



Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

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Councilmember Minutes

Monday December 12, 2022

1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Zoom Meeting Hosted by: Butte County Employment & Social Services

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Amber Abney-Bass, Jesus Center
Anastacia Snyder, Catalyst
Ann Winters, Greater Chico Task Force
Brad Brunner, Caminar
Don Taylor, DESS H&H
Emily Pereira, Youth for Change
Eric Smith, City of Oroville
Josh Jamison, Oroville Hope Center
Keesha Hills, OSCIA
Marie Demers, City of Chico
Meagan Meloy, BCOE
Tami Ritter, BC Board of Supervisors

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ed Mayer, HACB
John Mitchell
Marin Hambley, Stonewall
Michael O'Brien, City of Chico
Sarah Frohock, BCDBH
Steve Culleton, Town of Paradise

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Tara Sullivan-Hames, Butte-Glenn 211
Shelly Watson, Jesus Center
Angie Little, HACB
Bob Irvine, New Beginnings Housing Foundation
MaryJo Alonzo, City of Chico
Theresa Nantor, CHIP
Matt McCoy, VSO
Amy Bergstrom, City of Oroville
Pahua Thao, DESS H&H
Allison Rettig, CHIP
Tracey Gillihan, Butte-Glenn 211

OTHER ATTENDEES CONT:

Erin Murray, DESS H&H
Melissa Jamison, United Way of Northern California
Nancy Jorth, Youth for Change
Seana O'Shaughnessy, CHIP
Debbie Villasenor, Housing Consultant
James Wilson, Anthem Blue Cross
Jessica Gianola, CHAT
Stefan Spirk, CAA
Shelly Storkan, BCDBH
Maisue Thao, Butte College
Charles Withuhn, North State Shelter Team
Kevin Thompson, OSCIA
Mary Kay Benson, North State Shelter Team
Taylor Storey, TNHA
Jennifer Macarthy, City of Chico
Elisa Rawlinson, DES H&H
Patrick Teles, LSNC
Rachel DeLeon, DESS
Yesenia Gallegos, CHAT
Ian Clement, DESS H&H
Meagan Smith, NCIHA
John Zepeda, VSO
Caitlin Davis-Rivers, CHAT
Wendy Lo, DESS H&H
Josiah Vasey, Butte-Glenn 211
Jennifer Wilking, CSUC
Shelly Miller, Children and Families Commission
Tim Hawkins, CAA
Monica Soderstrom, Public Health
Nicole Drummond, CHAT
Amie Decker, Nation's Finest
Samantha Davis, Ampla Health
Leslie Johnson, CHAT

CoC Coordinator: Briana Harvey Butterfield, DESS H&H **Recording:** Erin Murray, DESS H&H

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. **CONVENE MEETING AND ESTABLISH QUORUM:** The meeting was called to order by A. Snyder, Chair, at 1:04 P.M. This meeting is being recorded.

Time was made for an item not on the agenda. Chair A. Snyder called for a moment of silence in remembrance of Bill Mash.

Roll call of the councilmembers was completed by A. Snyder whom facilitated the meeting. It was determined that there were enough councilmembers were present to establish a quorum.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – ACTION:** A motion was made to approve the following minutes:
 - a. November 14, 2022 – CoC All Member Meeting

Motion: M. Demers
Second: Sup. Ritter
Opposed: None
Abstain: None

3. **2023 CoC COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDAR – INFORMATION:**

B. Harvey-Butterfield stated that the calendar included in the packet shows all committee meeting dates and times as well as chair and vice chair contact information for anyone interested in attending. Information is also available on the CoC website.

4. **HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS INCENTIVE PROGRAM (HHIP) APPLICATION PROCESS – INFORMATION:**

B. Harvey-Butterfield provided information on the HHIP application process. The packet includes a memo and a brief application. HHIP is one time funding through Department of Health Care Services for Managed Care Plans (MCP) to earn incentive dollars for making progress on addressing homelessness and housing insecurities. MCPs have previously shared their investment plan with the CoC. The investment plan includes CoC infrastructure needs (HMIS, CES, Equity Training), Point in Time support, Increased Street Outreach Services, Flexible Financial Assistance for Housing Lease up, and Enhanced Housing Navigation Services for shelters.

Flexible Financial Assistance is very flexible, to quote the MCPs, this category is for “any cost to support an individual or family with accessing or maintaining housing. This may include things like deposits, application fees, landlord incentive, rental and utility arrears, utility set up, items such as furniture/household goods, and other costs”

MCPs are looking or CoC partner agencies to contract with for calendar year 2023 for this one time funding. A CoC review and ranking committee will be reviewing applications to streamline selection process for MCPs. The committee will provide ranked applications to MCPs for final decisions.

The one page application is for Street Outreach, Flexible Financial Assistance, and Enhanced Navigation only. All contracts will be direct with MCPs, Anthem Blue Cross and California Health & Wellness. The bulk of the

application is very short, limited to 100 words per narrative question. HMIS access and MOU is required as it will be used for tracking services. The application asks for information about whether or not the program will continue after funds end, there is not a requirement to continue services, however the information provided will be taken into consideration by the review and ranking committee.

An email will be sent to the CoC listserv with the fillable application and pertinent information. Applications are due by Monday 12/19/22 at 5pm. If you are not planning on applying and are interesting in serving on rank & review committee, let the County know. A memo announcing the committee will be sent within the next few days.

Comments:

M. Smith: Can Flexible Financial Assistance be used for drug and alcohol recovery?

B. Harvey-Butterfield: The intent of the funding is to get people into permanent housing, but it is extremely flexible.

D. Villasenor: Are program participants required to be enrolled in a managed care plan? Are the Flexible Financial Assistance funds intended to be short term burst of funds to get people into housing, not a long-term subsidy?

B. Harvey-Butterfield: Our understanding is that they have to be active managed care plan, but we will follow up. As the dollars need to be spent within calendar year and is not recurring funding, it would be accurate to look at it like a rapid rehousing model.

A. Abney-Bass: Do we know if this is a reimbursement program and when would spending period start?

B. Harvey-Butterfield: Through HHIP they have a small amount that available upfront. I would anticipate fronting the funds and getting reimbursement.

A. Abney-Bass: For billing, are we going to need to use their platform?

B. Harvey-Butterfield: We don't know as they will be contracting directly.

T. Gillihan: For families with active Medi-Cal, does everyone in the household have to be enrolled in a managed care plan, or just one member?

B. Harvey-Butterfield: We don't know but will report back to you with that info.

D. Villasenor: It is important to advocate for block grant to allocate money upfront whenever possible. This will assist partners to better participate in programs and will make programs more successful.

A. Abney-Bass: Do program participants have to be in Coordinated Entry? What about Street Outreach?

B. Harvey-Butterfield: Participants will be pulled from Coordinated Entry and tracked in HMIS as this program is for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Street Outreach would be a little different.

5. HOMELESS HOUSING, ASSISTANCE AND PREVENTION (HHAP) ROUND 3 CONTRACT ANNOUNCEMENT – INFORMATION:

E. Murray presented information on HHAP Round 3 tentative contract awards. \$2.8 million was made available via County Request for Proposals in September. A total of 16 proposals for over \$8 million were submitted. The

rank and review committee was tasked with selecting contracts not only based on scoring but also eligible uses and outcome goals that state is requiring to be met. Thank you to everyone that submitted a proposal, selection was a very difficult process.

The following contracts were tentatively awarded:

- Catalyst was awarded \$252,000 to support an Advocate to provide case management, housing placement, housing readiness, and job searches.
- Chico Housing Action Team was awarded \$550,000 to support the purchase of 3 additional houses to provide permanent supportive housing for people currently experiencing homelessness.
- City of Chico was awarded \$500,000 to support the Pallet Shelter Site.
- Jesus Center was awarded \$400,000 to support micro units at the renewal center.
- Safe Space Winter Shelter was awarded \$208,560 to support outreach and engagement services.
- True North Housing Alliance was awarded \$562,834.02 to support day services at the Navigation Center located at the Torres Shelter.
- Youth for Change was awarded \$401,477 to purchase a duplex to support permanent housing for youth.

E. Murray reported that everything is on track to have contracts in place effective March 1, 2023 as originally intended. Contracts will be going forward to the Board of Supervisors at the last meeting in February 2023 for final approval of the rank and review committee's recommendations.

6. **2023 POINT IN TIME – INFORMATION:**

a. Volunteer Registration

E. Rawlinson provided a walkthrough on Point in Time Volunteer registration. The registration has a place to indicate if you are an employee of an agency that is participating in the PIT and whether you are helping with sheltered or unsheltered portion of the PIT.

Volunteer Trainings will occur at the following times:

Wednesday, January 4 from 9am to 11am via Zoom
Wednesday, January 11 from 9am to 11am via Zoom
Wednesday, January 18 from 3pm to 5pm in person

E. Rawlinson stated that if there is an area you prefer to volunteer, note that in the "Additional Information" section of the registration screen. We will try to work within people's preferences but are unable to make any guarantees. An email will be sent out a few days prior to the PIT to inform volunteers which hub location to report to.

b. Known Locations Survey

E. Rawlinson provided a walkthrough of the Known Locations Survey. After downloading the Counting Us app, log in and you'll see the Known Locations Survey. This survey is solely to capture known encampments ahead of the PIT. When volunteer groups are sent out for the PIT, maps will be provided that have identified encampment locations.

Comments:

K. Hills: Are we going to offer the surveys in other languages?

E. Rawlinson: Volunteers will call in to the Command Center for interpreter services.

M. Demers: Is there a tally option with County Us?

E. Rawlinson: Yes, that will be available day of the PIT for populations that need to be captured if volunteers or uncomfortable or unable to approach.

7. LEAD AGENCY, COLLABORTIVE APPLICANT, and ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY UPDATES – INFORMATION:

B. Harvey-Butterfield provided a follow up to a question at the November meeting - what kind housing intervention is the Pallet Shelter Site considered to be? The City of Chico confirmed that the Pallet Shelter Site is considered an Emergency Shelter.

D. Taylor stated that he is retiring effective December 30, 2022. There was a recruitment for the Housing and Homeless Administrator position, the Director has offered it to Briana Harvey-Butterfield. Briana has served as CoC coordinator and will continue to do so until DESS hires a replacement Program Manager that can take over the CoC coordinator duties. D. Taylor stated that Briana will take over as the lead agency designated representative on the CoC committee as of December 31, 2022. The process has been initiated to replace the Social Services designated Council position as it is being vacated mid-term. The vote will be held at the next CoC meeting in January 2023. D. Taylor reported another Lead Agency update that Pahua Thao has accepted the position of Housing and Homeless Services Supervisor coordinating Housing Navigator efforts.

D. Taylor provided an ESG Balance of State update from Housing and Community Development (HCD). HCD will be announcing awards for the Competitive and Non-Competitive awards within the first few weeks next year.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS – INFORMATION:

Chronic Homeless: S. Storkan reported that the committee has not met since the last CoC Meeting, and the next meeting is scheduled for December 21.

Governance: B. Harvey-Butterfield reported that the December meeting was cancelled and the next meeting is scheduled for January 11.

HMIS/CES: E. Rawlinson reported that the committee did not meet in December but will be meeting in January.

Households with Children: M. Meloy reported that the committee meets the first Tuesday of every month at 1pm. The committee shared resources for the holiday season such as gift giving and food baskets. In January the meeting has been rescheduled to January 10th as the first week of January is school break.

Veterans: M. McCoy reported that Dr. LaRiviere provided Standdown information at the December meeting. The 2023 Veteran Standdown will occur September 21 - 23, location to be determined. Also, Deborah Taylor presented information on the VA's suicide prevention program. Next meeting is scheduled for January 18 at 2pm.

Youth Homeless: E. Pereira reported that November Runaway Youth Awareness Month has wrapped up and there was no December meeting. Youth for Change was nominated by National Runaway Safeline for two awards for their work during Runaway Homeless Youth Awareness Month.

Equity: B. Harvey-Butterfield reported that there was no December meeting. Through HHIP, the County is looking for Anti-Racism, Equity, Diversion, and Inclusion training for the CoC. This training and workshop will be coordinated through the Equity Committee over the next year.

9. COALITION AND JURISDICTION REPORTS/UPDATES – INFORMATION:

Greater Chico Homeless Task Force: H. Crosby reported GCHTF will be meeting next week, focusing on Winter Shelter operations, volunteer opportunities, and the PIT count.

Oroville Coalition: J. Jamison reported that the Coalition did not meet in December. There is continued collaboration through OSCIA, Oroville Hope Center, and Oroville Rescue Mission. The agencies will all be participating in the PIT count.

City of Oroville: Councilmember Smith reported City of Oroville was awarded \$2.7 million in Encampment Resolution Funding, with a significant portion going to Oroville Rescue Mission to facilitate encampment relief.

Board of Supervisors: Sup Ritter reported D. Taylor would be recognized in a resolution at the next Board meeting. The Board will also be authorization resolutions for Transitional Housing Program Round 4 and Housing Navigation and Maintenance Program Round 1, as well as approving Employment and Social Services and Behavioral Health contracts.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEXT MEETING: *The next CoC Council Meeting will be on Monday January 9, 2023.*

B. Harvey-Butterfield reported that there is a PIT flyer in the agenda packet that will also be sent out via email. Please recruit friends and family to volunteer for PIT.

M. Alonzo announced City of Chico will be initiating its annual plan for the use of HUD funds. The applications will be made available January 3 and a public meeting will occur January 12.

11. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 2:03 P.M.