



Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

Butte County Continuum of Care Council Member Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 21, 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
Keesha Hills, OSCIA
MaryJo Alonzo, City of Chico
Anastacia Snyder, Catalyst
Jennifer Zellers, DESS
Jennifer Macarthy, City of Chico
Brad Brunner, Caminar
Tami Ritter, BC Board of Supervisors
Ann Winters, Catalyst
Brittnee Paxman, Jordan Crossing
Sarah Frohock, BCDBH
Angel Calderon, City of Gridley/Biggs

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Matt McCoy, DESS VSO
Heidi Lange, City of Paradise
Tracy Johnstone, City of Oroville
Josh Jamison, Oro Hope Center

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Kim Hogan, ORC/ORM
Lisa Torres, OSCIA
Lynann Pilley, ORM
Megan Zeller, DESS
Michael Teixeira, SSA
Norma Abrego, NBHF
Suzi Kochems, City of Oroville/ORM
Pahua Thao, DESS
Pamela Beeman, Chico Interfaith
Taylor Bunch, TNHA
Tracey Gillihan, Butte/Glenn 211
Wendy Cumberland, DESS
Angela Gayheart
Debbie Villasenor, Housing Consultant
Charles Withuhn, North State Shelter
Dulcemaria Sanchez, DESS
Kenny Huenink, DESS
Efraim Lopez, CHAT
Gene Azparren, Public Health
Kevin Thomspen, OSCIA
Elisa Rawlinson, DESS

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 Amber Abney-Bass Chairperson and the meeting is virtual.

E. Murray, CoC Coordinator, clarified the definition of a quorum per the Governance Charter. The definition of a quorum is 51% of the Council, not including jurisdiction representatives. Jurisdictional representatives do count to

establish the presence of a quorum. The Governance committee is currently working on updating the Charter to clarify the definition of a quorum is as it pertains to the CoC.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – ACTION

The March 10, 2025 minutes were tabled until corrections could be made to Council attendance. Minutes will be brought back for approval at the May meeting.

3. SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION OVERVIEW – INFORMATION

Presenting: Michael Teixeira

Michael Teixeira, Public Affairs Specialist reviewed and explained programs available through the Social Security Administration. The following was reviewed:

- Ways to Contact Social Security Administration
- How to Get Help from Social Security – appointments are needed
- All Information can be found on the Social Security Website
- My Social Security Account/Benefit Verification/Address Changes/Report Wages
- Login.Gov and ID.me/Training video available
- Assist someone to create an online Social Security Account
- Disability Programs/SSDI Title II/SSI Title XVI
- Work Incentive Programs
- SSDI/SSI Employment Supports
- Plan to Achieve Self – Support (PASS)
 - Impairment – Related Work Expensed (IRWE)
 - Plan to Achieve Self – Support (PASS)
 - Ticket to Work
 - Trial Work Period (TWP)
- Continuation of Medicare Coverage
- SSI Only Employment Supports
- Medicaid While Working – Section 1619(b)
- Special SSI Rule for Blind People Who Work
- Responsibilities When Beneficiary Returns to Work
- Wage Reporting
- SSA Mobile Wage Reporting App

4. APPOINT COUNCIL MEMBER: EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES ORGANIZATIONS – ACTION

E. Rawlinson announced the need to fill a vacant Council Member Seat. E. Rawlinson, stated the Employment and Social Services Organizations seat was vacant as of March 17, 2025. Nominations for the position was solicited on March 18, 2025 with a due date of nominations being April 11, 2025.

There were 3 individuals nominated and E. Rawlinson is sending an email for the voting link to all Council Members to cast their vote. All votes casted will be sent back to E. Rawlinson and results announced towards the end of the meeting.

Votes were tallied, Erin Murray was elected to Council.

5. HOMELESS HOUSING, ASSISTANCE AND PREVENTION ROUND 6 MOU – ACTION

K. Huenink, DESS, reviewed the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round 6 MOU memo provided in the meeting agenda packet.

As stated within the HHAP Round 6 Notice of Funding Availability and as mandated by the Health and Safety Code Section 50240(f) a Regional MOU must be executed between all HHAP 6 Eligible Applicants.

E. Murray gave a review on the history of the HHAP grants and some requirements as it pertains to MOU.

A motion was made to authorize the Chair to execute the HHAP Round 6 MOU between DESS and the CoC.

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

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

E. Murray reminded membership of the HHAP Round 5 request for proposals. The Notice of Intent to apply is due Friday April 25, 2025 by 5pm. The Notice of Intent is not binding but is required. Proposals are due May 12, 2025 by 5pm.

E. Murray announced HHAP Round 6 application is in process and to keep an eye out for upcoming community meetings. Similar to the HHAP Round 5 application, a regionally coordinated homelessness action plan will be assembled.

E. Murray announced Keesha Hills has resigned from her position as a Council Member due to no longer working with a faith-based organization.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS - INFORMATION

Governance Committee – E. Murray reports the committee is working on updating the Charter which includes attendance requirements for council and membership and clarifying the definition of a quorum. The updated Charter is expected to be ready for review and approval at the all-member meeting.

HMIS/CES Committee – E. Rawlinson reports the committee has been working on changes in the Homeless Management Information System and working on the Data Quality Plan.

Households with Children – None

Equity – E. Murray reports committee hasn't met since last meeting and invites will be sent out for the next meeting.

PIT Committee – None

Veteran's – M. McCoy reports committee hasn't met since last CoC meeting and next meeting is May 7, 2025 at 2pm.

8. COALITION AND JURISDICTION REPORTS/UPDATES - INFORMATION

Greater Oroville Homeless Coalition – None

Greater Chico Homeless Taskforce – Not currently meeting

Tami Ritter, BOS – HHAP Round 5 revenue agreement is going before the Board of Supervisors on April 22, 2025.

City of Chico – M. Alonzo announced the City of Chico HUD Consolidated Plan is available for public review and comment. The Plan is available on the City of Chico website and will be linked in the chat.

City of Oroville – None

City of Paradise – None

City of Gridley – A. Calderon announced he has been speaking to the Chief of Police in Gridley regarding any services being provided to the homeless in the area.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Discussion held on the vacant 2nd Chair for the Continuum of Care (CoC). This discussion will be taken to the Executive Team.

Due to being voted into CoC Council, E. Murray will be stepping down from her role as the CoC Coordinator and another DESS Housing and Homeless staff member will be stepping into the role. This is to be determined.

10. NEXT MEETING – MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025: ALL MEMBER MEETING

**Butte County Department of Employment & Social Services
765 East Ave, Chico – 1st floor Condor Room**

11. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 2:06pm.