



Yolo County Homeless and Poverty Action Coalition (HPAC)

September 28, 2016 Meeting Minutes

MEETING ATTENDEES:

- Christina Andrade-Lemus, CommuniCare Health Centers
- Isaac Blackstock, Yolo Community Care Continuum
- Phalicia Chow, Yolo Community Care Continuum
- Ryan Collins, Elica Health Centers*
- Debra Crabtree, Yolo County Office of Education
- Tracey Dickinson, Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency
- Joy Elson, Short Term Emergency Aid Committee**
- Ginger Hashimoto, Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency
- Janis Holt, Yolo County Housing*
- Lynnette Irlmeier, Empower Yolo*
- Shuqin Jiao, Yolo County Library
- Jessica Larsen, Yolo County Office of Education*
- Victoria Lewis, Elica Health Centers
- Deanna Lynn-Steele, Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency/Yolo County District Attorney's Office
- Elaine Lytle, Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency
- Holly Martin—211 Yolo
- Erin McEwen, Yolo County Children's Alliance
- James McLeod, Yolo Community Care Continuum**
- Alysa Meyer, Legal Services of Northern California*
- Joan Planell, City of Davis*
- Bill Pride, Davis Community Meals*
- Koy Saechao, Turning Point Community Programs
- Nai Saelee, Turning Point Community Programs
- Mark Sawyer, City of West Sacramento Police Department
- Sergei Shkurkin, Shores of Hope
- Dan Sokolow, City of Woodland*
- Nolan Sullivan, Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency
- Tougher Vang, Yolo County Library
- Rossana Vigil, Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency
- Reed Walker, Veterans Affairs
- Doug Zeck, Fourth and Hope*

**Indicates a primary voting designee*

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1. REVIEW AND APPROVE MEETING AGENDA

HPAC approved the agenda with no amendments.



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- **Motion:** Bill Pride
- **Second:** Joan Planell

2. ADOPT MEETING MINUTES FROM 8/24/16

HPAC approved the meeting minutes with no amendments.

- **Motion:** Dan Sokolow
- **Second:** Bill Pride

3. INTRODUCTIONS AND PROGRAM UPDATES

- Elaine Lytle announced several changes to the CalWORKs Housing Support Program. Due to an affordable housing shortage and an influx of inter-county transfers, the program is not accepting any new families until mid-November or December. Other program changes include instituting limits on the length and frequency of motel stays and utilizing the VI-SPDAT to assist with future intake prioritization.
- Nolan Sullivan reiterated HHSA's recent memorandum alerting providers of the agency's \$3M structural budget deficit.
- Shuqin Jiao and Tougher Vang promoted the launch of the I See You art workshops at the West Sacramento library. The 10-week project represents the second phase in a three-part series meant to engage homeless individuals and families through free art workshops around the region.
- Koy Saechao introduced Nai Saelee as Turning Point's newest housing specialist.
- Isaac Blackstock shared that his Housing Now Project finished its second year up 72 percent compared to its first year. Despite the project's success, he acknowledged that many housing placements were the result of displacements by others returning to homelessness.
- Joan Planell asked if HPAC would support submitting a formal request for HUD technical assistance (TA). She explained that the City of Davis is particularly interested in receiving guidance on how the CoC can better adhere to HUD standards amidst Yolo County's affordable housing shortage. Bill Pride suggested that HPAC try to engage other California CoCs as Yolo's lack of affordable housing is not unique. Members agreed that HPAC should write a letter and request for local TA, but also acknowledge that this is an issue faced by most other California CoCs.
- Ginger Hashimoto promoted HPAC's upcoming VI-SPDAT training on October 11 at the HHSA Bauer Building from 1:30 to 5 p.m.
- Tracey Dickinson explained that Yolo County is preparing to implement Drug Medi-Cal. She will invite the County's Drug and Alcohol Program Coordinator, Ian Evans, to provide a more thorough overview of the process at the next all HPAC meeting. Tracey also shared that Kristen Cline will be assuming the clinical supervision component of the County's homeless services team. While



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Tracey will continue to serve as the County's Homeless Program Coordinator, she will focus more on system-level coordination and grant management rather than direct client services.

- Janis Holt shared that Yolo County Housing received a National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) award in recognition of the Bridge to Housing project. She also announced that demolition of 180 Beamer Street in Woodland is now underway.
- Sergei Shkurkin announced that Environmental Alternatives and the Office of Emergency Services now funds his transitional housing project, which exclusively serves transitional age youth (TAY). Previously, the project received CoC HUD funding and served homeless families. Sergei also shared that the region's Emergency Food and Shelter Program will release its Phase 34 request for proposal (RFP) in February 2017 with a due date of March 2017.
- Deanna Lynn-Steele explained that her Homeless Neighborhood Court Program is seeking clients from Davis.
- Doug Zeck shared that his Fourth and Hope emergency shelter has been at capacity, particularly the family beds. Doug also explained that he is still awaiting approval to begin the rehabilitation of several apartment units.

4. ELECTIONS—TIMELINE AND PROCESS

In preparation for its annual election in October, HPAC formed a recruitment committee consisting of Alysa Meyer and Tracey Dickinson. Per its governance charter, HPAC has three elected roles with the officers serving one-year terms from November 1 to October 31:

- Chair (currently Doug Zeck, Fourth and Hope)
- Vice-Chair (currently Ryan Collins, Elica Health Centers)
- Secretary (currently Anna Darzins, Elica Health Centers)

Interested candidates may nominate themselves or other HPAC members by contacting Alysa or Tracey, who will conduct individual conversations with all potential candidates to discuss the duties and time commitment. After the nomination deadline of October 13 at 5 p.m., Alysa and Tracey will develop an officer slate to be voted on at the October HPAC meeting. If only one candidate is nominated in each category, they will present the officers slate at the meeting for a vote of approval. If multiple candidates are nominated for any position, a survey monkey poll will be released prior to the meeting to narrow the slate to a single individual.



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5. PIT/HIC COUNT—CONVENE SUBCOMMITTEE IN OCTOBER

In preparation for the 2017 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) in January, HPAC formed a PIT subcommittee. HPAC will convene the first meeting in October and establish a reoccurring meeting schedule thereafter.

6. COMMUNITY SERVICES ACTION BOARD RECRUITMENT

Tracy Dickinson announced that the County is seeking volunteers to serve on its Community Services Action Board (CSAB). An advisory body to the County Board of Supervisors, CSAB creates a bi-annual community action plan and oversees the provision of Community Services Block Grant funding with the mission of combating poverty in Yolo County. The board must maintain a tripartite composition of one-third public representatives from each supervisorial district, one-third private representatives of community-based organizations, and one-third low-income representatives. The County is seeking representatives in all three categories.

7. HMIS SYSTEM PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Ginger Hashimoto explained that in August 2016, HPAC successfully submitted a Systems Performance Measures (SPM) Report to HUD. A new requirement this year, the report contains seven metrics meant to quantify the overall impact of the region's homeless services system. Metrics include:

1. Length of time individuals and families remain homeless
2. Extent to which individuals and families who exit homelessness return to homelessness
3. Overall reduction in the number of homeless individuals and families
4. Employment and income growth for homeless persons in CoC program-funded projects
5. Number of persons who become homeless for the first time
6. Preventing returns to homelessness among individuals and families who qualify for Category 3
7. Successful housing placement to or retention in a permanent housing destination

The report is consistent with HUD's recent policy shift of viewing the local homeless response as a coordinated system rather than individual programs. While the submitted report will not significantly affect FY 2016 funding, federal statute requires that HUD incorporate the system performance measure data as part of its selection criteria for future CoC Program grants. Thus, this report will serve as a critical roadmap for future system goals and priorities.

8. COC APPLICATION UPDATE

Tracey Dickinson announced that HPAC successfully submitted its FY 2016 CoC application. Tracey explained that as part of its application, HPAC submitted a FY 2016 planning grant aimed at improving system-level performance. Tracey also reminded members that HPAC anticipates receiving its FY 2015



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planning grant within the next few months. Thereafter, HPAC will hire HomeBase to facilitate several community input meetings with the goal of establishing a permanent coordinated entry system. Bill Pride requested that Tracey facilitate a CoC application debriefing for applicants to ensure that HPAC continues to improve upon its local competition process in the future.

9. CA ESG PROGRAM UPDATE

Tracey Dickinson congratulated Fourth and Hope and Empower Yolo for receiving 100 percent of their requested ESG funding. Fourth and Hope's ESG money will support their emergency shelter, while Empower Yolo's ESG money will support both rapid re-housing as well as some prevention.

Tracey also announced that the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is finalizing plans to allocate an additional \$35M of ESG funding over the next three years. This money, associated with SB837, is a one-time allocation set aside by the state. Therefore, it is not a sustainable funding source, but it should equalize the deficit caused by this year's cut in ESG funding. Yolo County's allocation is \$256,000 for two years or \$179,000 for one year. HCD's timeline for the allocation is as follows:

- October—HCD to release program guidelines
- February—HCD to adopt final program guidelines
- May—HDC to release the notice of funding availability (NOFA)
- July—Final applications due

10. MEETING EVALUATION: PLUS/DELTA/FUTURE TOPICS

Pluses

- Covered a lot of information in a short period of time
- Appreciated the CalWORKs presence and program updates
- Ryan's daughter Soraya attended for part of the meeting

Deltas

- Limited space due to great attendance

Future Topics

- Drug Medi-Cal
- Housing California and/or other affordable housing developers



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11. NEXT MEETING & ADJOURNMENT

HPAC's upcoming meetings include the:

- Northern California Homeless Roundtable, September 29th 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., West Sacramento Community Center
- HPAC Data Subcommittee Meeting, October 20th 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., Davis Mary L. Stephens Library
- All HPAC Meeting, October 26th 9 to 10:30 a.m., Davis Mary L. Stephens Library