

Homeless Steering Committee

Agenda

February 22, 2018

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3. Homeless Housing (10 min)
4. PIT Count vs. Alternative data sources for counting homeless (10 min)
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7. Website (5 min)
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 - a. Homeless Issues in Jackson – Sgt. Mynderup (JPD) (15 min)
 - b. Overview of Sierra Wind – Katrina Ozier (10 min)
 - c. Community Outreach – Tyx Pulskamp (10 min)
10. Actions (5 min)
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1. Public Comment

Public comment for matters not on the agenda: Discussion items only, no action to be taken. Any person may address the Homeless Steering Committee at this time upon any subject relevant to the Homeless Steering Committee. Matters that may require action will be referred for future possible action at a subsequent Committee meeting.

2. Homelessness Needs Assessment

Does the Homeless Steering committee feel that it would be valuable to hire an outside consultant to act as a facilitator and develop a Homelessness Needs Assessment for Amador County as part of our development of a strategy for addressing homelessness in the County?

We would have to hire an outside consultant who would interview various stakeholders and take public comment. There would most likely be two public forums – one in Jackson and one Upcountry. The consultant will then provide a final document describing Amador’s Homeless situation.

A needs assessment would help provide this committee with a more objective and un-biased view of the homeless in our county and potentially make decisions around policy decisions and actual solutions more straight forward. Also, a needs assessment will be helpful when applying for future grant funding.

Potential downsides to performing a needs assessment are the cost and the delay in implementing solutions.

Action: Discussion and possible action

3. Homeless Housing

Discuss the logistics in providing a) Day use shelter, & b) Overnight emergency sheltering options

Action: Discussion

4. PIT Count vs. Alternative Data Sources for Counting the Homeless

At our last two meetings we learned of different ways of counting the numbers of people in the homeless community. In our first meeting, Raj Rambob described the HUD Point in Time (PIT) Count.

HUD Defined Homeless Populations		
Location & Family Type	Households	People
ES Household w/children	6	18
ES Adults Only	8	8
TH Households w/children	0	0

TH Adults Only	8	8
Unsheltered w/children	11	32
Unsheltered Adults Only	59	83
Totals	92	149

At the last meeting, Jim Foley presented an estimate to the number of homeless in Amador County based on Cal Fresh data to be 353 adults and 42 children. Due to the discrepancies between the PIT and Cal Fresh data, there needs to be a better understanding of the origins of these differences and/or which data are more reliable.

Should a newer PIT be performed especially during the summer months which will better reflect the peak homeless population in the county during a year?

Action: Discussion

5. Formalizing the Homeless group

Due to the importance of this issue Chairwoman Morgan asked for some of the members of this committee give an up-date of our status and progress before the Amador County Board of Supervisors. The Board may discuss extending a greater formality to the Committee at that time. The anticipated meeting will be in the Month of March.

Action: Discussion

6. Mission Statement, Goals & Reasons why

Mission Statement:

Goals:

- 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
- Work to implement recommendations and improve the situation in a measurable way

Reasons:

- Impact to merchants
- Substance abuse (alcohol, opiate, and methamphetamine)

- Used needles in parks and school yards
- Using library as day shelter
- Making parks unusable
- Public health issues in make shift camps
- Crime

Action: Discussion and possible action

7. **Website**

A brief discussion between me and Jeff Powrozek (Count IT) indicated that County can host a simple webpage with meeting times and agendas.

Action: Discussion

8. **Committee Reports**

- Food/meals (Susan Ross, Cindy DelFava, Beth Stanton)
- Funding (Nina)
- Housing (TBD)

9. **Speakers**

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10. **Actions**

11. **Future Agenda Items**