



## Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

### **BUTTE COUNTYWIDE HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE COUNCIL**

#### **MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, May 18, 2020**

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

**Zoom Virtual Meeting Hosted by Butte County Employment & Social Services**

#### **COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

#### **COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Meagan Meloy, Butte County Office of Education  
Mike Zucolillo, Town of Paradise  
Larry Hayden, Oroville Hope Center

#### **CoC COORDINATOR:**

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

#### **RECORDING:**

Staci Parisi, Butte County DESS Housing and Homeless

#### **ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

- 1. CONVENE MEETING:** The meeting was called to order by Council Chair A. Snyder at 1:04 p.m. This meeting is being recorded. The recording may be posted to the CoC website. A. Snyder announced that typically the May

#### **OTHER ATTENDEES:**

Elisa Rawlinson, Butte County DESS H&H  
Lorilyn Manwarren, Ampla  
Billie Kanter, Chico State  
Mark Alvidrez, CHAT  
Dawn Blackhorse, Butte College  
Jennifer Wilking, Chico State  
John Mitchell, Oroville Rescue Mission  
Debbie Villasenor, Housing Consultant  
Deanna Schwab, Safe Space  
Tara Sullivan Hames, Butte 211  
John Fleming, Ampla  
Laura Cootsona, Jesus Center  
Marie Demers, City of Chico  
Kathleen Sweeney  
Josh Jamison, Hope Center  
Mia Rae Kirk, Base Camp Village  
Tiffany Danger, Butte County Office of Education  
Rachel de Leon, DESS  
Brad Brunner, Caminar  
Ann Winters, Catalyst  
Mariann Ramirez, DESS Adult Services  
Jodene Setera, Salvation Army Chico  
Leslie Johnson, Chico Housing Action Team

CoC meeting is the All Member meeting. The All Member meeting will be in June instead. The Conflict of Interest Policy will be brought forward at the June meeting.

2. **INTRODUCTIONS:** Roll call for Council Members was completed by A. Snyder. It was determined there is enough Council Members for a Quorum. No field introductions were done. If you would like your name listed as an attendee please type it in the chat box or email [bhbutterfield@buttecounty.net](mailto:bhbutterfield@buttecounty.net) or [ButteCoC@buttecounty.net](mailto:ButteCoC@buttecounty.net).
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made to approve the April 20, 2020 CoC Council Meeting minutes with the following corrections: Add Debbie Villasenor and Deanna Schwab to the list of Other Attendees:

**Motion: Ed Mayer**

**Second: Lisa Currier**

**Opposed: None**

**Abstain: None**

#### 4. COVID-19 UPDATES:

- A. **HMIS: COVID-19 Data:** B.H. Butterfield presented examples of data available from the HMIS COVID-19 dashboard in HMIS for the Butte CoC. DESS has enrolled 94 individuals in the COVID-19 HMIS Program through May 11. More will be shared about the dashboard as we get all of our participants enrolled.
- B. **Outreach Video:** D. Taylor reported that DESS has collaborated with local business One Mobile Projector per Trainer (OMPT) to make a video to share with unhoused individuals to provide information on prevention and containment efforts for COVID-19. The video is titled Tips to Reduce the Spread of COVID-19 for Butte County Unsheltered. OMPT provides technology and education to assist underdeveloped areas of the world with education regarding hygiene and agriculture. Two hand held projectors were purchased from OMPT for the purposes of providing prevention education and information on COVID-19 to unsheltered individuals in the community. D. Taylor, as well as Lisa Currier and Siana Sonoquie spoke in the videos. The talking points were provided by Lisa Almaguire from Public Health. The plan was to present the videos to the public last week, but bad weather prevented that from happening. The County has contracted with OMPT for two videos. The first video was geared to COVID-19 prevention and containment tips. Ideas for the second video are being explored. The projectors will be a tool we can use for other homelessness services in the future.

The video has been posted to the CoC website. T. Sullivan-Hames stated Butte 211 will message out a link to the video on the Be Home text line.

- C. **Project Room Key update:** D. Taylor reported that we have utilized 11 hotels in Butte County for the Non-congregate Shelter (NCS) program. We have sheltered a cumulative total of 215 FEMA qualified individuals in hotels. Three of those individuals exited then re-entered the program, for a total of 212 unique individuals. There are currently 147 FEMA approved individuals in hotels. Twenty eight individuals have exited the NCS program to permanent or transitional housing. The hotel stays will continue through the end of May. Exit plans are currently being discussed by the NCS service providers. Cal OES put in an application to extend the FEMA Public Assistance program for an additional 30 days after May 31. We will not know if this will be approved until the end of May.

**5. COUNTY UPDATE:** B. Harvey Butterfield reported that the ESG application deadline has been postponed and the new application deadline to the State is July 10, 2020. The application for the Regional Competition and Non-Competitive Rapid Re-Housing funding are due to the Butte CoC on Monday June 8, 2020. The applications will be reviewed and ranked on June 11, 2020 and recommendations will be presented to the CoC Council at the June 15, 2020 All Member CoC meeting. Email B. Harvey Butterfield if you have any questions.

A. Snyder asked about the second ESG allocation that had been mentioned previously. D. Taylor stated that there is an additional \$922,000 coming into the region with the CARES act. This information will be forwarded to the CoC as it is received. The funding will get funneled through the Butte CoC.

B. Harvey Butterfield reported that the HHAP contract with the State was signed and submitted to the State last week. DESS is preparing for the RFP process for this funding.

B. Harvey Butterfield reported that technical assistance is still being utilized by the CoC, specifically from the Technical Assistance Collaborative (TAC). TAC has assisted the Governance Committee on the Conflict of Interest forms. HUD technical assistance is also being utilized, specifically for the development of the MOU's between the County and the CoC for HMIS Lead Agency, Lead Agency, and Collaborative Applicant.

B. Harvey Butterfield reported that the County has contracted with Housing Tools for assistance with the CoC Consolidated application. Housing Tools is walking the DESS Housing and Homeless team through the application process. D. Villasenor put a request in for renewal applications. D. Taylor stated that we are working to create renewal applications to match ESNAPS applications as closely as possible.

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Chronic Homeless Committee: J. Mitchell reported that the Chronic Homeless committee met on May 7. They are meeting again on March 21 to discuss communicating messages to the public through social media regarding what the Butte CoC has been doing. The committee hopes to present something to the CoC soon.

Governance Committee: B. Harvey Butterfield reported this committee has been working on the Conflict of Interest documents. They will meet again this week to continue to finalize the documents and bring to the CoC All Member meeting in June.

Chico Greater Homeless Task Force: A. Brown reported that the group will be meeting this Thursday and a meeting link was sent out to the membership. They will be discussing launching the new website.

HMIS/CES Committee: S. Parisi reported that the committee met on May 11. S. Parisi reported that the DESS Housing and Homeless team participated in a technical assistance training on HMIS Lead Agency Privacy and Security with TAC on May 5. As new HMIS agreements are being created with the CoC and CoC agencies, it is a good time to review and update the CoC's privacy practices. The HMIS/CES Committee will focus on updating the HMIS Policies and Procedures. The first step is to develop a universal Public Notice and Privacy Notice for all partner agencies to use. We have received examples and direction from TAC on how to do this and have a sub-committee working on this. Recommendations to the CoC regarding updates to the CoC's privacy practices will be presented as a whole in the near future.

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

L. Cootsona announced that the Housing Authority of Butte County (HACB) and Jamboree Housing are collaborating to convert the Jesus Center building on Park Avenue in Chico to a 59 unit affordable housing complex.

E. Mayer added that Jamboree Housing is located out of Irvine, and specialized in building service rich communities. The Jesus Center project will have 59 units (studios and one bedrooms), 41 of the units will be under Section 8 vouchers.

L. Cootsona announced that Jesus Provides Our Daily Bread is in escrow for a 6 acre lot on Fair Street in Chico for the Renewal Center.

L. Cootsona would like to thank the Ampla MMU. They treated an individual who had severe medical complications and if the individual had not been treated by the MMU he may have passed away.

L. Manwarren from Ampla stated that the MMU is currently being serviced and they are hoping to get the MMU back to the Project Room Key hotels as soon as possible.

M. Demers announced that the 2020-2024 HUD Consolidated Plan will have its final review at the June 2, 2020 Chico City Council meeting. Comments are being accepted through June 2, 2020.

**8. Next Meeting:** Monday June 15, 2020, Butte County Department of Employment and Social Services to host Zoom Virtual Meeting.

**9. Adjourned:** 1:50 p.m.