

# COUNTY OF YOLO

## EXECUTIVE COMMISSION TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS

Meeting Minutes

7.6.23

9:30 am – 11:00am

West Sacramento – HHSA – River City Room  
500A Jefferson Blvd, West Sacramento, CA 95605

**Chair**  
**County of Yolo**  
Board Supervisor  
Gary Sandy

**Vice Chair**  
**City of Woodland**  
Councilmember  
Rich Lansburgh

**City of Davis**  
Councilmember  
Gloria Partida

**City of West Sacramento**  
Councilmember  
Verna Sulpizio Hull

**City of Winters**  
Mayor Pro-tem  
Albert Vallecillo

**Homeless & Poverty Action Coalition**  
HPAC Chair  
Doug Zeck

<b>Commission Members Attended:</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<i>Yolo</i> , Chair – Board Supervisor: Gary Sandy		X
<i>Woodland</i> , Vice Chair – Councilmember: Rich Lansburgh	X	
<i>Davis</i> , Councilmember: Gloria Partida		X
<i>West Sacramento</i> , Councilmember: Verna Sulpizio Hull	X	
<i>Winters</i> , Councilmember: Albert Vallecillo	X	
<i>HPAC</i> , Chair – Councilmember: Doug Zeck	X	

- Welcome and Introductions – Vice Chair, Councilmember Richard Lansburgh.

### Consent Agenda

- Review and Approve: 7.6.23 Agenda – Action Item

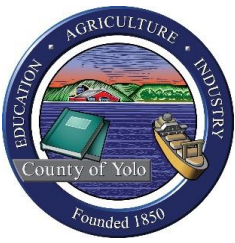
<b>Motion</b>	Albert Vallecillo
<b>Second</b>	Verna Sulpizio Hull
<b>Ayes</b>	All
<b>Nays</b>	None
<b>Abstention(s)</b>	None
<b>Absent</b>	Gloria Partida, Gary Sandy

- Review and Approve: 5.4.23 Minutes – Action Item

<b>Motion</b>	Verna Sulpizio Hull
<b>Second</b>	Albert Vallecillo
<b>Ayes</b>	All
<b>Nays</b>	None
<b>Abstention(s)</b>	None
<b>Absent</b>	Gloria Partida, Gary Sandy

### Regular Agenda

- Public Comment
  - None from the public, however Anisa Vallejo announced her upcoming departure from HHSA to transition to a role with Yolo County Housing Authority. Anisa's last day with HHSA will be July 21, 2023.
- HPAC Update- HPAC Chair Doug Zeck



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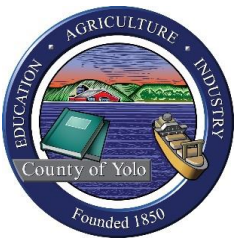
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- Have been having technical assistance with homebase and currently looking into the Coordinated Entry process with Yolo County. They are receiving a lot of feedback from providers on how to improve and understand the Coordinated Entry process throughout the county.

### 6. Program Presentation – Raul Huerta

#### Current Initiatives

- Regarding current initiatives, the City of West Sacramento has continued to be proactive in their efforts to deal with homelessness. As the COVID-19 pandemic began, Yolo County immediately participated in Project RoomKey, a state initiative to respond to the pandemic by making funds available to provide non-congregated shelter for homeless families and individuals. As part of the Program, Yolo County master leased several motels throughout the County to provide emergency shelter. The City of West Sacramento was an active participant since implementation of the Program in March 2020 and continues to have some units under Project RoomKey. The City's Homekey Program is in essence a continuation of Project RoomKey, with the goal of creating permanent and mid-term housing for the homeless. The Rodeway Inn was already being used as part of Project RoomKey site, so the transition of the clients and services was simplified so the purchase made sense. The 40-unit motel site is currently serving over 60 individuals, who are receiving on-site case management, meal distribution and some laundry services.
- The Downtown Streets Program is probably one of their most visible homeless initiatives in the city. One of the main goals of the DST Program is to restore dignity to program participants and prepare them for future employment and permanent housing. While at the same time providing a very valuable service of collecting garbage and debris along targeted areas of the city. During the first three years of this Program, an average of 37 unique individuals have been served every year, 27 DST members have found gainful employment, over 380,000 gallons of debris, and 2,800 sharps has been collected.
- One of the most important homeless initiatives in the city to date is the Mercy Housing Permanent Supportive Housing Project just recently completed last December and is 100% occupied. The PSH project provided 85 units of supporting housing for our homeless residents.
- In early June, Jamboree broke ground on West Gate Place Phase II, which will add an additional 60 units of affordable housing in the Bridge District with six of the units being dedicated to family supportive housing units.



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- Lastly, in mid-June the City closed escrow on acquiring the Flamingo motel. The site will allow them to transition remaining PRK individuals placed in other motels to stay housed and receive supportive services.

### 7. City Presentation – Dago Fierros

- The City of Woodland continues to support the operations at Yolo Wayfarer Center’s emergency shelter since 2014 to present day with the use of CDBG funds (\$15,000 subaward for Fiscal Year 2023/24). They also continue to apply for grants through the Federal Continuum of Care program in partnership with Yolo Wayfarer to provide permanent supportive housing for 12 chronically homeless families with children and 14 chronically homeless individuals without children (\$348,174 available for the current program year). In the future, the Homeless Outreach Street Team (H.O.S.T) will be hiring a blight technician to aid the team in clean-ups, mainly working on abandon property, camps, shopping cart and graffiti abatement. Position overview is still being developed for this position, but this person will have many responsibilities including a route to problem areas among many others. The most notable project that represents a paradigm shift in serving people experiencing homelessness through the provision of both shelter and services is the East Beamer Way Campus. Facility opened in January 2021 and at full will provide temporary and permanent housing for 170 people and substance use treatment capacity for 60 people. The facilities will cluster around a shared green, a garden, and a community and health center. Project partner Fourth & Hope operates the 100-person emergency shelter and will operate the forthcoming 60-bed Walter’s House treatment program, a facility that as of recently was issued a permit as of June 2023. Providing support for those struggling with drugs, alcohol, and other substances through clinical treatment, which includes but not limited to, individual assessments, case management, treatment planning, individual and group counseling, education, crisis intervention, aftercare planning, wellness activities, and transportation services.

### 8. Commissioner Member Discussion

- No discussion. However, Vice Chair, Rich Lansburgh made a comment about how the City of West Sacramento is making a lot of progress and thanked them for their coordinated efforts. He acknowledged that the City of Woodland is watching what they’re doing and what others are doing to learn and follow with that forward path.

### 9. Adjourned at 10:44am

- Next Meeting: September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 9:30am – 11:00am at Mary L. Stephens Library – [Blanchard Room] 315 E 14<sup>th</sup> St, Davis, CA 95616