



Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

**Butte County Continuum of Care
Council Member Meeting Minutes
Monday – March 10, 2025 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
In Person Hosted by: Butte County Employment & Social Services**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Anastacia Snyder, Catalyst
Brad Brunner, Caminar
Ann Winters, Catalyst
Sarah Frohock, BCDBH
Josh Jamison, Oro Hope Center
Tracy Johnstone, City of Oroville
Jennifer Zellers, Youth for Change
Brittanie Paxman, Jordan Crossing
Anastacia Snyder, Catalyst
Brad Brunner, Caminar
Tami Ritter, BC Board of Supervisors

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Matt McCoy, DESS VSO
Anastacia Snyder, Catalyst
Brad Brunner, Caminar
Ann Winters, Catalyst
Sarah Frohock, BCDBH
Josh Jamison, Oro Hope Center
Tracy Johnstone, City of Oroville
Jennifer Zellers, Youth for Change
Brittanie Paxman, Jordan Crossing

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Tracey Gillihan, Butte/Glenn 211
Brian Boyer, CAA
Shelly Storkan, BCDBH
Monica Soderstrom, Public Health
Amiee Decker, Nation's Finest
Nick Fashing, DESS
Norma Abrego, NBHF
Patrick Telles, Legal Services
Phil Wysocki, TNHA
Sandy Alexander, Veteran's Affairs

Sarah Graham, CHAT
Shelly Watson, Jesus Center
Tiffany Rowe, DESS
Tim Danielson, Norcal United Way
Wendy Longwell, Disability Action Agency
Allan Dikes, ORM
Amie Decker, Nation's Finest
Debbie Villasenor, Housing Consultant
Elizabeth Young, CHAT
Jay Coughlin, DESS
Kenny Huenink, DESS
Lisa Torres, OSCIA
Wendy Lo, DESS
Maisue, Thao, Butte College

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 1:05pm. Roll call of the council members conducted and a quorum established. This meeting is being facilitated by A. Abney-Bass and the meeting is in person.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – ACTION

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes for February 10, 2025 and February 24, 2025 meeting minutes.

Motion: Jennifer Macarthy

Second: Tami Ritter

Oppose: None

Abstain: Keesha Hills abstain from February 10, 2025 meeting minutes.

3. COMMITTEE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR UPDATE – ACTION

a. Equity Committee

E. Murray, CoC Coordinator, stated the Equity Committee will resume meetings and the first meeting will be March 19, 2025. Chair and Vice Chair have been identified and will need Council approval:

A motion was made to approve Karen Ramirez as Chair and Brittiney Norman as Vice Chair of the Equity Committee.

Motion: Tami Ritter

Second: Keesha Hills

Oppose: None

Abstain: None

4. CoC POLICY AND PROCEDURE OVERVIEW – INFORMATION

E. Murray, CoC Coordinator, provided an overview of the CoC website, specifically the Governance section which includes links to all CoC policies and procedures. E. Murray continued with an overview of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and Coordinated Entry System (CES) section within the website which includes HMIS and CES related policies and procedures.

Discussion held on the information available on the CoC website.

5. CoC MEMBERSHIP AGENCY UPDATES – INFORMATION

Agency updates were given by the CoC membership agencies in attendance.

Butte County Department of Behavioral Health – Shelly Storkan, Behavioral Health Counselor Supervisor

- The Department is focusing on making shifts in alignment with Prop 1 changes.
- Oleander in Chico is going to open 38 project-based units with 15 dedicated to No Place Like Home, with lease-up scheduled for July/August 2025.

Butte County Department of Employment and Social Services – Tiffany Rowe, DESS Interim Director.

- Shelby Boston has resigned. The Department is in transition but services are status quo.

Butte County Public Health – Monica Soderstrom, Director

- Monica has recently transitioned from Public Health Division Director to Director.
- The Public Health office on Oleander is closing and moving to Meriam Park to allow more access.
- Opiate Coalition at Enloe was a success with 130 community agencies and health care providers.
- Naloxone partnership is increasing if anyone is interested.

- Ampla Health’s Mobile Medical Unit and Oroville Southside Community Improvement Association’s (OSCIA) Haven of Hope on Wheels are looking for ongoing funding. If anyone is interested in partnering with Ampla Health or OSCIA, reach out.
- Public Health provided a letter of support for a Street Medicine program with Enloe.
- Encouraged people to join in the NorCal Collaborative discussion and the Butte workgroup for information around CalAIM, Community Supports, and Enhanced Case Management. The upcoming meeting is March 21, 2025, to network and collaborate in-person.

A conversation was held amongst membership regarding data collection. It was suggested that statistics be made available on the CoC website. There was clarification about data availability through the CoC being tied to CoC funding, as well as the State’s system performance measure dashboard.

Butte County Office of Education (BCOE) – John Indar, Assistant Director

- School Ties and Prevention Services. Provides education services to homeless youth.
- BCOE is working on getting access to HMIS.
- Opened the Oleander Center where there is dedicated space for youth.
- McKinney-Vento Outreach currently occurring. Emergency Shelters and programs that work with homelessness connect with Josh Indar for flyers.

Chico Housing Action Team (CHAT) – Sarah Graham, Director of Finance

- Breaking ground in May 2025 on a complex of one- and two-bedroom units. Complex is on HWY 32 and will house seniors and individual who are on fixed low-income (SSI/SSA).
- Hiring – Grant Administration, Intake, and Field Assistant.
- CHAT is hosting a Housing Conference on May 30, 2025 at the Westport in downtown Chico, CA. If you are interested in tabling, reach out to CHAT.

Community Action Agency (CAA) – Brian Boyer, Director of Community Services

- CAA continues to expand the foodbank.
- CalAIM is funding Esplanade House and allowing for expanded operations.
- With LIHEAP in flux, CAA is working on a contingency plan to keep the program going.
- North State Food Bank is now providing medically tailored groceries for meals utilizing CalAIM funding.
- CAA is looking for a youth representative under the age of 25 for the board

Disability Action Center (DAC) – Wendy Longwell, Manager

- Utilizing CalAIM funding for disabled individuals experiencing homelessness and homeless youth.

Help Central – Tracy Gillihan

- Contact 211 to provide updates or new services to ensure accurate information is provided to callers.
- Continues to work with CES.

Housing Authority – Angie Little, Rental Assistance Program Manager

- 2,284 housing vouchers, 676 dedicated to project-based vouchers.
- 8 projects are currently utilizing project-based vouchers, with 2 underway.
- 214 VASH vouchers, 39 available.
- 10 Foster Youth to Independence vouchers, 6 are currently being utilized. Once all 10 are used, HACB can request more.

Nation’s Finest – Amiee Decker, Site Director

- Currently in planning phase of CalAIM ECM and CS.

- Veteran’s advocacy group coming up soon.

New Beginnings Housing Foundation, Norma Abrego, President/CEO

- Nothing to report – new to position for three weeks.

Oroville Rescue Mission (ORM) – Allan Dikes, Executive Director/CEO

- Resource Center is involved with Partnership Health
- Operating Recuperative Care program with 6 beds, in coordination with Gridley, Biggs, and Oroville Hospital.
- Outreach continues, Mission Esperanza is waiting on PGE approval.

Oroville Southside Community Improvement Associates (OSCIA) – Lisa Torres, Facility Administrator

- Partnered up with Oroville Union School District to provide Youth Intervention for Tier 3 and Tier 4. Approved for 30 children with volunteers to assist.
- Hiring two more people to assist with Youth Intervention to assist with schoolwork and improve on grades.

True North Housing Alliance (TNHA) – Phil Wysocki, Assistant Director

- Providing CalAIM ECM and CS.
- Housing Navigation Center scheduled to open August 2025.

United Way of Northern California – Tim Danielson, Senior Program Manager

- Currently offering a free tax program through northcalunitedway.org/VITA.

Veteran’s Affairs (VA) Administration – Sandy Alexander, HUDVASH Site Manager

- HUD VASH program partners with HUD and Nation’s Finest
- There are 214 VASH vouchers available for veterans.
- Case managers are available to assist veterans in enrolling; accessing vouchers; and finding, securing, and sustaining housing.
- 1601 Concord Ave. or to Nations Finest

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

B. Harvey-Butterfield shared that she accepted another position and will be resigning from CoC Council effective March 17, 2025. Next steps to fill the vacant seat will be distributed to the CoC list-serv via email.

E. Murray provided updates on Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP). The Round 5 request for proposals (RFP) was released today. The RFP can be accessed through publicpurchase.com - registration is free. The HHAP 6 Notice of Funding Availability was released two weeks ago and is available for review. The County and CoC will work to get the application to the State, after funds are secured, they will be made available via RFP.

E. Murray shared that Housing Tools has been contracted to update the 10-Year Strategy to End Homelessness in Butte County. A survey will be sent to CoC membership as a jumping off point for input. The existing 10-Year Strategy and Addendum are available for review on the CoC website.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS – INFORMATION

Governance Committee – E. Murray reported that the Committee is working on updates to the Governance Charter, including attendance requirements.

HMIS/CES Committee – E. Murray reported that the committee will be meeting next Monday and will begin working on the Data Quality Policy for HMIS.

Households with Children – B. Boyer reported that the Committee meets virtually.

Equity – E. Murray reported that the Committee is scheduled to meet March 19, 2025.

PIT Committee – E. Murray stated that there are no updates and the Committee will not be meeting until early 2026.

Youth Homelessness – Josh Indar stated continue to meet virtually.

Veteran’s - None

8. COALITION AND JURISDICTION REPORTS/UPDATES - INFORMATION

Tami Ritter, BOS – None

Greater Oroville Homeless Coalition – None

Greater Chico Homeless Task Force – Not currently meeting

City of Chico – J. McCarthy reported that the Mayor of Chico recommend putting together an ad hoc committee to look at local ordinances surrounding homelessness. The City is currently working to update the Consolidated Plan required by HUD. The Plan will be going to Council for approval on April 14th.

City of Oroville – None

City of Paradise – H. Lange reported that a healthcare needs assessment is being conducted to expand healthcare services on the Ridge. The Town received an \$18M CDBG grant to enhance CTE department at their high school to expand on their workforce development for students and adults on the Ridge. A health and wellness resources center was opened in Magalia.

City of Gridley – A. Calderon. The City is organizing an event on April 12 collaborating with various agencies such as Behavioral Health to provide resources. Reports there is a lack of homeless resources in Gridley.

9. ANNOUCEMENTS:

None

10. NEXT MEETING – MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2025: COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING

Butte County Department of Employment & Social Services – Virtual Meeting

11. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 2:50pm.