

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, July 10, 2025 @ 9:00 a.m.

Location: Tuolumne County Committees & Commissions Room/48 Yaney/3rd Floor

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 06/12/2025 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

[*Department of Social Services 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

[*Behavioral Health Team Members/ Committee Members/15 minutes*]

- 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. CAMP JUSTICE WORKGROUP UPDATE

[*Subcommittee Workgroups/Committee Members/30 minutes*]

- Subcommittee will provide an update on workgroup progress.

Public Comment (limited to three minutes per person)

VIII. 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)

IX. FUTURE MEETINGS

[*Committee Chair/2 minutes maximum*]

- Thursday, August 14, 2025 @ 9 a.m. – Committees & Commissions Room/48 Yaney/3rd Floor
- Thursday, September 11, 2025 @ 9 a.m. – Committees & Commissions Room/48 Yaney/3rd Floor
- Thursday, October 9, 2025 @ 9 a.m. - Committees & Commissions Room/48 Yaney/3rd Floor

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADJOURNMENT



Tuolumne County Homelessness Committee

Minutes of June 12th, 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	A					
Shelley Muniz, District 2 Rep.		✓	✓	✓	A					
Dawn Lien, District 3 Rep.		✓	✓	✓	✓					
Stephanie Foster, District 4 Rep.		A	✓	A	✓					
Jeanette Lambert, District 5 Rep.		A	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		✓	✓	✓	A					
Darla Merlin, Rep. Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians		✓	A	A	A					
Thomas Crosby, Rep. Tuolumne County Business Council		✓	✓	✓	✓					
Local Service Provider Larry Brunel (8/24)		✓	✓	✓	✓					
Lived Experience Phil Hickenbottom		✓	A	A	A					
NON-VOTING ADVISORS REP.										
Tuolumne County Sheriff		✓	✓	A	✓					
Tuolumne County District Attorney's Office		A	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 Truman Kruse, DSS Admin. Support	Several unidentified community members. Nikki Hyske,, ATCAA Sonora Shelter

I. Call to Order

Chair Ryan Campbell called the meeting to order at **9:01 AM**.

II. Roll Call & Introductions

Present Members:

- Ryan Campbell – Chair
- Tom Crosby – Tuolumne County Business Council
- Larry Brunel – Local Service Providers
- Stephanie Foster – District 4 Representative
- Annie Hockett – Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA)
- Dawn Lien – District 3 Representative
- Nikki Hyske – ATCAA (Joe Bors Proxy)
- 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 **May 8, 2025**.

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

IV. Oral Communications

- Member of the public asked questions about how to join the Homelessness Committee.

V. Tuolumne County Homeless Services Staff Report: **William Vanderheiden – DSS Social Worker**

Navigation Center Updates:

- 25 residents currently.
- 3 transitioned out to permanent housing.

Camp Justice Updates:

- 50 to 55 current residents.
- Hot weather causing some issues.

Snell Street Updates:

- Meetings held with contractors.
- Project likely underway soon.

Public Comment:

- Acknowledgments of committee's efforts and successes.

VI. Behavioral Health Staff Report

- Continue to be part of the HOST team.
- Continue to be at Camp Justice weekly.
 - Contact approximately four individuals on average.
- Having difficulties following up with residents.
- 26 individuals housed across all behavioral health housing projects.

BHBH updates:

- Currently at capacity.
- Two moved out to permanent housing.

Behavioral Health Services Act:

- Reduction of full-service partnership funding:
- Reduced prevention outreach and early engagement funding by at minimum 8%

VII. Community Organizations Reports**Refuge Recovery Center:**

- Five transitioned this month.
- Current facilities at capacity.
- Waiting list for substance abuse care.
- Approximately 80 clients currently.

TAY House:

- Looking into acting as more of a community center.

ATCAA:

- High level of collaboration with other providers.
- More than half of shelter population has come from Camp Justice or social services referrals.
- Three residents housed, of those two have been housed without ongoing support.
- Shelter currently at capacity, with transitions actively occurring.

GSAC:

- Merging with Nancy's hope.

HOST:

- Presentation at COC about programming.

Tuolumne County Sheriff's Office:

- Informing people of resources.
- Directing new camps to Camp Justice.

Public Comment:

- Discussion of the fact that some people simply do not want to use the available services.

VIII. Strategic Planning Workgroup Update

- Board direction on Camp Justice:
 - Did get approval to continue the camp past the one-year pilot.
 - Permission granted to seek additional funding.
 - Exploring reallocation of other funding.
 - Encampment Resolution Funding is a specific target.
 - Interest from board on maximum time limit for a person to utilize camp justice.
 - 60-90 days proposed.
 - Work group needs to discuss what constitute an individual not meeting transition requirements within the established time limit.
- Learnings from Camp Justice Pilot:
 - Site is utilized more than anticipated.
 - Best alternative many people have.
 - Power dynamics between different groups.
 - What do we do with people who doesn't want progress within the system.
- Camp Justice overview:
 - The operational intent of Camp Justice is to provide temporary, no cost, sanctioned camping location, where an individual's needs can be evaluated, and appropriate services applied.
 - Primary objective is to place individuals in an appropriate shelter as quickly as possible.
 - Reasonable progress towards meeting the shelter requirements is expected.
 - Low barrier site with where law enforcement sends individuals.
 - Once skills and capacity to effectively deal with being in a shelter are present, individuals move to next level of housing.

Public Comment:

- Discussion of why individuals would not want help.
- Reiteration of importance of helping those who want help.
- Discussion of having an addiction specialist on the work group.

Back to Committee:

- Noted that it is not atypical for someone to go through the program multiple times.
- Discussion of insurance issues for treatment of participants.
- More discussion of how to handle individuals that don't participate.
- Upcoming high temperatures.
 - Need to make cooling resources known to public in high temperatures.
 - Questions about what can be done to increase use of cooling resources.
 - Discussion of high temperatures and how it affects Camp Justice.

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X. Announcements & Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Chair, Ryan Campbell, at 10:44 AM.