**MEETING MINUTES**

**BUTTE COUNTYWIDE HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE COUNCIL**

**February 26, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.**

**Housing Authority of the County of Butte**

**Council Members Present:**

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| Anastacia Snyder |
| Bill Mash |
| Don Taylor |
| Ed Mayer |
| Erica St Giles |
| Jennifer Barzey |
| Jennifer Haffner |
| Joy Amaro |
| Linda Draper |
| Lisa Currier |
| Marie Demers |
| Meagan Meloy |
| Thomas Kelem |
| Tom Tenorio |
| **Council Members Absent:** |
| Bobby Walden |
| Larry Hayden |
| Reanette Fillmer |
| Doug Teeter |

**Order of Business:**

* 1. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Thomas Tenorio at 1:03 p.m.
  2. **Introductions** – All persons in attendance introduced themselves.
  3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the January 22, 2018 CoC Council meeting were approved. ***M/S/C:Mayer/Meloy.***
  4. **CoC COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS:**

1. **HMIS/CE:** T. Tenorio reports the PIT (Sheltered Only) count happened on Feb 21, 2018. Data was taken from existing HMIS database with additions from other shelters. Information will be sent to HUD via the reporting portal HDX.
2. **Youth Committee:** J. Barzey reported the RHY Youth Advisory Committee had agreed to serve as a subcommittee of the CoC. At the March CoC Council Meeting, action will be taken to approve the function of the committee. This committee will conduct both CoC Business and RHY business. Only CoC business will come to the council for approval. Specific details are still to be worked out.
   1. **CoC STAFF REPORTS:**
3. J. Griggs reported on updating the membership list and participant list. Questions were then asked about Voting, and who have the voting rights. J. Griggs did not have an answer because the Charter is not clear on that determination. General Consensus was that each organization had one vote. T. Tenorio advised it may need to go to a Governance Committee since this is not the first time that this has come up.
4. J. Griggs reports on the council list with membership categories. A. Snyder sought clarification on the question of how the terms were written in the document.. J Griggs, advised that change would be made and the document resent. J. Barzey also advised the membership category was not correct for YFC. Additional comments about the types and how many people per category were discussed. No action taken.
5. J. Griggs advised that the HIC count was completed on Feb 21, 2018 and a preliminary report will be given to the Council at the March meeting.
6. J Griggs reported on recommend definitions of the committee. She asked for Council review and feedback. This will come before the council in the future.
7. J Griggs gave a brief overview of the CoC Coordinators action plan for 2018. Questions were asked about the Gap Analysis. It was indicated that the Gap analysis can be a service, a housing or combo, and that is yet to be determined
   1. E. Mayer advised that part of the CoC 2018 plan is an update to the 10-year Strategy to End Homelessness to help Butte meet the requirements of the No Place Like Home program.
   2. **APR REPORT:**

D. Taylor gave a report on the 5 CoC grants administered by the BCDBH. The operating year for each of the five grants was July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. These grants serviced unaccompanied adults, 18 yrs. and older, with severe mental illness and follow the Housing First Model. Three grants were specifically for Chronically Homeless, and 2 were for Homeless, although priority is given to Chronically Homeless. It was noted one person serviced was a Chronically Homeless Vet.

Challenge: Low vacancy rates in Studio and 1 Bedroom units, leads to extended time to identify units and slows down lease process.

For All Programs, cumulative: Cash Match for Support Services (Required is 25%) ranged from 110% to 263%. Program served, 13 males and 11 females. Incomes ranged from $0 to $1,500.00 per month.

Also noted was a success story of a program participant who has exited the program after going to the Lineman College. Outcomes were: 100% HMIS bed coverage. 100% Program Access to Mainstream Benefits, and those who exited 100% achieved housing stability.

* 1. **LOCAL COALITION REPORTS: CHICO, OROVILLE and PARADISE:** Chico- J. Haffner reported the last meeting focused on student homelessness. Speakers included PATH and Food Pantry. A CSU system-wide report on student hunger and homeless was discussed. The program cost about 150K to run. Due to funding issues some students may be turned away unless additional funding sources are found.

E. Giles from Paradise- Reported losing more housing and having to send folks to the Torres Shelter. The rental market in Paradise is expensive. An average studio is $650/750 per month, and appears to be the highest cost in the county. For most who make $800 a month this is impossible to afford. One unexpected expense leads to housing loss. The bottom line is more homeless and lack of city and police support.

Oroville- No Report, but in packet was meeting agenda from the last GOHC meeting

* 1. **SPEAKERS from AUDIENCE:**

1. Vince Haynie introduced himself. He started with CAA 3 weeks ago, as the case manager for the rapid rehousing program at CAA.
2. Nicole Bateman from Habitat for Humanity Butte informed everyone that they are building their 2nd home on 20th street. In April they will be accepting applications for open enrollment for the last 2 houses for the 20th street build. She advised the criteria is on their website. <http://www.buttehabitat.org/> She encouraged people to review the website and the upcoming trainings.
   1. **ANNOUNCEMENTS from COUNCIL:**
3. L. Draper advised she had a social worker who is working with the Vet’s and would like to be part of the Vet’s committee. Linda also handed out a brochure on the project that Southside Community Improvement Association is doing. It involves building and using a mobile showers and washing machines trailer. This will be a community wide trailer. Please email Linda for more information.
4. K. Mackell from DESS advised of a housing grant to vet’s that was just received. If you would like more information, please contact Ken.
5. T. Kelem handed out a flyer for the March Events of the Transgender Week. There are many activities and trainings. He encourages everyone to take a look at what is happening. Thomas advised the trainings would be a great way to learn about the Transgender community.
6. J. Barzey wanted the council to know about the 24-hour bathroom discussion that was happening around Chico. The Greater Chico Homeless Task Force supports the concept and has recommended that the City seek funding.
7. L. Currier handed out a flyer for an upcoming event at the Big Room. The speaker is author, Pete Earley. He is will be giving a talk about Caregiving for the Mentally Ill.
   1. **UPCOMING MEETING:** Monday, March 19, 2018
   2. **Adjournment:**  The meeting was adjourned at 2:18 p.m.