



Yolo County Homeless and Poverty Action Coalition (HPAC)

June 28, 2017 Meeting Minutes

MEETING ATTENDEES

1. Diane Clarke, Yolo Conflict Resolution Center
2. Louise Collis, City of West Sacramento
3. Tracey Dickinson, Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency
4. Amanda Eckman, Child Welfare Services, Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency
5. Ginger Hashimoto, Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency
6. Irma Jimenez-Perez, Yolo County Housing**
7. Michele Kellogg, Yolo Community Care Continuum*
8. Elaine Lytle, CalWORKs Housing Support, Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency
9. Dan Maguire, City of Winters*
10. Erin McEwen, Yolo County Children's Alliance
11. James McLeod, Yolo Community Care Continuum**
12. Alysa Meyer, Legal Services of Northern California*
13. Niomi Michel, Empower Yolo**
14. Amara Pickens, Fourth and Hope**
15. Carolyn Pierson, Mercy Coalition
16. Joan Planell, City of Davis*
17. Bill Pride, Davis Community Meals and Housing*
18. Kevin Roddy, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Davis
19. Michael Rooke-Ley, Woodland United Way
20. Koy Sachao, Turning Point Community Programs*
21. Sergei Shkurkin, Shores of Hope
22. Dan Sokolow, City of Woodland*
23. Kaelin Souza, Yolo County Office of Education
24. Katy Zane, Short Term Emergency Aid Committee
25. Doug Zeck, Fourth and Hope*

**Indicates a primary voting designee*

***Indicates a secondary voting designee*

1. REVIEW AND APPROVE MEETING AGENDA

HPAC approved the agenda with no amendments.

- **Motion:** Dan Maguire
- **Second:** Alysa Meyer
- **Abstentions:** None

2. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FROM 5.24.17

HPAC approved the meeting minutes with no amendments.

- **Motion:** Dan Maguire



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- **Second:** Dan Sokolow
- **Abstentions:** None

3. INTRODUCTIONS AND PROGRAM UPDATES

- Ginger Hashimoto shared that the local Emergency Food and Shelter Board approved Phase 34 allocations. Consistent with the requests included in HPAC's coordinated letter, the Board recommended full funding for all Yolo agencies.
- Tracey Dickinson announced the Health and Human Services Agency hired a new Assistant Director. Tracey also announced that the County is hiring a Housing Coordinator to provide system-level housing coordination. Lastly, Tracey shared that Steve Kruse, who acted as the de facto "Mayor" of a large homeless encampment along the riverbank of West Sacramento for several years, passed away in mid-June. Despite the sad news, Tracey highlighted the many positive accomplishments Steve achieved in recent years including securing permanent housing, obtaining a fulltime job, reconnecting with family, and most importantly helping others to achieve similar outcomes.
- Carolyn Pierson introduced herself as a representative of Mercy Coalition. She explained that the Coalition is a partnership of West Sacramento churches and faith-based organizations, working together to meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness and living in poverty.
- Michele Kellogg announced that Yolo Community Care Continuum is recruiting for a housing navigator.
- Joan Planell announced that the Davis City Council recently approved the addition of a homeless coordinator to lead multi-disciplinary outreach efforts among City and County staff, and nonprofit providers dedicated to serving the homeless.
- Dan Sokolow announced the groundbreaking of a new permanent supportive housing project on the corner of West Beamer and North Cottonwood streets in Woodland. Dan shared that agencies can call (530) 419-5976 to learn more about the waitlist plans et cetera.
- Sergei Shkurkin shared that Shores of Hope recently secured a NeighborhoodWorks grant to remodel its main center and add another building. The grant was part of a \$122.5 million Department of Justice settlement with Bank of America to revitalize distressed communities suffering from direct and/or indirect effects of the foreclosure crisis.

4. 10-YEAR PLAN COMMENTS

Tracey Dickinson explained that the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness Subcommittee met weekly as planned to review the current draft and prepare written comments. Despite this, however, the Subcommittee ran out of time and did not complete its review. Since the 10-Year Plan Executive Commission is set to meet on July 26, the Subcommittee directed staff to write a letter on behalf of HPAC requesting that the Executive Commission extend the comment/revision period through January 2018. In particular, HPAC wanted more time to convene a homeless planning summit and develop a supplementary two-year work plan with identified actions, timelines, responsible parties, and performance measures.



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HPAC approved the letter and draft comments, with several amendments to the letter, including fixing the years in the proposed timeline, adding language to emphasize HPAC's significant role in the development of the original Plan, and emphasizing that HPAC member agencies will be responsible for implementing many of the actions included in the Plan.

- **Motion:** Dan Sokolow
- **Second:** Joan Planell
- **Abstentions:** None

5. REVIEW REVISED GOVERNANCE CHARTER

Ginger Hashimoto explained that back in April HPAC agreed to revise the voting rights section of its governance charter for two reasons. First, HPAC wanted to clarify that the meeting attendance requirement pertained to the last twelve months and started whenever an agency submitted its completed membership application. Second, HPAC wanted to lower the meeting attendance threshold from 75 percent to 50 percent, as the 75 percent threshold was onerous to achieve. The group reviewed a version with tracked changes.

HPAC approved the revised governance charter.

- **Motion:** Dan Maguire
- **Second:** Alysa Meyer
- **Opposed:** Bill Pride
- **Abstentions:** None

6. EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) UPDATE

Tracey Dickinson reviewed a handout summarizing the proposals submitted as part of Yolo's 2017 ESG local competition. Tracey explained that Empower Yolo intends to apply for Yolo's non-competitive rapid rehousing funding, while Fourth and Hope intends to submit two proposals for balance of state funding—one for emergency shelter and one for street outreach. Tracey reminded the group that since HPAC only received three proposals, the group did not need to conduct a rank and review process.

HPAC approved the recommended 2017 Emergency Solutions Grant applicant ranking list with no amendments. Thus, when the State releases the Notice of Funding Availability, staff will work with the approved agencies to complete and submit their applications.

- **Motion:** Bill Pride
- **Second:** Michele Kellogg
- **Abstentions:** Doug Zeck and Niomi Michele

7. GRANT UPDATES

Tracey Dickinson provided a summary of three grants recently secured by the County that will likely help persons experiencing homelessness.



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Brining Families Home

Administered by the California Department of Social Services, the Bringing Families Home grant will provide housing supports including housing navigation and rental subsidy assistance to Child Welfare Services involved families whose primary barrier to reunification is homelessness. The grant award is \$112,500, which the County will match for a total project budget of \$225,000 and the project period is from June 2017 through June 2019.

Proposition 47

Administered by the Board of State and Community Corrections, the Proposition 47 grant will expand Yolo County's existing continuum of criminal justice diversion programs. Specifically, the project will provide wraparound services to individuals who are eligible for a diversion program, but are unlikely to succeed without intensive supports due to their history of mental health issues and/or substance use disorders. A large portion of the grant is dedicated to rapidly rehousing participants who are experiencing homelessness. The grant award is \$5.9 million and the project period is from June 2017 through August 2020.

Narcan

Administered by the California Department of Public Health, the Naloxone grant aims to reduce the number of fatal overdoses from opioid drugs by increasing access to naloxone. The grant award is for \$10,500.

8. HPAC MEMBERSHIP STATUS UPDATE

The group did not discuss this item, but staff passed out a handout summarizing the membership status of all agencies who completed a membership application.

9-10. HUD TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE UPDATE AND COORDINATED ENTRY UPDATE

Due to lack of time, the group combined items 9 and 10. In particular, Tracey Dickinson sought input on how to manage the workload associated with revising the 10-year plan, implementing HUD technical assistance recommendations, and launching coordinated entry. The group decided a two-hour, monthly meeting of the Technical Subcommittee was the best option. Tracey clarified that despite calling the subcommittee the Technical Subcommittee, all interested parties are welcome to participate. Staff agreed to adjust the HPAC meeting schedule and create a supplementary schedule by topic so that attendees would know each meeting's focus beforehand.

11. MEETING EVALUATION: PLUS/DELTA/FUTURE TOPICS

Due to lack of time, the group skipped the meeting evaluation. Michele Kellogg reminded staff to schedule a presentation on the City of West Sacramento's homeless encampment tracking app.