

MEETING MINUTES
HMIS/COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM COMBINED COMMITTEE
Of
BUTTE COUNTYWIDE HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE
September 14, 2020, at 1pm-3pm
Zoom Meeting

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Stefan Spirk, Community Action Agency
Debbie Villasenor, Housing Consultant
Lorilyn Manwarren, Ampla
Angie Little Housing Authority
Reyes Barboza, Safe Space
Carolina Cruz, Catalyst
Christy Taylan, Caminar
Keesha Hills, OSCIA
Amanda Gaylord, CHAT

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Joy Amaro, True North
Tracy Stogsdill, 2-1-1 Help Central
Trisha Ott, Butte County Behavioral Health
Shelly Watson, Jesus Center
Annie Terry, Oroville Rescue Mission
Sara Sweaney, Nation's Finest

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Elisa Rawlinson DESS Housing & Homeless

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Elisa Rawlinson, DESS Housing & Homeless
Sarah Frohock, Butte County Behavioral Health
Briana Harvey-Butterfield, DESS Housing & Homeless
Rachel DeLeon, DESS
Jennifer Zellers, Nation's Finest
Nick Fashing, DESS
Jay Coughlin, DESS
Pahua Thao, DESS Housing & Homeless
Jill Anchordoguy, DESS
Tara Sullivan-Hames, 2-1-1 Help Central
Kelly Steinhauer
Joe Rogers, Jesus Center
Mark Alvidrez, CHAT
Caitlin Davis-Rivers, CHAT
Marin Hambley, Stonewall/Safe Space

Welcome/Agency Updates: S. Frohock opened the meeting at 1:03 p.m. Roll call taken. S. Frohock asked for Agency updates.

Butte 2-1-1 informed the committee they are currently in "disaster crisis mode" due to COVID and the North Complex Fire. They are entering people into Coordinated Entry (CE) as often as possible but are working with fire evacuees and their time is limited. Calls they are receiving are evacuees requesting places to park RVs, persons looking for short and long term housing and they are working with many dual impacted survivors (Camp Fire and North Complex Fire). They also announced a website for information on the fires, 211northcomplexfire.org, the website provides real-time updates. People can also text "butte211fire" to 898211, to receive text updates on the fire's progress.

There is a need for a coordinated disaster response for housing on a long term basis, 2-1-1 suggests a regional planning group and developing a regional network of communication & support for future disasters.

Ampla shared they are working on getting the MMU to Gridley Fairgrounds on 9/15/2020, to assist fire survivors with needed medical care.

Catalyst announced there is an opening in their transitional housing program and encouraged agencies to refer DV survivors to Catalyst for consideration in the program.

Approval of Minutes: Approval of minutes was held off to the next meeting as not everyone had the time to review them prior to the meeting.

Minutes for the HMIS Committee Meeting on August 10, 2020, will be reviewed and approved at the meeting scheduled on October 12, 2020.

Outcome definition; Number of persons returning to Homelessness: Presentation by Stefan Spirk of Community Action Agency. A flow chart was shared with the committee explaining “Return to Homelessness” and how to find the information. There is a program level “Return to Homelessness” number and a system wide “Return to Homelessness” number.

- 1) Program Level “Return to Homelessness Numbers” for a particular project can be found by accessing reports Clarity. All Clarity users can access these reports.
 - a. Exit interviews are very important and the need to accurately enter the information received in those interviews is necessary for accurate numbers.
 - b. Program or Project level number rely on exit interviews, living situation at project exit and the HUD data element 3.12 Destination. The information can be found in the report entitled “OUTS-101 Program Outcome Measures
- 2) System wide “Return to Homelessness Numbers” include all programs and agencies entering information into Clarity.
 - a. HUD tells Bitfocus how to run the report. This number looks at all clients in HMIS two years prior to the start date of the report being run, to determine if the left for housing and if they’ve show back up in a shelter since that time.
 - b. System wide numbers rely on HUD Data Element 2.02.6 Project Type, HUD Data Element 3.10 Project Start Date, HUD Data Element 3.11 Project Exit Date and 3.12 Destination. The information can be found in the report entitled “HUDX-223-AD System Performance Measures. This report can only be run by a system administrator.
- 3) LSA Report shows a return to homelessness, however it captures a narrow subset of clients who are returning to homelessness over and over.

Discussion: Data helps explain the gaps and needs for funding. Because the data is being augmented, it appears this data is more useful to the Continuum of Care (CoC) members as opposed to the community at large.

As a group we need to keep an eye on the data as HUD will often add data points (like “Return to Homelessness” and will incorporate that need/data point in future competitive

applications. As a group we need to think about what information/data points we want to collect above and beyond what HUD requires. Additionally, we need to review all data sent to HUD, we also need to be sure data being collected and input into Clarity is correct.

Announcements/Comments: Debbie Villasenor informed the group NOFAs are expected to be released within 30 days.

In a previous meeting Joy Amaro of True North was going to look into the definitions of homelessness for her new CSU-Chico rapid rehousing program and see if they align with the HUD definitions for the CES. We want to be sure persons added to the CES are appropriate and qualify. It was determined this topic needs to be agenzized for a future meeting.

Next Meeting - Monday, October 12, 2020, at 1:00-3:00 P.M. with virtual Office Hours directly after the meeting, 3:00-5:00pm

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