



Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

BUTTE COUNTYWIDE HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 10, 2020

1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

**Housing Authority of Butte County
2039 Forest Avenue-Chico, CA**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Anastacia Snyder, Catalyst Domestic Violence Services
Marin Hambley, Stonewall Alliance
Don Taylor, Butte County DESS Housing and Homeless
Ed Mayer, Housing Authority of the County of Butte
Emily Bateman, Youth for Change 6th Street
Sarah Frohock, Butte County Dept. of Behavioral Health
Joy Amaro, True North Housing Alliance
Larry Hayden, Oroville Hope Center
Eric Smith, City of Oroville
Marie Demers, City of Chico
Alex Brown, Greater Chico Homeless Task Force
Scott Huber, City of Chico
Tami Ritter, County Board of Supervisors
Thomas Tenorio, Community Action Agency of Butte County
Lisa Currier, Homeless/Formerly Homeless Representative

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Megan Meloy, Butte County Office of Education
Mike Zucolillo, Town of Paradise

CoC COORDINATOR:

Briana Harvey-Butterfield, Butte County DESS, Housing and Homeless

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Staci Parisi, Butte County DESS Housing and Homeless

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Elisa Rawlinson, Butte County DESS Housing and Homeless
Keesha Hills, Oroville Southside Community Improvement Association & Haven of Hope
Leslie Johnson, Chico Housing Action Team

OTHER ATTENDEES (CONT'D):

Brian Boyer, United Way
Danette York, Butte County Dept. of Public Health
Laura Cootsona, Jesus Center
Tara Sullivan Hames, Butte 211
Lorilyn Manwarren, Ampla Health
Nicole Stallcup, Ampla Health
Sherry Morgado, Housing Tools
Daneva Marshall, CSU Chico intern
Patricia Barrios, Youth for Change 6th Street intern
Linda Draper, City of Oroville
Nancy Jorth, Youth for Change
Mark Alvidrez, Chico Housing Action Team
Melissa Frohrip, Veteran's Resource Center
Debbie Villasenor, Housing Consultant
Dawn Blackhorse, Butte College
Jennifer Zellers, Veteran's Resource Center
John Mitchell, Oroville Rescue Mission
John Fleming, Ampla Health
Eileen Robinson, Chico Unified School District
Mary Jo Alonso, City of Chico
Mia Rae Kirk, Base Camp Village
Melody Proebstel, United Way
Ana Vicuna, Butte County Dept. of Behavioral Health
Deanna Schwab, Safe Space
Reyes Barboza Jr., Safe Space
Crystal Mourad, North Valley Housing Trust
Brad Brunner, Caminar
Barbara Hanna, Caring Choices

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. **CONVENE MEETING:** The meeting was called to order by Council Chair Anastacia Snyder at 1:04 P.M. and it was determined there is enough Council Members for a Quorum.
2. **INTRODUCTIONS:** All CoC Members in attendance introduced themselves.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - ACTION:** The minutes for the CoC Council Meeting for January 13, 2020 were approved with the following corrections:
 - a. Item of Business #1. The meeting was called to order by T. Tenorio
 - b. Item of Business #9: Dawn Blackhorse indicated that she wanted to participate on the Governance Committee.
 - c. Larry Hayden was absent from the CoC Council Meeting on January 13, 2020.
 - d. The following attendees were present at the CoC Council Meeting on January 13, 2020: Rachel Cowan, Oroville Hope Center; Dawn Blackhorse, Butte College; Marin Hambley, Stonewall Alliance; Staci Parisi, Butte County DESS Housing and Homeless; Dayna Collet, Butte College; Linda Draper, City of Oroville; Deanna Schwab, Safe Space; Mark Alvidrez, Chico Housing Action Team
 - e. **M/S/C:** *Brown – Taylor – All*
4. **ADOPT PIT Breakout Report by Jurisdiction – ACTION:** The 2019 PIT count was completed last spring and provided to the Board in November. The Cities of Chico and Oroville requested that the data be broken out by jurisdictions. Sherry Morgado from Housing Tools downloaded the raw data from Health Tools. Housing Tools removed individuals living in Permanent Supportive Housing from the totals that comprised the survey. The data was sorted by the following jurisdictions: Chico, Oroville, Gridley/Biggs, and The Ridge. Not all denominators in the report are consistent because not all questions were answered by each participant. There is a two page summary for each jurisdiction plus summary data tables. The report includes 1,323 individuals surveyed. Housing Tools included 12 surveys that were not originally included in the PIT count due to partial completion.

An attendee asked if there was any way to get data from agencies/shelters that did not participate in the surveys, such as Oroville Rescue Mission (ORM). The CoC would have to decide this. The CoC coordinator at the time stated that the residents at ORM were reported in the field and therefore reported that way. T. Ritter stated that HCD may not accept this as a change to our numbers but it would be helpful to have ORM numbers in our count. J. Mitchell states that ORM could get the data of those staying at the shelter on the night of the county. This could be included in the numbers in the Community Report, if a special request was made.

D. Villasenor states that the HUD PIT count is for funding. In order to educate service providers and the community it would be good to include ORM numbers. E. Mayer stated that six of the people residing at the shelter were counted in the summary page. ORM typically has mid 40's each night in the shelter, and it could be up to mid-60 for the night of the count. A. Snyder asked if we can get the number from ORM and add it to the Community Report. J. Mitchell will get the count from the night of the PIT survey and give it to D. Taylor who will look into updating the Community Report.

Some updates are requested for Torres Shelter on the Housing Tools reports. This is in reference to the names of Torres Shelter homes and/or programs.

Action item to accept the Housing Tools report with minor changes to the Torres Shelter language.

M/S/C: *Ritter - Demers – All*

5. HOMELESS HOUSING, ASSISTANCE, AND PREVENTION (HHAP) UPDATE - INFORMATION:

B. Harvey Butterfield gave an update on the HHAP application. Three collaborative stakeholder planning meetings were held to identify gaps in our current service delivery system. All members of the CoC were invited to attend via an email invitation and meeting announcements were posted on the CoC website. The planning group agreed that capacity building is a priority. The following areas were identified by the stakeholder group as areas of focus for the application: Operating Subsidies and Reserves, Outreach, Navigation Center, and Emergency Shelter. The HHAP funding is a non-recurring source of funds and includes a set aside for youth. HHAP funding can be used to support the operations of shelters. Desired outcomes will be identified in the application. Request for Proposals will be issued as soon as the HHAP funding is received by the CoC/County.

6. GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE – INFORMATION: A. Snyder announced that anyone who asked to participate in the Governance Committee should have received a doodle poll. The Governance Committee is in need of a chairperson.

7. AMPLA HEALTH UPDATE REGARDING MOBILE MEDICAL UNIT (MMU) - INFORMATION:

Contracts for MMU service provision have been executed with four agencies: Oroville Rescue Mission, Jesus Center, Torres Shelter, and Hope Center. These agencies will store the MMU overnight and the MMU will provide services at these agencies at scheduled times. HUD inspection and DMV licensing and registration is underway. Ampla has hired 5 employees to operate the MMU plus one outreach coordinator to work within shelters with clientele. Ampla is hoping for a services start date of March 1, 2020.

There will be a calendar with unit locations and times posted on www.amplahealth.org/mobile-medical. Patient handout cards also have locations and times. There is a QR code on the card that has instantaneous information of where the unit is located.

There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at all 4 locations. Hours of operation will be adjusted as to when shelters have the most need.

A. Snyder noted that Domestic Violence service providers would like access to the MMU, but confidentiality is a concern. J. Fleming and L. Cootsona commented that this is a pilot program, and Ampla will be looking for input. Ampla would like all shelters to be involved in the planning and input process. The unit has specific electrical needs and can operate for short periods of time on a generator.

The Outreach Coordinator for the MMU stated that the services are free, and MediCal will be billed if clients have it. Services will include helping clients sign up for MediCal. There will be an online translator available. Staff hired are sensitive to the needs of the population that will be served.

8. COUNTY UPDATE – INFORMATION:

- a. The Butte County DESS Housing and Homeless team is complete with the hiring of Housing Navigator Elisa Rawlinson. Elisa has 18 years of experience working with the County and was recently the County Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP) service provider.
- b. The ESG grant SOI was signed and submitted on January 14, 2020.
- c. The CoC has been approved for HUD Technical Assistance (TA). The CoC will receive 16 hours of TA for HMIS Lead Agency/ Coordinated Entry and 16 hours for Collaborative Applicant. The CoC can request additional TA hours. This will assist in the transition of CoC duties to the County. The Community Action Agency (CAA) has been meeting HUD requirements. Cloudburst is providing the TA through HUD.

- d. The County and CAA are in the process of completing the annual HUD process. The CoC website is being updated.
- e. On Monday, February 3, 2020 FEMA gave a presentation regarding its disaster housing units. The County has the ability to request donations of Mobile Housing Units (MHU). Fire survivors have the first opportunity to purchase the MHU's they are occupying. They must have the means to move the unit to a new location at their own expense. If the units remain occupied after the sale option, governments and non-profits can request them. To receive a donated MHU, agencies must provide housing to the occupant for one year, provide insurance for the unit, and provide supportive services to help the occupant find housing. Unoccupied units will be surplus into government inventory. MHU units cannot be moved into burn scar areas.
- f. The governor made an executive order that 100 FEMA trailers be disbursed throughout the state for homeless services. These are the travel trailers/RVs used by staff. These are not housing units. Please let D. Taylor know after the meeting today if your agency is interested. These trailers are not MHUs and are not permanent housing. They need water and electrical hookups.
- g. The governor made an executive order asking state, counties, and cities to look at properties and see if there is land available for homeless housing. The City of Chico issued a request for interest regarding some of the land they have available. Other options such as unused existing building should also be considered.
- h. Award notifications of HUD CoC Tier 1 or 2019 is posted on the CoC website.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS – INFORMATION:

- a. HMIS/CE: HMIS is continuing to grow with new users from new organizations. Coordinated Entry (CE) is currently self-managed. CAA is working with the County on rebuilding and managing the CE. Usual HMIS reports to HUD are coming due including the Housing Inventory Assessment (HIC), Longitudinal System Assessment (LSA) and System Performance Measures. These reports are pulled from data already in HMIS. The next HMIS/CE meeting is March 9, 2020 from 1-3 and will be held in the Condor Room at the Butte Community Employment Center in Chico. Butte 211 staff have been trained to administer the VI-SPDAT and enter clients on the CE queue.
- b. Greater Chico Homeless Task Force (GCHTF): Last meeting was held on January 16, 2020. The next meeting is on February 20 from 10-noon. There are three executive spots open on the council. There will be a presentation from Downtown Chico Ambassadors.
- c. Chronically Homeless Committee: John Mitchell is the chairperson. The next meeting will be from 11-12 on February 20th following the GCGTF meeting.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. T. Ritter requested that a discussion regarding how information in the community regarding homelessness is being messaged be placed on the next meeting agenda. She states there is a lot of misinformation in the community, and she would like for the CoC to discuss how the CoC can communicate what it is doing to address housing and homelessness to the public.
- b. M. Demers announced there is three current nominees for the Veteran's Service Office representative. The last day to submit an application for this position is Friday, February 14, 2020.
- c. E. Smith announced the City of Oroville is in the process of annexing the property behind the Oroville Rescue Mission to the County.

11. NEXT MEETING: The next CoC Council Meeting will be on Monday, March 16th, 2020 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. in the Andes Room at Butte Community Employment Center in Oroville.

12. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:01 P.M.