



Yolo County Homeless and Poverty Action Coalition (HPAC)

May 23rd, 2018 Meeting Minutes

LOCATION: Woodland – Yolo County HHSA – Gonzales Building

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. Amara Pickens, Fourth and Hope
4. **Bill Pride, Davis Community Meals and Housing***
5. **Dan Sokolow, City of Woodland***
6. Deanna Lynn-Steele, Yolo County District Attorney's Office
7. Diane Clarke, Yolo Conflict Resolution Center
8. Don Bosley, Mercy Coalition
9. **Doug Zeck, Fourth and Hope***
10. Emily Meza, Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency – Homeless Services
11. **Erin McEwen, Yolo County Children's Alliance****
12. Gerry (Unknown last name), Community Member
13. Irma Jimenez-Perez, Yolo Housing
14. James McLeod, Yolo Community Care Continuum**
15. **Janis Holt, Yolo Housing***
16. **Kara Hunter, Yolo Conflict Resolution Center***
17. Kathy Trott, Woodland Opportunity Village
18. Liane Moody, Short Term Emergency Aid Committee (STEAC)
19. Lora Barrett, Yolo Conflict Resolution Center
20. Lorena Sanchez, Shores of Hope
21. **Martha Teeter, Davis Opportunity Village***
22. Mary Anne Kirsch, Interfaith Rotating Winter Shelter (IRWS) of Davis
23. Nadia Waggener, Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency – Homeless Services
24. **Niomi Michel, Empower Yolo****
25. Nolan Sullivan, Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency – Service Centers
26. Ron Jackson, Mercy Coalition
27. **Sandra Sigrist, Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency – Adult and Aging***
28. Tracey Dickinson, Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency

**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 1 amendment to approve meeting minutes from 3/28/2018 at the next meeting.

- **Motion:** Alysa Meyer
- **Second:** Janis Holt
- **Abstentions:** None



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2. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FROM 3.28.18

TABLED TO NEXT MEETING

3. INTRODUCTIONS AND PROGRAM UPDATES

- Janis Holt announced that Yolo Housing was intending to apply for two grants with HUD, the Family Unification Program (FUP) Vouchers and Mainstream Vouchers. She asked for a written letter of support from HPAC, many members agreed HPAC would provide the letter, which would be written and voted upon by email at a later date.
- Nolan Sullivan announced that CalWORKs Housing Support Program still had money leftover this year and that they were looking for a 6-12 unit complex to master lease with Yolo Housing and HHSA.
- Kathy Trott announced that Davis Opportunity Village's 501(c)(3) status was approved.
- Kara Hunter announced that the Yolo Conflict Resolution Center was applying for a grant for Eviction Prevention Services.
- Erin McEwen announced that the region's housing navigators have been meeting with clients weekly in a joint office hours on Thursdays, from 9am-12pm, at the Yolo County HHSA in West Sacramento.
- Dan Sokolow announced that the City of Woodland's new Social Services Manager position was now finalized, and pending City Council approval recruitment would begin, with a goal of having the position filled by 7/1/18. The position is 75% homeless focused, and 25% gang reduction.
- James McLeod from YCCC, announced the respite care program would open on July 5th.
- Deanna Lynn-Steele spoke of her role in and the importance of jail-release planning.
- A member of the public named Gerry expressed a need for intervention outside of her business due to homeless leaving garbage, having aggressive dogs, and stated that many of her clients are afraid to enter the building. Fourth and Hope Executive Director, Doug Zeck stated that someone from his organization would be in contact with her.

4. HHSA STAFFING UPDATE

Sandra Sigrist announced that Aurora William is no longer with Yolo County. Sandra has assumed the title of Homeless Coordinator for the foreseeable future.

5. EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) TIMELINE

Tracey Dickinson led a discussion regarding the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Timeline and HPAC unanimously to adopt it with no amendments.

- **Motion:** Dan Sokolow
- **Second:** Janis Holt
- **Abstentions:** None



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6. HOUSING SUMMIT UPDATE

Bill provided an update on the status of the Housing Summit. He stated that it was scheduled for September with community input meetings to occur in the month of June. He expressed the need to advocate for more housing and to do what is necessary to ensure that Yolo County receives portion of the State housing funds coming down.

7. HOUSING PROJECT UPDATE – 180 W. BEAMER STREET

Nadia Waggener provided an update on the housing project, informing the group that lease-ups were expected in June. She emphasized the importance of utilizing HMIS to its fullest potential because a single entry in HMIS can serve as documentation for 1 month of Chronic Homelessness status. This was extremely important in the process to determine client eligibility for the Beamer Street project.

8. HOUSING NAVIGATOR MEETINGS

Nadia Waggener announced that the 1st meeting was held in May and was focused on community building within the housing and homeless services field. She extended an invitation to those providing direct service to clients to attend. Janis Holt announced that Yolo Housing had made an offer to fill their new Lease/Rental Coordinator position. This position will serve, not as a housing navigator, but as a liaison between tenants and landlords and they plan to work closely with Yolo Conflict Resolution Center.

9. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

Emily Meza provided the full HPAC with important updates from the Technical and Data Subcommittee meetings. Some of these updates included that the Technical Subcommittee drafted a “working” Case Conference Process while all the details of the system are being worked out. Also, that the Technical Subcommittee had chosen to make meetings monthly until the end of the year as there were many important action items to complete, primarily related to Coordinated Entry. The Data Subcommittee discussed an HMIS Release of Information Policy and a VI-SPDAT Paper Version Policy. Both of which would be incorporated in to the larger HMIS Policies and Procedures revision that would be recommended to HPAC for adoption later this year.

10. MEETING EVALUATION & FUTURE TOPICS

Janis Holt asked whether there was interest in discussing rent reform/control at a future date. Also, a request for Adult Protective Services eligibility presentation was made.

10. ADJOURNMENT