

HTF Meeting Minutes for 2-25-21

1. Public Comment

None

2. NPLH Supportive Housing

This item was canceled due to the unfortunate unavailability of the speaker from Danco Communities. They have rescheduled for the next meeting on March 25, 2021.

3. Transitional Housing

John Murphy from St. Vincent de Paul reviewed with the group the various options that were discussed in a meeting on February 9, 2021.

- a) Amador Business Park
 - Spoke with a real-estate agent for the park and they said no.
- b) Sugar Pine Trailer Park
 - Spoke with the owner and they said no tiny homes or renter owned trailers.
- c) House on 315 N. Main St. in Jackson
 - 7 Bedroom house
 - Mary Pulskamp and Ricky Right looked at the home as well as Joe Bors from ATCAA and they all really liked what they saw.
 - St. Vincent de Paul has agreed to furnish the home and is also looking into grant to help cover operating costs (\$120,000 - \$130,000)
 - Joe Bors is still trying to verify funding sources and could operate until June 2025. It might be mid-April until we know for sure.
 - The seller has offered to lease the house to ATCAA for 90 days while they work to secure funding with one extension beyond that at a cost of \$6,800.
 - This house was used as a sober living facility in the recent past.
 - Connie Gonsalves said that there were some neighbors close by who expressed their discontent with there being any homeless housing close proximity. She went on to say this was the first time she had learned that the HTF was interested in this property and that it had been used as a sober living facility. She said that ATCAA needs to have a very detailed program in order to sell the concept to the neighbors.
 - Michael Hooper (Building Inspector, CoJ) said if ATCAA plans on having more than 6 beds then they will need a conditional use permit from the City of Jackson; however, if they keep the number of beds at 6 then no permit is needed.
 - Joe Bors said he is looking at operating with only 6 beds for now.
 - Debbie Kempker lived on N. Main when the house was a sober living facility and she said it ran very smoothly.

4. Mobile Showers Project

Ron Monk provided a proposal for acquiring a mobile shower unit and how it could be operated. The cost of a dual shower unit is \$32,228. It would be made available at least once a week. It would require two teams of 3-4 volunteers. The trailer could be stored at the Church of the Nazarene. In addition it would have to be registered and insured. May need a generator for running lights and heaters. Waste water would have to be dumped at a sanitary site like Sweet Pea Septic.

- Joe Bors described a program in Tuolumne Co. run by Give Someone a Chance (GSAC) by Hazel Mitchel. They have a dual shower they operate once a week along with food service and laundry facilities.
- Doug Barker – mobile showers would be good for the homeless but also during times of emergencies like fires and power outages.
- Lara May – there's information on how to renovate trailers into portable showers.
- Michael Hooper said that we could set the mobile showers up at 103 Broadway where Varley Place sits.

5. HHAP Priorities

Kelly Camp and Patricia Davis from the Central Sierra Continuum of Care (CoC) presented a list of priorities when considering the use of HHAP funding for homelessness in Amador County. In addition priorities were present for the other CoC member counties too.

The HTF group discussed the various priorities listed and decided that the following four priorities in decreasing order of importance were the most important for Amador County.

1. Continuum of Housing Solutions
2. Outreach & Crisis Intervention
3. Emergency Shelter & Day Services
4. Health, Mental Health, & Substance Use Disorder Services

- Joe Bors from ATCAA commented that homeless prevention and diversion were essential.

6. Outreach Committee

Trixxie Smith told the group that she is planning a zoom meeting the following Thursday at 3:30pm for the Outreach committee.

7. Litter Removal and Camp Cleanup

Mel Welsh told the group that they are continuing to cleanup in and around the creeks by the Kmart and Walmart near Wicklow Way. The litter-gitters plan on working from 10am-1pm on Saturday.

8. Announcements

None

9. Actions

None

10. Future Agenda Items

None