



# Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

## BUTTE COUNTYWIDE HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE COUNCIL

### MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 14, 2020

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Zoom Virtual Meeting Hosted by Butte County Employment & Social Services

#### COC COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Anastacia Snyder	Joy Amaro
Don Taylor	Larry Hayden (Josh Jamison on behalf of)
Ed Mayer	Marie Demers
Emily Bateman	Melissa Frohrip
Eric Smith	Thomas Tenorio

#### COC COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Alex Brown	Lisa Currier	Megan Meloy
Scott Huber	Marin Hambley	Sarah Frohock
Tami Ritter		

#### OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ann Winters, Catalyst	Dawn Blackhorse, Butte College	Lorilyn Manwarren, Ampla
Annie Terry, ORM	Deanna Schwab, Safe Space	Matt Reed, TNHA
Benson, Advocate	Jay Coughlin, DESS H&H	Melody Proebstel, United Way
Brad Brunner, Caminar	John Mitchell, Elijah House	Mike Shafer, Cal OES
Hilary Crosby, Caring Choices	Keesha Hills, OSCIA	Rachel DeLeon, DESS
Debbie Villasenor, Consultant	Leslie Johnson, CHAT	Tara Sullivan Hames - 211

**CoC Coordinator:** Briana Harvey-Butterfield

**Recording:** Staci Parisi

1. The meeting was called to order by A. Snyder at 3:04 p.m.
2. Council roll was taken and it was determined there were enough council members present for a quorum.
3. Emergency Solutions Grants Program - Coronavirus (ESG-CV) – D. Taylor thanked everyone for attending this special meeting. This meeting is specifically related to the ESG-CV funding administered by Housing and Community Development (HCD). D. Taylor read the ESG-CV Staff Report (see Attachment 1) which provides:
  - background on the ESG-CV grant
  - the status of Project Room Key
  - an introduction of the COVID Rehousing Team

- a recommendation to direct the Round 1 ESG-CV funds to the CoC’s Administrative Entity to support the continued operations of Project Room Key

D. Taylor noted that there is no match funding required for the ESG-CV grant funding, and explained that the County needs to expend all available Coronavirus emergency funding before claims to FEMA can be made.

Current cost estimate for Project Room Key is about 1.3 million dollars through May, 2020. Project Room Key is an expensive intervention. What do we do now with those individuals in hotels? The goal is to move them to permanent housing. The County would like to put together a COVID Rehousing Team. The engagement with clients has been very encouraging. The County would like to initiate a planned housing search to accelerate rehousing efforts in response to the Coronavirus.

Dynamics that have changed in the housing market: landlords who typically rent to student populations have been reaching out to offer housing for homeless individuals. Housing availability has increased.

Question from T. Tenorio: Was participation of Project Room Key optional for counties? D. Taylor states “yes”, some counties opted to not participate for various reasons.

Comment from E. Mayer: Project Room Key has been operated in good faith by the County with hopes that the County’s general fund would be reimbursed with future available funding. The timeline for applying for the ESG-CV Round 1 funding is very short.

D. Villasenor: Can you clarify the time frame? Project Room Key will end in August. Is the recommendation that this funding will pay for Project Room Key past the FEMA reimbursement timeline? D. Taylor clarified that Project Room Key will wind down and the focus will be on rehousing.

Question in chat box: Can this funding be used for street outreach for individuals who did not qualify for Project Room Key? D. Taylor states yes that is an eligible project for this funding.

A motion was made to direct the Round 1 ESG-CV funds to the CoC’s Administrative Entity to support the continued operations of Project Room Key.

**Motion: Tom Tenorio**  
**Second: Marie Demers**  
**Opposed: None**  
**Abstain: Don Taylor**

The motion passed seven to one with one abstention.

4. Reminder: Next Regular Council Meeting – Monday, July 20, 2020  
Butte County Department of Employment & Social Services to host Zoom Virtual Meeting
5. The meeting was adjourned at 3:49 p.m.