



Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

Butte County Continuum of Care Councilmember Minutes

Monday September 19, 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
Ann Winters, Greater Chico Task Force
Brad Brunner, Caminar
Don Taylor, DESS H&H
Ed Mayer, HACB
Emily Pereira, Youth for Change
Eric Smith, City of Oroville
Keesha Hills, OSCIA
Marie Demers, City of Chico
Meagan Meloy, BCOE
Sarah Frohock, BHCBH

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Anastacia Snyder, Catalyst
John Mitchell
Josh Jamison, Oroville Hope Center
Michael O'Brien, City of Chico
Marin Hambley, Stonewall
Steve Culleton, Town of Paradise
Tami Ritter, BC Board of Supervisors

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Jenn Stofa, BCDBH
Elisa Rawlinson, DESS H&H
Taylor Storey, TNHA
Tracey Gillihan, Butte-Glenn 211
MaryJo Alonzo, City of Chico
Theresa Nantor, CHIP
Kathleen Sweeney, Tami Ritter's Office
Jessica Giannola, CHAT
Annie Terry, ORM

OTHER ATTENDEES CONT:

Melissa Jamison, United Way of Northern California
Isabel Alaniz-Alvarado, DESS H&H
Debbie Villasenor, Housing Consultant
Lori Fuentes, Home and Health Care Management
Hilary Crosby, Safe Space
Sherry Morgado, Housing Tools
Kaitlyn Sherrill, DESS H&H
Christina Swint, Butte County Probation
Meagan Smith, NCIHA
Josiah Vasey, Butte-Glenn 211
Nanette Gledhill, Butte County CSD
Lorena Reed, BCDBH
James Coles, Housing Tools
Nicole Drummond, CHAT
Shelby Boston, DESS
Amy Bergstrand, City of Oroville
Ian Clement, DESS H&H
Kris Kuntz, Anthem Blue Cross
John Zepeda, Butte County VSO
Caitlin Davis-Rivers, CHAT
Wendy Lo, DESS H&H
Brian Boyer, CAA
Jaymee McLaughlin, CUSD
Santy Gray, BCOE
Tianna Morgan Arbulu, CA Health & Wellness
Patrick Telles, LSNC
Michael Wright, DESS H&H
Seana O'Shaughnessy, CHIP
Samantha Davis, Ampla Health
Leslie Johnson, CHAT

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. **CONVENE MEETING AND ESTABLISH QUORUM:** The meeting was called to order by E. Mayer, 1st Chair, at 1:03 P.M. This meeting is being recorded. Roll call of the councilmembers was completed by E. Mayer 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. August 8, 2022 – CoC Special Meeting, ESG BoS
 - b. August 15, 2022 – CoC Council Meeting
 - c. September 12, 2022 – CoC Special Meeting, 2022 HUD CoC Ranking

Motion to approve with request by M. Demers to clarify August 8, 2022 minutes, item number two to replace pronouns with speaker's name.

Motion: Marie Demers, City of Chico
Second: Don Taylor, DESS H&H
Opposed: None
Abstain: None

3. **DHCS Housing & Homelessness Incentive Program (HHIP) – INFORMATION:**

Presenting: Kris Kuntz, Anthem, Inc.

K. Kuntz presented the HHIP Investment Plan and is requesting a CoC letter of support to be included with the Investment Plan submission as required by Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). A meeting was previously held to gain input from CoC on how HHIP funds would best be invested to meet required metrics and support community efforts to address homeless. Through the Investment Plan, health plans must identify potential strategies in the community to meet HHIP program measures over the next 18 months.

Investment Plan:

- CoC infrastructure needs (CES, HMIS/data sharing, Equity) - \$75,000
- Point in Time Count Support - \$40,000
- Increased Street Outreach Services - \$300,000
- Flexible Financial Assistance for Housing Lease Up - \$500,000
- Enhanced Housing Navigation/Services in Shelter - \$500,000

K. Kuntz explained that there is a requirement to support CES, as well as the identified needs from the community. The community identified street outreach services, flexible financial assistance, deposit assistance, move-in costs, and enhanced services as priorities. These priorities are a starting place of total investments. As measures are met, additional dollars can be drawn down from HHIP.

K. Kuntz stated that next steps are to roll out investments and continue to work with community partners to integrate CalAIM services within the homeless response systems, as well as to continue discussion on other potential investments with HHIP incentive dollars. It is critical to obtain CoC letter of support to submit Investment Plan to the State by the end of the month.

Comments:

E. Mayer – With HHIP, there is a potential to bring resources to CoC and service agencies through DHCS and HHIP. The letter of support is a nonfinancial commitment to coordinate with the health plans, correct?

K. Kuntz – Correct, HHIP is Rescue Plan dollars redistributed through the State. The state wants to see the health plans be a bigger part of the homeless system of care and create partnerships with homeless service providers. It is a tool to bring agencies closer together with some dollars than can be earned and put back into the community based on community priorities. This process requires CoC understanding of what investments the health plans intend to make and that there is CoC partnership in the process.

D. Villasenor – In terms of the big picture, how will these dollars roll out into the community, through block grant or reimbursement? What type of partners are you looking for and how will the dollars arrive? Capacity is an issue with a lot of partners, are there dollars to support increasing capacity? Also referencing HMIS/CES budget in the Investment Plan, the amount listed is not sufficient to meet the need.

K. Kuntz – The details of how dollars get out are not available yet. The investments are intended to be made with cut checks, not reimbursed services. The investments outlined are dollars that haven't been earned yet, but the health plans are willing to invest to drive impact on the HHIP measures to recoup some of the dollars invested to make further investments. The details of the grant agreements and contracts have not yet been figured out. For HMIS/CES we can discuss adding more funds, but the figures listed in the Investment Plan came from discussions with Don Taylor and Briana Harvey-Butterfield as an initial starting place.

E. Mayer – The investments returns you reference are not dollars returned, but are social outcomes, correct?

K. Kuntz – The investments returns are performance measures, specifically how many health plan members are being housed by strategic housing investments, flexible housing assistance, and outreach.

B. Harvey-Butterfield – The CoC letter of support will be prepared on CoC letterhead and signature obtained.

E. Mayer - No action item needed because the letter of support is nonbinding, nonfinancial.

4. FY 2022 CoC Program Consolidated Application and Planning Grant - ACTION:

Presenting: Sherry Morgado, Housing Tools

S. Morgado stated that she will be reviewing the Butte CoC Consolidated Application for 2022 Competition and Planning Grant for CoC approval. The Consolidated Application consists of several components: a priority listing of project applications (which was considered and approved by CoC on 9/12), the approved project applications, and The Consolidated Application itself. As a reminder, the Annual Renewal Demand is a total of \$610,611 for renewal projects and Planning Grant funding is \$19,649. HUD uses the Consolidated Application to rank the CoC amongst all other CoCs in the nation. How the CoC scores amongst other CoCs can affect project application funding.

Within the Consolidated Application, HUD changes questions each year to reflect current priorities. HUD requires CoCs to provide evidence of CoCs aligning with HUD priorities. The application has several sections and has been included within the CoC packet: coordination and engagement; project capacity, review, and ranking; HMIS implementation; Point in Time count process and information; Coordinated Entry system performance; coordination with housing and healthcare; description of steps to increase housing supply; and how is the CoC doing with various performance measures. HUD requires the CoC approve Consolidated Application and Planning Grant Application.

Comments:

E. Mayer – Can you run through the projects selected for funding?

S. Morgado – Renewal Projects selected for funding as follows:

1. HMIS Renewal

2. CES Renewal
3. Catalyst Rapid Re Housing Renewal
4. Caminar Base Camp Village Renewal
5. Caminar Avenida Apartments Renewal
6. True North Housing Alliance James Place Renewal
7. Catalyst Cottages TH-RRH Renewal (split between Tier I and Tier II)

S. Morgado stated that last year HUD did not fund Tier II projects and we do not know if funds will be awarded this year. With no further questions, requesting the CoC accept and approve the Consolidated Application and Planning Grant Application as presented in the CoC packet.

A. FY 2022 Consolidated Application

B. FY 2022 Planning Grant

Motion: Marie Demers. City of Chico
Second: Keesha Hills, OSCIA
Opposed: None
Abstained: None

5. COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT – INFORMATION:

Oroville Rescue Mission (ORM)

Presenting: Annie Terry, ORM

A. Terry introduced ORM as one of the first social service agencies in Butte County, established in 1964. ORM started as a soup kitchen, expanded to a men’s shelter, then added a shelter for women and children, recently opened a Resource Center, and also includes a warehouse property. The Board recently voted in a new executive director – Allan Dikes.

A. Terry stated there are three shelters on site: men’s shelter includes 24 bunks and 15 cots with mobile home on the property that houses 9 men in the New Life Recovery Program, the women’s shelter includes 10 bunks and 4 beds for women in the Recovery Program, and 2 rooms for women with children. ORM houses a total of 48 men, 14 women, and 2 families of women and children. ORM also manages 3 shared residences supporting a total of 20 residents.

In August 2021, ORM opened a Resource Center on Bird Street to help move people from homelessness into housing as quickly as possible. A. Terry stated that those accessing services at the resource center do not have to be an ORM client. The resource center houses has an intake coordinator, case manager, and housing navigator; includes a computer lab; and offers referrals to other agencies, clothing vouchers, and snack bags and water as available.

Located at 4248 Lincoln Blvd, ORM has a warehouse property of 1.9 acres. A. Terry stated the intention of the property is to use it as a drop in center, warming and cooling center, and potential location for a pallet shelter. There is also the possibility of future expansion by leasing property behind 4248 and 4250 Lincoln Blvd from the City of Oroville. The development of 4248 Lincoln Blvd will provide other options besides congregate sheltering.

A. Terry stated ORM also offers the New Life Discipleship Recovery Program. This is a fee free, voluntary program with community outreach and service opportunities, as well as vocational and life skills training.

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday Kneads – weekly food box giveaway every Tuesday from 2pm – 4pm at the warehouse. Sign up on site or at the Resource Center.

October 3rd – Thanksgiving food box sign-ups begin. Bring IDs for those over 18 and Medi-Cal card for children to the resource center. Only available to Oroville residents, pick up the Monday before Thanksgiving.

October 20th – Annual Banquet located at 4248 Lincoln Blvd.

Turkey Round-Up: Drop of frozen turkeys, pick up holiday essentials, make a financial contribution.

Dec 24 – Community Christmas dinner and toy give-away 11a -3p, location to be determined.

Comments:

A. Winters – Is the recovery program for both men and women?

A. Terry – Yes, the mobile home on the property houses 9 men and a room in the women’s shelter houses 4. There are vacancies in both.

6. ELECTIONS POLICY AND PROCEDURE – ACTION

B. Harvey-Butterfield stated the Elections Policy and Procedure needs to be reapproved ahead of upcoming elections. Included in the CoC packet is the Policy and Procedure, Election Timeline, and a Sample Member Nomination Form. No recommended changes this year, submitting to the CoC only for approval.

Motion: Don Taylor, DESS H&H

Second: Ann Winters, GCHTF

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

7. COLLABORATIVE APPLICANT AND LEAD AGENCY MOU – ACTION

D. Taylor stated that 3 three years ago on September 18, 2019 the CoC designated County of Butte as the Collaborative Applicant and Lead Agency. The MOU put in place expires this December. If it is the will of the CoC Council, the County of Butte will continue to provide this administrative support. The draft MOU to reestablish another 3 year agreement is included in the CoC packet.

Comments:

E. Mayer – What does it cost the CoC?

D. Taylor – No cost to the CoC. Services are paid for through a braided funding stream from the City of Chico, Department of Behavioral Health, Department Employment and Social Services, and a number of different grants.

D. Villasenor – Can the MOU be longer? 5 or 10 years? Will the County allow for anything longer.

D. Taylor – HUD regulations require reevaluation every 3 years.

Motion: Ann Winters, GCHTF

Second: Brad Brunner, Caminar

Opposed: None

Abstained: Don Taylor, DESS H&H

8. HOMELESS HOUSING, ASSISTANCE AND PREVENTION RFP – INFORMATION

E. Murray provided an update on the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round 3 Request for Proposals (RFP). The RFP will be made available on September 26 on both Public Purchase and the CoC website. There will be two meetings related to the RFP one on October 3 and the other on October 10, invites to be sent out shortly. Applicants should plan to attend both meetings. The County is also looking to assemble a Rank & Review Panel to meet the week of November 7, with holidays and the number of applicants it gets very difficult to assemble to a panel.

E. Mayer – Does this include both renewals and new projects?

E. Murray – Yes.

E. Mayer – What are the eligible uses?

E. Murray - There is funding for emergency shelter operations, case management, street outreach, rapid rehousing, and housing acquisition, to name a few. View the HHAP Round 3 Notice of Funding Availability shows all eligible uses. They will be covered in depth at the October 3 meeting.

E. Mayer – How much can someone apply for?

E. Murray – The RFP is for over \$2.5 million, there is no minimum or maximum amount required in the application. The County is looking for a group of proposals to achieve the outcome goals as required by HHAP3 statute.

K. Hills – When is the application due to the state?

E. Murray – The County has already completed and submitted the application to the State. Once funds are obtained they are made available to service providers through the RFP process. RFP will be released September 26 with a due date to the County of October 31.

E. Mayer – Is this really competitive funds, should everyone be applying? Is this something we have a hard time spending money on?

E. Murray – HHAP 1 and 2 were more flexible and HHAP 3 is more prescribed, however even though there was a late start with HHAP 1 and 2 due to COVID, all agencies have been expending money as contracted.

E. Pereria – Is there a youth set-aside?

E. Murray – Yes, \$391,000.

E. Mayer – These are really important funds, correct?

E. Murray – Yes. If we meet the region's outcome goals we will be eligible to receive bonus funds.

K. Hills – When will funds be distributed?

E. Murray – We are expecting to commence contract in March 2023 with funds following the County reimbursement process.

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

E. Rawlinson stated that the County has been work toward better supporting the community and service providers with case management and data entry. There are trainings for onboarding HMIS users, open office hours every two weeks, and now an ongoing HMIS training site available through the CoC website. The training site is password protected with all HMIS users having access to the password.

Pathway: CoC > HMIS/CES > HMIS Videos/Training

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS – INFORMATION:

Governance Committee – Last met on September 14 to finalize an Equity Policy which will be available for approval during the November All Member Meeting. The Committee also worked on an Appeals Policy which will be available for the November All Member Meeting as well.

HMIS/CES – Last meeting was cancelled due to CoC Special Meeting, the next meeting is in October.

Chronic Homeless – Last met on August 17, S. Storkan presented information on services offered through Behavioral Health. The next meeting is scheduled for October 19 at 130p.

Households with Children – The Committee has not met due to summer break and back to school. The Committee will begin meeting the second Tuesdays of the month at 1pm in October. There is a need for a co-chair and minute taker.

Veterans – The current focus is on the Veteran’s Stand Down at the Chico Elks Lodge occurring September 29 through October 1. The primary focus during the Stand Down are homeless veterans.

Youth Homelessness – Meeting twice a month in preparation for November which is Homeless Runaway Youth Awareness Month.

Point in Time – Committee met on August 24 and will be meeting again September 28.

Equity – Previously known as the LGBTQ+/POC Committee. The Committee met on August 25 and discussed the Equity Policy and reestablishing the committee and ways in which some information can be brought forward to the CoC.

11. COALITION AND JURISDICTION REPORTS/UPDATES – INFORMATION:

Chico – Bringing the Consolidated Annual Performance report to City Council, reporting on use of CDBG and HOME funds.

Greater Chico Homeless Task Force – The theme at the last meeting was healthcare. Ampla, North Valley Harm Reduction Coalition, and Shalom Clinic presented info. GCHTF meets the third Thursday of each month.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEXT MEETING:

Housing Authority received notice that there are 17 new Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers. The local Housing Authority administers a total of 2200 vouchers throughout Butte and Glenn Counties. The vouchers are issued along with the rest of the pool, they are not set aside for any specific purpose. The Housing Authority is looking into setting aside vouchers for homeless youth served by DESS.

*The next CoC Council Meeting will be on Monday **October 17, 2022.***

13. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 2:33 P.M.