



## Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

### Butte County Continuum of Care

#### Councilmember Minutes

Monday - July 17, 2023

1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Zoom Meeting Hosted by: Butte County Employment & Social Services

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

Ann Winters, Catalyst  
Anastacia Snyder, Catalyst  
Keesha Hills, OSCIA  
Briana Harvey-Butterfield, DESS H&H  
Ed Mayer, HACB  
Tami Ritter, BC Board of Supervisors  
Emily Pereira, Youth for Change  
Ian Clement, Hope Cooperative  
Jennifer Macarthy, City of Chico  
Marie Demers, City of Chico  
Tracy Johnstone, City of Oroville  
Josh Jamison, Oroville Hope Center

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

Sarah Frohock, BCDBH  
Brad Brunner, Caminar  
Marin Hambley, Stonewall  
Amber Abney-Bass, Jesus Center  
Steve Culleton, Town of Paradise  
Meagan Meloy, BCOE

#### **OTHER ATTENDEES:**

Kevin Thompson, OSCIA  
Mary Jo Alonzo, City of Chico  
Tracey Gilliam, Butte/Glenn 211  
Susan Rolls, Chico State  
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 First  
Melissa Jamison, United Way of Nor Cal  
Nikki Balboa, VA  
Leslie Johnson, CHAT  
Bob Irvine, New Beginnings Housing Foundation  
Debbie Villasenor, Housing Consultant  
Conner Wenzel, Stonewall Alliance  
Shelly Miller, First 5 Butte  
Rayna Bryson, DESS  
Angie Little, HACB  
Mary Neuman, Passages  
Garrett Wong, California Health and Wellness  
Tara Sullivan-Hames, Butte/Glenn 211  
Annie Terry, ORM  
Charles Withuhn, North State Shelter Team  
Taylor Storey, TNHA  
Josh Jamison, Oroville Hope Center  
Codie McCormack, Caminar  
Carnella Marks, Restoring Our Community  
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  
Eduardo Abarca, Ampla MMU  
Troy McClanahan, DESS H&H  
Ann Winters, Catalyst  
Shelby Boston, DESS  
Hilary Crosby, Safe Space  
Pahua Thao, DESS H&H  
Liliana Sapien, CA Human Development

**July 17, 2023**

Butte County Employment and Social Services

Page | 2

Carolina Cruz, Catalyst	Sherrise Allen, BC Admin
Rebecca Samaha, Anthem	Dee Price, DESS H&H
Jolene Hausman, BC Child Abuse Prevention Council	Stefen Spirk, CAA
Nancy Jorth, YFC	Elisa Rawlinson, DESS H&H
Bow Rice, BCDBH	
Jesica Giannola, CHAT	

**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 conducted by Ed Mayer, First Chair and a quorum was established. This meeting is being facilitated by Ed Mayer, First Chair and the meeting is being recorded.

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

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

a. June 12, 2023 – CoC Council Meeting Minutes

Motion: Jennifer McCarthy  
Second: Tracy Johnstone  
Opposed: None opposed  
Abstain: Briana Harvey-Butterfield

### **3. COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT - INFORMATION**

#### **Presenting: Liliana Sapien California Human Development**

Liliana Sapien provided an overview of the California Human Development, a private non-profit serving Northern California. The California Human Development implements the National Farm Workers Jobs Program, job search and training services for farm workers and dependents. There are requirements to be eligible for this program and a phone screening can be completed to determine eligibility. The program provides assistance for short term vocational training such as truck driving, welding and medical assistant. The program provides limited support services, including a one-time rental assistance, one-time utility assistance and transportation assistance as needed.

Liliana Sapien further stated the California Human Development receives various grants throughout the fiscal year. The USDA Relief Grant is currently being implemented and is a one-time \$600 payment to eligible farm workers. There have been grants received for temporary employment programs, as well as funds to provide temporary employment for victims of the Camp Fire. CARES funding provided rental assistance for 3 months for eligible families. California Human Development Flyer and link will be sent out by Erin Murray to everyone.

The California Human Development Chico office provides services to all of Butte, Tehama and Glenn Counties. There is a mobile unit that travels to Yreka and rural areas to provide services.

#### **4. HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS INCENTIVE PROGRAM (HHIP) UPDATE - INFORMATION**

Rebecca Samaha, Anthem provided Housing and Home Incentive Program Overview:

- HHIP is a 2 year voluntary incentive program for Dept of Health Care Services for Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans to earn funds by developing partnerships and addressing homelessness.
- Anthem and California Health and Wellness have been working with CoC on HHIP over 18 months. The CoC helped support the Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans with reporting and the Managed Care Plans have made initial investments.
- Anthem Blue Cross and California Health and Wellness worked with the CoC to host listening sessions with the community to identify potential gaps and needs.
- CoC signed a letter of support for the Managed Care Plans investment plan and submitted to the State in September in 2022. The area of focus for the investment plan where: Increased Street Outreach Services for \$300,000, Flexible Financial Assistance for Housing Lease Up for \$400,000 and Enhanced Housing Navigation/Services in Shelter for \$500,000 which all aligned with the HHIP metrics.
- CoC Review and Ranking Committee supported the RFP process and reviewed applications and made recommendations to the Managed Care Plans.
- Managed Care Plans committed to investments into the CoC infrastructure.

Garret Wong, California Health and Wellness continued on with overview of the HHIP funded partnerships and next steps:

- HHIP funded partnerships with: Department of Employment and Social Services, Chico Housing Action Team, Community Action Agency, Help Central Inc., Home + Heart, Jesus Center, Oroville Rescue Mission, Oroville Southside Community Improvement Association Inc., Safe Space Winter Shelter and True North Housing Alliance.
- HHIP Investments in CoC Activities:
  - HHIP investments to Butte County for the following:
    - PIT Count Incentives and other PIT Count costs
    - Staffing costs for Coordinated Entry and Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) costs.
    - HMIS license fees for Managed Care Plan staff
- Investment to support CoC Racial Equity trainings and facilitator.
- HHIP last reporting period ends 10/31/23 with final report due to the state in December.
- Anthem and California Health and Wellness are exiting Butte County on 12/31/23 and Partnership Health Plan entering as the new Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan.

#### **5. COC HUD GRANT REPORT OUT – INFORMATION**

Erin Murray, CoC Coordinator reminded everyone that at the all member CoC meeting in May the new policy for CoC Program Grant Report Outs was adopted and today is the first annual report out.

Erin Murray, CoC Coordinator reviewed the annual report out for Butte County DESS Coordinated Entry System (CES) as of June 30, 2023:

- Coordinated Entry for dates of service 1/1/23 - 12/31/23
- Amount Awarded: \$36,241.00 Amount expended: \$18,212.00
- Project Goals: To support Coordinated Entry enrollment costs
- Progress made toward project goals:
  - 291 CE enrollments completed by Help Central this calendar year
- Grant to be fully expended by end of calendar year

Erin Murray, CoC Coordinator reviewed the annual report out for Butte County DESS Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) as of June 30, 2023:

- Homeless Management Information System for dates of service 1/1/23 - 12/31/23
- Amount Awarded: \$144,080.00 Amount expended: \$32,705.00
- Challenges: Significant operational costs
- Project Goals: To support HMIS administration and program costs
- Progress made toward project goals:
  - 18 agencies
  - Over 100 programs
- Grant to be fully expended by end of calendar year

Erin Murray, CoC Coordinator reviewed the annual report out for Butte County DESS Planning Grant as of June 30, 2023:

- Planning Grant for dates of service 1/1/23-12/31/23
- Amount awarded: \$22,248.00 Amount expended: \$9,118.00
- Challenges: High level administrative activities
- Project Goals: To support CoC grant activities
- Progress made toward project goals:
  - Funds used to support contract with Housing Tools for 2023 Point in Time report
  - 2023 CoC Program Grant Process
- Grant to be fully expended by end of calendar year

Codie McCormack, Caminar reviewed the annual report out for Avenida Apartments - Supportive Housing Project:

- Avenida Apartments for dates of service 10/1/22-9/30/23
- Amount awarded \$87,981.00 Amount expended \$65,985.75
- Challenges: Maintaining tenants in the only 2 bedroom unit due to 2 individuals who don't know each other to live in the same unit without conflict.
- Project Goals: Provide housing to a minimum of 14 consumers per year and maintain length of stay of a minimum of 2 years.
- Progress made toward project goals:
  - Housed 17 individuals at the end of FY 2022/2023 Q4

- Average length of stay at the end of FY 2022/2023 Q2 was 4.65 years. The Q3 report has not been finalized by the county as of this report.
- Positive outcomes:
  - Have a stable tenant population
  - Full occupancy
  - Many tenants participated in Vocational Training Programs. Some tenants participated in Jobs Plus Program and placed in community employment.
- Additional needs to expand or continue funding:
  - Remodel the only 2 bedroom unit into 2 studio apartments.

Codie McCormack, Caminar reviewed the annual report out for Base Camp Village - Supportive Housing Project:

- Base Camp Village for dates of service 10/1/22-9/30/23
- Amount awarded: \$86,718.00 Amount expended: \$86,718.00
- Challenges: Flooring installed during construction coming up and needs to be replaced. Flooring replaced in the manager's office and five units.
- Project Goals: Provide housing to 12 consumers per year and maintain average length of stay of minimum of 2 years.
- Progress made toward project goals:
  - End of Q4 housed 14 individuals
  - End of Q3 goal was met for 2 year average length of stay
  - 2 year average stay in 3rd year of operation
- Positive outcomes:
  - Achieved goal of average length of stay of 2 years
  - Achieved goal of serving at least 12 individuals at the end of 3rd year of operation
  - Tenants participating in Vocational Training Programs
  - Tenants participating in Jobs Plus Programs and placed into community employment
- Additional needs to expand or continue funding:
  - Replace flooring in community room, meeting room and 7 units
  - Renovation of landscaping at Base Camp Village to control abundant weed growth and property accessibility for tenants and staff

Carolina Cruz, Catalyst reviewed the annual report out for Cottages TH/RRH:

- Cottages for dates of service 10/1/22-9/30/23
- Amount awarded: \$110,843.00 Amount expended: \$56,293.91
- Challenges: HUD FMR versus Butte County Payment Standards and project start date delayed 3 month from original start date
- Project Goals: Provide advocacy for the Cottage Program households, increase capacity of rapid rehousing by 3 households and hire 1 FTE Housing Coordinator
- Progress made toward project goals:
  - Hired FTE Housing Coordinator
  - Increased capacity for RRH by 5 households
  - Providing consistent advocacy to Cottage Program Households

**July 17, 2023**

Butte County Employment and Social Services

Page | 6

- Positive outcomes:
  - 8 households in stable housing with TH/RRH and leveraging other funds
  - Increase Cottage participant engagement
  - Updates to documents

Carolina Cruz, Catalyst reviewed the annual report out for Rapid Re-Housing:

- Rapid Re-Housing dates of service 7/1/22-6/30/23
- Amount awarded \$95,765.00 Amount expended by 6/30/23 \$95,765.00
- Challenges: Staff turnover and new hire training, emergency housing vouchers impacts on RRH dollars spent and HUD FMR versus Butte County Payment Standards
- Project Goals: Provide deposits, rental assistance and supportive services for 5 households for 24 months who are survivors of intimate partner violence.
- Progress made toward project goals:
  - As of 6/2/23 assisted 15 households with supportive services, security deposit and/or ongoing rental assistance
  - 3 households currently searching for housing
- Positive outcomes:
  - No participant evicted
  - Housing Habitability Standards inspections done by Housing Coordinator expedites housing timeline
  - HHAP3 funds added a Housing Navigator with access to RRH dollars to support survivors of domestic violence staying in order emergency shelters

Erin Murray, CoC Coordinator reviewed the annual report out for James Place - Permanent Supportive Housing Program on behalf of True North:

- James Place dates of service 9/1/22 - 8/31/23
- Amount awarded \$48,983.00 Amount expended \$31,275.64
- Challenges: Difficult to secure tenants due to criteria requirement and will continue to refine recruitment efforts and use CES
- Project Goals: Help tenants obtain and remain in permanent housing, help participants increase skills and income and help tenants increase self-sufficiency.
- Progress made toward project goals:
  - 3 individuals remained successfully housed and continue to work with case managers to maintain housing and practice skills essential to maintaining housing.
- Positive outcomes:
  - Housed 17 individuals
  - Increased skills development, practice and access to social service programs.
  - Program reduces homelessness in Butte County

## **6. COMMUNITY SUCCESSES - DISCUSSION:**

Erin Murray, CoC Coordinator stated this item was added as an agenda item for any agencies who would like to share any community success stories within their agency or within the population the agency serves. All names and identifying information will need to be excluded when sharing the success story with the CoC.

Annie Terry, ORM shared a new program opened up called Permanent Supportive Housing (Round About Housing) and along with HHIP funds was able to place 8 people into housing and the goal is to house 12 people by the end of the October 2023.

Ed Mayer, HACB shared the Prospect View Apartments are under construction and will be available to house 25 individuals experiencing homelessness.

Debbie Villasenor, Housing Consultant shared DESS was successful in applying for and being awarded Encampment Funds. The Encampment Funds along with Prospect View will be a resource for permanent housing for the homeless population. The Coordinated Entry system will be utilized to refer individuals to access permanent housing from 2 encampments located in Oroville and Gridley. Encampment Funds will be used to enhance some supportive services for some agencies.

Brief discussion on the direct referrals for occupancy into permanent housing and the process of referrals in Coordinated Entry.

Ed Mayer, HACB shared there are several new housing opportunities coming on line in Chico, Oroville, Gridley and Orland. Sunrise Village Apartments in Gridley is a 37 senior unit and are now actively leasing. Sunrise Village Apartments is a section 8 voucher program and there is currently a waiting list. Riverbend Apartments in Oroville is a 72 family unit and are currently leasing. Mitchell Avenue Apartments is a senior property in phase 2 for 35 units in Oroville. North Creek Crossing Apartments in phase 1 in Chico and is virtually leased. Tonea Way is a 104 unit senior project in north Chico and is leasing for Phase 1.

Elisa Rawlinson, DESS shared a client who was sleeping in the park recently connected with her. This client started with the HDAP program in 2018 and throughout that process the client worked with 8 different CoC agencies. As a result this client has went from sleeping in the park to obtaining a loan to purchase a home and to have it built.

Nicole Drummond, CHAT announced finishing the 3rd purchase of a condo that families will be moving into which were able to be secured by the deposits from the CoC and the 20th cabin has been delivered to Everhart Village.

## **7. LEAD AGENCY, COLLABORATIVE APPLICANT, ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY UPDATES - INFORMATION:**

Briana Harvey-Butterfield, DESS stated in August the PIT Longitudinal Report for years 2009 through 2023 will be available soon.

Briana Harvey-Butterfield, DESS announced the NOFO for 2023 CoC competition has been released. A few meetings will be set up for the NOFO:

- July 31, 2023 Review of NOFO, review/ranking procedures and reallocation process
- September 5, 2023 special meeting scheduled for CoC approval of project ranking.

Briana Harvey-Butterfield will continue to monitor the HCD website for the ESG Balance of State to be released.

Briana Harvey-Butterfield, DESS shared the team has been successful in securing some Encampment Resolution funding which totals a little over \$1 million and the intent is to serve 34 households at 2 identified encampments within the County jurisdiction. Briana further stated will be partnering with Pacific West Communities and North Valley Catholic Social Services to provide ongoing case management.

Erin Murray, CoC Coordinator stated HHAP Round 4 request for proposals is on schedule to be released in the fall 2023. HHAP Round 5 application will be available by the end of September 2023.

## **8. COMMITTEE REPORTS - INFORMATION**

Chronic Homelessness - Shelly Storkan announced Caitlin Patterson, CHAT attended the meeting on June 21, 2023 and gave a presentation on Everhart Village. Next meeting is August 16, 2023 at 1:30pm.

HMIS/CES - Elisa Rawlinson announced the HMIS/CES software system has been opened up to share more information with other agencies. The responsibilities for the HMIS Lead and the HMIS Lead Agency were reviewed. A list of goals was created to be completed by the committed in the next 6 months which includes updating HMIS/CES policies and procedures, updating data quality plan and security plan.

Equity - Erin Murray announced Jessica Gianola was nominated as Chairperson and Jolene Hausman as Vice-Chairman. The first session of the Diversity, Inclusion and Equity training will be July 27, 2023.

Youth Homelessness - Next meeting is August 9, 2023 at 12:30pm. Planning for Homeless Youth Awareness Month in November and Youth Advisory Council.

Governance - Erin Murray announced the last scheduled meeting was cancelled and next meeting is August 9, 2023 at 10am. If interested connect with Erin.

Households with Children - No one available to update.



Veteran's - Matt McCoy announced last meeting was July 7, 2023 and had a stand down update from Dr. LaRiviere along with the results of the Spaghetti feed fundraiser. Information regarding Veteran's Justice Outreach was provided another presentation will occur on August 16, 2023.

Household Items - Jay Coughlin met 7/17/23 with the North Valley Community Foundation for working on the fundraiser flyer. The flyer will be given to their graphics team to put something together for distribution. Next meeting July 20, 2023 from 3 to 4 if interested send Jay an email.

## **9. COALITION AND JURISDICTION REPORTS/UPDATES - INFORMATION**

Greater Chico Area Homeless Task Force - Some Exec team members met to discuss how to encourage and get engagement from community members.

Greater Oroville Homeless Coalition - Josh Jamison announced 2 staff members of the Hope Center who have been unhoused for a while have obtained permanent housing. Working on getting more City government involved in the coalition. Grateful for the collaboration of all agencies to meet the needs of our community.

Tami Ritter, BOS - Library funding has been secured for one more year and if there are organizations who are dependent on the library being kept opened then it is time for the CoC or member organizations to become involved in this discussion.

City of Chico - Jennifer Macarthy announced the City of Chico is working on an application with co-applicant the Jesus Center through the Home Key Program to provide permanent supportive housing units in Chico.

City of Oroville - Amy Bergstrand announced contract for Oroville Pallet Project and an update will be taken to the City Council meeting on 7/18/23. If anyone is interested the meeting starts at 4pm.

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

## **10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

No Announcements.

- 11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING - Monday August 21, 2023: SPECIAL MEETING - CoC Program Grant Funds to be Announced**  
Butte County Department of Employment & Social Services to host Virtual Meeting

## **12. ADJOURN:**

Ed Mayer, Vice Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 2:23pm