

# Minutes of Homeless Steering Committee Meeting 10-24-19

## 1. Public Comment

Fran Lawrence – SKD Church and St. Patrick’s pantry every Thursday 5-7 PM

Kathy Mitchell – Described a regular Newsletter she was writing with specific

Dr. Rita Kerr – Saturday October 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup> there will be a free flu shot clinic and she handed out a flier on it. The clinics will be held at Sutter Amador Hospital outpatient services Center 100 Mission Blvd., Jackson

## 2. Homeless Housing Assistance Prevention (HHAP) Funding

Denise Cloward, from ATCAA, described the HHAP funding for FY19/20

The funding will happen fast. If the funding is not used then there will be repercussions, possible fines from the state. Recently Calaveras had to give back funding. Between \$650k to \$700k will be available for Amador County. Possible uses include: Needs Assessment, ?

## 3. El Dorado Homeless Task Force

Steve Christensen, a public member for the ACHTF, attended a recent meeting of the El Dorado County Homeless task Force. The following is a summary of his observations from that meeting.

- They have a Housing First philosophy
- The Nomadic Shelters need about 20 volunteers per night.
- The El Dorado County PIT count for 2019 was 613. They figure this is an undercount. 47% of those have lived in El Dorado County their entire life. 25% have experienced domestic violence.
- Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) is run by law enforcement. They go out to the camps and treat one person at a time. Arresting homeless does not solve the problem. They have a data tracking mechanism for tracking the homeless population. It is called Esir ArcGIS and I am told they got this software from the County Surveyor’s office. Law enforcement cooperates with the Continuum of Care and have had success with family reunification. Police have even driven homeless to appointments. Law enforcement also have a mobile trailer that they take to the homeless camps.
- Felicity Carlson from the CEDAC Housing Committee spoke about the \$10 billion available from the state. She talked about tax-exempt bonds. She also mentioned that elderly homelessness is anticipated to triple in the next 10 years. Renters in El Dorado County need to earn 2.8 times minimum wages to afford rent and El Dorado County needs about 3,070 affordable rental homes. They have also been talking to businesses who have a need for affording housing for their workers. Felicity is also involved in the California Housing Partnership. She also talked about the need for counties to reduce fees to build homes.

- Tamera Janis - Mobile Homes. She spoke about rent increases of sometimes 30% for people living on fixed income. She is asking for rent stabilization. Do we have a mobile home association in Amador County? Are some of the mobile homes available for homeless persons? Are rents going up here in Amador County?
- Housing First focuses on getting people into housing. El Dorado County is looking at state property to be used for homeless. Do we have anything like that in Amador County? Preston?
- I don't think El Dorado County has written a Homeless Plan.
- Homelessness is not a partisan issue. It affects Democrats, Republicans, No Party Preference and all others.

#### 4. Amador County Homeless Plan Focus Groups

Melissa Cranfill, of Behavioral Health, described two focus group sessions that are planned in early December 2019 by Housing Tools as outreach for the needs assessment for the No Place Like Home (NPLH) housing grant. The two sessions are designed for different audiences including consumers and local stakeholders.

<b>Audience</b>	<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Session for Unhoused Members of the Community	December 11, 2019 from 1:00PM to 3:00PM	Sierra Wind Wellness and Recovery Center 10354 Argonaut Ln., Jackson
Session for Community Stakeholders	December 12, 2019 from 9:30AM to 11:30AM	Amador County Health & Human Services 10877 Conductor Blvd., Jackson

#### 5. Open Discussion

Lively and productive discussion ensued amongst members of the audience.

- Regarding the problem of no electrical outlets to charge cell phones portable solar chargers can be purchased for ~\$20. The mobile support team can distribute them.
- Socks, batteries and clothes are needed by St. Vincent de Paul and together with SKD church they can be distributed.

#### 6. Announcements

- None

#### 7. Actions

- Next meeting November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019

8. Future Agenda Items

- Del from AA to present