

Minutes of Homeless Steering Committee Meeting 4-26-18

1. Public Comment

- Denise Cloward (ATCAA) shared that the Varley Place Veterans housing, located at 1003 Broadway in Jackson, will be having its ribbon cutting on May 23rd from 10-11am.
- Introductions – Due to the presence of many new attendees at the meeting we went around the room and everyone gave introductions.

2. Homeless Resource Fair

The Homeless Resource Fair is scheduled to occur on Sunday May 6th and Monday May 7th from 8am to 6pm. An update on the current status of the arrangements was provided by Tyx Pulskamp and Nichole Mulford.

- Meals will be provided both days (breakfast & lunch)
- Tents will be setup for participants to sleep out overnight
- This event has been approved by the City of Jackson and the Jackson PD are aware
- Current Needs:
 - More volunteers for security
 - Tables and chairs
- Parking: extra parking near Mels, across the street from the park, and possibly at American River Bank
- Booths from various organizations will be present including: ATCAA, Interfaith Foodbank, Sierra Wind, Well Space, NAMI, Victory Village, Dr. Arnie Ziederman, Sierra Hope, First 5, Jackson Creek Dental
- Other services that will be available include: haircuts, clothing, vision vouchers, DMV ID's, vouchers for Hospice
- Donations can be dropped off at Victory Village
 - Needed are backpacks, blankets, and sleeping bags
- Setup will occur Saturday evening

3. Supporting Homeless Encampments

- Trash pick-up
 - A suggestion was made that pickle buckets (5 gal.) could be used as trash receptacles
 - Outreach is a gap in services
- Sharps containers
 - They need servicing, public health risk – cannot be anywhere.
 - Well Space may be able to host a sharps container

4. Announcements

The following events or items were announced and discussed briefly.

- An update was given on the status of a webpage for the Homeless Task Force that is accessible on the County website. The link to the website is <http://www.amadorgov.org/services/homeless-task-force>
- City Church in Jackson is willing to provide a Sunday hot meal. Discussion ensued about what they need to do with respect to food safety. Dr. Rita Kerr from Public Health said that the County offers training classes for those people who will be handling the food so that it is done properly.
- A Faith Based Taskforce meeting is Thursday, May 17th, 1:00 PM at St. Katharine Drexel church. We should have some members from our committee in attendance.

5. **Committee Reports**

- Food/meals – Nothing to report
- Funding – Nothing to report
- Housing (Bob Stinson)
 - Bob reported on the status of a possible property that could provide some sheltering in the City of Jackson.
 - City of Jackson will waive service fees
 - ATCAA may be able to provide liability insurance

6. **Speakers**

Denisse Cloward from ATCAA presented an overview of housing and sheltering options that are currently being provided through ATCAA, the Health and Human Services department (HHS) department, Victory Village and others in the area. The current programs are listed in the table below for Amador County only. Denise also outlined the unmet needs with respect to housing and sheltering. She also spoke on several recently signed State laws that will provide some funding for Homeless housing too.

Unmet Housing/Sheltering Needs

- Existing Programs Need Capacity Increases
 - Target Numbers
 - Staffing to Implement, Case Management, Evaluation
- Affordable Housing Units
- Workforce Housing Units
- Addition of Low-Barrier Shelter
 - Scalable
 - On-site Connections to Services (medical, addiction, mental health, housing)
 - Connection to Job Training/Readiness

Housing Inventory Count 2017 Amador Programs Only

Organization Name	Project Name	Bed Type	Target Pop. A	Beds HH w/ Children	Units HH w/ Children	Beds HH w/o Children	Year Round Beds	HMIS Beds HH w/ Children	HMIS Beds HH w/o Children	% of HMIS Beds HH w/ Children	% of HMIS Beds HH w/o Children	Utilization Rate
Amador-Tuolumne Community Action Agency	Amador Emergency Shelter	Facility Based	SMF+HC	8	2	14	22	8	14	100%	100%	77%
Amador-Tuolumne Community Action Agency	Amador Supportive Housing	PSH	SMF	0	0	2	2	0	2		100%	100%
Amador-Tuolumne Community Action Agency	HomeSafe ESG Amador	RR	SMF+HC	42	13	1	43	42	1	100%	100%	100%
HHS	Housing Support Program HHS Cal Wks families w/ children	RR	H+C						0	100%	0%	100%
Roads Home	Roads Home	SFVF	SMF+HC	0	0	15	15	0	15		100%	100%
Operation Care	Operation Care Safe House	Facility Based	SFHC	13	3	0	13					23%
Victory Village, Inc.	Victory Village Amador	TH	SMF+HC	6	2	14	20	6	14	100%	100%	40%
Amador-VASH Varley Veteran 2018	ATCAA-will add on 31 beds 12 Units	VASH Project Based										

SB 2 Funding

In order to access first-year planning grant funds from the initial allocation, and the 70 percent local allocation in the second year and beyond, jurisdictions must:

- Have a compliant housing element
- Submit a current annual report (pursuant to Section 65400).
 - Visit the Regional Housing Needs Allocation and Housing Elements page (click "Annual Progress Reports") to verify a jurisdiction's status.

In addition, to receive the local allocation from year two and beyond, jurisdictions will need to submit a plan to the department detailing the manner in which allocated funds will be used by the

local government and how those activities will meet the local government's unmet share of the regional housing needs allocation.

7. Actions

- Bob Stimpson will contact ACES waste
- Porta potty behind Mel's
- Contact Walmart about placing a porta potty in the parking lot
- Explore other places for overnight camping

8. Future Agenda Items