



Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

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Council Member Meeting Minutes

Monday – April 15, 2024 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Zoom Meeting Hosted by: Butte County Employment & Social Services

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Angie Little, HACB
Jennifer Macarthy, City of Chico
Brad Brunner, Caminar
Ian Clement, Hope Cooperative
Anastacia Snyder, Catalyst
Briana Harvey-Butterfield, DESS H&H
Keesha Hills, OSCIA
Marie Demers, City of Chico
Josh Jamison, Oro Hope Center
Tami Ritter, BC Board of Supervisors
Matthew McCoy, DESS
Sarah Frohock, BCDBH
Tracey Johnstone, City of Oroville
Amber Abney-Bass, Jesus Center
Josh Indar, BCOE

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Steve Culleton, Town of Paradise
Meagan Meloy, BCOE
Ann Winters, Catalyst

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Amy Bergstrom, City of Oroville
Austin Herbaugh, DESS
Brittany Halfhide, HCD
Carnella Marks, Restoring Our Community
Cathryn Carkhuff, Home & Heart
Cristi Roach, DESS
Elisa Rawlinson, DESS
Debbie Villasenor, Housing Consultant
Don Taylor, Willow Wellness
Gabrielle Beck, DESS
Halle Brown, NCIHA

OTHER ATTENDEES CONT:

Erin Murray, DESS
Erin Spasbo, DESS
Hilary Crosby, Safe Space
Isabel Alaniz-Alvarado, DESS
Jamie Goekler, Butte CARES
Jennifer Zellers, 6th Street Center for Youth
Jessica Giannola, CHAT
Joelle Chinnock, CA Conference of SDA
Kirstie Clifton, BC Crisis
Lisa Torres, OSCIA
Nikki Balboa, VA
Kevin Thompson, OSCIA
Norma Lacy, NVCSS
Lorena Reed, BCDBH
Kaitlin Sherrill, DESS
Maisue Thao, Butte College
Mary Kay Benson, Chico Harm Reduction
MaryJo Alonzo, City of Chico
Megan Massie, New Beginnings
Melissa Jamison, United Way of Northern CA
Monica Soderstrom, BC Public Health
Nathan Swetz, Aegis Treatment Center
Nichole Drummond, CHAT
Nick Fashing, DESS
Pahua Thao, DESS
Pamela Beeman, Chico Area Interfaith Council
Tara Sullivan-Hames, Butte/Glenn 211
Rayna Bryson, DESS
Taylor Bunch, TNHA
Shelby Boston, DESS
Kathleen Sweeney, BC BOS
Shelly Storkan, BCDBH
Tiffany Danger, BCOE

Wendy Lo, DESS
Wendy Cumberland, DESS
Yesenia Gallegos, CHAT

Tim Hawkins, Butte CAA
Will Firth, BC Admin
Yoseb Afsharzadeh

CoC Coordinator: Erin Murray, DESS H&H **Recording:** Lisa Angle, DESS H&H

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. CONVENE MEETING AND ESTABLISH QUORUM

The meeting was called to order by Amber Abney-Bass, Chair at 1:02pm. Roll call of the council members conducted and a quorum was established. This meeting is being facilitated by Amber Abney-Bass, Chair, the meeting is being recorded.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – ACTION

A motion was made to approve the following minutes with the following corrections:

Anastacia Snyder, Josh Indar and Marie Demers were marked as being absent but were in attendance.

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Motion: Marie Demers
Second: Briana Harvey-Butterfield
Oppose: None
Abstain: Tracey Johnstone and Keesha Hills

3. COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY (CAA) – INFORMATION: Presenting: Tim Hawkins

T. Hawkins, CAA, provided an overview of the history and mission of CAA. T. Hawkins gave an overview of 3 programs offered through CAA: North State Food Bank/Fresh Choice, Energy & Environmental Services, and 530 Food Rescue Coalition.

B. Boyer, CAA, gave an overview of the Esplanade House. B. Boyer stated the Esplanade House works with a waiting list. In order to qualify, the applicant must be experiencing homelessness, fall within specific income limits, have child(ren) under the age of 18, be willing to follow the house rules, and maintain sobriety. Esplanade House recently began working with CalAIM for Enhanced Care Management and Community Supports.

J. Goekler, CAA, gave an overview of the Butte CARES program. Butte CARES provides Enhanced Case Management and Community Supports to adults and families with children who do not live on-site. The adults and families with children must be unhoused or precariously unhoused to meet the CalAIM definition of homelessness. Butte CARES is taking referrals.

4. BUTTE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION HOUSING RESOURCES – INFORMATION

W. Firth, Butte County Administration, shared the current housing programs administered by Butte County Administration. The active housing programs are located on the Butte County website. W. Firth reviewed and explained the following housing programs: Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program, CalHome Butte County Wildfire Housing Reconstruction Program, and CalHome Butte County Wildfire First Time Home Buyer Program.

Brittany Halfhide, California Department of Housing and Community Development, reviewed and explained federally funded housing programs for disaster recovery in Butte County burn scars. Programs reviewed: Owner-Occupied Wildfire Mitigation Retrofits and Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation and Reconstruction.

5. GOVERNANCE: SURVEY ON CoC COUNCIL TERMS – DISCUSSION:

E. Murray, CoC Coordinator, stated the Governance committee has been discussing CoC Council Member term limits. A survey monkey has been created and will be added to the chat for those who would like to participate in the survey. Questions on the survey are to gather information on who would like to serve on the CoC Council in the future or if there is any interest in revising the existing term limits. The survey is for information purposes only and will be used to guide the Governance committee as it pertains to CoC Council member term limits.

6. LEAD AGENCY, COLLABORATIVE APPLICANT, ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY UPDATES - INFORMATION:

B. Harvey-Butterfield, DESS, stated that HCD is delayed in announcing the 2023 Emergency Solutions Grant Balance of State awards and anticipates to make the announcement by the end of the week. The awards will be shared when the information is announced. The next NOFA should be available in the next few weeks.

B. Harvey-Butterfield, announced that the Sheltered Point In Time (PIT) and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) are being finalized. The submission is in progress with a deadline of April 28th, 2024

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS – INFORMATION:

Governance Committee – E. Murray stated that the committee is working on updating policies and procedures. Depending on the results from the survey regarding CoC Council term limits will determine if there will be any proposals to amend CoC Council Member terms.

HMIS/CES Committee – E. Rawlinson, DESS, stated that the committee is working on a complete rewrite of the Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures with a special committee meeting set for April 29, 2024 1-3pm to have the Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures reviewed and approved by the committee in order to be presented at the CoC all member meeting on May 20, 2024 for CoC approval.

Households with Children – B. Boyer announced the summer is coming quickly and there are a lot of summer camps gearing up to start enrolling and discussed reaching out to Boys and Girls Club. Butte County Office of

Education is putting on career camps for kids which include medical, welding, starting your own business, sewing and fashion design.

Chronic Homelessness – S. Storkan announced the committee met on March 20 2024 and had the Crisis Program Manager come and explain the new programming. The next meeting is May 15, 2024 via zoom at 1:30pm.

PIT Committee – E. Murray announced the committee continues to meet to discuss the plan for next January’s unsheltered point in time. If anyone is interested in participating contact Erin Murray or Jay Coughlin.

Equity Committee – J. Giannola announced the committee has not met since the last CoC Meeting. The committee is currently working on a good date and time to meet to hopefully increase participation.

Youth Homelessness – J. Indar announced the committee continues to meet every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1 with not a lot going on, however, in July hoping to have a newly revamped and funded youth advisory council to help provide youth voice to the committee and CoC.

Veteran’s Committee – Matt McCoy announced the committee has not met since the last CoC Meeting. The next meeting is April 20, 2024 at 2pm.

8. COALITION AND JURISDICTION REPORTS/UPDATES – INFORMATION:

Board of Supervisors – T. Ritter shared that the Passages Advisory Council Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 16 at 10am. The Butte County Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meeting is on same day from 3-5pm in the Youth Services Building. The First 5 Commission meeting is from 9-12pm on Friday April 17 and the Disability Action Network meeting is at 1:30pm the same day.

Greater Chico Homeless Task Force – No report

Greater Oroville Homeless Coalition – No report

City of Chico – M. Demers announced bringing forward the Annual Action Plan for the HUD Program, the CDBG and Home Funds on April 16, 2024. The Annual Action Plan draft will be available April 16 with the final meeting being on May 21, 2024.

City of Oroville – No report

City of Paradise – No report

9. ANNOUCEMENTS:

A. Abney-Bass announced at the beginning of the CoC meeting that the next CoC meeting will be an all member in person meeting in Chico at the DESS office in the Condor Room. E. Murray announced she will be sending out the calendar invite today.

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10. NEXT MEETING – MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024: ALL MEMBER MEETING

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765 East Ave. Suite 120 – Condor Room

11. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 2:57pm