

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, June 12, 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 05/08/2025 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. 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)

VI. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STAFF REPORT

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

- Behavioral Health (BH) Staff will give an update on BH initiatives and projects focused on homelessness and answer questions from Committee members and the public.

Public Comment (limited to three minutes per person)

VII. COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS REPORT

[*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/15 minutes*]

- Subcommittee will provide an update on workgroup progress and discuss plans to incorporate Board of Supervisor discussion and recommendations following recent staff presentations on Camp Justice.

Public Comment (limited to three minutes per person)

IX. FUTURE MEETINGS

[*Committee Chair/2 minutes maximum*]

- Thursday, July 10, 2025 @ 9 a.m. – TBD
- Thursday, August 14, 2025 @ 9 a.m. – TBD
- Thursday, September 11, 2025 @ 9 a.m. – TBD

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADJOURNMENT



Tuolumne County Homelessness Committee

Minutes of May 8th, 2025, Meeting

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<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	A						
Shelley Muniz, District 2 Rep.		✓	✓	✓						
Dawn Lien, District 3 Rep.		✓	✓	✓						
Stephanie Foster, District 4 Rep.		A	✓	A						
Jeanette Lambert, District 5 Rep.		A	A	A						
ATCAA, Joe Bors		A	✓	✓						
Andy Merrill, City of Sonora Rep.		A	✓	A						
Wittney Hawkins, Rep. Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California		✓	✓	✓						
Darla Merlin, Rep. Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians		✓	A	A						
Thomas Crosby, Rep. Tuolumne County Business Council		✓	✓	✓						
Local Service Provider Larry Brunel (8/24)		✓	✓	✓						
Lived Experience Phil Hickenbottom		✓	A	A						
NON-VOTING ADVISORS REP.										
Tuolumne County Sheriff		✓	✓	A						
Tuolumne County District Attorney's Office		A	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 Tami Mariscal, Behavioral Health Director Tyler Jackson, DSS Admin. Support	Several unidentified community members

Truman Kruse, DSS Admin. Support	
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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
- Dawn Lien – District 3 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:** Muniz
- **Vote:** Unanimous approval, no opposition, no public comment.

IV. Oral Communications

- No members of the public spoke.

V. Homeless Housing, Assistance & Prevention Program

PJ Davis – CSCoC Coordinator

- Homelessness counts taken in January, looking for ways to approximate rest of year numbers

General Overview of CSCoC:

- Mission Statement: We provide leadership, support, and resources to our regional partnership that result in safe and stabilized housing addressing the needs of homeless or those at risk of homelessness.

- Will fund permanent housing.
- Will also fund non-housing solutions, but there must be a connection between that program and moving people into permanent housing.

Committee Comments and Questions:

- Questions about definition of emergency shelter under HHAP 6.
- Questions about how people transition to permanent housing.
- Possibly more value in landlord Incentive than new rooms.
- Clarification on definition of permanent housing.

Public Comment:

- Never seen multiple entities working together at this level.
- HOST going very well.
- 13% of housing inventory in Tuolumne is a second home.
- Still need better communication between organizations.
- Need to get success stories out to community.

Back to Committee:

- Need to keep staffing costs in mind.
- Need for funding more for sustainability than expansion.

VI. Tuolumne County Homeless Services Staff Report

- **Section skipped due to lack of time.**

VII. Community Organizations Reports

- **Section skipped due to lack of time.**

VIII. Strategic Planning Workgroup Update

- Began by establishing policy statement:
 - Camping health, safety and behavioral laws, regulations, and ordinances apply to all persons.
 - All persons are free to inhabit Tuolumne County while abiding by the law.
 - If a person is unwilling to abide by the law, they will become justice involved.
- Camp Justice 2.0 Model:
 - Exit to market rate housing is the goal.
 - Not looking at progression of places to go, but the progression of the individual's ability to get a place.
 - Proposing creation of two internal functions: intake site and program site.
 - Intake Site: low barrier to entry, assessment, stabilization, developing a plan.
 - Program Site: no substance abuse, supporting objectives.
 - Recommending separate RV site away from tent site.
- Camp Justice Pilot Expenses:

- ERF 24/25 spent-to-date: \$146,342
 - Includes Site Preparation, TUD Connection, Water, Pop-ups, Tents, Maintenance, and Probation Work Crew.
- Ongoing Operational Expenses:
 - Portable Toilets, Onsite Participant Management, Shower Bus, Food, Trash.
- Camp Justice 2.0 Estimated Expenses:
 - Evolution of Site: ~\$150,000+
 - Grading of Site, Gravel, Fencing, Security Lighting.
 - Program Pallets, Program-Tents, Program-Cots.
 - Community Wash Station, Cooking Area, Picnic Tables, Cover.
 - Portable office, Storage, Charging Station.
 - Ongoing Operational Expenses:
 - Portable Toilets, Onsite Participant Management, Shower Bus, Food, Trash.
- Site will need to be managed, need to figure out funding.
- Would need board approval to continue camp model.

Public Comment:

- Recommended to show money saved alongside costs.
- Questions about the timeline of intake.
- Reiteration of the importance of case management.

Back to Committee:

- **Action:** Recommending to Board of Supervisors that the camp continue to be operated through fiscal year 26-27, without the use of general funds, using existing funds. Additionally, requesting authorization to seek out new sources of funding.

IX. Future Meetings

- **June 12, 2025, @ 9 AM** – Committees & Commissions Room, 48 Yaney, 3rd Floor
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X. Announcements & Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Chair, Ryan Campbell, at 11:00 AM.