

Minutes of Homeless Steering Committee Meeting 1-25-18

1. Regular Meeting Time and Place

In our last meeting it was discussed how the Steering Committee would work with respect to the regularity of meetings, the time of meetings, public participation, the larger Task Force group, and our initial goals. We decided to hold regular monthly meetings of the Steering Committee that would be open to the public.

- The Homeless Steering Committee agreed to meet monthly every 4th Thursday 3-5 pm at the Amador County Health & Human Resources Building located at 10877 Conductor Blvd, Sutter Creek, CA (Conf. Rm. E).
- We will also try to convene the larger membership of the Homeless task Force 3-4 times per year.
- The meetings will be open to the public, and there will be a time at the beginning of each meeting for public comment.

2. Steering Committee Goals

A list of goals for the Steering Committee was presented at the last meeting. It was agreed that they were satisfactory for now, but that we may want to revisit them in earnest at another point in time.

- Develop a comprehensive understanding of homeless issues in Amador County
- Developing awareness of and coordination amongst all active participating agencies & groups in the area
- Identify unmet needs for the homeless and the provider agencies
- Make recommendations for short term and long term solutions to problems
- Identify necessary funding sources or means of accomplishing goals
- Create a document describing Amador's homeless situation and recommendations

3. Subcommittees

Three subcommittees were established and will focus on food/meals, housing, and funding.

Subcommittees

- Food: (Susan Ross, Cindy DeFava, Beth Stanton)
 - Calendar of meals from Faith Based sources
- Funding: (Nina Macado, Trina Ozier, Ty Pulskamp)
 - Sierra Health Foundation, Homeless Youth, Summer PIT Count
- Housing: (Raj Rambob)
 - Write-up of various housing types and options

Subcommittee Responsibilities

- Identify and act on priority actions using existing funds and authorities
- Define priority actions requiring new funds and/or authorities and develop strategies to achieve these priority actions
- Work with Steering committee to sequence priority actions across the Work Groups
- Identify shifting membership needs and make recommendations to the Steering Committee
- Assure progress is being made toward achieving priority actions
- Work groups will meet at least twice per quarter and will have the option to determine if they want to meet more frequently, in accordance with work demand

4. Current Legislation

During the meeting we were briefed on 2 recent legislative acts signed into law that pertains to homelessness (SB 2 & SB 1380). SB 2 will actually provide funding for homeless housing and housing for lower and moderate income level families, while SB 1380 is a policy bill.

SB 2

This bill would enact the Building Homes and Jobs Act. The bill would make legislative findings and declarations relating to the need to establish permanent, ongoing sources of funding dedicated to affordable housing development. The bill would impose a fee, except as provided, of \$75 to be paid at the time of the recording of every real estate instrument, paper, or notice required or permitted by law to be recorded, per each single transaction per single parcel of real property, not to exceed \$225.

The bill would, upon appropriation by the Legislature, except as provided, require (1) for moneys collected on and after January 1, 2018, and until December 31, 2018, that 50% of the moneys deposited in the fund be made available to local governments for specified purposes, and 50% made available to the Department of Housing and Community Development to assist persons experiencing or at risk of homelessness, and (2) for moneys collected on and after January 1, 2019, that 70% of the moneys deposited in the fund be provided to local governments in accordance with a specified formula and 30% made available to the department for specified purposes, including a continuous appropriation of moneys to the California Housing Finance Agency for the purpose of creating mixed income multifamily residential housing for lower to moderate income households, as provided.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB2

SB 1380

This bill would require a state agency or department that funds, implements, or administers a state program that provides housing or housing-related services to people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness, except as specified, to revise or adopt guidelines and regulations to include enumerated Housing First policies. The bill would also establish the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council to oversee the implementation of the Housing

First guidelines and regulations and, among other things, to identify resources, benefits, and services that can be accessed to prevent and end homelessness in California.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160SB1380

5. **Presentations**

Health and Human Services Director Jim Foley gave a brief outline of how the various HHS departments assist Homeless persons in Amador County. HHS consists for three departments namely social services, public health, and behavioral health.

Department of Social Services:

- 352 adults in databases for Medi-Cal, Calworks or Cal Fresh (food stamps) who have listed “homeless” as their address. 42 children same programs.
- WTW family stabilization – can help those facing possible homelessness, somewhat flexible funds, can be used for prevention. In 16/17 we spent \$24,734 in this area.
- Calworks – some funds, can only be used in specific circumstances and only limited to once in 12 months. Also in 16/17 we spent \$30,475 in this area.
- HSP grant – annual application required. Last year \$150K and this year \$143K, almost all in contract with ATCAA. Most must go to direct services which can include case mgt. Use is flexible: motels, storage, some furniture (baby crib etc) first, last, deposit, etc.

Public Health:

- No funds directly targeted at homelessness, PH gets involved in some medical needs, CD, some outreach for baby welcome wagon.

Behavioral Health:

- Clay St. Master lease on a 4 unit apartment building. Limited to SMI homeless clients who are actively engaged. May have roommate. Spending about \$50,000 annual.
- Full Service Partnerships – can support housing for up to a max of one year. Unable to pull out housing specific costs.
- Housing program (part of CSS) \$17K annual.
- No Place Like Home (housing program that took part of MHSA funding – controversial and lawsuits may change) We have received \$75K funding for training and feasibility study with other counties.
- Sierra Wind contracts support program function that supports mentally ill clients who can eat there and wash clothes – two major needs for homeless persons.

Housing (Raj)

6. Actions for Next Meeting

- Meeting with actual homeless people (Frank Axe)
- Webpage of information (Frank Axe)
- ACF grant ?
- Contacting mayors of other cities (Linda Rianda)
- Speaker at next meeting: law enforcement and/or probation (Connie Gonsalves)
- Sierra Wind presentation

7. Future Agenda Items

- Subcommittee reports
- Website and agenda items
- Mission Statement, Goals, Reasons Why