

# COUNTY OF YOLO

## EXECUTIVE COMMISSION TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS

Meeting Minutes

1.11.24

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Winters Community Library – Margaret Parsons Room  
708 Railroad Ave. Winters, CA 95694

**Chair**  
**County of Yolo**  
Vacant

**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  
Jeneba Lahai

<b>Commission Members Attended:</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<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: Jeneba Lahai		x

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

### Consent Agenda

- Review and Approve: 1.11.24 Agenda– Action Item

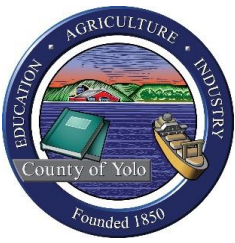
<b>Motion</b>	Verna Sulpizio Hull
<b>Second</b>	Albert Vallecillo
<b>Ayes</b>	All
<b>Nays</b>	None
<b>Abstention(s)</b>	None
<b>Absent</b>	Jeneba Lahai

- Review and Approve: 9.28.23 Special Agenda and Minutes – Action Item.

<b>Motion</b>	Gloria Partida
<b>Second</b>	Albert Vallecillo
<b>Ayes</b>	All
<b>Nays</b>	None
<b>Abstention(s)</b>	None
<b>Absent</b>	Jeneba Lahai

### Regular Agenda

- Public Comment
  - None
- HPAC Update- HPAC Executive Director Wendi Counta



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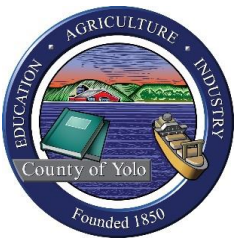
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- HPAC is still working on the transition with the county for the HMIS and Coordinated Entry Lead moving from the county to HPAC, all annual reports for HHAP funding have been completed. They've just received their first disbursement check for HHAP 4 which is close to a million dollars and their completing the contracts now. HHAP 5 is a little different this time, which is due in March and their working with the county to complete that together. Lastly, the PIT count is coming up on January 24<sup>th</sup>, which they've met with community leads multiple times who are experienced and have done this count before. They will be having a full training on the 18<sup>th</sup> for volunteers and they're still working on the app for everyone to play with until the 22<sup>nd</sup> for trial and corrections.

### 6. County Plan to Address Homelessness Update -Wendi Counta and Kerrie Covert

- HPAC Executive Director, Wendi Counta started the presentation by giving an overview of the goals that were set out, which are to strengthen our homeless crisis response system and prevention services, increase permanent affordable housing options for those experiencing or at-risk of homelessness, improve collaboration and coordination between physical and behavioral healthcare and housing and homeless services, and lastly strengthen systems level coordination. Kerrie Covert, HHSA Manager dived into what has been accomplished in the first year. For goal one: Yolo County HHSA has begun the development of the intercept map and there is currently a survey out for providers to complete which will identify their location, types of services, applications, application requirements, referral process etc. They have secured Behavioral Health Bridge Housing funding to increase beds in Yolo County for SMI clients, which is in the process for developing final plan and submitting to funder soon. Currently Yolo HHSA is in discussions with Bay Area Community Services (BACS) which is a housing service provider that specializes in developing inventory in various counties. They've also obtained Prop 47 funding which intends to serve individuals with a history of SMI or SUD and has met the criminal justice system within the last 3 years for low level crimes. For goal two: Yolo County HHSA is currently in discussion with BACS to learn how to increase more inventory and they are also reviewing current inventory to identify gaps in housing types. For goal three: Yolo County HHSA is funding CommuniCare+OLE's Mobile Medicine program. Due to the funding stream attached to the program, the Mobile Medicine services have become Street Medicine services. Street medicine means that the service provider will go out to encampments and on the street to provide services. For goal four: Yolo County HHSA and HPAC have received technical assistance from Tac Inc. on how to create Youth Advisory Boards and how to engage Youth with lived experience to participate on a Youth Advisory Board which they are looking to develop soon. Lastly, Yolo County HHSA and Community partners of the Prop 47 grant have partnered with Yolo County Diversity, Equity, and



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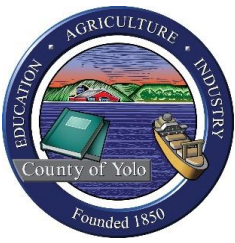
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Inclusion Coordinator to participate in program planning to ensure program is built with equity and inclusion.

7. Yolo County Homeless HUB Presentation (HHIP) – Julie Freitas and Nadia Agnoli

- Julie Freitas, LMFT, MA, AOD Administrator and Clinical Manager for SUD, Forensic Mental Health, and Homeless Services and Nadia Agnoli, Homeless Program Coordinator both started their meeting by sharing some words about the Gary Sandy because he was a huge supporter of their team. They stated that he always made sure to check in with them, and they wanted to acknowledge him and the work he did for the community. Afterwards, Nadia discussed that experiencing homelessness is not good for one's health. In a study from 2019 done by the National Healthcare for the Homeless Council which found staggering numbers of chronic illness among the unhoused population, for example, more than double the numbers for diabetes, hypertension, heart attack, among others. People who are homeless have a higher rate of illness and die on average 12 years sooner than the general U.S. population. The pattern they tend to see currently is a person experiencing homelessness with a chronic health condition which they live with it for some time, until an acute medical emergency occurs, and they are hospitalized. In the hospital, the doctors do their part, treat the condition and create a medical plan, however once the individuals get discharged, they are unable to follow through on their medical plan. Reasons for not being able to follow through with their medical plans are not having reliable transportation to go to appointments, not having a charged phone to track appointments, having difficulty getting medical insurance and the results of these barriers are they cycle back into the hospital again which is very costly. The county medical services program (CMSP) comes in to break that cycle by getting referrals from hospitals to assist when they enter the hospital. At that point of care, they meet the individual to support them in accessing their follow-up appointments, ensuring they have a connection to health insurance, to security benefits, a shelter bed so they have access to a ventilator if they need an outlet or sanitation to make sure their wound is cared for. They also assist with finding permanent housing and legal problems or whatever the individual needs. With this model, they are seeing far fewer hospitalizing. Their team handles this intensive medical case management, and they also provide community outreach and services linkage by parenting with cities, law enforcements, non-profits, and holding open office hours, walk-up/self-referral, and encampment in-reach. They've helped 62 clients, provided 645 services, completed 70 encampments in-reach per year, 308 VI-SPDAT assessments, 121 outreach clients served per year and 7,650 services updated and provided. Some successes they've recorded are assisting 34 CMSP clients into permanent housing placements and 100% of clients



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reported high satisfaction with the provided program services and reported getting treated “with dignity, compassion, and respect”.

- Approve the use of Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program (HHIP) funding for HHSA Homeless HUB in the total amount of \$1,165,224.00 for Fiscal Year 2023/24 and Fiscal Year 2024/25, to provide Enhanced Care Management (ECM) and Community Supports (CS) services – Action item.

<b>Motion</b>	Verna Sulpizio Hull
<b>Second</b>	Gloria Partida
<b>Ayes</b>	All
<b>Nays</b>	None
<b>Abstention(s)</b>	None
<b>Absent</b>	Jeneba Lahai

- Approve to extend meeting until 11:15 a.m., all council members agreed to continue with remaining presentations.

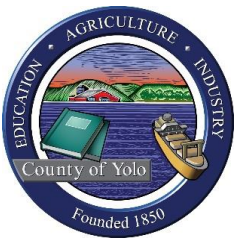
### 8. HPAC HMIS/Coordination Entry Lead – Wendi Counta

- HPAC Executive Director, Wendi Counta discussed the efforts that have been taking place to move the HMIS and Coordinated Entry Lead to HPAC from the country. Part of that discussion to be able to do this requires two more analyst, two laptops, and an office space to take on these main components of these roles.
- Approve the use of Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program (HHIP) funding for Yolo County Homeless and Poverty Action Coalition (HPAC) in the total amount of \$297,118.40 for the period Calendar Year 2024 and Calendar Year 2025, to provide HMIS and CE Lead – Action item.

<b>Motion</b>	Gloria Partida
<b>Second</b>	Albert Vallecillo
<b>Ayes</b>	All
<b>Nays</b>	None
<b>Abstention(s)</b>	None
<b>Absent</b>	Jeneba Lahai

### 9. Emergent Needs/Direct Client Services – Kerrie Covert

- Kerrie Covert, HHSA Manager discussed the Emergent Needs/Direct Client Services program. This program provides the community with direct financial assistance for Emergent Needs that individuals encounter. The financial assistance helps prevent clients from becoming homeless or remaining homeless. Example of funding can include Security Deposits, 1<sup>st</sup>



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month rent, back rent, payment of utilities, motel stays, and other miscellaneous payments to ensure individuals are housed or remain housed. The Yolo County Strategic Goal is to achieve “functional zero” in homelessness with a demonstrated reduction in people experiencing homelessness countywide, we need addition resources to provide direct financial support for homeless prevention. Also, research conducted by the California Policy Institute of CA indicates that Yolo County has the highest poverty rate in California at 20.9%.

- Approve the use of Housing and Homeless Assistance Program (HHAP 4) funding for Yolo County Emergent Needs/Direct Client Services in the total amount of \$140,000.00 for fiscal years 23/24 and 24/25, to provide direct financial support to community members – Action item.

<b>Motion</b>	Rich Lansburgh
<b>Second</b>	Gloria Partida
<b>Ayes</b>	All
<b>Nays</b>	None
<b>Abstention(s)</b>	None
<b>Absent</b>	Jeneba Lahai

### 10. Commission Meeting Schedule

- The 2024 meeting schedule was reviewed and approved by all councilmembers.

### 11. Commission Member Discussion

- Councilmember Albert Vallecillo stated that he would greatly appreciate getting a meeting packet before the meeting date to fully review documents beforehand. Kerrie Covert responded by apologizing and is working and stiving to ensure they have their documents 72 hours in advance going forward.

### 12. Adjourned at 11.22 a.m.

- Next Meeting: March 7, 2024, from 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at Woodland HHSA Bauer Building – Walker Room, 137 N. Cottonwood St, Woodland, CA 95695