



Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

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Council Member Meeting Minutes

Monday – February 10, 2025 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Virtual Meeting Hosted by: Butte County Employment & Social Services

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Angie Little, HACB
Josh Indar, BCOE
Amber Abney-Bass, Jesus Center
Tracy Johnstone, City of Oroville
Anastacia Snyder, Catalyst
Briana Harvey-Butterfield, DESS
Keesha Hills, OSCIA
Brad Brunner, Caminar
Heidi Lange, Town of Paradise
Tami Ritter, BC Board of Supervisors
Ann Winters, Catalyst
Jennifer Zellers, Youth for Change
MaryJo Alonzo, City of Chico
Matthew McCoy, DESS VSO
Jennifer Macarthy, City of Chico

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sarah Frohock, BCDBH
Brittnie Paxman, Jordan Crossing
Josh Jamison, Oroville Hope Center
Angel Calderon, City of Gridley

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Maisue Thao, Butte College
Debbie Villasenor, Housing Consultant
Amy Bergstrand, City of Oroville
Mary Neuman, Passages

OTHER ATTENDEES CONT:

Tracey Gillihan, Butte/Glenn 211
Brian Boyer, CAA
Shelly Storkan, BCDBH
Charles Withuhn, North State Shelter Team
Amie Decker, Nation's Finest
Hilary Crosby, Safe Space
Jay Coughlin, DESS
Kelly Doty, Wayfinder Family Services
Kenny Huenink, DESS
Nancy Jorth, Youth for Change
Tara Sullivan-Hames, Butte/Glenn 211
Rayna Bryson, DESS
Pamela Beeman, Chico Interfaith Council
Lisa Torres, OSCIA
Leslie Heino, CHAT
Wendy Lo, DESS
Kelly Doty, Wayfinder Family Services
Elisa Rawlinson, DESS
Christopher Robins, North Valley Housing Trust
Gene Azparren, Public Health

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 A. Abney-Bass, Chairperson at 1:00pm. Roll call of the council members conducted and a quorum established. This meeting is being facilitated by Amber Abney-Bass Chairperson and the meeting is virtual.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – ACTION

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes for January 13, 2025 with the following correction: remove Steve Culleton from the list of Council due to being replaced by Heidi Lange.

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Motion: Tracy Johnstone
Second: MaryJo Alonzo
Oppose: None
Abstain: Jennifer Macarthy

3. COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: YOUTH FOR CHANGE – INFORMATION

Presenting: Nancy Jorth

N. Jorth, Youth for Change, presented on the services provided at Youth for Change and providing statistics of youth served. N. Jorth also provided information about Host Homes and the 20th Annual Prom Project. Flyers will be sent out to CoC membership after the meeting.

4. 2025 POINT IN TIME – INFORMATION

E. Murray, CoC Coordinator, provided a brief update on the 2025 unsheltered Point in Time (PIT). E. Murray extended a thank you to everyone who volunteered for the PIT. There were a record number of volunteers, with 170 providing support the day of the event. A huge shout out to all the agencies who provided staff time, physical locations, and a variety of other assistance. Those agencies included:

Butte County Office of Education
Butte Environmental Council
Caminar
Chico Housing Action Team
City of Oroville
City of Chico
Community Action Agency
Department of Veterans Affairs
Enloe Medical Center
Goldyn Gloves Cleaning
Gridley Lion's Club
Help Central

Home and Heart
Legal Services of Northern California
Nation's Finest
North State Shelter Team
Northern Circle Indian Housing Authority
Northern Valley Catholic Social Services
Oroville Hope Center
Oroville Southside Community Improvement Association
True North Housing Alliance
Youth for Change
Butte County Board of Supervisors, Behavioral Health, Development Services Employment and Social Services,
Public Health, Human Resources and the Library.
Members of the Community

All information collected will be compiled to be submitted to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. A full report will be made available to the CoC in late spring or early summer.

5. HOMELESS HOUSING, ASSISTANCE AND PREVENTION PROGRAM ROUND 5 – INFORMATION

E. Murray, CoC Coordinator, announced the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round 5 funds are being made available shortly via a request for funds. The intent of the HHAP funds is to continue to provide local jurisdictions with funds to support regional coordination and to expand or develop local capacity to address immediate homelessness challenges.

With the execution of the Standard Agreement from the State, the County is making \$3,085,000.00 in HHAP Round 5 funds available. All interested in submitting a proposal the following dates (subject to change) are important:

- RFP Release – Monday March 10, 2025
- Virtual RFP Orientation – Monday March 24, 2025 (time TBD)
- Notice of Intent Due – Tuesday April 1, 2025
- Proposals Due – Monday April 28, 2025
- Awards – Monday May 12, 2025
- Contract Commencement Date – Tuesday July 29, 2025

Following the County's request for proposals process, the documents will be posted through Public Purchase and also will be posted on the CoC website; an email will also go out to the CoC list-serv. Please sign up through Public Purchase to access all funding opportunities offered through the County.

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

B. Harvey-Butterfield, DESS, recognized the recent Executive Orders which may affect the CoC. DESS will continue to monitor and report any changes that may occur as it pertains to the Executive Orders. The CoC will continue to uphold and sustain established standard practices and any required changes will be in coordination with the CoC.

B. Harvey-Butterfield announced that Homeless Management Information System trainings are resuming with the PIT being completed.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS – INFORMATION

Governance Committee – E. Murray stated the committee will be meeting on February 26, 2025 at 1pm. If anyone would like to join contact E. Murray.

HMIS/CES Committee – E. Murray stated the last meeting was cancelled and the committee will be meeting in March.

Households with Children – B. Boyer stated the committee is trying to highlight community agencies to present at each meeting. At the last committee meeting, Chico Housing Action Team provided information on what they are doing to house families with children in the community. Committee meetings are the first Tuesday of every month at 1pm. Everyone is welcome and contact him if interested.

Chronic Homelessness – S. Storkan stated the next meeting is March 19, 2025 from 1:30pm to 2:30pm, contact S. Storkan with any questions.

PIT Committee – J. Coughlin stated final committee meeting was last Wednesday to recap on how things went this year. Thank you to everyone who participated. The next committee meeting will be in February 2026.

Equity Committee – E. Murray stated there has been a Chair and Vice Chair identified for this committee. The committee will have their first meeting on March 19, 2025 at 1pm via Teams. The committee will be meeting the first Wednesday of every other month after the March 19, 2025 meeting.

Youth Homelessness – J. Indar continue to meet second Wednesdays at 1pm. Nothing new to report. Next meeting is in a few days.

Veterans – None

8. COALITION AND JURISDICTION REPORTS/UPDATES - INFORMATION

Butte County Board of Supervisors – Supervisor Ritter announced the Board will be confirming the new Director of Public Health, Monica Soderstrom, at the February 11, 2025 meeting. Also on the agenda is the project closeout for phase 2 Table Mountain multi-family project at 10:30am

Greater Oroville Homeless Coalition – None

City of Chico – None

City of Oroville – None

City of Paradise – None

City of Gridley – None

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

J. Indar announced he is doing outreach to shelters and housing to collect information on the impacts and effectiveness of McKinney-Vento locally. If any agency provides housing, please contact Josh for a flyer.

C. Withuhn announced the North State Shelter Team received their National Humanitarian award last week.

T. Sullivan-Hames stated tomorrow is February 11, which is national 211 day. Some staff members will be on Action News Now at noon and they will be celebrating staff all week.

10. NEXT MEETING – MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2025: In Person COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING Butte County Department of Employment & Social Services – Virtual Meeting

Note: the next meeting is a Special Meeting scheduled for February 24, 2025 at 1pm via Zoom. Updated information was shared via email through the CoC list-serv.

11. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 1:45pm.