

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, August 14, 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 Vacant

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 07/10/2025 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. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STAFF PRESENTATION

[*Behavioral Health Team Members/ Committee Members/20 minutes*]

- Staff will present on the following topic: “*Historical Perspectives and Current Realities: Mental Health, Hospitalizations and Housing.*”

Public Comment (*limited to three minutes per person*)

VI. 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*)

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. GROUP DISCUSSION: SHOWCASING SUCCESS

[*Committee Members/30 minutes*]

- Committee members will discuss ideas on how to share positive results and program outcomes of local homeless initiatives.

Public Comment (*limited to three minutes per person*)

IX. CAMP JUSTICE WORKGROUP UPDATE

[*Subcommittee Workgroups/Committee Members/10 minutes*]

- Subcommittee will provide an update on workgroup progress.

Public Comment (*limited to three minutes per person*)

X. FUTURE MEETINGS

[*Committee Chair/2 minutes maximum*]

- 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
- Thursday, November 13, 2025 @ 9 a.m. Committees & Commissions Room/48 Yaney/3rd Floor

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADJOURNMENT



Tuolumne County Homelessness Committee

Minutes of July 10th, 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	A				
Shelley Muniz, District 2 Rep.		✓	✓	✓	A	✓				
Dawn Lien, District 3 Rep.		✓	✓	✓	✓	A				
Stephanie Foster, District 4 Rep.		A	✓	A	✓	✓				
Jeanette Lambert, District 5 Rep.		A	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	A				
NON-VOTING ADVISORS REP.										
Tuolumne County Sheriff		✓	✓	A	✓	✓				
Tuolumne County District Attorney's Office		A	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. Bess Levine, Sonora City Council

I. Call to Order

Chair Ryan Campbell called the meeting to order at **9:06 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
- Stephanie Foster – District 4 Representative
- Annie Hockett – Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA)
- Joe Bors – ATCAA
- Wittney Hawkins – Rep. Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California
- Merci Rust – Rep. Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians (Darla Merlin Proxy)
- Bess Levine – City of Sonora (Andy Merrill Proxy)

Quorum Confirmed: Yes (Minimum requirement: 7 members)

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from **June 12, 2025**.

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

IV. Oral Communications

- None

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

Navigation Center Updates:

- Family side full.
- Single side will be full by end of month, potentially doubling up rooms.
- Public health helping out.

Camp Justice Updates:

- 64 current residents.
- RV's full with waitlist.
- All tent sites full.

Board Questions:

- Questions about number of move outs.
- Update on county owned RV project.
- Questions about the where nav center participants are coming from.
- Generally need to publicize successes.

Public Comment:

- Questions about what would be on the Wishlist for the nav center.
- Questions about the destination of those who have exited.
- Questions about the duration of participants stay at Camp Justice.

VI. Behavioral Health Staff Report**Tami Meriscal – Director Behavioral Health**

- In contemplative state of applying to behavioral health continuum and infrastructure grant.
- Continue to visit Camp Justice on Thursdays
- 26 beds available for those in BH system.
 - 1 moved to permanent housing.
 - 1 vacancy currently.

Board Questions:

- Questions about grant focus.
 - Focused on severely mentally ill population.
 - Deals primarily with behavioral health infrastructure.

Public Comment:

- Questions about the time limit of residence in programs.

VII. Community Organizations Reports**City of Sonora:**

- Moving forward with Stewart St house project.
- Partnering with Habitat for Humanity

TAY House:

- Shared several successes.

ATCAA:

- Shelter currently full.
- Collaborating with HOST and CWS.
- Three transitioned to Nav Center from HOST or Camp Justice.
- Two transitioned to permanent housing.
- Working collaboratively with CWS.

GSAC and Nancy's Hope:

- October 4th music festival fundraiser.
 - Looking for acts and sponsors.
- Field trip to Modesto, touring homeless sites.

Tuolumne County Sheriff's Office:

- Continue to work in a support role.

Public Comment:

- Discussion of veterans housing situation.

VIII. Strategic Planning Workgroup Update

- Items to support summer conditions:
 - Purchased an industrial ice machine for collaborative use with Nancy's Hope.
 - Acquired cooling neck rags and handheld electric fans.
 - Secured pallets for the winter.
 - Discussed pursuing a shade structure.
- Camp Justice rules and Regulations:
 - Have updated regulations to submit to county counsel.
 - Need to be aware that with more rules comes more case management.
 - Next goal is addressing the RV situation.
 - End goal to have no RV's in Camp Justice

Public Comment:

- Possibility of donating an RV.
- Question about the Miner's Motel situation
 - Needs more work than initially thought.
 - We have less money and more hoops to jump through than anticipated.

IX. Future Meetings

- **August 14, 2025, @ 9 AM** – Committees & Commissions Room, 48 Yaney, 3rd Floor
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X. Announcements & Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Chair, Ryan Campbell, at 10:12 AM.