

**TUOLUMNE COUNTY COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

Time: Thursday, August 18, 2022 @ 1:00 p.m.

Place: Tuolumne County Board Chambers, 2 S. Green Street, Sonora, CA 95370

Email: Email comments to Michael Roberson at mroberson@co.tuolumne.ca.us

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AGENDA

CHAIRPERSON

Supervisor David Goldemberg

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

#1 Colette Such

#2 Shelley Muniz

#3 Tom Crosby

#4 Dana Butow

#5 Jeanette Lambert

OTHER MEMBERS

ATCAA

-Joe Bors

City of Sonora

-Vacant

Chicken Ranch Rancheria of
Me-Wuk Indians of California

-LeeAnn Hatton

Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians

-Darla Merlin

Tuolumne County Business Council

-Vacant

Tuolumne County Sheriff

-Bill Pooley

Tuolumne County Veterans Services

-Kris Albrecht

Local Service Provider

-Interfaith/Cathy Peacock

Lived Experience

-Vacant

STAFF SUPPORT

County Administrator

-Tracie Riggs

Homeless Services Coordinator

-Michael Roberson

Executive Clerk/Committee Secretary

-Jessica Alley

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

II. **ROLL CALL**

[10 min/Michael Roberson & Jessica Alley]

- Change in membership
- Introductions during roll call
- Confirm quorum requirements are met *[Quorum = 9 members]*

III. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

[5 min/Jessica Alley/Attachment]

- July 14, 2022 meeting minutes

IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

[15 minutes maximum]

- Members of the public may be heard on any item *not* on the Commission's Agenda. A person addressing the Commission 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 Commission.

V. **PRESENTATION REGARDING TCCOH REVISIONS**

[15 min/ Supervisors Haff & Goldemberg]

Public Comment

VI. **STAFF REPORT**

[20 min/ Michael Roberson]

- Discussion of dates and times of future regular meetings
 - Discussion of agenda items for future meeting
 - Presentation and discussion on Safe Stay Shelter Community
- Public Comment*

VII. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

[10 min/Commission Members]

Public Comment

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

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**Tuolumne County Commission on Homelessness
(Minutes of the meeting on July 14th, 2022)**

DRAFT

<u>2022 TCCoH Membership</u>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Tina Welch - Chair							✓					
Dana Butow – Vicechair							✓					
Kelsey Stone - Secretary							E					
David Goldemberg – BOS							✓					
Kathleen Haff - BOS							✓					
Cathie Peacock							✓					
Colette Such							A					
Hazel & Dick Mitchell							✓					
Jeanette Lambert							A					
Joe Bors							✓					
LeeAnn Hatton							✓					
Darla Merlin							✓					
Mark Dyken/ Shelley Muniz							✓					
Nancy Scott							✓					
Rick Breeze-Martin							✓					
Tom Crosby							✓					
Tuck Briggs							✓					
Turu Vanderwiel							✓					
Vacant – District 2 Public Representative												
Vacant – Representative from the Affected Population, Female												
Vacant – Representative from Faith-Based Community												

Present = ✓ Absent = A Excused = E

18 TCCoH Members = 10 Quorum

<u>Tuolumne County Staff in Attendance</u>	<u>Other Guests in Attendance</u>
Tracie Riggs, County Administrative Officer	
Michael Roberson, Homelessness Coordinator	
Rebecca Espino, HHS Director	
Jessica Alley, Executive Clerk	
Christina Cunha, Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk of the Board	
Tami Mariscal, Behavioral Health Director	

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Welch called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m. There was a delay starting the meeting due to a clerical error posting the incorrect Zoom link. Prior to the meeting being called to order, the correct information was updated on the TCCoH website and verbally noted. During the meeting, staff monitored both links and directed participants over to the correct link.

II. ROLL CALL /ADOPTED FINDINGS TO MEET VIRTUALLY IN AUGUST

Chair Welch announced the resignation of two committee members, Nathan Levering as a Faith Based Representative and Collette Such as a Representative from the City of Sonora.

Supervisor Goldemberg noted he spoke with Melissa Eads, the City Manager and she confirmed the City Council will be discussing membership replacement at their next meeting.

Chair Welch reviewed the current membership openings and announced that three applications have been received and those individuals were invited to attend the meeting.

Jessica Alley, Executive Clerk provided roll call. Thirteen (13) members were present. At 9:20 a.m. Commissioners Shelly Muniz and Tuck Briggs joined the meeting at 9:35 a.m. Chief Turu Vanderwiell joined. A quorum was present at the roll call.

The Commission recognized the June 9th, 2022 adoption of a resolution making findings in support of allowing remote meetings pursuant to AB361, effective July 14th to August 12th, 2022.

Commissioner Bors made a motion to continue meeting virtually and Vice Chair Butow seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Hatton shared concerns regarding some members of the public who have difficulty participating in virtual meetings, and Commissioner Muniz agreed. Supervisor Haff noted the Commission could motion to approve meeting virtually indefinitely. Commissioner Breeze-Martin inquired whether a hybrid meeting could be an option. Supervisor Goldemberg informed why hybrid meetings are not available at this time, but may in the future. Chair Welch reiterated the motion made, to meet virtually for the August meeting.

Jessica Alley provided role call. With a vote of 4 - yes, 8 - no, and one member unavailable to communicate through Zoom, the motion to meet virtually in August failed. The August 11th, 2022 Commission on Homeless Meeting will be held in person.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Vice Chair Butow made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 9th, 2022 meeting. Supervisor Goldemberg seconded the motion. Motion to approve the June 9th, 2022 minutes passed with a vote of 12 - yes and 1 abstention by Commissioner Breeze-Martin.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (3 minutes per person)

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A member of the public thanked TCCOH for their work but expressed concern regarding the prospective Draper Mine location for a homeless shelter. She noted concerns for safety regarding the site's distance from the Elementary School.

Sherry Bradley referenced the recent small fire which occurred. She requested the public to be cautious not jump to conclusions regarding what may have ignited the fire, and to wait for authorities to provide vetted information.

V. REPORT

Officers

- a) Chair Welch acknowledged progress made by the Commission working with staff and new funding. She stated concerns for the immediate need for beds and sheltering for the homeless. She noted much of the work being done will take time to institute and coordinate, looking at a timeline of approximately 5 years.

Chair Welch reminded everyone voting for new officers of the Commission will take place at the August 11, 2022 meeting.

Standing Committee

- b) Committee status report to the July 2022 Commission meeting

Chair Breeze-Martin referred to his written report which was included with the agenda packet as well as the diagram. He offered to answer any questions regarding Standing Committee tasks.

AD-HOC Committees

- c) Update on Navigation Center

Supervisor Haff gave an update on progress with the Navigation Center informing that the final application for the Community Block Development Grant (CBDG) will be submitted in August. The determination will be made regarding the funding for a feasibility study by the end of December 2022. Commissioner Peacock provided information regarding consulting applicants and the qualifications involved to fit their needs. Commissioner Bors suggested beds and a heating & cooling system be included in Navigation Center expenses. Supervisor Haff assured these needs have been acknowledged and funding will be determined by the feasibility study. Supervisor Goldemberg noted beds for the Navigation Center are an important factor to be considered and the number of beds will be determined by the feasibility study.

d) Update on Resources Database Design

Chair Breeze-Martin referred to his report which was included in the agenda packet and recommended closing out the Committee. He requested consideration of the project be revisited if capabilities to pursue come up. Clarification was confirmed the Adhoc falls under the Commission. Chair Welch hesby dissolved the Adhoc for Resources Database Design. Supervisor Goldemberg noted the importance to table the idea and revisit at a later date, as data is a valuable component of the work the Commission is doing.

e) Update on Linking Clients w/Support Services

Chair Peacock reported on current efforts and noted the large amount of data collected. Public Health has requested access to their binder of data on homeless resources which they will be providing soon. The Adhoc will continue to collect data and anticipate presenting their findings to the Commission maybe by next month's meeting.

HOMELESS SERVICES STAFF REPORT

f) Presentation and Discussion of Homeless Services System Flow

Michael Roberson informed everyone he is in partnership with an agency called Change Well, part of the California Department of Social Services. Change Well will assist in reviewing and evaluating the homeless services provided in Tuolumne County to create a "System Flow" to establish a strategic plan. This will allow the County to be shovel-ready for any grant funding opportunities. He will be presenting to the Board of Supervisors in August. He referred to the visual document in the agenda packet.

g) Update and discussion on PLHA and HHAP3 funding sources

Michael Roberson referred to the presentation provided by Maureen Frank at the last TCCoH meeting regarding the Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) funding and explained funding sources. He also reviewed the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Grant Program (HHAP3) which is state money that will go towards emergency housing and some case management. He explained the importance of having staff to do the work and pursue the funds and noted the funding requirements are complicated and require specific criteria.

h) Update and discussion on Pallet Shelter Community

Michael Roberson provided a review of the process of the TCCoH Outdoor Shelter Adhoc Committee and their plan which was presented to the Board of Supervisors and received permission to review possible sites for a sheltered community. The data collected of sites from the Adhoc were provided to County staff. Michael Roberson stated the plan for a homeless shelter community has evolved from the initial idea of a tent camp to a managed pallet shelter community. He clarified that county-owned property and some Caltrans properties were evaluated but only a few are being considered. The recommended sites were presented at the May 12th, 2022 TCCOH meeting. Further clarification

was made regarding inquiries about the “Draper Mine Property” which is not being evaluated nor was it recommended as one of the three proposed sites. Michael Roberson informed everyone he plans to present information on the Pallet Shelter Community plan to the Board of Supervisors tentatively in August.

Commissioner Breeze-Martin inquired about the pace and scale of the Pallet Shelter project, noting the urgent need for the homeless currently being displaced. Michael Roberson responded with an understanding of the urgency for shelter needs, but also the importance for the county to develop a plan to create all options of housing to maintain stability and maximize results. He also mentioned the importance of onsite management, security, safe and lockable shelters, and that the proposed pallet shelters can be scalable and easy to assemble.

Commissioner Muniz spoke regarding her appreciation for everyone on the Commission. She spoke about her concerns regarding the homeless who are currently being evicted and the frustrations involved with no plan in place now to relocate them. She noted their frustrations and fear and the need to work on an immediate plan of action. Commissioner Muniz stated she would like to put a team together to address immediate issues. Commissioner Bors noted that ATCAA is actively working with the affected homeless to find emergency placements.

Public Comment

Pablo Lopez from Public Health noted his department is collecting data and providing outreach to the homeless. If TCCoH members have resources to share, they can reach out to him at Public Health.

VI. SPEAKERS

[No speakers for this meeting]

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Request for volunteers to help update TCCoH By-laws; request for suggestions of other changes to be considered in revising by-laws.

Chair Welch noted that the County is currently looking at the County Committees and Commissions processes and this item will be tabled until next month.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Panel Discussion: Mental Health Issues and the Unsheltered: discussion followed by questions and responses.

Tami Mariscal, the Behavioral Health Director introduced herself and explained what Behavioral Health (BH) is doing to assist this population. She spoke of the overlap of issues related to mental health and the homeless population and her interest to continue attending TCCoH meetings. She provided a presentation of the mental health services provided by the County, including data regarding estimations of the serviced population.

Commission Members asked questions regarding data. Commissioner Scott requested a

copy of the data. It will also be sent to Michael Roberson for posting online.

Chief Vanderwiel provided a brief report on his department's experience with the homeless population and the de-escalation training his officers use when called to an incident involving an unsheltered or mentally ill individual. He emphasized health and safety of all members of the community is his Department's highest priority.

Michael Roberson provided comments regarding homeless statistics.

Commissioner Merlin inquired about domestic violence and statistics. Tami Mariscal provided further information regarding the statistics involved with domestic violence victims and mental illness. She noted their partnership with the CNVC (Center for a NonViolent Community) to further support victims. She provided data related to substance and mental health and relayed a story from one of Behavioral Health's clients regarding his experience with homelessness.

Chair Welch thanked Tami Mariscal and Chief Vanderweil for their presentations and noted Commission members can reach out to her or Vice Chair Butow if they have further interest in having more of these types of presentations.

Supervisor Goldemberg expressed appreciation to Tami Mariscal and Chief Vanderweil for sharing.

No Public Comment

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Welch noted staff priorities to establish efficiencies in all County commissions and committees.

Commissioner Breeze-Martin announced his resignation from the Commission. He will be providing his formal letter of resignation per the by-laws. Chair Welch thanked him for his service.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Welch adjourned the meeting at 10:56 pm.