



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

<u>2022 TCCoH Membership</u>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Tina Welch - Chair				✓								
Dana Baker – Vice Chair				✓								
Kelsey Stone - Secretary				✓								
David Goldemberg – BOS				✓								
Kathleen Haff - BOS				✓								
Cathie Peacock				✓								
Colette Such				✓								
Hazel Mitchell				✓								
Jeanette Lambert				A								
Joe Bors				✓								
LeeAnn Hatton				✓								
Lori Severson				✓								
Mark Dyken/Shelley Muniz				✓								
Nancy Scott				✓								
Nathan Levering				✓								
Rick Breeze-Martin				✓								
Tom Crosby				✓								
Tuck Briggs				✓								
Turu Vanderwiel				A								

Present = ✓ Absent = A Excused = E

19 TCCoH Members = 11 Quorum

<u>Tuolumne County Staff in Attendance</u>	<u>Other Guests in Attendance</u>
Michael Roberson Homeless Services Coordinator	
Rebecca Espino, HHS Director	
Tracie Riggs, County Administrator	
Traci Williams-O'Neill, Executive Clerk	
Wittney Hawkins, Services Support Assistant	
Christina Cunha, Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors	

I. CALL TO ORDER

Tina Welch, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. and announced the meeting was being recorded.

II. ROLL CALL

Kelsey Stone conducted the Roll Call.

Members Present: Tina Welch, Dana Baker, Kelsey Stone, Supervisor David Goldemberg, Supervisor Kathleen Haff, Colette Such, Hazel Mitchell, Joe Bors, LeeAnn Hatton, Rick Breeze-Martin, Shelley Muniz, Nancy Scott, Tom Crosby, Tuck Briggs, Nathan Levering with Cathie Peacock and Lori Severson arriving late.

Members Absent: Jeanette Lambert and Turu Vanderwiell

As of Roll Call, Quorum was met with 15 members present.

Joe Bors made a motion to have the May 12, 2022 Tuolumne County Commission on Homelessness meeting virtual only. Dana Baker seconded the motion. Discussion ensued.

By Roll Call Vote, the motion failed with 4 Ayes, 8 Nos, and 3 Abstentions, with Cathie Peacock and Lori Severson arriving after the vote. The May 12, 2022 meeting will be held in person in the Board of Supervisor Chambers.

III. APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES

Rick Breeze-Martin requested some edits on page 6, letter e. of the March 10, 2022 draft meeting minutes. It was suggested staff review the video and make corrections accordingly. Joe Bors made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2022 Tuolumne County Commission on Homelessness meeting with edits. Shelley Muniz seconded the motion.

By Roll Call Vote, with 14 Ayes, and 2 Abstentions, with 3 members absent. Lori Severson arrived after the vote.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Joe Bors, ATCAA Executive Director introduced Amy Lane, ATCAA Deputy Director of Housing.

V. REPORTS

Officers:

a.) Tina Welch, Chair wished the Commission a Happy 1st Birthday; felt it is appropriate to look at where the Commission started and where they are headed. A diverse group of movers and shakers in Tuolumne County came together to undertake something they weren't sure what the Commission was. Two things were evident that needed to be addressed; one was the 2019 Report on ending homelessness created by the County, which was a starting point. The second was the history, knowledge, breadth of experience, and the passion of the Commission. We combined these two things to figure out where to go in the first year. The Commission spent the first three months brainstorming the 2019 Report and compiled all that information to set a path forward for the year and, at the end of 2021, followed the same process of setting priorities for 2022. The Chair presented the map from the agenda representing a pathway from homelessness to permanent housing. This group created by-laws, an orientation procedure for new members, and created eight sub-committees, connected with the Board of Supervisors and City Council over the year. The most important part was the sense of communication; nineteen people and County Staff created a much greater understanding of what other Counties, Staff, and boards of Supervisors expect from the Commission. Three things are coming into fruition that the Commission needs to hear.

1. First of all, our neighbors without shelter, seeing what their needs are?
2. Second, we need to listen to the results of the PIT Count (to be completed in May)
3. Third, listening to the Board of Supervisors' goals and priorities

Between these three things, the Commission will be poised to offer the County advice on how to assist them in solving homelessness into the future. Suggests adding a smaller ad-hoc group to create the Commission's strategic plan for the coming year. We are uniquely poised to help the County in two ways,

1. Doing what the County asks for us as they finalize their goals and priorities, acting as a way to assist in their capacity.
2. Inform them of what we are hearing from the homeless

It's critical to look at the by-laws to ensure they are still appropriate for the Commission's focus, will be asking a small group to review them and, along with County Counsel, for clarity on the Commission's direction.

STANDING COMMITTEE

b.) Rick Breeze-Martin, Chair reported that the Housing Standing Committee did not meet last month; a quorum was not met, and briefly discussed how the Committee went from six members to three. Additional members are required; at least one, two, or three would be best; The Chair provided an overview of the Committee and the four focus areas for 2022. Supervisor David Goldemberg agreed to join the Committee.

Wittney Hawkins provided public comment

Committee members provided comments and discussion of the duplicity of efforts.

AD-HOC COMMITTEES

- c.) Outdoor Shelter Committee, Dana Baker provided a report on the status, directed the Commission to see page fifteen. The Committee sent the site scoring matrix to the County for review and received confirmation to use the criteria voted on in a previous meeting. Also, we received a GIS map of all County-owned properties. The ad-hoc is combing through these properties, checking out the sites in person, and scoring them according to the site scoring matrix. They have scored about half a dozen properties and will continue with the goal of making a recommendation from TCCoH to the County for parcels to be used as an Outdoor Shelter Site. The County informed about a letter received from Cal-Trans with seven additional properties for potential use and added them to this list for review. The GIS map can be accessed through the County website. Dana mentioned Tom Crosby for spearheading the evaluation process for his work of visiting the potential properties on his own and coordinating groups of the Commission to see potential properties. He also identified how to access the site through the County website. The ad-hoc Committee will continue visiting properties and scoring them according to the site matrix for presentation to the main Commission.

Tom Crosby provided directions on the use of the GIS map.

Dana thanked Tracie Riggs, Michael Roberson, and other County staff who worked on the map.

Commission members provided discussion and comments

- d.) Resources Database Design, Rick Breeze-Martin, reported that the ad-hoc continues consistent with the work schedule in the interim report, working on identifying homes for the database and developing a survey for resource organizations to participate in the database design looking for options for the development and operation. Rick met with Denise Cloward, Amy Lane, and Dave Carlton to discuss updating the policies and procedures for HMIS. Rick started reaching out to community volunteers, up to three, for help to receive some expanded assistance.

The Chair mentioned Denis Cloward wants to be on the next agenda to present the HMIS update.

- e.) Linking Clients w/Support Services, Cathie Peacock reported the meetings are on the Tuesday before the TCCoH meetings, 8:30 am at Interfaith. Most services in the County do not exclude the homeless if they access the services. There is a large resource binder that Wittney has taken on reviewing and updating to work in conjunction with the Resources Database. The ADRC, Area 12 Agency on Aging, and DRAIL have joined forces to present resource information. Five Committee and community members are working on this project and hope to have some data organized in the next couple of months. Requested any updated information to be added to the resource binder to contact Cathie Peacock.

Commission members provided discussion and comments

No Public Comment

VI. SPEAKERS

- a. Michael Roberson, Homeless Services Coordinator, provided an overview of the last month's meetings and goal setting to align with his job description, future direction, and support of TCCoH, the Board of Supervisors.

He reported some updates to the Homeless Commission website page on the County website, specifically a new Virtual Bulletin Board. Per Tina Welch's request, interesting articles and information regarding homelessness are posted on the page for reference.

During the last few weeks, he met with the Commission members and enjoyed getting to know them and their passion for this cause.

He reported that a big part of his position is learning about funding and grants, and he has been working with some Commissioners, Amy Arndt and Maureen Frank, to secure grant funds for long-term housing projects.

Michael Roberson also stated his timing of coming on board with the County was good as he has been part of the Board Priorities, Objectives, and Actions, which have not yet been approved. He views his part as the Coordinator of Homeless Services to bring these efforts together, align with the Board's priorities, and involve workgroups that may not allow for outside input. He would like to bridge the gap to see that happen.

Many other items need updating, like the plan to combat homelessness, which may be a priority for the Commission.

Commission members provided discussion and comments

No Public Comment

b.) Panel presentation & discussion of view on the ground; Resiliency Village, Nancy's Hope, Lambert Center, Interfaith what the homeless are saying, and what those who work with them are seeing.

Commission members provided discussion and comments.

No Public Comment

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

-NONE-

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

-NONE-

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hazel Mitchell was skipped under Panel presentation. She reported about Give Someone a Chance and its mobile laundry and shower bus schedule. Witney Hawkins requested the schedule. Hazel noted that the schedule is on their website.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 am.