



Tuolumne County Homeless Advisory Committee

Christina M. Welch
Chair

Dana Baker
Vice Chair

Thursday, July 15, 2021
9:00 a.m. to 11:01 a.m.

Board of Supervisors Chambers
County Administration Center
4th floor
2 S. Green St.
Sonora, CA 95370

AGENDA AND PARTICIPATION PROCEDURES

PUBLIC FORUM

The public may speak in the “Public Comment” portion of the agenda, on any item not on the printed agenda. No action may be taken by the Committee. The upper limit of time allocated for the public forum is 15 minutes.

The public may also speak on any motion made and seconded.

The following are the ways to comment:

-In person: In order to protect the public health and safety of our Tuolumne County citizens, the Homeless Advisory Committee meeting is open to the public with modifications. Capacity is limited to 50 people including committee members and staff. Face coverings for those not vaccinated against the Covid virus will be required. During the Commission meeting, citizens who wish to provide public comment will be invited to do so by the Chair.

-Email: Email your comments to Attn: Kellae Brown at kbrown@co.tuolumne.ca.us.

-Mail: Mail your comments to 2 S. Green St. Sonora, CA 95370 c/o Kellae Brown. Written comments must be received no later than 8:00 a.m. on the morning of the noticed meeting.

-Special Notice: Under the Governor’s Executive Order N-25-20, this meeting will allow members of the public to participate by teleconference. To observe or participate in this meeting, please use the following link: Join Zoom Meeting

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COMMITTEE MEMBER PARTICIPATION

-Special Notice: Under the Governor's Executive Order N-25-20, this meeting will allow members of the committee to participate by teleconference. Committee members, please attend in-person or join thru the following link:

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call [5 min.]
3. Request for volunteer notetaker [5 min.]
4. Consideration of Minutes of the meetings of 4/15/21,5/3/21, 6/10/21 [10 min.] {attachments}
5. Public comment [15 min.]

REPORTS

6. Ad Hoc Committee
 - a. By-Laws sub-committee report (Jaron Brandon) [1 min.]

SPEAKERS

7. Homeless Coordinator update on Camp Hope [5 min.]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. Election of Officers: Appoint Secretary [10 min.]
9. Finalize bylaws [30 min.]
 - a. Finish review and discussion of bylaws
 - b. Vote to accept and forward to the Board of Supervisors (BoS) for approval
 - c. Request BoS to ratify acting incumbents as Board Officers

NEW BUSINESS

10. Review and discussion of issues for possible action of forming committees [35 min.] {attachment}
11. Rick Breeze-Martin and Tom Crosby to advocate for items not agenized this month [5 min.] {attachment}

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

The Board of Supervisors Homeless Advisory Committee serves as an advisory group to the Board of Supervisors for matters related to homelessness.

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TUOLUMNE COUNTY COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS

To: TCCOH Commission Members

From: Tina Welch (Acting Chair)

Subject: Process to Review Issues and Potential Solutions (setting the stage for action)

Date: (for) July 15, 2021 Commission Meeting

Summary of Agenda Item:

- The current crisis of homelessness in Tuolumne County has a vast scope of issues.
- Commission members are poised and ready to act.

This review is intended to help members quickly weigh the issues, focus the Commission's efforts, and set an order in which to tackle solutions. A brief amount of time will be taken in the July meeting to review the scope of known issues and some possible solutions. This compilation is drawn from the County's **2019 Draft Plan to Combat Homelessness** [find report at this link:

<file:///C:/Users/cmwel/Documents/HOMELESSNESS/Draft%20Plans/Draft%20County%20Plan%20to%20Combat%20Homelessness.pdf>] supplemented with additional solutions that have been voiced after this Commission was formed.

The Draft Plan outlines seven themes of solutions; these have been written on flipchart papers which will be posted on the walls of the meeting room. Individual issues and their possible solutions have been written on Post-It Notes which will be on the flipchart paper. These can be moved about to visually organize them by topic, urgency, or any other criteria. (by hand; old-fashioned, I know). I will quickly run through all of these items to set a foundation for further discussion of the range of potential actions, and the order in which they should be undertaken.

This summary is a snapshot in time and can be posted in future meetings if that would be useful. Items on the Post-Its can be taken off/added to/re-arranged over time as is helpful.

I expect it to take about 10 minutes to introduce this topic and read through the issues and solutions' papers.

Submitted by:

-Tina Welch, Acting TCCOH Chair

Rick Breese Martin- DOCUMENT

July 5, 2021

To: Christina Welch, TC Commission on Homelessness (CoH) Chair

cc: Dana Baker, CoH Vice-Chair; TC CoH members

From: Rick Breeze-Martin, CoH member

Subj.: Request for a discussion and action item on the July 15, 2021 TC CoH meeting agenda

I understand that the next Commission on Homelessness meeting on July 15th will have a New Business item regarding Commission formation of committees. I am requesting to add this memo to that agenda item as background for CoH discussion and action; a recommendation for 5 specific committees to be formed and draft formation language for each (*reference CoH draft bylaws Article VI*). .

I recommend the CoH approve formation of, but not be limited to, the following Standing Committees:

- Community Homeless Support Services Committee
- Housing Committee
- Homeless Liaison & Relations Committee
- Communications Committee
- Homeless Data and Management Information Systems (MIS) Committee

Background for TC CoH Discussion and Consideration for Action

The agenda item of business related to forming committees is intended to start establishing CoH Standing Committees that focus on important aspects of addressing homelessness in Tuolumne County. Each committee is to be formed by the “Commission” to address a specific feature or part of homelessness or near homelessness in Tuolumne County. The ongoing detail work of the CoH is to be sorted into its standing and ad hoc committees and committee results are then integrated by the full CoH into policy and practice recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

The 5 committees recommended below are equal, without hierarchical standing, and I believe essential to the efficacy of the “Commission on Homelessness”. These draft committee descriptions are just that, each is a draft looking for improvement sufficient for the Commission to approve it as a Standing Committee. It is anticipated that each of these recommended committees will be considered for formation by itself, and that CoH approving or not approving any one committee does not impact consideration of the others.

Thank you for your consideration of this background material to forming working committees.

Community Homeless Support Services Committee

Description: The Community Homeless Support Services Committee is formed by the TC COH to address how to best support, coordinate and expand delivery of the various immediate support services needed by our communities’ homeless and near homeless population. Types of support services include, and is not limited to: health (physical & mental), nutrition, housing, education, transportation, recreation, employment or financial support. Homeless general populations served include, and is not limited to: children, youth, families, seniors, and adults; with sub-population characteristics that may include, but not be limited to: single parents, foster care, those under or unemployed, physical or learning disabilities, disadvantaged identity status, and/or veterans. July 5, 2021 memo requesting CoH New Business agenda item Page 2 of 3

The Committee will establish and sustain a working relationship of support and coordination with the many different providers of the immediate needs of the homeless. Local service providers include, but is not limited, to organizations that are: government, non-profit, private business, faith based, or informal community organizations.

The Committee will analyze and assess the homeless population's range of needs, levels of support services provided (by providers), gaps in services needing filled – either additions or expansions. The Committee will, as is reasonable and feasible, help local support service providers improve the effectiveness of homeless access to services, help providers improve capacity and develop new projects, identify and help providers acquire project funding. And, help develop continuous quality improvement as a characteristic of Tuolumne County in providing community homeless support services.

Housing Committee

Description: The Housing Committee is formed by the TC COH to address how to best support, coordinate and expand availability of affordable healthy and safe housing for the short, medium and long term needs of all of our communities' homeless or near homeless. Types of housing opportunities for the Committee to address include, as appropriate and not limited to, safe, healthy and affordable shelter choices: in campsites, transitional housing, rental housing (e.g., campsites, rooms, apts., houses, etc.) and home ownership. Homeless populations come with many unique and diverse needs for housing and a variety of resources to help themselves; Housing Committee solutions will seek to develop housing opportunities that recognize and build on resources and capacity of the individual participating homeless.

The Housing Committee will establish and sustain a working relationship of support and coordination with the many different housing providers in Tuolumne County. Local housing providers include, but is not limited, to organizations that are: non-profit, government, private business, faith based, or informal community organizations.

The Housing Committee will analyze and assess the County's homeless population's range of housing needs, housing availability and affordability, gaps in healthy, safe, affordable, and available housing needing to be filled – either in additions or expansions. The Committee will, as is reasonable and feasible, help local housing providers improve the effectiveness of homeless access to housing, help providers improve capacity and develop new and innovative housing projects, identify and help providers acquire project funding for housing and/or housing assistance support. And, to help develop continuous quality improvement as a characteristic of Tuolumne County in providing safe, healthy, affordable, available and appropriate housing.

Homeless Liaison & Relations Committee

Description: The Community Homeless Liaison & Relations Committee is formed by the TC COH to address how to best develop, sustain, coordinate and expand TC COH liaison with local homeless or near homeless. And, to develop, sustain, coordinate and expand the voice of the homeless and their capacity to speak to the TC COH, the County and City of Sonora, and the general County population.

The Committee will establish and sustain supportive communications with the homeless population and direct contact service providers. Local service providers include, but is not limited, to organizations that are: non-profit, government, private business, faith based, or informal community organizations. The Committee will analyze and assess the homeless population's types and range of public and civic July 5, 2021 memo requesting CoH New Business agenda item Page 3 of 3

communications needs, levels of assistance provided, gaps in communications assistance needing to be filled – either additions or expansions.

The Committee will, as is reasonable, feasible, and appropriate help the homeless and local service providers improve the effectiveness of homeless communications to community institutions and industries, help providers improve opportunities and capacity of the homeless to be heard, identify and help the homeless and local providers acquire funding to support this needed capacity for the homeless to speak and the community to listen – and vice versa. And, to help develop continuous quality improvement in providing community homeless liaison and communications as a characteristic of Tuolumne County.

Communications Committee

Description The Communications Committee is formed by the TC COH to address how to best develop, sustain, and coordinate COH communications with the general public, local media, other public and private institutions and organizations in the County. And, to develop, sustain, coordinate and expand information about and knowledge on Homelessness in Tuolumne County and COH efforts specifically.

The Committee will establish and sustain a multi-media communications system that includes, and is not limited to: local print, radio and electronic news outlets; social media, a TC COH Internet presence (e.g. website, twitter, etc.). Local outlets might also include organizations that are: non-profit, government, private business, faith based, or informal community organizations.

The Committee will analyze and assess COH communications needs, levels of communications capacity available, gaps in communications needing to be filled – either outlet additions or communications channels to develop. The Group will, as is reasonable, feasible, and appropriate improve the efficacy of COH communications to government, community institutions and industries, and the County at large. And, to help develop continuous quality improvement as a characteristic of Tuolumne County in providing COH communications.

Homeless Data and Management Information Systems (MIS)

Description: The Homeless Data and MIS Committee is formed by the TC COH to address how to best develop, sustain, coordinate and improve TC COH and the community's capacity and quality of Data and MIS uses regarding homeless or near homeless. And, to develop, sustain, coordinate and expand the homeless and near homeless' knowledge of and capacity to "own" their personal data in order to make decisions and choices available to them through community Data and MIS. Similar to HIPAA, with more individual and personal usefulness to the homeless or near homeless.

The Committee will establish and sustain relations of support and assistance with local direct contact service providers with regards Data and MIS efficacy for the homeless or near homeless. Local service providers include, but is not limited, to organizations that are: government, non-profit, private business, faith based, or informal community organizations. The Committee will analyze and assess the homeless population's types and range of public and civic Data and MIS needs, levels of assistance provided, gaps in Data and MIS needing to be filled – either with additions or expansions.

The Committee will, as is reasonable, feasible, and appropriate help the homeless and local service providers improve effectiveness of homeless or near homeless Data and MIS collection, storage and use in assisting the homeless and community service providers. And, to help develop continuous quality improvement as a characteristic of Tuolumne County homeless data and MIS use