

## **COUNTY OF YOLO**

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMISSION TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS**

Meeting Minutes

5.2.24

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

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

#### Chair County of Yolo Supervisor Dr. Mary Vixie 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
Jeneba Lahai

Commission Members Attended:	Present	Absent
County of Yolo, Chair – Supervisor: Dr. Mary Vixie Sandy	х	
Woodland, Vice Chair – Councilmember: Rich Lansburgh	Х	
Davis, Councilmember: Gloria Partida	Х	
West Sacramento, Councilmember: Verna Sulpizio Hull		х
Winters, Councilmember: Albert Vallecillo	Х	
HPAC, Chair – Councilmember: Jeneba Lahai	Х	

1. Welcome and Introductions – Vice Chair, Councilmember Rich Lansburgh

#### Consent Agenda

2. Review and Approve: 5.2.24 Agenda– Action Item.

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

3. Review and Approve: 3/7/24 Minutes – Action Item.

Motion	Gloria Partida	
Second	Dr. Mary Vixie Sandy	
Ayes	All	
Nays	None	
Abstention(s)	None	
Absent	Verna Sulpizio Hull	

4. Review and Approve: 3/19/24 Special Meeting Minutes – Action Item.

Motion	Dr. Mary Vixie Sandy	
Second	Albert Vallecillo	
Ayes	All	
Nays	None	
Abstention(s)	None	
Absent	Verna Sulpizio Hull	

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#### Regular Agenda

#### 5. Public Comment

William Oneto, Division Manager at Yolo County Probation department was present via Zoom to discuss that he's in the process of applying for Proposition (Prop) 47 Cohort 4 grant to help the citizens of Yolo County which aims supporting mental health treatment, substance abuse treatment, and diversion programs for people in the criminal justice system. If they are awarded the grant that closes on June 10<sup>th</sup>, it will potentially fund services for people on probation such as substance use treatment, mental health treatment which would assigns them a case manager to help with transportation and have an assigned probation officer to help navigate through these services. It's for \$2 million dollars over 3 years and probation would be the entity that will partner with a community-based organization to provide clients with services who are underserved and possibly experiencing homelessness. One big piece of the grant is the creation of a local advisory committee that will steer the objectives and goals of the grant. They will need members from the community to fill this committee in fields like behavioral health professionals, educators, community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, law enforcement, probation, attorneys, etc. Grant will be awarded in the summer and will commence on October 1<sup>st</sup> with a six month ramp up period to start in the spring of 2025 and run until the early summer of 2028. After William's public comments, Marisa Green, Deputy Branch Director of Health, and Human Services Agency let William know that they have a Prop 47 allocation currently and they've done a tremendous amount of work to stand up this program and she's available to help him with this new round. They both agreed to discuss this further on their own.

#### 6. HPAC Update- HPAC Chair Jeneba Lahai

The official upload date for the PIT count was moved to May 7, 2024, so they are in the process of finalizing those numbers to upload those numbers and after that is complete, a report and narrative will be out for the public and they will come to the Commission to do a presentation. Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) 5 was submitted on March 27, 2024, and HPAC's process is an RFP process so the categories they allocated are rapid-rehousing, prevention and shelter diversion, delivery of permanent housing and innovative housing solutions, operation subsidies of permanent housing, and operation subsidies of interim housing. Once they receive notice, they have been awarded this funding an RFP process will go out in a form of an email asking organizations to submit a letter of intent to apply. Once those letters have been received, they will then submit proposals and after that, a grant committee reviews them, and awards are

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given to the proposals that score the highest. Lastly, they conducted the first round of interviews for their Executive Director, and they have two promising candidates that they have moved to round two. Ian Evans from Yolo County Housing and Marisa Green from Health and Human Services Agency are in the interviewing panel so in the next couple of weeks we'll all find out how everything shapes up.

- 7. Behavioral Health Bridge Housing (BHBH) Round 3 Application & Encampment Resolution Fund (ERF) Grant Application
  - Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) Manager, Kerrie Covert gave an update on both grants together in one presentation. The Behavioral Health Bridge Housing (BHBH) Round 3 is for total of \$7 million in funding and \$2 million of those dollars will used to create more inventory for infrastructure and renovations. If they are awarded the funds, they will have a competitive solicitation as well. The rest of the funding, \$5 million will be used for sustaining Round 2 operations and additional operations. Kerrie noted that they've applied for three grants in 30 days, BHBH Round 3, HHAP 5 with HPAC and now the Encampment Resolution Fund (ERF) grant. The ERF grant is for a total of \$7 million and are asking to do three projects, I-5 corridor in Woodland. They worked with California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to get historical data where they identified 17 encampments in the past year that keep reappearing and they have included those in the proposal. In addition, they got information from Caltrans that in the city of West Sacramento there was an encampment off I-80 that was taken down which was very hazardous because the individuals climbed the freeway and had an electrical wire down to their camp and tents with wood burning stoves in them. That is a camp that also keeps reappearing, and they wrote that in their plan as well. Also, they called another proposal the I-505 Putah Creek/Winters plan to address the camp that Solano County and Yolo County have discussed is also being addressed in the plan. Of those \$7 million dollars, a portion will be for outreach so their specialist can engage these individuals staying at these encampments, provide supportive services and delivery of housing will also be a priority. For both, Behavioral Health Bridge Housing (BHBH) Round 3 and Encampment Resolution Fund (ERF) awards will be announced in July 2024, and they will announce to the public of RFP so anyone can apply for the funding available.
- 8. Commission Member Discussion
  - Councilmember Albert Vallecillo thanked Marisa Green and Kerrie Covert
    who reached out to a member of their community who was in increase
    distress and staff were helpful and wanted to recognize them. Albert then
    invited everyone to Winters on May 4<sup>th</sup> at 2pm for a ceremony for the Japan
    town Memorial in Rotary Park. Two years ago, the Winters Museum
    created an exhibit called the lost Japanese community of Winters. In the

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exhibit there was a photo of families who were sent to the Turlock Assembly Center in 1942 and were awaiting placement in an internment camp in Colorado or Arizona. With the fund-raising effort from the community, they have created a garden with culturally significant plantings and the memorial depicts a photograph of the community in 1939. The city council also rescinded the town council resolution from January 1942 to take these people away.

- Councilmember Verna Sulpizio Hull could not attend this meeting, but she
  invited Quirina Orozco to represent the city of West Sacramento in her
  absence. Quirina stated that she was "deeply impressed with the
  community that's present, the aggressive pursuit of funding to continue to
  build our inventory and recognizing that Yolo County is really taking this
  seriously and she's very proud to be a part of this and also as she's listening,
  thinking about all the ways this funding can help us grow and sustain it."
- HPAC Chair Jeneba Lahai thanked the county for their collaboration. She
  also mentioned that today, May 2<sup>nd</sup> is known as the big day of giving. Mercy
  Coalition is organizing a BBQ at Recovery Café for organizations that are
  participating in the big day of giving.
- Councilmember Rich Lansburgh went on to say that the city of Woodland, last Thursday opened 72 units of very low-income housing for families at Vista Del Robles.
- Doug Zeck, Executive Director of Fourth and Hope went on to mention that
  just last week there was a couple that was in the shelter for 2 years just
  moved in there and it's remarkable to see.
- Councilmember, Gloria Partida mentioned that the city of Davis is celebrating a sad anniversary which are the stabbings that took place last year. She also said that last Saturday, Davis Breaux's sister had a gathering. They also had a dedication for a young student whose life was taken, and that mental health has been on her mind lately and she's had conversations over the last year on how we do support and how it's tied to homelessness. She hopes we keep that at the top of what we do to not just keep from people from falling into homelessness, but to prevent mental health crisis and that May is mental health awareness month.

#### 9. Adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

 Next Meeting: July 11, 2024, from 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at Winters City Council Chamber of Commerce located at 318 First St., Winters, CA 95694