Tuolumne County Commission on Homelessness
(Minutes of the meeting on March 10, 2022)

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Present = ✓  Absent = A  Excused = E  
19 TCCoH Members = 11 Quorum
I. CALL TO ORDER

Tina Welch called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. and announced the meeting was recorded.

II. ROLL CALL


Quorum met with 16 members present

Introductions: Michael Roberson Homeless Services Coordinator, Traci Williams, Executive Clerk

Motion: Consideration of making the April 14, 2022, Tuolumne County Commission on Homelessness Meeting virtual only. Joe Bors made a motion Colette Such seconded. By Roll Call Vote, the motion passed with 13 Ayes, and two Nos, LeeAnn Hatton-No, Nate Levering-No, 1 Abstention Rick Breeze-Martin, and three members absent, Jeanette Lambert, Lori Severson, and Nancy Scott

III. APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES

- December 9, 2022
  
a.) Edit as follows: Joe Bors requested correction to page 3 STANDING COMMITTEES, correct CA256 to CA526. Rick Breeze-Martin requested name correction from Rick Breeze to Rick Breeze-Martin. Dana Baker requested name changes to Dana Baker and Colette Such.

Joe Bors made a motion to approve the December 9, 2021 minutes with the noted corrections; Supervisor Kathleen Haff seconded the motion.

By Roll Call Vote, the motion passed unanimously with 14 Ayes, and two abstentions, 1 Abstention Supervisor David Goldemberg, Turu VanderWeil with three members absent, Jeanette Lambert, Lori Severson, and Nancy Scott

- February 10, 2022
  
a.) Rick Breeze-Martin requested name correction from Rick Breeze to Rick Breeze-Martin

Shelley Muniz made a motion to approve the February 10, 2022 minutes with the noted corrections, and Joe Bors seconded the motion.
By Roll Call Vote, the motion passed unanimously with 15 Ayes and 1 Abstention. Supervisor David Goldemberg, with three members absent, Jeanette Lambert, Lori Severson, and Nancy Scott.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Public Comment. A member of the public submitted Public Comment via email regarding the homelessness in Tuolumne County. The Commission Members discussed the submission of comments via email.

V. SPEAKERS

a.) Michael Roberson, Homeless Services Coordinator, introduced himself, noted the members' dedication, and expressed his excitement for building relationships and learning from the Commission Members.

Tracie Riggs, County Administrator, introduced Traci Williams as Executive Clerk, providing support to the Homeless Services Coordinator. She also provided an overview of the vision for the Commission, and she recognized the support needed for the Commission and that the focus will be on policy and finding the finances to support programs. She discussed County properties and the need for a low barrier, no barrier solution to housing and level of support.

Commission Members provided comments.

b.) Quincy Yaley, Community Development Department Director, and Brian Bell, Chief Building Officer, provided a presentation on Emergency Shelters and the Building Code.

Commission Members provided comments.

VI. REPORTS

OFFICERS:

a.) Christina Welch

- Announced the resignation of Wittney Hawkins and posted a notice of vacancy for the District 2 position at the April 5, 2022, Board of Supervisors meeting.
- Christina will provide a letter on the TCCoH Goals for 2022 to Michael Roberson to forward to the entire Commission.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

b.) Housing Committee

(addressed in Unfinished Business)

AD-HOC COMMITTEES:

c.) Outdoor Shelter Committee – Dana Baker reported

- Able to move forward collaboratively with staff
- Outdoor Shelter Site hopes to use the previous site report with the added Commission and public input.
• The next step is for Michael Roberson and Tracie Riggs to review the Site Scoring Matrix

• Tracie Riggs requested that Quincy Yaley and Brian Bell provide a report of the work done on the shelter site.

d.) Navigation Center – Supervisor Haff and Supervisor Goldemberg

• Supervisor Haff, Suspending the Navigation Center meetings until they hear back from the Community Development Block Grant and an application for a Feasibility Study.

• Supervisor Goldemberg toured a Navigation Center in Merced County with Colette Such on February 16, 2022 and met with the Deputy Director of Health and Human Services. They house between 65-70 people. When a person comes in for services, they are provided wrap-around services.

e.) Resources & Funding Database Development – Rick Breeze Martin reported on the Database Design progress and gave an outline of what the final report would look like and the need for placing the Commission into the County Organizational chart and why a database.

f.) Linking Clients w/ Support Services – Cathie Peacock provided an update. She is gathering information for a Resource binder which will provide contact information and the location of services. There will be ongoing updates of the data. The expectation is to finish the project by the April or May meeting. She requested members to provide contact information for community agencies and asked for volunteers from the Commission to assist.

g.) 5-Year Strategic Plan Development – Christina Welch provided a brief update.

This item will be brought back at the next meeting with a proposal.

Commission Members provided comments.

Public Comment: No Public Comment

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a.) Rick Breeze-Martin spoke on several points of focus on the Housing Committee Work and provided an update from the housing committee. They received the opportunities for more affordable housing review; the planning permitting procedures related to homelessness only, and liaison communication and coordination resource elements as three approved work focus areas.

There are three vacancies on the housing committee which are open to the Commission members.

b.) Consideration of adding a 4th focus area: Outdoor shelter and the need to expand emergency and transitional shelter beds. Joe Bors made a motion to add a 4th focus area on opportunities to expand emergency and transitional shelter beds, seconded by Dana Baker. By Roll Call Vote, the motion passed with 11 Ayes, 5 Abstentions. Absentions Supervisor Kathleen Haff, Cathie Peacock, Hazel Mitchell, Turu VanderWeil, and Tom Crosby.
VIII. NEW BUSINESS

-NONE-

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a.) Dana Baker – Announced as part of the Board of Supervisors Goal setting process, CAO staff will present recommendations on specific objectives at the March 15, 2022, BOS meeting, and homelessness will be on the agenda. In addition to the Homeless Services Coordinator, the CAO is recommending one additional position are being recommended to help meet this crisis in our community, and it will go before the Board of Supervisors with a request to permanently fund two positions. Requested commission members speak during public comment in advocating for this support.

b.) Joe Bors- ATCAA hired a Deputy Director of Housing

c.) Kelsey Stone - Traci Williams, and Kelsey will coordinate regarding the transition and recording of this and future TCCoH meetings.

d.) Christina Welch – California has a new emergency rental assistance program available for California residents. She will coordinate with Michael on how to disseminate the information. California Department of Housing and Urban Development has 1.31 million dollars in home rescue plan funding; they are developing focus groups to determine eligibility. Please submit agenda items for upcoming meetings to Christina early.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 11:03 a.m.