



Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

Butte County Continuum of Care Councilmember Minutes

Monday October 17, 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
Ed Mayer, HACB
Emily Pereira, Youth for Change
Eric Smith, City of Oroville
Josh Jamison, Oroville Hope Center
Marie Demers, City of Chico
Marin Hambley, Stonewall
Sarah Frohock, BCDBH
Tami Ritter, BC Board of Supervisors

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

John Mitchell
Keesha Hills, OSCIA
Meagan Meloy, BCOE
Michael O'Brien, City of Chico
Steve Culleton, Town of Paradise

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Alyssa Cozine, Catalyst
Denver Nash, DESS H&H
Taylor Storey, TNHA
Melissa Kopf, LCCoC
MaryJo Alonzo, City of Chico
Theresa Nantor, CHIP
Kathleen Sweeney, Tami Ritter's Office
Jessica Giannola, CHAT
Annie Terry, ORM
Michael Weber, Chico ER
Yesenia Gallegos, CHAT

OTHER ATTENDEES CONT:

Erin Murray, DESS H&H
Melissa Jamison, United Way of Northern California
Jennifer Macarthy, City of Chico
Debbie Villasenor, Housing Consultant
James Wilson, Anthem Blue Cross
Hilary Crosby, Safe Space
Nick Fashing, DESS ASD
Shelly Storkan, BCDBH
Teri DuBose, Congressman LaMalfa's Office
Nancy Jorth, Youth for Change
Josiah Vasey, Butte-Glenn 211
Monica Soderstrom, BCPH
Lorena Reed, BCDBH
Carnella Marks, Restoring Our Community
Nicole Drummond, CHAT
Shelby Boston, DESS
Andrea Mox, Stonewall Alliance
Ian Clement, DESS H&H
Larry Langwell, VECTORS
John Zepeda, Butte County VSO
Caitlin Davis-Rivers, CHAT
Wendy Lo, DESS H&H
Brian Boyer, CAA
Jaymee McLaughlin, CUSD
Shelly Miller, Children and Families Commission
Susan Roll, CSU Chico
Carolyn Neeley Chesser, Community Connect
Codie McCormack, Caminar
Lori LaRiviere, MD, Intentional Sustainable Wellness
Samantha Davis, Ampla Health
Leslie Johnson, CHAT
Lauren Kennedy, North Valley Housing Trust
Melys Jerez, United Way of Northern California

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 1:03 P.M. This meeting is being recorded. 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. September 19, 2022 – CoC Council Meeting

Request by D. Taylor to amend minutes, Council Member Michael O’Brien was listed as both present and absent. Minutes to be updated to mark him as absent.

Motion: Ed Mayer, HACB
Second: Marie Demers, City of Chico
Opposed: None
Abstain: Anastacia Snyder, Catalyst and Marin Hambley, Stonewall Alliance

3. **COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT – INFORMATION:**
Catalyst Domestic Violence Services
Presenting: Alyssa Cozine, Catalyst

A. Cozine presented on Catalyst services as October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The mission of Catalyst is “to reduce the incidence of intimate partner violence through crisis intervention, community education, and the promotion of health relationships”. Catalyst offers safe, confidential, and free services to those in need of support with intimate partner abusive relationships. An intimate partner relationship can be with a current or former partner, those that live or lived together, have a child in common, or are or have engaged in a sexual relationship. All services are voluntary but encouraged as one size does not fit all, requirements diminish power and control, survivors are the experts in their relationships, and survivors can make their own decisions, and services are trauma informed.

Catalyst provides the following services:

- 24-hour Hotline – Hotline has trained domestic violence counselors that provide crisis assistance, safe housing, safety planning, referrals, and resources.
- Counseling Services - Free and confidential, no insurance required, available for adults and children (12+). Services are offered in Oroville, Chico, and Paradise and in person, video, and over the phone.
- Drop in Offices - Oroville 1931 Arlin Rhine Dr , 532-6427 and Chico 330 Wall St. Suite 10, 343-7711.
- Legal Advocacy - Support with attaining temporary restraining orders and accompanying participants scheduled to appear in court.
- Law Enforcement Advocacy – Advocates communicate with law enforcement to assign advocate as soon as possible after a domestic violence incident occurs, assist in accessing police reports, and follow up with responding officers.
- Housing Programs

- Emergency – HAVEN. Confidential housing up to 6 months, crisis counseling, resources for education and training/employment
- Short term stabilization via Rapid Re-housing Program.
- Transitional – Cottages. Confidential housing for 12 – 18 months in a self-sufficiency program for those that are employed or in an education program.
- Long term stabilization via Housing First Program. Landlord/property manager advocacy, deposit assistance.
- Prevention and Outreach Program. Presentations to adults and youth, community events, professional trainings, social media.

Ways to Get Involved:

- October 20 - wear purple to promote awareness of domestic violence.
- October 2022 (all month) - coffee sleeve campaign.
- October 15 - Safe HAVEN Showcase. Formally “Love Is” showcase.
- October 4 - Flowers on the Creek to honor those that have lost their lives to intimate partner violence.

Comments:

E. Mayer – to what degree is Catalyst invested in HMIS?

A. Snyder – as a domestic service provider, Catalyst is exempt from participation in HMIS for confidentiality reasons. Catalyst does have an HMIS comparable database so comparable data can be tracked. This database does have a coordinated entry system as well.

4. CHICO PALLET SHELTER UPDATE – INFORMATION:

A. Abney-Bass provided an update regarding the Pallet Shelter. October 17 started another set of enforcements at Windchime Park. At the time there were 61 units available at the pallet shelter and open beds at the Torres Shelter. Because the available number of beds more than twice exceeded the amount of people experiencing homelessness expected to seek shelter, the enforcement was allowed.

The Pallet Shelter is receiving continued input from the Community Council comprised of those that resided at the site for a minimum of 30 days. The Council meets monthly.

The Pallet Shelter has launched a mail program at the site to receive their mail. The site continues to have Butte County Departments of Behavioral Health and Employment and Social Services onsite. A large number of people are engaging case management and many residents have gotten work since arriving at pallet shelter. The Mobile Medical Unit, laundry and shower services, and animal clinic continue to provide services. In the near future, at the request of those residing at the shelter, Narcotics Anonymous will be conducting meetings.

Comments:

J. Giannola – Will the mail service be available to those that do not reside at the Pallet Shelter?

A. Abney-Bass – This is for residents only, other will continue to be able to use General Delivery.

J. Giannola – After people leave, how long can they receive mail?

A. Amber-Bass – Mail will be held for 14 days and then returned to sender if not collected. This timeframe aligns with the amount of time personal belongings will be held if people do not return to the shelter.

Comments:

E. Mayer – How are most people locating the shelter? Through 211, referrals, etc?

A. Abney-Bass – There are two ways into the shelter as a result of the settlement agreement, as a result of enforcement efforts or non-enforcement efforts. Through non-enforcement, people can call the outreach and engagement phone line to be placed on the Shelter Interest List. There are currently over 600 logged calls (not unique individuals) requesting outreach and referral to the shelter. The outreach team goes out in order of call list and completes assessment for referral.

5. HOMELESS HOUSING, ASSISTANCE AND PREVENTION (HHAP) – INFORMATION:

E. Murray provided an update on HHAP. The HHAP Round 3 Request for Proposals (RFP) is currently in process with the Notice of Intent due October 18 by 5pm to hhsupport@buttecounty.net.

The HHAP Round 4 application has been made available and is a very similar process to HHAP Round 3. As a reminder, the CoC Council elected last year to allocate HHAP Round 4 CoC funds to the County for a joint application.

Comments:

E. Mayer – What are the current HHAP proposals and activities?

E. Murray – Currently cannot speak to any current proposals as the RFP process is confidential until recommendations are made by the HHAP Rank & Review Committee.

E. Mayer – What about for HHAP-1 and HHAP-2?

E. Murray – CHAT, Catalyst, Youth for Change, and True North Housing Alliance received HHAP-1 and/or HHAP-2 funds. These funds support CHAT and Everhart Village, True North Housing Alliance and the construction at the Torres Shelter, as well as Youth for Change and Catalyst with outreach programs.

C. Marks – How descriptive do we need to be on the Letter of Intent?

E. Murray – The Notice of Intent is one sheet available on Public Purchase and CoC website and requests a very brief description as well as agency information.

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

E. Murray provided a reminder that CoC Council elections are approaching. All CoC election material will be provided by the end of October with elections taking place at the All Member Meeting in November.

E. Murray also stated that the Point in Time committee is in full swing and looking for membership to assist with changes in processes and survey for the upcoming 2023 PIT.

W. Lo announced the Open House for Butte County Department of Employment and Social Services' Navigation Center on October 19 from 9a – 11a. The open house will provide opportunity to tour the facility and meet the team.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS – INFORMATION:

Governance: E. Murray reported that during the meeting last week the committee work on an Appeals Process to have ready for All Member Meeting in November.

HMIS/CES: S. Frohock reported the last meeting went over criteria for at risk of Chronic Homelessness to be used for the No Place Like Home project integrating into Coordinated Entry. E. Rawlinson created flow chart for the process that will be available in a future CoC meeting.

Households with Children: J. McLaughlin reported that committee discussed coordination of services related to families returning from Covid back into education system. Committee discussed providing assistance with gathering necessary documentation for families to request family support.

Veterans: J. Zepeda reported that the Standdown at the End of September at the Elks Lodge. A total of 222 veterans were served with 23 of those identifying as experiencing homelessness. The next Standdown is already being planned. The committee is also in the process of choosing Chair and Vice-Chair at next meeting on October 26 from 2p – 3p.

Youth Homelessness: E. Periera reported preparing for November activities and fundraising for Youth Runaway Homeless month, once available a list will be sent out to the CoC.

Point in Time: E. Murray reported the next meeting 10/26 at 3p.

Equity Committee: W. Lo stated that the committee is still being established. The next meeting, via zoom is October 20 and more information will be provided at the next CoC meeting. If you'd like to join, reach out to Wendy Lo.

Chronic Homeless: S. Storkan reported the next meeting is Wednesday October 19 via Zoom. The committee has been sharing resources between agencies that participate in the committee.

8. COALITION AND JURISDICTION REPORTS/UPDATES – INFORMATION:

Chico Coalition: A. Winters stated last month the meeting focus was on people experiencing homelessness accessing assistance with health services – more than hygiene. This month the topic is youth runaway and homeless youth.

Oroville Coalition: J. Jamison reported no updates at this time.

Board of Supervisors: Supervisor Ritter reported no updates at this time, but wanted to provide a reminder of the importance of representation from both County and City.

City of Oroville: E. Smith no updates at this time.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEXT MEETING: *The next CoC All Member Meeting will be on Monday November 14, 2022.*

10. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 P.M.