



## Yolo County Homeless and Poverty Action Coalition (HPAC)

### February 22, 2017 Meeting Minutes

#### MEETING ATTENDEES

1. Sheila Allen, Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance
2. Isaac Blackstock, Yolo Community Care Continuum
3. Brandi Bluel, Resources for Independent Living
4. Joe Boniwell, Housing California
5. Diane Clarke, Yolo Conflict Resolution Center
6. Kristen Cline, Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency
7. Destiny Collins, Volunteers of America Veterans Services\*\*
8. Louise Collis, City of West Sacramento
9. Ryan Collins, Elica Health Centers\*
10. Tracey Dickinson, Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency
11. Robin Frank, Yolo County Children's Alliance
12. Ginger Hashimoto, Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency
13. Irma Jimenez-Perez, Yolo County Housing
14. Michele Kellogg, Yolo Community Care Continuum\*
15. Alysa Meyer, Legal Services of Northern California\*
16. Niomi Michel, Empower Yolo\*\*
17. James McLeod, Yolo Community Care Continuum\*\*
18. Keisha Moore, Shores of Hope
19. Joan Planell, City of Davis\*
20. Bill Pride, Davis Community Meals and Housing\*
21. Martha Teeter, Davis Opportunity Village\*
22. Kevin Roddy, St. Vincent de Paul, Davis Center
23. Koy Saechao, Turning Point Community Programs\*
24. Mark Sawyer, City of West Sacramento Police Department
25. Dan Sokolow, City of Woodland\*
26. Reed Walker, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
27. Holly Wunder Stiles, Mutual Housing California
28. Katy Zane, Short Term Emergency Aid Committee\*
29. 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 one amendment. Bill Pride requested to add Item #6A: Homeless Count Update.

- **Motion:** Bill Pride
- **Second:** Alysa Meyer



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#### 2. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FROM 11.30.16

HPAC approved the meeting minutes with no amendments.

- **Motion:** Bill Pride
- **Second:** Ryan Collins

#### 3. INTRODUCTIONS AND PROGRAM UPDATES

- Doug Zeck shared that Fourth and Hope is starting to recruit for several positions as part of its Cooperative Agreement to Benefit Homeless Individuals (CABHI) grant. Openings include outreach workers, case managers, peer support workers, an employment specialist, and a housing navigator.
- Isaac Blackstock announced that he accepted a housing manager position for the Solano Coalition for Better Health as part of their Whole Person Care team.
- Irma Jimenez-Perez announced that Yolo County Housing successfully opened and closed its Housing Choice voucher waitlist. There are now 5,087 applicants.
- Ryan Collins shared that Elica Health Centers did not receive a Health Resources and Services Administration (HERSA) grant because Yolo County did not qualify as sufficiently rural or sparsely populated.
- Joan Planell announced the City of Davis is finalizing two homeless services contracts as part of its Sutter Health Getting to Zero grant. One contract is with Davis Community Meals and Housing to provide employment services and the other contract is with Yolo County Housing to provide bridge housing as well as case management.
- Dan Sokolow announced the City of Woodland, in partnership with Fourth and Hope and various faith-based organizations, operated an overflow family shelter for two weeks. Dan explained that the partners want to offer the winter shelter again next year in an expanded capacity.
- Sheila Allen explained that the Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance changed its meeting schedule so she can now attend HPAC meetings. She shared that the Alliance has two priority areas for the next three years: (1) persons with dementia and (2) housing.
- Martha Teeter announced that Davis Opportunity Village is manufacturing a prototype of the sleeping cabins that they hope to build.
- Ginger Hashimoto shared that the County successfully submitted a \$6M application for Proposition 47 grant funds. The County dedicated a portion of the funds to house homeless offenders that fall within the target population.
- Tracey Dickinson shared that Yolo County activated an emergency shelter to support people displaced by the Oroville dam evacuation. In total, the County served 730 individuals, making it the third largest shelter in the region.
- Louise Collis announced that the City of West Sacramento recently opened its new 77-unit affordable housing complex (12-units are dedicated to extremely low income), West Gateway Place. While the complex is already full, construction for the project's second phase is set to begin soon.



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- Destiny Collins announced that Volunteers of America applied for a \$2.5M grant to conduct mobile outreach services to identify homeless veterans.
- Alysa Meyer shared that Legal Services of Northern California (LSNC) is receiving an overwhelming response to its guardianship clinic. Every clinic is full, demonstrating the need of this type of legal aid. Despite this, LSNC learned the Legal Services Corporation, which provides one third of LSNC's funding, is under consideration for complete elimination in the new administration's initial budget request.
- Michele Kellogg announced that the Greater Access Program (GAP) is not being refunded by the County's Mental Health Services Act (MHSA). As such, GAP is not accepting any new referrals. Housing Now Network may also lose funding, as they will need to compete in a bid process, thus they are only accepting referrals from CalWORKs and the City of West Sacramento.

#### 4. HOUSING CALIFORNIA PRESENTATION

Joe Boniwell provided an overview of state housing legislation. Joe specifically detailed six bills cycling through the legislature:

- SB 2 (Atkins): Building Homes and Jobs Act
- SB 3 (Beall): Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018
- AB 71 (Chiu): Bring California Home Act
- AB 74 (Chiu): Housing for a Healthy California
- AB 1406 (Gloria): Homeless Youth Advocacy and Housing Program
- AB 1644 (Bloom): Like-Kind Exchange Exemption Elimination

#### 5. WEST SACRAMENTO ANNUAL PLAN UPDATE

Louise Collis explained the City of West Sacramento recently became an entitlement community for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. As part of its entitlement requirement, the City is developing an annual plan in accordance with its five-year consolidated plan. Louise invited HPAC to provide feedback by attending a public hearing or sharing written comments.

#### 6. COC AWARDS UPDATE

Tracey Dickinson congratulated CoC recipients as agencies received a \$13,285 increase in its total allocation compared to last year. The only project that HUD did not fund was a one-unit permanent supportive housing project from Fourth and Hope that had not begun operating. Overall, HPAC received 161 out of 200 points, which marks a 14.25-point increase from last year. This is also the first year that Yolo scored higher than the median score for all CoCs nationwide.



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#### 6A. 2017 HOMELESS COUNT UPDATE

Tracey Dickinson explained that the County is still collating the data from the administered surveys. A basic count of the unsheltered surveys reveals the numbers may have remained stable. The group discussed the importance of messaging to provide context when explaining the final numbers.

#### 7. UPDATE ON HUD TA REQUEST

Tracey Dickinson informed members that HUD headquarters approved HPAC's request for technical assistance. While HUD will not offer specific guidance on Yolo County's affordable housing crisis, HUD will help HPAC address system gaps and may provide direction on alternative housing solutions such as bridge housing.

#### 8. COORDINATED ENTRY UPDATE

Tracey Dickinson explained that HUD published new guidance for coordinated entry. HUD also set a deadline for full implementation by January 23, 2018. The technical subcommittee recommended using its 2015 CoC planning grant money to hire HomeBase to lead two two-hour planning sessions to develop Yolo County's permanent coordinated entry system. Thereafter, HomeBase will provide an action plan as well as ongoing technical assistance throughout the implementation process.

The group requested a motion to approve HomeBase's proposal and proceed with spending the planning grant funds.

- **Motion:** Dan Sokolow
- **Second:** Alysa Meyer

#### 9. HPAC PRIORITIES SUMMIT

Tracey Dickinson proposed convening an HPAC priorities summit, but decided to postpone the discussion until the April meeting.

#### 10. MEETING EVALUATION: PLUS/DELTA/FUTURE TOPICS

- Not enough time to conduct a meeting evaluation