



## Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

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#### All Member Meeting Minutes

Monday - November 13, 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  
Sarah Frohock, BCDBH  
Briana Harvey-Butterfield, DESS H&H  
Ed Mayer, HACB  
Tami Ritter, BC Board of Supervisors  
Amber Abney-Bass, Jesus Center  
Meagan Meloy, BCOE  
Jennifer Macarthy, City of Chico  
Marie Demers, City of Chico  
Brad Brunner, Caminar

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

Keesha Hills, OSCIA  
Ian Clement, Hope Cooperative  
Josh Jamison, Oroville Hope Center  
Marin Hambley, Stonewall  
Tracy Johnstone, City of Oroville  
Steve Culleton, Town of Paradise

#### **OTHER ATTENDEES:**

Hilary Crosby, Safe Space  
Yesenia Gallegos, CHAT  
Mary Jo Alonzo, City of Chico  
Tracey Gillihan, Butte/Glenn 211  
Susan Rolls, Chico State  
Nicole Drummond, CHAT  
Jessica Giannola, CHAT  
Tara Sullivan-Hames, Butte/Glenn 211

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

Pahua Thao, DESS H&H  
Troy McClanahan, DESS H&H  
Amy Bergstrom, City of Oroville  
Angie Little, HACB  
Annie Terry, Oroville Rescue Mission  
Debbie Villasenor, Housing Consultant  
Arlyn Beneke, BC Grand Jury  
Austin Herbaugh, DESS PIO  
Rayna Bryson, DESS  
Christina Swint, BC Probation  
Debbie Villasenor, Housing Consultant  
Don Taylor, Willow Wellness  
Elisa Rawlinson, DESS H&H  
Erin Kennedy, Boys and Girls Club  
Erin Murray, DESS H&H  
Erin Spasbo, DESS H&H  
Gabrielle Beck, DESS H&H  
Gail Corneto, BC Grand Jury  
Isabel Alaniz-Alvarado, DESS H&H  
Jaymee MacLaughlin, CUSD  
Jennifer Wilking, CSU Chico  
Joelle Chinnock, CA Conf of SDA  
Kenneth Huenink, DESS H&H  
Lorena Reed, BDBH  
Mary Kay Benson, Butte County Shelter  
Nick Fashing, DESS ASD  
Monica Soderstrom, Public Health  
Shelly Storkan, DBH  
Matt McCoy, VSO

**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 Ed Mayer, Vice-Chairperson at 1:02pm. Roll call of the council members conducted by Erin Murray, CoC Coordinator, a quorum was established. This meeting is being facilitated by Ed Mayer, Vice-Chairperson, the meeting is being recorded.

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

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

- a. September 18, 2023 - CoC Council Meeting Minutes

Motion: Briana Harvey-Butterfield  
Second: Brad Brunner  
Oppose: None  
Abstain: None

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

#### **Jesus Center - Renewal Center/Presenting: Amber Abney-Bass**

Amber Abney-Bass, Jesus Center, stated the Renewal Center has been open for 2 months. The Renewal Center has 14 non-congregate rooms for families which have efficient floor plans with a private kitchen, private restroom and a full bedroom. It took 3 weeks to fill up the 14 rooms and those rooms predominately filled up with clients who were previously living in their vehicles. Those eligible to have a room must have a minor child. There were 3 families who started at the renewal center and within 3 weeks. The Renewal Center has been full since September 13 and it is anticipated the Renewal Center will continue to be full.

Amber Abney-Bass, Jesus Center stated the Jesus Center is working with the Department of Employment and Social Services Housing Support Program (HSP) team to develop a recently acquired 4 unit property which will allow transitional housing for six months for people once they move out of non-congregate Renewal Center. This would allow for a bridge housing program for people who are not quite ready for permanent housing.

Referrals to the Renewal Center are self-referrals only. The Renewal Center is a low barrier housing first model. Sobriety, drug testing or alcohol testing does not preclude people from obtaining a room.

Brief discussion held on garden opportunities for families, Camp Fire Families and donation opportunities for the Renewal Center.

### **4. GENESIS SHELTER UPDATE - INFORMATION**

Amber Abney-Bass, Jesus stated there are currently 218 people at the Genesis Shelter, formally Pallet Shelter, and there are still people coming in, staying and getting housed. Amber Abney-Bass provided a brief overview of how the Genesis Shelter received its name.

**5. COUNCIL MEMBER NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS - ACTION ALL VOTING MEMBERS**

Erin Murray, CoC Coordinator stated included in the agenda packet is a memo and the nomination forms for 6 Council seats for terms ending on December 31, 2023. There were 6 nominations made to fill the terms ending and one nomination to fill a vacated seat for the remainder of the vacated term.

Nominations for CoC Council Seats:

- Amber Abney-Bass representing Emergency Shelter
- Brad Brunner representing Affordable Housing Developer
- Sarah Frohock representing Mental Health Service Organization
- Briana Harvey-Butterfield representing Employment and Social Services Organizations
- Angie Little representing Public Housing Authorities
- Matthew McCoy representing Veterans Services

Nomination to fill vacated seat to fulfill the remainder of the term:

Josh Indar representing Youth Homeless Organizations and Youth Advocates to fill Emily Pereira’s vacated seat.

Erin Murray, CoC Coordinator reviewed the Council members whose terms will be ending as of December 31, 2023 and reviewed the seats that are available.

A motion was made to accept the nominations and approve the 6 nominations for CoC Council Seats listed above and to appoint Josh Indar to fill the vacated seat to serve the remainder of the term.

- Motion: Tami Ritter
- Second: Meegan Meloy
- Oppose: None
- Abstain: Briana Harvey-Butterfield, Brad Brunner, Sarah Frohock, Amber Abney-Bass

**6. GOVERNANCE UPDATE - ACTION ALL VOTING MEMBERS**

**Policy and Procedure: Rapid Rehousing**

Erin Murray, CoC Coordinator stated over the past several months the Governance Committee has been working on revising the CoC Policy and Procedures specifically the Rapid Rehousing written standards. Per HUD guidelines the CoC has to adopt a Rapid Rehousing Guideline that aligns with the HUD standards.

Erin Murray, CoC Coordinator reviewed and explained the Rapid Rehousing Policy and Procedures.

The voting for the Rapid Rehousing Policy and Procedures will be by survey monkey. The eligible voters are the CoC Council Member and all voting members. All voting was completed the Rapid Rehousing Policy and Procedure was passed as presented.

## **7. HMIS/CES UPDATE - ACTION ALL VOTING MEMBERS**

### **Policy and Procedure: HMIS**

Elisa Rawlinson, DESS H&H reviewed and explained the HMIS Policies and Procedures. The HMIS Policies and Procedures presented to the CoC have been approved by the HMIS Committee on November 2023.

The voting for the HMIS Policy and Procedures will be by survey monkey. The eligible voters are CoC Council Members and all voting members. All voting was completed and the HMIS Policy and Procedures was passed as presented.

## **8. 2024 COC MEETING CALENDAR - INFORMATION**

Erin Murray, CoC Coordinator presented the 2024 CoC Council Meeting Schedule to the CoC.

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

Briana Harvey-Butterfield, DESS H&H announced if any CoC members have not RSVP for the next Regional Homeless Planning Symposium to be held on December 4, 2023, please do so. The panel discussion will include community members with living experience of homelessness. There was a survey link sent out to all CoC members regarding if anyone has had a lived experience of homelessness, please share the link with others in the community to see if anyone would be willing to participate as a panelist.

Briana Harvey-Butterfield, DESS H&H announced new staff Wendy Cumberland, Housing Navigator Supervisor and Gabrielle Beck, Housing Navigator.

Briana Harvey-Butterfield, DESS H&H announced a sheltered Point in Time (PIT) will be conducted this year. The HMIS/CES Committee along with the Housing Team will be taking the lead to get the information set up in HMIS. Starting on January 23, 2024 the PIT information gathering will start. The Housing Inventory Count (HIC) forms will be sent out to all agency CHO starting in early January.

Briana Harvey-Butterfield, DESS H&H stated the housing team is working on data clean up in HMIS as it pertains to the Longitudinal Systems Analysis LSA).

Kenny Huenink, DESS H&H announced the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round 4 Request for Proposal (RFP) will be released on November 14, 2023 and will available on [www.publicpurchase.com](http://www.publicpurchase.com). The RFP will also be on the CoC website. There will be orientation meeting that will be recorded and made available for those unable to attend.

## **10. COMMITTEE REPORTS - INFORMATION**

Chronic Homelessness - Shelly Storkan stated the committee has not met since last CoC meeting. The next meeting is December 20, 2023 if anyone is interested. Contact information in chat.

HMIS/CES - Elisa Rawlinson stated the committee has been working on the HMIS data standards, LSA, HIC and the upcoming PIT. The committee will not be meeting in December the next meeting will be in January

Equity - Jesica Giannola stated there has not been a meeting. Jesica shared how beneficial the Equity Diversity training had been and can't wait to share what has been learned.

Youth Homelessness - Meegan Meloy shared November is Runaway Prevention Month and Youth Homeless Awareness month. There are several activities going on this month with a candle light vigil on Friday outside of Chico City Council Chambers. Proclamations from the local governmental agencies identifying November as Runaway Prevention Month and Youth Homeless Awareness.

Governance - Erin Murray stated the CoC will be meeting in December and will be looking at what the next year will look like.

Households with Children - Meagan Meloy stated this committee meets on the 1st Tuesday of every month and is chaired by Jamie McLoughlin. If anyone is interested in back packs there are several at BCOE if anyone is interested. Contact Meagan by email if interested.

Veteran's - Matt McCoy stated last meeting was on November 8, 2023. Primary discussion held on how to work together on difficult cases. The committee will continue this discussion at the next meeting December 20, 2023.

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

Oroville Homeless Coalition - None

Greater Chico Homeless Task Force - Hilary Crosby stated this committee is having a hard time meeting.

City of Chico - Mary Jo Alonzo stated the dates for the HUD, CDBG and HOME Planning grants for next fiscal year will be posted on the City of Chico's website when available. All information will be shared via the CoC listserv.

City of Oroville - None

City of Paradise - None

Board of Supervisors - Supervisor Ritter stated it might very advantageous for the CoC to have a presentation to the BOS midway through the year from the Butte County Behavioral Health as it pertains to the California Mental Health Services Act. Senate Bill 326 and Assembly Bill 531 went through and their proposing a bond for Behavioral Health facilities and Veteran's Housing rolled all together as Prop 1. If Prop 1 passes, Butte County would lose almost of the funding for Early Intervention and Prevention services and would be required to provide housing that can't be created due to funding. The impact of this Proposition will be detrimental if it goes through. Supervisor Ritter would like the CoC to use the first part of 2024 to educate members on Proposition 1 before it gets on the ballot.

## 12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Teri DuBose announced via chat the Bear Fire Long Term Recovery Group is having a Thanksgiving dinner served on 11/20 for households affected by the Bear Fire. Time and place to be announced.

Hilary Crosby announced Safe Space is hosting an education session On November 14, 2023 3pm to 4:30pm with Legal Services of Northern California at the CHAT office in the Mission Ranch area. The session is to be on towing rights.

Hilary Crosby announced starting up the winter shelter on December 17, 2023, more information to be distributed soon. Safe Space is still looking for winter shelter locations, any ideas let Hilary know. New Program Coordinator Lauren Kennedy.

Debbie Villasenor announced closing of construction loans with partners for Oleander Community Housing off of Esplanade, this is for Butte County No Place Like Home Round 4 and final allocation. There will be 38 units for this project with one being a manager's unit and 15 will be 1-bedroom units for No Place Like Home. 22 Units will be studio and 1 one-bedroom units to serve all individuals experiencing homelessness. It is anticipated the construction will be completed by end of December 2024.

Scott Kennelly, BCBH announced 3 RFPs out for providers. One for the sobering center in Chico, one for 40 bed mental rehabilitation center and one for board and care. A grant has been received to provide board and care funds for clients and BCBH is looking to provide at least 50 board and care beds in Butte County. BCBH is also applying for Felony Incompetent to Stand Trial Housing Grant which will be able to provide 50 more Felony Incompetent to Stand Trial board and care beds or motels to house clients.

## 13. UPCOMING MEETING -

Monday December 18, 2023 Council Member Meeting  
Butte County Department of Employment & Social Services to host Virtual Meeting

## 14. ADJOURN:

Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 2:08pm

Motion: Brad Brunner  
Second: Anastacia Snyder  
Oppose: None  
Abstain: None

Meeting adjourned at 2:08pm.