



COUNTY OF YOLO

Health and Human Services Agency

Community Services Action Board

Minutes

Date & Time: June 12, 2018 from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Location: Yolo County HHSA – Building A
500 Jefferson Blvd
West Sacramento, CA

Organizer: Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency

Members Present: Maria Elena Alvillar, Isaac Blackstock, Maria Chairez, Elizabeth Mosley, Vincent Olvera, Roz Stone, Henry Valle, and Lizbeth West

Members Excused: Pamela Byrd-Dunn, Alicia Cruz, Greta Eoff, Sally Madden, Fran Maguire, and Bill Pride

HHSA Staff Present: Emily Meza and Sandra Sigrist

Guest Presenters: Yolo County Children’s Alliance – Jeneba Lahai and Erin McEwen
Housing California – Chris Martin

Meeting was brought to order by Isaac Blackstock at 4:38pm.
Quorum established with 8 members present.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Isaac Blackstock led members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Introductions and Community Updates

Isaac Blackstock led members in introductions and Community Updates.

- Isaac Blackstock reported that his Lead Client Navigator position with Yolo County Housing was now permanent.
- Emily Meza informed the group of a scheduling conflict for the presenters from Yolo County Children’s Alliance and that they requested to present earlier.

3. Public Comments

No members of the public were present.

4. Approval of 6/12/2018 Agenda

The board approved the agenda with 1 amendment.

A. **Move item #9: Provider Presentation: Erin McEwen, Yolo County Children's Alliance, before item #6: Legislative Policy Presentation: Christ Martin, Housing California.**

- i. **Motion:** Beth West
- ii. **Second:** Henry Valle
- iii. Unanimous approval, no abstentions

5. Approval of 4/10/18 Minutes

The board approved the minutes with no amendments.

- A. **Motion:** Elizabeth Mosley
- B. **Second:** Maria Elena Alvillar
- C. Unanimous approval, no abstentions

6. AMENDED ORDER: Provider Presentation: Erin McEwen, Yolo County Children's Alliance

Erin McEwen from the Yolo County Children's Alliance presented on their Housing Navigation program funded by CSBG. Reference the attached PowerPoint presentation for complete details. Presentation highlights include:

- Erin commended Yolo County HHS CalWORKs program for working quickly to help families that present to her office as homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- She also commended Yolo County Housing for being a close collaborator.
- Based on her observation of clients, she stated that the majority of recently homeless in West Sacramento are individuals who community members being displaced from homes where they have lived for years.
- YCCA utilizes the VIA system implemented by the City of West Sacramento which acts as a low-cost transportation system for seniors in a model similar to ride-sharing apps such as Uber or Lyft.
- Erin's discussion of challenges that homeless individuals and families face included noting the high costs of the many motels/hotels in West Sacramento, that are often the only housing option for individuals. Roz Stone asked if anyone has considered purchasing the motels/hotels and Erin responded that yes, various public entities have looked into it but ultimately it was unfeasible.
- Vincent Olvera asked why YCCA targets West Sacramento and it was explained that there was a service gap in West Sacramento prior to their program, whereas the other two major cities in Yolo County have more of a homeless/housing navigation infrastructure.
- Maria Chairez commented that the 2-hour bus ride from West Sacramento to Woodland for clients to receive essential services at providers such as Fourth and Hope and Legal Services of Northern California was excessive.
- Jeneba Lahai from Yolo County Children's Alliance ended the presentation by urging those present to talk to their local politicians to advocate for housing and homeless resources in Yolo County.

7. Legislative Policy Presentation

Chris Martin, Homeless Policy Advocate from Housing California, provided the group with an overview of Housing California sponsored legislation and information related to the new funding sources wrapped up in the CA State Budget.

Topics covered included:

- SB 918 (Wiener) – Homeless Youth Act of 2018
- SB 1010 (Beall) – Supportive Housing Pilot Program
- AB 2161 (Chiu) – Homeless Integrated Data Warehouse
- AB 2162 – Streamlining Supportive Housing
- Homeless Emergency Aid Block Grant - \$500 million total
- Department of Social Services funding for CalWORKs Housing Support Program, CalWORKs Homeless Assistance Program, and Senior Home Safe Program

- Office of Emergency Services funding for Domestic Violence Shelter Program and Homeless Youth and Exploitation Program
- Department of Health Care Services funding for Homelessness and Mental Illness Program
- Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council now has paid staff
- SB2 funding utilization

Refer to the Housing California – 2018 Homeless Legislative Policy handout available on the Yolo County CSAB 6/12/18 meeting page, for more information.

8. Election: Vice-Chair

- A. Elizabeth Mosley was nominated by Beth West to serve as Vice-Chair for the remainder of the 2018 calendar year.
 - i. **Motion:** Beth West
 - ii. **Second:** Maria Chairez
 - iii. Unanimous approval, no abstentions

9. TABLED TO 8/14/2018: Review Q1 CSBG Performance Report

Due to lack of time, the board decided to table this item to the 8/14/2018 meeting.

- A. **Motion:** Maria Chairez
- B. **Second:** Henry Valle
- C. Unanimous approval, no abstentions

10. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:02 pm

- D. **Motion:** Elizabeth Mosley
- E. **Second:** Henry Valle
- F. Unanimous approval, no abstentions