

**Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency  
Homeless Task Force  
Meeting | May 15, 2024**

<b>Place:</b>	<b>In-Person</b>	<b>Start Time:</b>	1:33 p.m.
	Tulare County Probation Dept., Adult Conference Room   3241 W. Noble Ave., Visalia CA 93277 Tule River Indian Housing Authority, Board Room   342 N. Reservation Road, Porterville, CA 93257		
	<b>Streaming:</b>	<b>End Time:</b>	3:14 p.m.
	Zoom Link <a href="https://tularecounty-ca.zoom.us/j/94728762934?pwd=Nnh2cWNnck1aM1ZGS1ZUSGVTZGNudz09">https://tularecounty-ca.zoom.us/j/94728762934?pwd=Nnh2cWNnck1aM1ZGS1ZUSGVTZGNudz09</a> Meeting ID: 947 2876 2934   Passcode: 950964 Dial by your location +1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)		

**VOTING MEMBER ATTENDANCE**

Jurisdictional				
Present	Position	Voting Member	Present	Proxy
P	City of Dinuba	Angelica Molina		
P	City of Farmersville	Christine Hernandez		
P	City of Porterville	Martha Flores		Claudia Calderon
P	City of Tulare	Terry Sayre	--	Patrick Isherwood
P	City of Visalia	Emmanuel Soto		Margie Perez
P	Housing Authority of Tulare County	Cynthia Lopez		
P	Kings/Tulare Area Agency on Aging	Dayna Wild		Lisa Avila
P	Kings/Tulare Homeless Alliance	Leticia Hinojosa	ZOOM	Laura Fisher
P	Tulare County Board of Supervisors	Amy Shuklian*		
P	Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency	Donna Ortiz	P	Anita Ortiz
P	Tulare County Office of Education	Courtney Venegas		
P	Visalia Transit	Angelina DeRossett		
P	Tulare County Sheriff's Office	Lt. Rodney Parker		
P	Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Indian Reservation	Novalie McDarment		
Present	Position	Voting Member	Present	Proxy
	Unincorporated community rep.	Vacant		
	Affordable housing developer	Betsy McGovern-Garcia	--	Caroline Thomas Erica Lutterbein, SHE
--	Youth Advisory Board	Vacant		
P	Community action agency	Mary Alice Escarcega-Fechner**		Carla Calhoun
P	Faith-based community	Rev. Susan Ward		Cisco Bergen
P	Lived experience of homelessness	Julie Jimenez		
P	Health practitioner	Dr. Omar Guzman		Anna Lopez
P	Partner	Hannah Giles		Rebecca Peter
Other				
P	TCHHSA – Homeless Initiatives Coordinator	Noah Whitaker,		n/a
P	TCHHSA – Homeless Task Force – Secretary	Bradley Cottingham		n/a
	<b>Guests via Zoom   21</b>			n/a
<b>Pending Appointments:</b> One vacant seat with no pending applications.				

\*Task Force Chair

\*\*Task Force Vice Chair

\*\*\*To be appointed

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<b>I. Call to Order</b>			
<b>Item:</b> Call meeting to order			
<b>Responsible Party:</b> Chair Amy Shuklian			
<b>Discussion:</b> The task force meeting started			
<b>Action:</b> The meeting was called to order at 1:33 p.m.			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yeas</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Abstentions</b>
<b>First:</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Second:</b>			
<b>Outcome:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail <input type="checkbox"/> Deferred			

<b>II. Round Table Introductions</b>			
<b>Item:</b> Round table introductions			
<b>Responsible Party:</b> Chair Amy Shuklian			
<b>Discussion:</b> Roundtable roll call of voting members was taken			
<b>Action:</b> None			
<b>Vote:</b> No vote is needed	<b>Yeas</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Abstentions</b>
<b>First:</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Second:</b>			
<b>Outcome:</b> Pass                      Fail			

<b>III. Public Comment</b>			
<b>Item:</b> Public comment			
<b>Responsible Party:</b> Chair Amy Shuklian			
<b>Discussion:</b> There were no public comments.			
<b>Action:</b> Information share only			
<b>Vote:</b> No vote is needed	<b>Yeas</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Abstentions</b>
<b>First:</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Second:</b>			
<b>Outcome:</b> Pass                      Fail			

<b>IV. Discussion &amp; Possible Action Items</b>			
<b>Item:</b> Approve the meeting minutes from April 2024			
<b>Responsible Party:</b> Chair Amy Shuklian			
<b>Discussion:</b> None			
<b>Action:</b> Deferred to next meeting			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yeas</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Abstentions</b>
<b>First:</b>	All	n/a	n/a
<b>Second:</b>			
<b>Outcome:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass        Fail			

**Cloud Recording link for May 2024 Meeting:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/100069238748538/videos/860364405916847>

<b>Item:</b> Madson Gardens – Call for Aid			
<b>Responsible Party:</b> Ms. Jessica Berzac, President, UpHoldings			
Presentation shared on:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Unit Mix</li> <li>○ On Site amenities</li> <li>○ Leasing now / Lease Up Status</li> <li>○ May contact Ms. Berzac or Leticia with KTHA if become aware of anyone in need or experiencing homelessness</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Background</li> <li>○ Grand Opening</li> <li>○ <a href="https://www.hcd.ca.gov/about-hcd/newsroom/revitalized-madson-gardens-welcomes-residents-l">https://www.hcd.ca.gov/about-hcd/newsroom/revitalized-madson-gardens-welcomes-residents-l</a></li> <li>○ Development partners</li> </ul>			
<b>Action:</b> None. Ms. Berzac thanked for presenting and for their partnership.			
<b>Vote:</b> N/A – Information only	<b>Yeas</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Abstentions</b>
<b>First:</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Second:</b>			
<b>Outcome:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail			

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<b>Item:</b> Committee Updates: Housing and Data			
<b>Responsible Party:</b> Noah Whitaker			
The June meeting will be an informative session on the current structure of the HTF, including committee requirements and responsibilities, of a Brown Act meeting group. To further ensure the HTF continues to carry out its mission and goals accordingly, with a clear/understandable process for all. This informative session will encompass data needs as well.			
<b>Action:</b> N/A – Information only			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yeas</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Abstentions</b>
<b>First:</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Second:</b>			
<b>Outcome:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail			

<b>Item:</b> New Member Nomination			
<b>Responsible Party:</b> Noah Whitaker, Homeless Initiatives Coordinator			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Anthony Gracian was introduced to, and welcomed by, the HTF, as the candidate interested in filling the vacancy for the Unincorporated Area Member seat. Mr. Gracian shared briefly his experience as it pertains to the position.</li> </ul>			
<b>Action:</b> Vote to Approve membership application and proceed with formal appointment process by the BOS.			
<b>Vote:</b> Approved	<b>Yeas</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Abstentions</b>
<b>First:</b> Mayor Flores	All were in favor	n/a	n/a
<b>Second:</b> Mayor Sayre			
<b>Outcome:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail			

<b>Item:</b> Discussion: Grand Jury: Addressing Homelessness in Tulare County 2023-2024			
<b>Responsible Party:</b> Noah Whitaker, Homeless Initiatives Coordinator			
Shared with permission of reporting group, findings of the 2023/2024 TC Civil Grand Jury Report on Homelessness in Tulare County. Report findings also noted lack of data/grant funding information.			
<b>Comments on report:</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Mayor Flores shared that the Porterville PD team responded directly to the TC Grand Jury on the service efforts made by the City of Porterville, in addressing homeless community needs. And respectfully requests the report be amended to include them.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Noah extended apologies on the oversight and will connect with the City of Pville team after the meeting to work on having these efforts included in the GJ Reporting findings.</li> </ul> </li> <li>o Speaking to the reports note on lack of grant information             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; The HTF does not oversee grant fundings, but can confirm that they have met all grant deliverables for funding received</li> </ul> </li> <li>o Speaking to the reports noted on lack of data –             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; The HTF can confirm the use of HMIS by collaborating partners, including HHSA teams as to certain data inputs</li> </ul> </li> <li>o Speaking to reports recommendations for outreach –             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; HHSA has been working on this on behalf of the HTF, and has expanded outreach efforts</li> </ul> </li> <li>o Speaking to availability of HTF meeting and other informational materials             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; The HTF has had the HHSA community website updated with past and current project information and monthly HTF meeting documentation(s). All can be found at <a href="http://www.tchhsa.org">www.tchhsa.org</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>o Speaking to the reports recommendation of adding a veteran’s service member             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; The table was opened for discussion with added comments from veteran services department staff. Discussion also noted the current availability of 15 housing vouchers for veterans, from veteran’s specific funding.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			
<b>Action:</b> Vote to add veterans’ position to the HTF voting member roster			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yeas</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Abstentions</b>
<b>First:</b> Mayor Flores	All were in favor	n/a	n/a
<b>Second:</b> Dayna Wild			
<b>Outcome:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail			

<b>Item:</b> Voucher Presentation			
<b>Responsible Party:</b> Cindy Lopez, Housing Authority, Tulare County			
Presentation shared on:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Voucher programs overview</li> <li>o Special Purpose voucher (fact sheets)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Partnerships/referrals accepted</li> <li>o Referral process/how program works</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Future program goals</li> <li>o Misc Q/A</li> </ul>
<b>Action:</b> N/A. Information only			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yeas</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Abstentions</b>
<b>First:</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Second:</b>			
<b>Outcome:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail			

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<b>Item:</b> Review/Discussion Goal 3, Strategy 3.3 and Goal 4 and Strategies			
Responsible Party: Noah Whitaker, Homeless Initiatives Coordinator			
<b>Strategy 3.3</b>			
<b>Progress</b>	<b>Barriers</b>	<b>Opportunities</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o KTHA – developed racial equity dashboard</li> <li>o Hired racial equity coordinator</li> <li>o Training with The Source; PIT stats updated to include LGBTQ community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Noted on KTHA racial equity dashboard (Anthem funding this project)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Can monitor dashboard/PIT tools to insure its meeting needs of communities we are serving</li> <li>o Partners can access dashboard at <a href="https://www.kthomelessalliance.org/coordinatedentry">https://www.kthomelessalliance.org/coordinatedentry</a></li> </ul>	
<b>Action:</b> Pend Goal 4 Strategies to the next meeting			
<b>Vote:</b> Approved	<b>Yeas</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Abstentions</b>
<b>First:</b> Mayor Flores	All were in favor	n/a	n/a
<b>Second:</b> Dayna Wild			
<b>Outcome:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail			

<b>Item:</b> Review/Discussion Goal 4 and Strategies			
Responsible Party: Noah Whitaker, Homeless Initiatives Coordinator			
<b>Discussion:</b> None			
<b>Action:</b> Vote to defer discussion to next meeting			
<b>Vote:</b> Approved	<b>Yeas</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Abstentions</b>
<b>First:</b> Martha Flores	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Second:</b> Dayna Wild			
<b>Outcome:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail			

<b>V. Closing and Adjournment</b>			
<b>Item:</b> Closing and Adjournment			
<b>Responsible Party:</b> Chair Shuklian			
<b>Discussion:</b> Continue goals discussion during the next meeting. And bring forward today's actions for voting and updating of goals/objectives.			
<b>Action:</b> The Task Force was dismissed at 3:00 p.m.			
<b>Vote:</b> No vote is needed	<b>Yeas</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Abstentions</b>
<b>First:</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Second:</b>			
<b>Outcome:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail			

<b>Next Meeting Date:</b>	June 19, 2024   1:30 p.m.
<b>Next Meeting Location:</b>	<b>Tulare County Board of Supervisors Chamber</b> - 2800 W Burrel Ave, Visalia, CA 93291
<b>Minutes Prepared By:</b>	Monique Spence, Administrative Secretary, TCHHSA