

**Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency
Tulare County Task Force on Homelessness
Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2021**

Place:	Virtual Meeting Via Zoom Conference	Start Time:	1:35 p.m.
	Streaming from 5957 S. Mooney Blvd, Visalia, CA	End Time:	2:33 p.m.
Members Present:	Amy Shuklian, Board of Supervisors; City of Visalia; Martha Flores, City of Porterville; Noah Whitaker, Tulare County HHSA; Betsy McGovern-Garcia, Self Help Enterprises; Terry Sayre (proxy for Carlton Jones), City of Tulare; Mary Alice Escarsega-Fechner, CSET; Beth Wilshire, Tulare County Office of Education; Angelina Soper, Transit Authority; Machael Smith, Kings/Tulare Homeless Alliance; Donna Ortiz, Tulare County HHSA; Tim Lutz, Tulare County HHSA, Suzy Ward, St. Paul’s Episcopal Church; Miguel Perez, Tulare County Housing Authority; Lt. Gary Marks (proxy for Capt. John Gonzalez), Tulare County Sheriff; Tina Hernandez, City of Farmersville; Leslie Caviglia (proxy for Bob Link), City of Visalia; Caity Meader, Family Services; Angelica Molina, City of Dinuba;		
Members Absent:			
AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	SCHEDULED ACTIONS / RECOMMENDATION	PERSON (S) RESPONSIBLE
a. Call to Order	Ms. Shuklian called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.		Amy Shuklian
b. Round Table Introductions	All members present identified themselves and the organizations that they represent.	N/A	N/A
c. Public Comment	None		N/A
d. Action Items			
a. Approval of Minutes	Homeless Task Force minutes for January 2021 presented for approval. Ms. Flores made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Escarsega-Fechner seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried.	January 2021 Minutes approved	All
e. Discussion & Possible Action Items			
a. Project Room Key updates	Noah Whitaker was introduced as the Interim Homeless Initiatives Program Coordinator and he provided a brief background on his work with individuals experiencing homelessness. Mr. Whitaker		All

<p>b. Warming Center Update</p> <p>c. City Updates on Shelter Efforts</p> <p>d. Meeting Frequency Discussion & Vote</p> <p>e. Future Agenda Items</p>	<p>provided an update on Project Room Key, data for the current number of rooms provided, the number of clients currently served and an update on funding for the program. He also provided an update on the status of renovations at the Tagus Gardens site and information about the efforts to provide the COVID-19 vaccine to the tenants at the housing sites.</p> <p>Mr. Whitaker and Ms. Shuklian responded to questions from the committee members regarding the ongoing vaccination efforts for this population in the community and several members offered facilities and volunteers to assist with those efforts.</p> <p>Reverend Suzy Ward provided a summary of the 2021 Winter Warming Center efforts. She offered demographic data as well as a list of community partners who contributed to the success of the effort.</p> <p>The cities of Tulare, Visalia and Porterville provided updates on various efforts within their cities to address the issue of homelessness. Each city accepted questions from the other committee members and provided additional information about pending projects for their respective cities.</p> <p>The group discussed the Task Force meeting frequency going forward. After a brief discussion, Ms. Escarsega-Fechner made a motion to continue monthly meetings. Ms. Meader seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was carried.</p> <p>After discussion, the group discussed adding the following items to the future agendas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An update on the Neighborhood Village project • An update from Upholdings/RHCommunity Builders on Project Roomkey at Sequoia Village 		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An update on the Finca Serena project • A presentation from our pending partner, Cherrycare • A presentation on the work at Tagus Gardens and lessons learned <p>The entire meeting can be viewed at this link: https://www.facebook.com/TulareCountyHHSA/videos/1153511928404266</p>		
f. Agenda Items for April Mtg.			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See potential topics listed under item e above. 		N/A
g. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 2:33 p.m.	N/A	N/A
h. Next meeting date	April 21, 2021, 1:30 p.m. via Zoom Conference	N/A	N/A
Minutes Prepared by	Christina Jones, TC-HHSA		