



Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

**Butte County Continuum of Care
Special Council Member Meeting Minutes
Monday – September 16, 2024 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
Virtual Meeting - Butte County Employment & Social Services**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Amber Abney-Bass, Jesus Center
Josh Indar, BCOE
Tracy Johnstone, City of Oroville
Brad Brunner, Caminar
Anastacia Snyder, Catalyst
Ann Winters, Catalyst
Jennifer Macarthy, City of Chico
Briana Harvey-Butterfield, DESS
Sarah Frohock, BCDBH
Tami Ritter, BC Board of Supervisors
Matthew McCoy, VSO

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Angie Little, HACB
Keesha Hills, OSCIA
Ian Clement, Hope Cooperative
Josh Jamison, Oro Hope Center
Steve Culleton, Town of Paradise
Meagan Meloy, BCOE

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Amy Bergstrom, City of Oroville
Anita Michniuk, Home & Health Care
Bryce Galvan, NVCSS
Brittanie Paxman, Jordan Crossing Ministries
Debbie Villasenor, Housing Consultant
Dallas Gordon, CHAT

OTHER ATTENDEES CONT:

Elisa Rawlinson, DESS
Kenneth Huenink, DESS
Elvert Richardson, City of Chico
Erin Kennedy, Boys and Girls Club
Lisa Torres, OSCIA
Heidi Clarke, CHAT
Jessika Allen, Safe Space
MaryJo Alonzo, City of Chico
Kim Decker, Nation's Finest
Mary Neuman, Passages
Monica Soderstrom, Public Health
Nancy Jorth, Youth for Change
Megan Zeller, DESS
Michael Wright, DESS
Shelly Miller, First 5
Rayna Bryson, DESS
Scott Kennelly, BCDBH
Shelly Storkan, BCDBH
Tim Hawkins, Butte CAA
Yesenia Gallegos, CHAT
Tracey Gillihan, Butte/Glenn 211
Wendy Lo, DESS
Eduardo Abarca, Ampla MMU
Jaymee McLaughlin, CUSD
Jennifer Zellers, 6th Street Center for Youth
Halle Brown, NCIHA

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 Amber Abney-Bass, Chairperson at 1:02pm. Roll call of the council members was conducted and a quorum established. This meeting was facilitated by Amber Abney-Bass Chairperson and the meeting recorded.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – ACTION

Motion - to approve the meeting minutes for August 19, 2024 as presented.

Note: Greater Chico Homeless Coalition to be removed from agenda item #8 Coalition and Jurisdiction Reports

a. August 19, 2024 – CoC Meeting Minutes

Motion: Brad Brunner
Second: Tracy Johnstone
Oppose: None
Abstain: None

3. COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: JORDAN CROSSING MINISTRIES – INFORMATION

Presenting: Brittnie Paxman

B. Paxman, Jordan Crossing, presented an overview on the services provided by Jordan Crossing Ministries/the 2nd Step. B. Paxman reviewed the following:

- Who they are
- Who they serve
- Services provided
- Vocational training opportunities
- Individualized support services

Brief discussion held on services.

4. ELECTIONS POLICY AND PROCEDURE - ACTION

E. Murray, CoC Coordinator, stated prior to the upcoming elections the Elections Policy and Procedure must be approved by Council. There are minor changes this year.

Changes:

1. Notice to New Council Members of Term Change
 - a. All newly elected Council Members will serve a three-year term.
 - b. Any Council Member that previously served a total of three two-year teams will be eligible to serve an additional three-year term to align with the new term maximum of nine years.
2. Nomination Form –the eligible service areas now include Tribal Nations or Indigenous Entities.

E. Murray stated that the Sample Timeline in the packet would be updated and provided to CoC Membership if approved by Council.

Motion - to approve the Elections Policy and Procedures with the noted changes

Motion: Anastacia Snyder
Second: Tami Ritter
Oppose: None
Abstain: None

5. CoC BUILDS NOFO APPLICATION AND RANKING PROCESS – ACTION

E. Murray, CoC Coordinator, reviewed the CoC Builds application and ranking process and timelines. This is a two part application process, first an internal application to be reviewed and ranked by CoC Review and ranking Committee, second the selected application (after approval from CoC Council) would prepare the final application to be submitted to HUD via grants.gov and the Lead Agency. E. Murray reviewed the FY 24 CoC Builds NOFO memo included in the agenda packet.

Internal timelines:

- Applications due September 27, 2024
- Rank and Review tentatively scheduled for October 2, 2024 – with recommendations brought to Continuum of Care (CoC) on October 21, 2024.
- Final application is due to Housing and Urban Development by Thursday November 21, 2024 by 8:59:50pm Pacific Time

E. Murray reviewed and explained the FY 24 Continuum of Care Builds Application

- General Information
- Funding Availability
- Eligible Applicants
- Directions
- Local Application – the fillable version will be sent out via email
- Continuum of Care Builds Scoring Criteria
- HUD application guidelines will be sent out for complete information on the application.

Motion - to approve the FY 24 CoC Builds NOFO Application and Ranking Process.

Motion: Brad Brunner
Second: Tracy Johnstone
Oppose: None
Abstain: None

E. Murray asked if anyone from an agency not applying is interested in serving on the Review and Ranking Committee to contact her.

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

B. Harvey-Butterfield, DESS, stated per the Housing and Community Development NOFA calendar, the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Balance of State NOFA is scheduled to be released in December 2024.

B. Harvey-Butterfield stated the CoC Program application deadline was Friday September 13, 2024 and the review of those project applications are currently in process. The next step is to approve the project applications which will be done at a Special CoC Meeting on September 30, 2024. Meeting invites to be sent out.

E. Rawlinson, DESS, stated a lived experience survey will be sent out to everyone on September 17, 2024. The Consolidated Application requires information on how many people with lived experience are in the CoC. The lived experience survey is optional and anonymous.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS – INFORMATION

Governance Committee – E. Murray announced if anyone is interested in joining Governance there is a meeting on September 25, 2024 at 1pm. The committee is working on reviewing the Governance Charter.

HMIS/CES Committee – E. Rawlinson announced the committee is working on creating a new Privacy and Security Policy for HMIS which the Committee intends to present to the CoC during the November All Member meeting. The next project the committee will be working on is creating the Data Quality Plan.

Households with Children – J. McLaughlin announced First 5 is now apart of the Department of Employment and Social Services. First 5 had 5 family centers open in August 2024. The Community Action Agency is now participating in the Butte Cares Program which will assist with enhanced case management. Multiple agencies hosted back to school events which include school supplies and community booths. An additional back to school event was scheduled specifically for the Park Fire Survivors with the help of CoC agencies. The committee has discussed Parenting classes/supports as it pertains to the family resource centers.

Chronic Homelessness – S. Storkan announced there is a meeting on September 18, 2024 and Horizon Treatment Services Sobering Center will be doing a presentation.

PIT Committee – E. Murray stated that the Committee continues to meet regarding PIT planning. The next meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2024 from 3pm to 4pm if anyone is interested in joining.

Equity Committee – Reconvene in January 2025

Youth Homelessness – J. Indar announced that the committee will be working on the upcoming annual Homeless Youth Awareness month.

Veteran's – M. McCoy announced that Stand Down information was shared and a fundraiser was held on August 23, 2024.

8. COALITION AND JURISDICTION REPORTS/UPDATES - INFORMATION

Tami Ritter, BOS – Supervisor Ritter announced First 5 moving under the Department of Employment and Social Services. Supervisor Ritter stated she was able to attend all of the Family Resource Center openings. The County also had a meeting with representatives from U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness and Housing and Urban Development. The group took a tour around Butte County to discuss how local disasters have impacted homelessness.

City of Chico – MaryJo Alonzo stated the City of Chico Housing Department is presenting the end of the year federal funding at the Chico City Council meeting on September 17, 2024. A community meeting is scheduled for October 24, 2024 at 6pm. to obtain feedback from the community on how the City of Chico spends HUD Funds. The 5-year plan is being worked on. There will be additional information on the City of Chico Website.

City of Oroville – No report

City of Paradise – No report

Oroville Homeless Coalition – No report

Greater Chico Homeless Task Force – Not currently meeting.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. Snyder stated in an Executive Committee meeting there was some concerns relating to the post Newsom mandate of clearing up all the encampments. The concerns were about how would this mandate could affect the CoC and funding sources. HHAP funding was a specific cause for concern and one of the strategies was to connect with jurisdictions. The Executive Committee met with City of Chico and discussion was held. City of Chico expressed their commitment to maintain the Genesis Shelter through the current term until January 2027 and a commitment of keeping the Alternative Site open until the end of 2024. T. Johnstone, stated City of Oroville still looking on the impacts Newsom’s mandate will have in Oroville.

A. NEXT MEETING – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2024: SPECIAL COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING Butte County Department of Employment & Social Services – Virtual Meeting

B. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 2:20pm.