



Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

Chronic Homelessness Committee

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

1:30 PM to 3:00 PM

Via Zoom

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Shelly Storkan, Behavioral Health
Carnella Marks, Restoring Our Community
Charles Withuhn, North State Shelter Team
Lorena Reed, Behavioral Health
Hilary Crosby, Safe Space
Tracy Gillihan, Help Central

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Jacinda Godown, Nation's Finest

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Briana Harvey-Butterfield, DESS HH
Kaitlyn Sherrill, DESS HH
Erin Murray, DESS HH
Leslie Johnson, CHAT
Nancy Morgans-Ferguson, Shalom Clinic
Sarah Frohock, Behavioral Health
Tara Sullivan Hames, Help Central
Elisa Rawlinson, DESS HH
Lori LaRiviere, MD, TNHA/BOD

RECORDING:

Shelly Storkan, Behavioral Health

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Shelly Storkan at 1:32 PM

2. **INTRODUCTIONS/UPDATES:** All members present introduced themselves.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made to approve minutes for *December 21, 2022*.

Motion: Shelly Storkan

Second: Lorena Reed

4. **APPROVAL OF VICE CHAIR:** S. Storkan proposed voting to elect L. Reed as Vice Chair, no other nominees were submitted.

Motion to approve: Tracy Gillihan

Seconded: Charles Withuhn

5. **AGENCY PRESENTATION:**

S. Storkan presented on Prosepect View Apartments.

Prospect View Apartments is a complex with a total of 40 units it is located in Oroville near the County Records Office. Behavioral health has 15 No Place Like Home (NPLH) units that are at or below 30% AMI. Behavioral health will be pulling names off Coordinated Entry List (CES) who are opened to BCDBH services and with the highest vulnerability score. Behavioral health will assist these applicants with applying for Project Based Voucher and lease up.

The other 24 Units are for households at or below 30% of AMI and homeless. CES-Navigators will be pulling names off Coordinated Entry List (CES) and referring them to housing authority and assisting these applicants with applying for project based voucher.

The complex will have a Resident Manager who will live in a 2-bedroom unit.

The expected lease up of these units are late fall 2023.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

C. Withuhn wanted to inform committee that North State shelter team is providing free sleeping bags and tents for people experiencing homelessness. They are also still having their mobile shower unit at Depot Park on Fridays for 11am-1pm. If you have any questions please email nsstchico@gmail.com.

T. Gillihan wanted to inform committee of the United Way lyft program, which was launched to address unmet transportation needs for individuals and families in Butte County. People can be assessed for eligibility by calling 211.

T. Gillihan also wanted the committee to be aware of program that provides information via text message for people experiencing homelessness. Just one text can let them know about dangerous weather conditions, proper pet care or where to find showers and clean clothes. Messages highlight topics including weather advisories, self-care tips, pet care, mental and emotional support, information about current county services, and positive affirmations.

Each text is only 160 characters and those who sign up will only receive one a week, unless a new program or service opens or an emergency notification is needed. Those who are interested can text “behome” to 898211 to be enrolled in the message system.

H. Crosby wanted to inform committee that Safe Space now has an office space in Chico and are meeting with people by appointment only. They have expanded some of their programs and have two case managers doing street outreach to support those experiencing homelessness. H. Crosby reports it is the same population accessing the Safe Space winter shelter. They are still working on summer cooling plans and believe they will be opening cooling center mid July-mid September. They are still identifying community partners to host shelter and asked if anyone knew of a ware house space that is air conditioned to please contact her at hilary@safespacechico.org. If you have any additional questions regarding Safe Space please email info@safespacechico.org.

6. **NEXT MEETING:** *The next Chronic Homelessness Meeting will be on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 from 1:30-3 PM.*

7. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:58 PM