

HTF Meeting Minutes for 6-23-22

1. Public Comment

- Marilyn Nutter described a friend of hers that is in his 70s on Social Security and has limited income. He's terrified about prices of food and rent going up. Affordable housing is needed.
- Christine Platt said he should contact her at 209-283-3231 and Lesley Mace said call ATCAA at 209-223-1485 x223 or x243

2. PIT Count Update

Denise Cloward described to the group the results from the 2022 PIT count

- The results of the 2022 PIT count were presented and discussed at length
- Denise Cloward briefly described the HHAP3 funding and that service providers can apply for the funding by August 30, 2022.

3. Warming and Cooling Center Discussion

- Steve Christensen has developed a user guide but was not able to attend the meeting to discuss it.
- Christine Platt said Steve Christensen did a very good job developing a user guide.
- They are currently looking for locations in the County.
- Bob Hartman said Steve did a good job on the user guide and he said Sheriff Redman said the document was very good too.

4. Homeless Resource Fair Recap

Tyx Pulskamp and Trixxie Smith gave a recap of this year's Homeless Resource Fair (HRF).

- The Outreach committee put on the 3rd HRF
- This year's event included representatives from the District Attorney's office, multiple faith-based organizations, Public and Behavioral Health Departments, and community-led efforts including haircuts, locally sourced meals, and a dynamic "free store" stocked with clean clothing, flashlights, batteries, hygiene supplies etc.
- St Vincent DePaul and Creekside Methodist Church provided laundry and gas vouchers as well as individualized support as needed including the purchase of servsafe shoes and attire for individuals in the process of securing employment. More volunteers and organizations participated this year
- Data was collected from attendees as they arrived at the park and tabulated after the event
- A total of 71 homeless people attended this year
- 48 surveys taken

- 97.7% of event attendees currently reside in Amador County with 2 attending from Calaveras and one each from Tuolumne and San Joaquin counties.
- 52% of those surveyed reported having a diagnosed mental or physical disability which prevents them from engaging in gainful employment.
- Just under 18% reported having served in the United States Military. A quarter of which do not have a copy of the DD214 and either do not qualify for or are not interested in engaging in Veterans Assistance.
- 57% report being victims of domestic violence, most of whom reported currently feeling safe, while three respondents noted being unsure of their safety at this time.
- 40.3% have been homeless for more than three years consecutively.
- We follow up by asking how long they have lived here in Amador County
 - 3 responded having lived here their entire life
 - 5 for more than 30 years
 - 4 for more than 20 years
 - 6 for more than 10 years
 - 7 for more than 5 years
 - 5 for more than 3 years
- 50% using Cal-Fresh
- < 15% employed or had income

5. Outreach Groups

Tyx Pulskamp – Operation Care Outreach Specialist

- Tyx is with Mel & Bob Hartman at the St. Patrick’s meal. Mel & Bob are providing medical consultations to some of the guests.

Trixxie Smith – Sierra Wind

- There’s an ice chest in Detert park with water and cold drinks

Christine Platt – CoJ Outreach Specialist

- The mobile shower is available on Tuesday & Thursday every week from 11am–2pm
- The showers are located on Placer Dr. near Cemetery Rd. in Jackson.
- CoJ is employing an unhoused person to help run the facilities.
- The CoJ outreach was able to help 2 people find employment.
- Body wash and snacks are supplied.

Lesley Mace – ATCAA Shelter in Jackson

- The shelter is full most of the time
- Many people have found jobs
- There’s no housing (apartments) available
- Seniors with disabilities are now frequent shelter occupants

6. Announcements

- Al Bierce from Creek Side Church said the church has created a homeless fund by saving \$100/month plus other offerings. It generates about \$1,400 - \$1,500 annually.

7. Actions

None

8. Future Agenda Items

None