



Yolo County Homeless and Poverty Action Coalition (HPAC)

March 28th, 2018 Meeting Minutes

LOCATION: Davis – Yolo County Library

MEETING ATTENDEES – QUOROM ESTABLISHED

1. **Alysa Meyer, Legal Services of Northern California***
2. Amanda Ekman, Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency – Child Welfare Services
3. **Amber Whitaker, City of West Sacramento****
4. Aurora William, Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency – Homeless Services
5. **Bill Pride, Davis Community Meals and Housing***
6. Carolyn West, Yolo County - County Administrator's Office
7. **Dan Maguire, City of Winters***
8. **Dan Sokolow, City of Woodland***
9. Desiree Vigel, Shores of Hope
10. Diane Clarke, Yolo Conflict Resolution Center
11. **Doug Zeck, Fourth and Hope***
12. Dylan Schmidt, Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency
13. Emily Meza, Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency – Homeless Services
14. **Erin McEwen, Yolo County Children's Alliance****
15. Francis Smith, Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance
16. Helen Meline, Communicare
17. James McLeod, Yolo Community Care Continuum**
18. **Janis Holt, Yolo Housing***
19. **Joan Planell, City of Davis***
20. **Kara Hunter, Yolo Conflict Resolution Center***
21. Kathy Trott, Woodland Opportunity Village
22. Mark Sawyer, City of West Sacramento
23. **Martha Teeter, Davis Opportunity Village***
24. Mary Anne Kirsch, Interfaith Rotating Winter Shelter (IRWS) of Davis
25. **Michele Kellogg, Yolo Community Care Continuum***
26. Monica Lopez, Turning Point Community Programs
27. Nadia Waggener, Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency – Homeless Services
28. **Niomi Michel, Empower Yolo****
29. **Sandra Sigrist, Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency – Adult and Aging***
30. Scott Love, Yolo County Library
31. Veronica Williams, Volunteers of America (VOA) – Veterans
32. Zach Grounds, Yolo County Probation

**Indicates a primary voting designee*

***Indicates a secondary voting designee*

Bold-type indicates Voting Board Member

1. REVIEW AND APPROVE MEETING AGENDA

HPAC unanimously approved the agenda with no amendments.



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2. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FROM 1.17.18

HPAC unanimously approved the meeting minutes with no amendments.

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

3. INTRODUCTIONS AND PROGRAM UPDATES

- Janis Holt announced Yolo County Housing was hiring for a Lease/Rental Coordinator, a house purchased with Intergovernmental Funds (IGT).
- Zack Grounds from County Probation introduced himself and expressed that he hopes County Probation would continue involvement in HPAC.
- Mark Sawyer from City of West Sacramento announced that Washington Courtyard apartments in West Sacramento had 4 apartments opening within 3-4 months and the rent was approximately \$950 monthly.
- Joan Planell spoke about a housing conference in Oregon, attended by several HPAC members, that discussed alternative housing options.
- Nadia Waggener introduced plans to host recurring Peer Learning Workshops for Housing Navigators in Yolo County.
- Emily Meza announced that her appointment as Homeless Services Analyst, though originally temporary, is now permanent.
- Dan Maguire announced the development of 63 new senior housing units in Winters, CA, spoke about new legislation regarding migrant worker housing.
- Alysa Meyer announced the Yolo County Housing Fair Housing Conference.
- James McLeod announced that YCCC was able to fill 2 beds in their permanent housing project.
- Doug Zeck announced that Fourth and Hope had a family moving into permanent housing next month.
- Erin McEwen announced the Yolo County Children's Alliance Homeless Resource Fair taking place on 4/21/18 in West Sacramento.
- Bill Pride announced \$750,000 Partnership Healthplan funding for Paul's Place.
- Sandra Sigrist announced the Grand Opening of the Mental Health Urgent Care at the Yolo County HHSA office in West Sacramento, taking place on 4/4/18.

4. COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP STRATEGIC PLAN - PRESENTATION

Carolyn West from the County Administrator's Office provided an in-depth presentation on the Community Corrections Partnership Strategic Plan. A key part of the process was identifying service gaps such as jail release planning, and a need for greater data sharing capabilities. Ryan Collins cited a study published by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) showing that housing first model on an individual level was more successful than in a group living setting. Dan Sokolow agreed that scattered site housing was better for reintegration and reducing recidivism. Kara noted the importance of utilizing a restorative



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justice process. Erin McEwen emphasized that employment and income were barriers for those seeking housing after incarceration.

5. 2018 HOUSING SUMMIT

Bill Pride provided an update on the 2018 Housing Summit. The first meeting was held on 3/7/18 and the next meeting would be held after the HPAC General Meeting in the same room.

6. LEGISLATIVE HOUSING BOND - PRESENTATION

Nadia Waggener gave a thorough review of the several pieces of legislation passed by the State of California in 2017. The following bills were passed related to housing and homelessness:

- SB 2 – “Building Homes and Jobs Act”
 - provides funding to CoC’s for homeless services specifically
 - Both Bill Pride and Aurora William expressed that this money is only a drop in the bucket for the funding that is needed.
- SB 3 – “Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018”
 - Will be on the November, 2018 statewide ballot.
- SB 32
 - Forces cities to approve projects that comply with existing zoning if not enough housing has been built to keep up with State-mandated building goals.
- AB 73
 - Provides financial incentives and support when it identifies a community for increased housing, and issues permits for new homes.
- SB 540
 - Authorizes a state grant or loan for local government to conduct planning and environmental reviews covering a particular neighborhood.
- AB 1505
 - For the first time since 2009, allows cities to once again enforce low-income requirements
- AB 1521
 - Requires that owners accept qualified buyers to buy out their business to organizations that pledge to continue renting to low-income residents.
- AB 571
 - Modifies criteria for projects eligible for Low-Income Housing Tax Credit set aside for farmworker housing, making such projects more financial attractive to developers.
- AB 1397
 - Forces local governments to plan housing sites on land where they can be built, giving the State authority to enforce.
- SB 166 – “No Net Loss” Law
 - If a completed housing project yields fewer affordable units than planned, cities must add an additional site to make up for loss.



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- AB 879
 - Instructs cities to analyze average length of time to build projects and then take steps to shorten this time.
- Housing Accountability Act – 3 bills that enforce higher standards, make it easier to prove discrimination, and fine cities up to \$10,000 per unit for non-compliance
 - AB 1515
 - SB 167/AB 678
 - AB 72 –
 - Alysa Meyer expressed that she was aware that the CA Department of Housing and Community Development was already looking very closely at city's plans and would be holding cities accountable.

Joan Planell expressed the need for projects that are smaller and quicker to address the immediate crisis. The presentation handout and PowerPoint slides are available for further details on each of the bills.

7. NEW HOUSING PROJECT UPDATE – 180 W. BEAMER STREET – *OUT OF ORDER*

During Program Updates it became readily pertinent for Nadia Waggner to provide the updates planned for later in the agenda. She announced that she is working very closely with Mercy Housing to coordinate application completion and submissions for internal HHSA programs. She also provided a timeline of when applications would be released and accepted

12. MEETING EVALUATION AND FUTURE TOPICS

There were no comments as part of the meeting evaluation.