



Yolo County Homeless and Poverty Action Coalition (HPAC)

May 1st, 2019 Meeting Minutes

LOCATION: Woodland – Yolo County HHSA – Bauer Building – Walker Room

MEETING ATTENDEES

1. **Alysa Meyer***, Legal Services of Northern California
2. **Amber Whitaker***, City of West Sacramento
3. **Bill Pride***, Davis Community Meals and Housing
4. Chris Bulkeley, Yolo County District Attorney
5. Dan Maguire, City of Winters
6. **Dan Sokolow***, City of Woodland
7. Dan Wessel, Community Member
8. Diane Clarke, Yolo Conflict Resolution Center
9. **Doug Zeck***, Fourth & Hope
10. Emily Meza, Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency – Homeless Services
11. **Erin McEwen****, Yolo County Children’s Alliance
12. Ian Evans, County of Yolo – HHSA
13. **Irma Jimenez-Perez****, Yolo County Housing
14. **James McLeod****, Yolo Community Care Continuum
15. **Jeneba Lahai***, Yolo County Children’s Alliance
16. Joan Planell, Consultant
17. **Koy Saechao***, Turning Point Community Programs
18. **Kristen Cline****, City of Woodland
19. **Mary Anne Kirsch****, Interfaith Rotating Winter Shelter of Davis (IRWS)
20. **Mark Sawyer****, City of West Sacramento
21. **Martha Teeter***, Davis Opportunity Village
22. **Nasiya Tae Gordy***, Shores of Hope
23. **Michele Kellogg***, Yolo Community Care Continuum
24. Patti Hobbs, Interfaith Rotating Winter Shelter of Davis (IRWS)
25. **Ryan Collins***, City of Davis – HPAC Chair
26. Sandra Sigrist, Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency – Adult and Aging
27. Sheila Allen, Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance
28. Zane Hatfield, Yolo Food Bank
29. Geoff Rhode, Interfaith Rotating Winter Shelter of Davis (IRWS)

***Bold-type** indicates that the individual represented a Voting Board agency as either a primary (*) or secondary (**) voting designee*

1. REVIEW AND APPROVE MEETING AGENDA

HPAC unanimously approved the agenda with 1 amendment clarifying that item #5 would take place between 9:55-10:00, and item #6 at 10:00.

- **Motion:** Bill Pride, Davis Community Meals and Housing
- **Second:** Jeneba Lahai, Yolo County Children’s Alliance
- **Ayes:** Unanimous
- **Nays:** None
- **Abstentions:** None

2. INTRODUCTIONS AND PROGRAM UPDATES



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Meeting attendees shared updates from their programs:

- Martha Teeter, Davis Opportunity Village – DOV is hosting a homelessness summit to ask the City Council to receive community input on goals for a 2019 homelessness plan for Davis, the date is May 22nd.
- Koy Saechao, Turning Point – Cool Beans coffee cart is hiring for a barista, passed around a flyer, HHSa to distribute via HPAC mailing list.
- Mary Anne Kirsch, Interfaith Rotating Winter Shelter of Davis (IRWS) – IRWS completed their season with 2200 instances of service for the 2018-2019 season and they are currently preparing their ESG application.
- Sandra Sigrist, Yolo County HHSa – has returned from a month away, HHSa submitted a grant application for Prop 47 Round 2 and expect a response by early June. The County submitted a CHFFA grant for \$1 million to purchase 2 houses that will house 5 individuals in each house as a joint project with HHSa and the DA's office.
- Dan Maguire, City of Winters – worked with County and Yolo Food Bank regarding food insecurity in Winters. Food Distributions in Woodland will now occur weekly.
- Zane Hatfield, Yolo Food Bank – YFB has been meeting with localities to evaluate need for increased distributions. They were holding an event on the Big Day of Giving and Farm Fresh to You will donate \$5 to YFB just for sharing a specific Facebook post.
- Erin McEwen, Yolo County Children's Alliance – the Homeless Resource Fair in West Sacramento went well, 193 meals were given out, 130 hygiene bags, and there were various providers/resources present.

3. FY 2019 EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG)

Emily Meza, Yolo County HHSa briefly explained the background and purpose of the ESG grant, and explained that HPAC now needed approve which projects would be recommended for funding to the State of California. There are two funding allocations potentially available to CoC's every year.

1. **Non-Competitive Allocation** – limited to primarily rapid re-housing projects, and 2 applications total per CoC
2. **Competitive Allocation** – primary eligible uses include: Emergency Shelter, Street Outreach, Rapid Re-housing, limited to 2 applications total per CoC

HPAC considered the Notices of Intent from the following organizations:

Name of Agency	Proposed Activity	Funding Allocation	Amount
Empower Yolo	Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)	Non-Competitive	\$131,405
Fourth and Hope	Emergency Shelter (ES)	Competitive	\$200,000
IRWS - Davis	Emergency Shelter (ES)	Competitive	\$123,000

Discussion:

1. Doug Zeck from Fourth & Hope, explained that they were not awarded funds in the 2018 ESG funding round as they had previously for neither Emergency Shelter nor Street Outreach programs. He explained that they had an exit interview with the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and learned where their application where could be more competitive. They learned



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that the ESG competition is very important and favors projects that have high rates of successful placement in permanent housing.

2. Joan Planell stated that she is going to make an official statement to HCD regarding how inappropriate it is to evaluate Emergency Shelter programs on permanent housing placement when the purpose of emergency shelter is to meet an individual's immediate need for safe shelter.
3. Michele Kellogg spoke to Empower Yolo's Rapid Re-housing project and stated that Empower Yolo has been awarded this funding in past years, though in the 2018-2019 year they ran out of funds 6 months ago. They have a good success rate and this program meets a very important need in the community as it provides both Rapid Re-Housing and Homeless Prevention funds.
4. Alysa Meyer spoke about the challenges of extremely low rental vacancy rates in our community, Woodland's was at 0.8%, Davis at 0.5%, and West Sacramento at 2-3%. For these reasons, Homeless Prevention is key as there are so few options for people once they lose their housing.
5. Jeneba Lahai agreed with Alysa Meyer's statements and suggested that HPAC begin regularly hearing from case managers about the situation "on the ground". She also expressed concern that West Sacramento was not represented in the applications.
6. Ryan Collins spoke about how the County Homeless Plan centered Homeless Prevention as a pressing need and that he supports advocacy with HCD regarding ESG scoring.

ACTION ITEM: Approve all proposed projects to be recommended for funding in the FY 2019 ESG Funding round.

- **Motion:** Bill Pride, Davis Community Meals and Housing (DCMH)
- **Second:** Michele Kellogg, Yolo Community Care Continuum
- **Ayes:** Amber Whitaker (City of West Sacramento), Bill Pride (DCMH), Dan Sokolow (City of Woodland), Irma Jimenez-Perez (Yolo County Housing), Jeneba Lahai (Yolo County Children's Alliance), Koy Saechao (Turning Point), Martha Teeter (Davis Opportunity Village), Nasiya Tae Gordy (Shores of Hope), Michele Kellogg (Yolo Community Care Continuum), Ryan Collins (City of Davis)
- **Nays:** None
- **Abstentions:** Mary Anne Kirsch (IRWS- Davis), Patti Hobbs (IRWS-Davis), Geoff Rhode (IRWS-Davis), Doug Zeck (Fourth & Hope), Alysa Meyer (Legal Services of Northern California)

4. GRANT UPDATE

Ian Evans, Yolo County HHSA, shared the following updates:

- **Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP)**
 - HHSA executed the contract with Business Consumer Service and Housing agency (BCSH).
 - Contracts for sub-recipients continue to be executed.
- **Continuum of Care (CoC)**
 - 2019
 - NOFA was expected by May 1st, however has yet to be released.
 - HHSA will keep HPAC updated.
- **California Emergency Solutions & Housing (CESH)**
 - Round 1
 - Award letter received.
 - Still awaiting standard agreement from HCD so that HHSA can do the following:



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- Adjust the funding levels between projects to match the outcome of our local selection process.
- Adjust the performance measures based on adjusted funding levels for each project.
- This is necessary because the CESH application was due prior to the local selection process occurring.
- HHSA is reaching out to HCD again to request that the items above be completed in advance of the standard agreement being sent to ensure that these very needed funds reach our community as quickly as possible.
- Round 2
 - Notices of Intent received, project proposals due May 9th.
 - Requested selection committee members:
 - Bill Pride and Koy Saechao volunteered
 - Joan Planell requested more detail and structure in debrief after proposals are awarded.

5. MEETING EVALUATION AND FUTURE TOPICS

Future Topics:

- Bill Pride requested that the local Point in Time count report be released to HPAC soon. He expressed that it would be helpful to review other county increases in PIT counts before determining how to move forward.
- Kristen Cline had questions about the lower than expected count for Woodland. Sandra Sigrist and Emily Meza from HHSA explained that though a higher number of surveys were received from Woodland count volunteers, a large volume of those actually had Rural/Other Unincorporated Yolo marked as the individual's location so those were included in the rural count.

Meeting Evaluation:

Plus – right-sized room; appreciated the discussions; close proximity to coffee; short meeting

Delta – choose topics/learning opportunities for regular discussion during meetings

6. NEXT MEETING & ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Ryan Collins. The next meeting is scheduled for May 22nd, 2019.