



# Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

**Monday, March 20, 2023, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**Council Member Meeting**

**Butte County Employment & Social Services**

**Zoom Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83254305164?pwd=aEFSL3dERFR5NEVTL0g3NGxEcWpkQT09>

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**COC COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Amber Abney-Bass	Ed Mayer	Jennifer Macarthy	Sarah Frohock
Anastacia Snyder	Emily Pereira	Marie Demers	Steve Culleton
Ann Winters	Ian Clement	Marin Hambley	Tami Ritter
Brad Brunner	Josh Jamison	Meagan Meloy	Tracy Johnstone
Briana Harvey-Butterfield	Keesha Hills		

**CoC Coordinator:** Erin Murray

**Recording:** Lisa Angle

## AGENDA

- 1) Convene Meeting and Establish Quorum *A. Snyder*
  - A) Virtual Meeting Format. Recording Meeting.
  
- 2) Approval of Minutes – **ACTION** *A. Snyder*
  - A) CoC Council Meeting of June 12, 2023
  
- 3) Community Partner Spotlight - **INFORMATION** *L. Sapien*  
 California Human Development  
 Presenting: Liliana Sapien
  
- 4) Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program (HHIP) Update - **INFORMATION** *G. Wong  
R. Samaha*
  
- 5) CoC HUD Grant Report-Out - **INFORMATION** *Various*
  - A) Butte County DESS
  - B) Caminar
  - C) Catalyst Domestic Violence Services
  - D) True North Housing Alliance, Inc.
  
- 6) Community Successes - **DISCUSSION** *A. Snyder*
  
- 7) Lead Agency, Collaborative Applicant, Administrative Entity Updates – **INFORMATION** *B.H. Butterfield  
E. Murray*
  
- 8) Committee Reports – **INFORMATION** *All*

- 9) Coalition and Jurisdiction Reports/Updates – **INFORMATION** *All*
- 10) Announcements *All*
- 11) Next Regular Meeting – Monday, August 21, 2023: Council Member Meeting  
Special Meetings for 2023 CoC Program Grant Funds to be Announced  
Butte County Department of Employment & Social Services to host Virtual Meeting
- 12) **ADJOURN**



Continuum of Care Meeting  
Virtual Meeting  
July 17, 2023 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

## CoC Agenda Item #2:

## Approval of Minutes:

- A) June 12, 2023 CoC Council Meeting



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## Butte County Continuum of Care

### Councilmember Minutes

Monday - June 12, 2023

1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Zoom Meeting Hosted by: Butte County Employment & Social Services

#### **COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Amber Abney-Bass, Jesus Center  
Anastacia Snyder, Catalyst  
Keesha Hills, OSCIA  
Brad Brunner, Caminar  
Ed Mayer, HACB  
Sarah Frohock, DBH  
Emily Pereira, Youth for Change  
Ian Clement, Hope Cooperative  
Jennifer Macarthy, City of Chico  
Marie Demers, City of Chico  
Meagan Meloy, BCOE

#### **COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Ann Winters, Catalyst  
Briana Harvey-Butterfield, DESS H&H  
Tami Ritter, BC Board of Supervisors  
Marin Hambley, Stonewall  
Tracy Johnstone, City of Oroville  
Steve Culleton, Town of Paradise  
Josh Jamison, Oroville Hope Center

#### **OTHER ATTENDEES:**

Kevin Thompson, OSCIA  
Mary Alonzo, City of Chico  
Tracey Gillihan, Butte/Glenn 211  
Susan Roll, CSU, Chico  
Nicole Drummond, CHAT  
Tim Hawkins, CAA  
Wendy Lo, DESS H&H  
Matt McCoy, VSO  
Shelly Storkan, DBH  
Monica Soderstrom, Public Health

#### **OTHER ATTENDEES CONT:**

Amie Decker, Nation's Finest  
Michael Weber, Chico Enterprise-Record  
Nikki Balboa, VA  
Alise Pugh, DESS CSD  
Lorena Reed, BCDBH  
Debbie Villasenor, Housing Consultant  
Patrick Telles, Legal Services of Northern California  
Shelly Miller, First 5 Butte  
Rayna Bryson, DESS  
Brianna Scott, Aegis Treatment Center  
Mary Neuman, Passages  
Carnella Marks, ROC  
Tara Sullivan-Hames, Butte/Glenn 211  
Tiffany Danger, BCOE  
Charles Withuhn, North State Shelter Team  
Daniel Celis, Butte College  
Mary Kay Benson, Butte County Shelter for All  
Scott Kennelly, DBH  
Amy Bergstrand, City of Oroville  
Sherry Morgado, Housing Tools  
Kaitlyn Sherrill, DESS H&H  
Yesenia Gallegos, CHAT  
Caitlin Davis-Rivers, CHAT  
Samantha Raschka, Ampla Health  
Jay Coughlin, DESS H&H

**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 Anastacia Snyder, Chairperson at 1:02pm. Roll call of the council members was conducted a quorum established. This meeting is being facilitated by Anastacia Snyder and the meeting is being recorded.

### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – ACTION**

A motion was made to approve the following minutes as presented.

- a. May 22, 2023 – CoC Council Meeting Minutes

Motion: Marie Demers  
Second: Jennifer McCarthy  
Opposed: None opposed  
Abstain: Emily Pereira

### **3. 2023 POINT IN TIME EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - INFORMATION/ACTION**

**Presenting: Sherry Morgado, Housing Tools**

Erin Murray provided an overview of the process which occurs between the completion of the Point in Time and the release of the Executive Summary. After the PIT is complete, Simtech collects the data and removes test surveys/duplicates, then DESS reviews and sorts raw data. Following the sorting, specific data is submitted to HUD. After the PIT and Housing Inventory Count data is submitted, Housing Tools then reviews and sorts the jurisdiction specific data and community specific questions to begin drafting the Executive Summary.

Sherry Morgado presented and reviewed the 2023 Point in Time Executive Summary with the CoC Council and provided the following highlights:

- 1,237 surveys collected between sheltered and unsheltered individuals experiencing homelessness.
- Households without children accounted for 84% of the households, adults with children accounted for 12% of households and 4% households consisting only of children were counted
- Countywide, 47% of respondents or 580 people were unsheltered on January 24, 2023. In the Gridley, Biggs area and the Ridge Area 100% of respondents were unsheltered. In addition 65% of those counted in Oroville were unsheltered. In Chico 40% of respondents were unsheltered, a figure that has dropped from 44% in 2022.
- There are 379 individuals who are chronically unhoused or 32% of the total count. This reflects an ongoing decrease from what was reported in 2017 when 49% of respondents met the definition but a slight increase from 2022 when 28% of respondents met the definition.

- Survey responses show that 368 people or 30% of respondents were unhoused for the first time. The figures were especially pronounced in the Ridge Area and Gridley/Biggs area where the total potential respondents were 64% and 42% respectively.
- 7% of the respondents identified themselves as American Indian/Alaskan Native. This group is disproportionately impacted by homelessness relative to their overall proportion of the population countywide, which is 2.7% according to the U.S Census 2022 population estimates.
- There were 157 individuals ages 0-24 surveyed of which 64 were transition-aged youth (ages 18-24). Forty-three children under the age of 5 were counted, along with 34 children ages 5-12 and 16 children ages 13-17. 85% of all youth counted were in Chico.

The CoC adopted its methodology for the 2023 PIT Survey in the November 2022 CoC Meeting. Included in the Appendices of the 2023 PIT Executive Summary is the CoC memo outlining the adopted methodology as well as a copy of the PIT surveys.

Sherry Morgado reviewed the 2023 PIT Survey data tables with the CoC Council, the data tables included:

- Total Number of Unhoused People
- Household Make-up
- Demographics
- Nighttime Habitation
- Chronic Homelessness
- First Time Unhoused
- Disabling Conditions
- Causes of Homelessness
- Barriers to Permanent Housing
- Residency
- Education
- Income and Housing
- Veteran Status
- Domestic Violence
- Youth
- Legal System Involvement
- Moving Forward as a Community

The 2023 PIT Executive Summary will be uploaded onto the CoC Website and emailed to of the CoC membership immediately following the meeting.

Anastacia Snyder, Chairperson asked for questions from the CoC Council and the CoC membership. There was one question regarding data for children 0-5. The data included in the Executive Summary for children is not broken down by age.

A motion was made to approve the 2023 PIT Executive Summary as presented.

a. 2023 PIT Executive Summary

Motion: Ed Mayer  
Second: Keesha Hills  
Opposed: None  
Abstain: None

**4. DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION TRAINING AND PRACTICE LAB INTRODUCTION - INFORMATION**

**Presenting: Mercedes Frierson, ACTION to Healing, LLC.**

Mercedes Frierson provided an overview and introduction to the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Training/Practice Lab to be provided in a 4 month series which starts on July 7, 2023. The training series is July 7, 2023, August 31, 2023, September 28, 2023 and October 26, 2023. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Training topics will be as follows:

- The Intersection of Racism & Homelessness
- Trauma Informed Care Homeless Service Delivery
- Implicit Bias Thinking & Bias Behaviors
- Cultural Humility as Harm Reduction

**5. LEAD AGENCY, COLLABORATIVE APPLICANT, ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY UPDATES – INFORMATION**

Erin Murray announced an opportunity for HMIS. Butte Countywide Homeless CoC will be a part of an advanced user group through Cloudburst technical assistance. Butte County, as the HMIS lead, was selected as one of the twelve agencies to participate due to how successful the CoC has been in utilizing HMIS.

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS – INFORMATION**

- Governance Committee –Erin Murray states the committee is still working on the Rapid Rehousing Policy and will be meeting again to finalize the policy.
- HMIS Coordinated Entry Committee – June meeting cancelled and next meeting is in July.
- Households with Children – Meeting first Tuesday everyone month at 1pm by zoom. Working on back to school event planning to collect backpacks, school supplies, etc. An event will be held at the Boys and Girls Club in Chico and Paradise in early August.
- Chronic Homelessness Committee – Haven't met since last CoC Meeting. Next meeting June 21, 2023 at 1:30pm. If interested in being member email Shelly Storkan or Lorena Reed.
- Youth Homelessness Committee – Haven't met since last CoC Meeting. Next meeting June 14, 2023 at 12:30pm by zoom.
- Veterans Committee - Not in attendance to report.
- Household Items Group - Met on June 1st and developed a draft procedure. Started a process on how to open up a fund with the North Valley Community Foundation and currently working on making up a name for the

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fund. Once name of fund is determined the flyer will be developed and sent to everyone in August or September. Next meeting is July 20th and if anyone would like to attend send email to Jay Coughlin.

- Equity Committee - First Equity Committee Meeting will be June 29, 2023 2pm to 4pm. Invites to be sent out.

**7. COALITION AND JURISDICTION REPORTS/UPDATES – INFORMATION:**

- No Coalition/Jurisdiction Reports provided

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- None

**9. NEXT MEETING – Monday July 17, 2023**

Butte County Department of Employment & Social Services to host Virtual Meeting

**10. ADJOURNMENT:**

Anastacia Snyder, Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 2:56pm





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# CoC Agenda Item #5:

# CoC HUD Grant Report-Out:

- A) Butte County DESS
- B) Caminar
- C) Catalyst Domestic Violence Services
- D) True North Housing Alliance, Inc.

# CoC Program Grant Annual Report-Out

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# Butte County Department of Employment and Social Services

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- Coordinated Entry System
- Homeless Management Information System
- Planning Grant



# Butte County DESS

## Coordinated Entry System (CES)

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Calendar Dates of Service:

01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023

Amount Awarded: \$36,241.00

Amount Expended: \$18,121.00

Project Goal(s): To support Coordinated Entry enrollment costs.

Progress Made Toward Project Goal(s): 291 CE enrollments completed by Help Central this calendar year.

Note: Grant to be fully expended by end of calendar year.



# Butte County DESS

## Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

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Calendar Dates of Service: 01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023

Project Goal(s): To support HMIS administration and application costs.

Amount Awarded: \$144,080.00

Amount Expended: \$32,705.59

Progress Made Toward Project Goal(s): 18 agencies, over 100 programs.

Challenges: Significant operational costs.

Note: Grant to be fully expended by end of calendar year.



# Butte County DESS

## Planning Grant

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Calendar Dates of Service: 01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023

Project Goal(s): To support CoC grant activities.

Amount Awarded: \$22,248.00

Amount Expended: \$9,118.00

Challenges: High level administrative activities.

Progress Made Toward Project Goal(s): Funds have been used to support contract with Housing Tools for 2023 Point in Time Report and 2023 CoC Program Grant process.

Note: Grant to be fully expended by end of calendar year.





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- Avenida Apartments – Supportive Housing Project
  - Base Camp Village – Supportive Housing Project



## **Avenida Apartments -Supportive Housing Project**

**Calendar Dates of Service:** October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023

**Amount Awarded:** \$87,981

**Amount Expended:** \$65,985.75

### **Project Goal(s):**

1. Provide housing to a minimum of 14 consumers per year.
2. Maintain length of stay of a minimum of 2 years





## **Avenida Apartments -Supportive Housing Project**

### **Positive Outcomes:**

1. We have a stable tenant population.
2. We are at full occupancy.
3. Many of the tenants have participated in our Vocational Training programs. Some of the tenants have participated in our Jobs Plus programs and were placed in community employment.

### **Progress Made Toward Project Goal(s):**

1. We housed 17 individuals at the end of FY 2022/2023 Q4.
2. The average length of stay at the end of FY 22/23 Q2 was 4.65 years. The Q3 report has not been finalized by the county as of this report.



## Avenida Apartments -Supportive Housing Project

### **Challenges:**

The biggest challenge we have is maintaining tenants in the only 2-bedroom unit on the property. It is difficult for 2 individuals who do not know each other to live in the same unit without conflict.

### **Additional Needs to Expand or Continue Funding:**

We would like to remodel the only 2-bedroom unit into two studio apartments. We are working with Debbie Villasenor on this goal.



## **Base Camp Village - Supportive Housing Project**

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**Calendar Dates of Service:** October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023

**Amount Awarded:** \$86,718

**Amount Expended:** \$86,718

**Project Goal(s):**

1. Provide housing to a minimum of 12 consumers per year (based on current program capacity).
2. Maintain average length of stay of a minimum of 2 years.



## **Base Camp Village - Supportive Housing Project**

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### **Positive Outcomes:**

1. We achieved our goal of an average length of stay of 2 years at the end of our third year of operation.
2. We obtained our goal of serving at least 12 individuals each year of operation.
3. Many of the tenants have participated in our Vocational Training programs.
4. Some tenants have participated in our Jobs Plus programs and were placed in community employment.

### **Progress Made Toward Project Goal(s):**

1. At the end of Q4 we housed 14 individuals.
2. At the end of Q3 we hit our goal of an average length of stay of 2 years.
3. We achieved our goal of 2 year average stay in our 3rd year of operation.



## **Base Camp Village - Supportive Housing Project**

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### **Challenges:**

The flooring that was installed during construction is coming up and must be replaced. We have replaced the flooring in the manager's office and five of the units.

### **Additional Needs to Expand or Continue Funding:**

We still need to replace the flooring in the community room, the meeting room and seven of the units. The challenge is the cost and replacing the flooring while the tenants are still living in their unit.

The landscaping of BCV needs renovation to control the abundant weed growth and property accessibility for the tenants and staff.

# Catalyst Domestic Violence Services

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- Cottages – Transitional Housing/Rapid Re-Housing
- Rapid Re-Housing

# Catalyst Domestic Violence Services

Project Name: Cottages TH/RRH

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**Calendar Dates of Service:** 10/1/22-9/30/23

**Amount Awarded:** \$110,843

**Amount Expended:** So far we have expended \$56,293.91

**Positive Outcomes:**

- 8 households in stable housing with TH/RRH and leveraging other funds (RRH and DVHF)
- Increase Cottage participant engagement
- Updates to documents

**Challenges:**

- Project start date changed 3 months after the original start date.
- HUD FMR versus Butte County Payment Standards

**Project Goal(s):**

- Provide advocacy for transitional housing program (The Cottage Program) households.
- Increase capacity for our Rapid Rehousing (RRH) by 3 households.
- Hire one FTE Housing Coordinator.

**Progress Made Toward Project Goal(s):**

- Hired FTE Housing Coordinator
- Increased capacity for RRH by 5 households
- Providing consistent advocacy to Cottage Program households.

# Catalyst Domestic Violence Services

Project Name: Rapid Re-Housing

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**Calendar Dates of Service:** 7/1/22-6/30/23

**Amount Awarded:** \$95,765

**Amount Expended:** By 6/30/2023 we will expend \$95,765

**Project Goal(s):**

- Provide deposits, rental assistance, and supportive services for up to 24 months for a minimum of 5 households that are survivors of intimate partner violence.

**Progress Made Toward Project Goal(s):**

- As of 6/2/2023 have assisted 15 households with supportive services, a security deposit and/ or ongoing rental assistance.
- 3 households currently searching for housing

**Positive Outcomes:**

- No participant in our program has been evicted
- Housing Habitability Standards Inspections done by Housing Coordinators expedites housing timeline
- HHAP3 funds added a Housing Navigator who has access to RRH dollars to support survivors of domestic violence staying in order emergency shelters.

**Challenges:**

- Staff turnover and new hire training
- Emergency Housing Vouchers impacts on RRH dollars spent
- HUD FMR versus Butte County Payment Standards



# True North Housing Alliance, Inc.

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- James Place – Permanent Supportive Housing Program

# True North Housing Alliance

## James Place – Permanent Supportive Housing Program

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Calendar Dates of Service: 9/01/2022 – 8/31/2023

Amount Awarded: \$48,983

Amount Expended: \$31,275.64

**Positive Outcomes:** successfully housed 17 individuals since program inception; increased skill development, practice and individual access of social service programs; existence of the program reduces homelessness in Butte County.

**Challenges:** It is difficult to secure tenants for the program due to the specific criteria required for program participation (chronically homeless, veterans with mental illnesses). We will continue to refine our recruitment efforts and use of CES.

Project Goal(s):

1. To help tenants obtain and remain in permanent housing;
2. Help participants increase skills and/or income, and;
3. To help tenants increase self-sufficiency.

Progress Made Toward Project Goal(s):

In this contract year, 3 individuals have remained successfully housed at James Place and continue to work with case managers to maintain their housing and practice skills essential to maintaining housing.