing homelessness.”

Date/Time: Thursday, May 8, 2025 @ 9:00 a.m.

Location: Tuolumne Board of Supervisors Chambers, 2 S. Green Street, 4th Floor - Sonora, CA 95370

Email &/or U.S. Mail comments to: Annie Hockett at ahockett@co.tuolumne.ca.us or: CAO Office 2 S. Green St. Sonora CA 95370
no later than 8:00 AM on the morning of the meeting.

CHAIRPERSON

Supervisor Ryan Campbell

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

#1 Colette Such

#2 Shelley Muniz

#3 Dawn Lien

#4 Stephanie Foster

#5 Jeanette Lambert

OTHER MEMBERS

ATCAA

-Joe Bors

City of Sonora

-Andy Merrill

Chicken Ranch Rancheria of
Me-Wuk Indians of California

-Wittney Hawkins

Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians

-Darla Merlin

Tuolumne County Business Council

-Tom Crosby

Local Service Providers

-Larry Brunel

Lived Experience

-Phil Hickenbottom

NON-VOTING ADVISORS

Tuolumne County Sheriff

Tuolumne County District Attorney

STAFF

HHSA Director

-Annie Hockett

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions during roll call

- Confirm quorum requirements are met [*Quorum = 7 members*]

III. APPROVAL OF 04/10/2025 MEETING MINUTES

[*Committee Chair/Attachment/5 minutes*]

Public Comment (limited to three minutes per person)

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

[*Committee Chair/Community Members/15 minutes*]

- Members of the public may be heard on any item **not** on the Committee’s agenda. A person addressing the Committee will be limited to three minutes. Comments by members of the public on any item on the agenda will only be allowed during consideration of the item by the Committee.

V. HOMELESS HOUSING, ASSISTANCE & PREVENTION PROGRAM

[*Central Sierra Continuum of Care Coordinator/Committee Members/20 minutes*]

- CSCoC Coordinator P.J. Davis will provide a general overview of the CSCoC and seek stakeholder and public input on HHAP Round 6 funding.

Public Comment (limited to three minutes per person)

VI. TUOLUMNE COUNTY HOMELESS SERVICES STAFF REPORT

[*HHSA Team Members/ Committee Members/15 minutes*]

- Staff will report on Homeless Services projects and initiatives and answer questions from Committee members and the public.

Public Comment (limited to three minutes per person)

VII. COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

[*Committee Members/Community Members/15 minutes*]

- Members of the Committee will be given the opportunity to share updates on community projects addressing homelessness in Tuolumne County.

Public Comment (limited to three minutes per person)

VIII. STRATEGIC PLANNING & CAMP JUSTICE WORKGROUP UPDATE

[*Subcommittee Workgroups/Committee Members/25 minutes*]

- Subcommittee will provide an update on workgroup progress in developing updated strategic plan for committee and recommendations regarding Camp Justice and other pending projects.

Public Comment (limited to three minutes per person)

IX. FUTURE MEETINGS

[*Committee Chair/2 minutes maximum*]

- Thursday, June 12, 2025 @ 9 a.m. – TBD
- Thursday, July 10, 2025 @ 9 a.m. – TBD
- Thursday, August 14, 2025 @ 9 a.m. – TBD

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADJOURNMENT



Tuolumne County Homelessness Committee **Minutes of April 10th, 2025, Meeting** **DRAFT**

<u>2025 TCHC Membership</u>	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Apr 2025	May 2025	June 2025	July 2025	Aug. 2025	Oct. 2025	Nov. 2025	Dec. 2025
Supervisor: Ryan Campbell - Chair		✓	✓							
Colette Such, District 1 Rep.		A	A							
Shelley Muniz, District 2 Rep.		✓	✓							
Dawn Lien, District 3 Rep.		✓	✓							
Stephanie Foster, District 4 Rep.		A	✓							
Jeanette Lambert, District 5 Rep.		A	A							
ATCAA, Joe Bors		A	✓							
Andy Merrill, City of Sonora Rep.		A	✓							
Wittney Hawkins, Rep. Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California		✓	✓							
Darla Merlin, Rep. Tuolumne Band of Me- Wuk Indians		✓	A							
Thomas Crosby, Rep. Tuolumne County Business Council		✓	✓							
Local Service Provider Larry Brunel (8/24)		✓	✓							
Lived Experience Phil Hickenbottom		✓	A							
NON-VOTING ADVISORS REP.										
Tuolumne County Sheriff		✓	✓							
Tuolumne County District Attorney's Office		A	A							

Present = ✓ Absent = A Excused = E Vacant = V

13 Committee Members = 7 Quorum

<u>Tuolumne County Staff in Attendance</u>	<u>Guests in Attendance</u>
Annie Hockett, HHSA Director Will Vanderheiden, DSS Social Worker Tyler Jackson, DSS Admin. Support	Sgt. Carl Benson, Tuolumne County Sheriff's Office Several other unidentified community members

I. Call to Order

Chair Ryan Campbell called the meeting to order at **9:02 AM**.

II. Roll Call & Introductions

Present Members:

- Ryan Campbell – Chair
- Tom Crosby – Tuolumne County Business Council
- Larry Brunel – Local Service Providers
- Shelly Muniz – District 2 Representative, Compassion Outreach
- Annie Hockett – Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA)
- Andy Merrill – City of Sonora
- Dawn Lien – District 3 Representative
- Stephanie Foster – District 4 Representative
- Joe Bors – ATCAA
- Wittney Hawkins – Rep. Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California

Quorum Confirmed: Yes (Minimum requirement: 7 members)

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from **February 13, 2025**.

- **Motion:** Crosby
- **Second:** Brunel
- **Vote:** Unanimous approval, no opposition, no public comment.

IV. Oral Communications

- Member of the public expressed concerns about Refuge Recovery Center identity theft.

V. Tuolumne County Homeless Services Staff Report

William Vanderheiden – Social Services Supervisor, Tuolumne County Unsheltered Unit

Camp Justice Update

- Major move out and re-organization with several members trespassed.
- Population was double capacity prior to move out, now back to normal.
- No available trailer or tent spots at this time.

- Current situation: 17 trailers, 16 tents, population between 45 and 50 residents.

Navigation Center Update

- Second building open, family site is at capacity.
- Currently 9 open rooms on single side. Total of 50 beds.
- 10 people exited. 1 to camp justice, others to rental housing.
- Future funding options for Navigation Center discussed.

VI. Community Organization Reports

- **Compassion Outreach:**
 - Reiteration of trash program and work program.
 - Fundraiser May 26th from 2-4 PM at 49er church, Colombia.
 - Planning music festival to support GSAC.
- **GSAC**
 - Merging with Nancy's hope to work better together.
- **Refuge Recovery**
 - Women's transitional housing opens 4/15.
 - Long waitlist, looking for other facilities.
- **ATCAA**
 - Shelter is at capacity.
 - Housed 5 families with children.
 - 3 veteran residents, of which 1 has been moved to permanent housing.
 - 2 residents have been incarcerated.
 - 3 residents have left for inpatient programs.
- **TAY house**
 - 5 participants still present.
 - Looking for another facility for interim housing.
- **HOST**
 - Working with TAY house/HHSA/ATCAA to house people.

VII. Sanctioned Camping Considerations

Sheriff's Office Presentation – Sgt Carl Benson

Camp Justice Presentation:

- Rule Change Suggestions
 - Mandate service participation.
 - 90-day maximum stay with 90-day gap before return.
 - Camping only in designated areas.
 - One operable vehicle per campsite.
 - Loud music, open flames, generators, and unauthorized building prohibited.
 - Clearly marked and strictly enforced boundaries.
- Data

- Occupants: 50-60
- Disturbances: 22
- Overdoses: 1
- Medical Calls: 31
- Trespassed Subjects: 17
- Trespassed Arrests: 8
- Camp Reorganization
 - Labeling Spaces for easier locating of occupants.

Committee Concerns and Questions:

- Concerns about trespassed resident's shelter.
- Need clear definitions of services, engagement, and trespass criteria.
- Discussion of generator use cases and open flame for cooking purposes.
- Discussion of reasonable limits for residency duration.

Public Comment:

- Concerns about footprint expansion.
- Questions about definition of "homeless services".
- One resident concerned about risk of drugs and theft.

Back to Committee:

- Campers required to engage in services.
- Clear definitions of terms such as building, trespass, loud music, etc.
- **Action:** Annie will bring back proposed rule and definition changes for the camp based on feedback in this meeting.

VIII. Strategic Planning Workgroup Update

- Workgroup has development map of services/housing solutions.
- Working of fiscal model.
- Possible collaborative map across continuum.
- Discussion of how to move forward, services vs housing.
- Need for a camp justice side committee, formed by **Chris Neves, Andy Merrill, Joe Bors, Supervisor Campbell, Tom Crosby, and Shelley Muniz.**

IX. Future Meetings

- **May 8, 2025, @ 9 AM** – Committees & Commissions Room, 48 Yaney, 3rd Floor.
- **June 12, 2025, @ 9 AM** – Committees & Commissions Room, 48 Yaney, 3rd Floor
- **July 10, 2025, @ 9 AM** – Committees & Commissions Room, 48 Yaney, 3rd Floor

X. Announcements & Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Chair, Ryan Campbell, at 11:12 AM.