



Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

**Butte County Continuum of Care
Council Member Meeting Minutes
Monday – October 21, 2024 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
Virtual Meeting Hosted by: Butte County Employment & Social Services**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Anastacia Snyder, Catalyst
Steve Culleton, Town of Paradise
Meagan Meloy, BCOE

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Jay Coughlin, DESS
Wendy Lo, DESS
Kim Hogan, ORC/ORM
Erin Kennedy, Boys and Girls Club
Ray Duchene, Volunteers of America
Lisa Torres, OSCIA
Tracey Gillihan, Butte/Glenn 211
Sherry Morgado, Housing Tools
Shelly Storkan, BCDBH
Megan Massie, New Beginnings
Rayna Bryson, DESS
Philip Wysocki, TNHB
Pamela Beeman, Chico Interfaith
Brian Boyer
Lorena Reed, BCDBH
MaryJo Alonzo, City of Chico
Debbie Villasenor, Housing Consultant
Halle Brown, NCIHA
Eduardo Abarca, Ampla MMU
Elisa Rawlinson, DESS
Amie Decker, Nation's Finest
Kenneth Huenink, DESS

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 A. Abney-Bass, Chairperson, at 1:00pm. Roll call of the council members conducted and a quorum established. This meeting is being facilitated by A. Abney-Bass, Chairperson, and the meeting is being recorded.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – ACTION

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes for September 16, 2024 as presented.

a. September 16, 2024 – CoC Meeting Minutes

Motion: Jennifer Macarthy
Second: Tami Ritter
Oppose: None
Abstain: None

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes for September 30, 2024 as presented with a note indicating that J. Macarthy was present for the September 30, 2024 meeting but was not present for the vote of item 2: Approval of Priority Listing for HUD Continuum of Care 2024-25 Application.

b. September 30, 2024 –Special CoC Meeting Minutes

Motion: Brad Brunner
Second: Tami Ritter
Oppose: None
Abstain: Tracy Johnstone, Sarah Frohock and Keesha Hills

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes for October 7, 2024 as presented.

c. October 7, 2024 – CoC Meeting Minutes

Motion: Tracy Johnstone
Second: Matt McCoy
Oppose: None
Abstain: Sarah Frohock

3. COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: OROVILLE RESCUE MISSION – INFORMATION

Presenting: Allan Dikes

A. Dikes, Oroville Resource Center & Rescue Mission, shared the history of the Oroville Rescue Mission and the programs offered at the Oroville Resource Center & Rescue Mission which include:

- Emergency Food Boxes
- Emergency Shelter
- Transitional Housing

- Drug and Alcohol Recovery (New Life Recovery Program)
- Case Management
- Housing Navigation
- Housing Deposits
- Eviction Prevention
- Permanent Housing (Round About Housing)
- Resume Building
- Job Readiness
- Financial Seminars
- CalAIM- Enhanced Case Management and Community Supports

A. Dikes reviewed and provided an overview of Project Esperanza:

- 40 Congregate Beds, 20 Male/20 Female
- Laundry Facilities, ADA restroom facilities and showers
- Case Management/Housing Navigation
- Low Barrier Entry
- Night by Night

Esperanza Village includes:

- 30 100 sq ft Pallet Shelters
- 5 ADA Units
- Pet Area
- Safe Camping (5 spaces), Safe Parking (5 spaces)
- Shower/Laundry Facilities
- 24 hr. Security
- Transitional Housing

Brief discussion held on Esperanza.

A. FY 2024 CoC PROGRAM CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION AND PLANNING GRANT REVIEW AND APPROVAL – ACTION

S. Morgado, Housing Tools, reviewed and explained the information in the memo included in the agenda packet for “Approval of HUD Continuum of Care 2024 and 2025 Consolidated Application and Acceptance of Planning Grant for 2024 and 2025.” This is a 2-year funding grant.

A motion was made to approve the HUD Continuum of Care 2024 and 2025 Consolidated Application and Acceptance of Planning Grant for 2024 and 2025.

Motion: Tami Ritter
Second: Tracy Johnstone

Oppose: None
Abstain: None

Voting conducted by roll call of the Council Members.

B. ELECTIONS POLICY AND PROCEDURE – INFORMATION

E. Murray, CoC Coordinator, presented and reviewed the CoC Election Activity Timeline which is included in the agenda packet and on the CoC website. The Timeline was approved in the regular CoC meeting in September. The approved Nomination Form will sent out after the meeting today and nominations will begin being accepted. In order to be nominated, the individual must be a CoC member Individuals can self-nominate. The upcoming expiration of Council member seats were reviewed.

C. GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE: POLICY AND PROCEDURE UPDATE – ACTION

E. Murray, CoC Coordinator, reviewed the recommended update from the Governance committee to the Continuum of Care (CoC) Policy and Procedure which is:

Section VI Emergency Transfer Lease Breaking Fees (a)

- (a) All Program Participants, regardless of known survivor status are notified of the availability the Emergency Transfer Plan via the Informed Consent Form that is provided during enrollment into the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). Contacts include:
 - Catalyst – 800-895-8476
 - Legal Services of Northern California – 800-345-9491

A motion was made to approve the update to the Continuum of Care (CoC) Policy and Procedure Section VI (a)

Motion: A. Abney-Bass
Second: J. Macarthy
Oppose: None
Abstain: None

Vote was conducted by roll call of the voting Council Members.

D. 2024 CoC BUILDS PROJECT APPLICATION RECOMMENDATION – ACTION

E. Murray, CoC Coordinator stated there were 2 applications submitted for the 2024 CoC Builds Project. After review by the Review and Ranking Committee it was determined that 1 application did not meet threshold requirements and was not scored. The application submitted by CHAT was scored and proposes to construct 7 free standing houses, adding an additional 21 bedrooms to property already owned by CHAT. E. Murray reviewed the 2024 CoC Builds Project Application Recommendation memo included in the agenda packet.

A motion was not made for the approval of the recommendation. Voting was conducted by roll call of all of the Council Members and a unanimous vote concluded the approval of the Committee's recommendation.

E. LEAD AGENCY, COLLABORATIVE APPLICANT, ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY UPDATES – INFORMATION

B. Harvey-Butterfield, DESS, stated the State is still in the process of finalizing the HHAP 5 contract and once it is finalized, the Request for Proposals process will be initiated.

B. Harvey-Butterfield, also informed the CoC that the Emergency Services Grant Balance of State Notice of Funding Availability is set to be released in December.

B. Harvey-Butterfield reminded everyone about the Point in Time (PIT) in January 2025.

B. Harvey-Butterfield stated the lead agency will be working with CHAT to submit the 2024 Continuum of Care (CoC) Builds application by the deadline.

B. Harvey-Butterfield reminded everyone the CoC all member meeting is in November and will be an in-person meeting in Oroville.

E. Rawlinson, DESS, reviewed and explained the Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) that is currently in process.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS – INFORMATION

Governance Committee – E. Murray stated the committee was working on the update to the CoC Policy as presented at this meeting. Next meeting is in November and taking a hiatus for December. If interested in joining the Governance Committee reach out to E. Murray directly.

HMIS/CES Committee – E. Rawlinson stated at the last meeting was October 7, 2024. The committee completed and approved the Privacy and Security Plan which included updates to the HMIS Policy and Procedure and the Informed Consent Form. All changes approved by the Committee will be presented at the All-Member meeting in November for approval.

Households with Children – B. Boyer stated the Committee met on October 1, 2024 and discussed Back to School. The committee is going to start having in-person meetings with the meetings rotating locations.

Chronic Homelessness – S. Storkan stated the Committee met on September 18, 2024 and a presentation was given by the Sobering Center. Next meeting is November 20, 2024 via zoom if interested in attending email Shelly Storkan.

PIT Committee – J. Coughlin stated the Committee has been meeting diligently the last several months and has finalized the questions to be used for the 2025 PIT. The questions will be presented at the All-Member meeting for approval. Volunteer information will also be provided to solicit volunteers. A lot of volunteers are needed for the PIT to be successful. Training will occur in January. Next meeting is October 30, 2024 from 3pm to 4pm.

Equity Committee – On hiatus until January 2025

Youth Homelessness – J. Indar stated the committee has been working on the November Youth Homeless Awareness activities. Proclamations to be released by local municipalities and the Board of Supervisors. Light the Night Candlelight vigil on November 14, 2024 at about sundown in downtown Chico. Information regarding events to be sent out.

Veteran’s – M. McCoy stated last meeting was on October 9, 2024 with discussion held on the Veteran Stand Down happening this week September 24, 25 and 26. The Veteran Stand Down will be held in Chico at the Elks Club. Medical and Dental services will be provided. Butte College Veteran’s Event is on November 7, 2024 from 11am to 2pm. Chico State’s Veteran’s event is on November 5, 2024 starting at 11am at Colusa Hall. Nation’s Finest has a food fundraiser at Woodstock’s pizza from 12pm to 9pm. Vector’s Food pantry is open every Sunday and Vector’s has 4 beds available.

G. COALITION AND JURISDICTION REPORTS/UPDATES - INFORMATION

Tami Ritter, BOS – No report

Greater Oroville Homeless Coalition – J. Jamison stated there is nothing new to report.

City of Chico – M. Alonzo stated a community meeting will be held to get feedback from the public on the HUD funding. All interested parties are encouraged to attend the meeting is Thursday at the Dorothy Johnson Center from 6pm to 8pm. Food and drinks will be provided. There will be activities for children. Please share flyer for the community meeting.

City of Oroville – T. Johnstone stated very excited about the Esperanza Project to be completed.

City of Paradise – No report

H. ANNOUCEMENTS:

P. Wysocki, TNHA, announced breaking ground on the Navigation Center last Friday and thanked all those who came and supported the opening.

I. NEXT MEETING – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024: ALL MEMBER MEETING Butte County Department of Employment & Social Services 78 Table Mountain Blvd., Oroville – Andes Room

J. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 2:02pm.