

**MEETING MINUTES
HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN COMMITTEE
Of
BUTTE COUNTYWIDE HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE
February 2, 2021 at 1pm-3pm
Zoom Meeting**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Staci Parisi, Beth Parsons, Alyssa McCombs, Ken MacKell, Rashell Brobst, Timothy Hawkins, Erin Kennedy, Meagan Meloy, Bogette Covarrubias

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

John Fleming, Joy Amaro, Michael Pilakowski, Cristi Roach, Ted Sullivan, Tiffany Danger, Wendy Brown, Ritesh Kanji.

NOTE TAKER:

Bogette Covarrubias

Welcome: Meeting started 2/2/21 at 1pm.

Approval of Minutes: N/A - no minutes from January meeting. Bogette will be taking minutes going forward.

Agenda Items

1. Check-in Feeling word

2. Agency Updates

Rachelle: BGCNV is open. We have added COVID and Campfire Case management. Families access our resources by being an active club member. Boys and girls club is taking new referrals for Case Management if someone has not been plugged into another case manager.

Beth: Working with the Community Action Agency as well to provide disaster case management. We work with Campfire and North Complex survivors. If Boys and Girls Club cannot help, we can. The mechanism to be referred is contact Beth or Nancy Jorth. Community Ques have been generated primarily through 211 and case managers have been working through the list. Survivors have reached out and requested assistance through this list. The 211 list is now combined with the boys and girls club as well as other community partners' lists. Currently there is down to around a

thousand that still need to be served on this list. Boys and girls club can help families while Community Action Agency can help others.

Staci: Fire case management individuals and families can be referred to the COC housing que if they don't have housing.

Erin: Preference for community partner referrals to the BGCNV for case management.

Ken: DESS Housing Support Program requires the applicant to be on CALWORKS, They have the capacity for more families with the larger grant they have (2.2M). Currently they are underspent so they have room to help out CalWORKs families. If they need assistance **have them reach out to their worker**. Homeless, Fire survivor, or in danger of being homeless can be helped with temp housing, furniture, and other critical help to stabilize.

Tim: CAA has homeless prevention dollars funded through CARES related grant, started with 200k and now we're down to 150k of it left. I believe that people need to be below 200% of the federal poverty level to qualify. A 15 day notice along with COVID waiver that is filled out once you have lost income. We can help them get caught up, it has gone surprisingly slow as the moratorium makes people sit on it even though they will have to pay it back eventually. To access this, call Melissa Hallett, her emails is mhallett@buttecaa.com or call the main number and jump into the phone tree.

Ann: That's good information, we have a rapid rehousing and housing first program through Catalyst.

Meagan: BCOE is continuing to do virtual tutoring as well as case management it's a challenge but we are trying to do the best that we can. Each school district is on a different schedule, families are intermixed in schedules. Free tutoring available, we are using an online platform called BrainFuse for tutoring with our staff as well as access to tutors from different a variety of subjects. This allows a wide range of tutoring options. Works for the student on their time schedule. Referral form for that is online and available via chat. Applied for grant for the next 3-year cycle. We applied for more funding than we ever have been able to before. K12 enrolled in schools identifies total amount available. 17% impaction rate overall for schools. Can't use education funding for housing, can do school transportation, tutoring, or school supplies. Hot spots, headsets, and mice are all available. Schools are providing computers at a rate of 1:1 to students, we have provided connectivity for some.

Staci: Housing and Homeless Dept. update-- Project Room Key is to provide non-congregate shelter which is basically hotel rooms for homeless individuals that are high risk of having poor outcomes if they get covid. This is so they can social distance and isolate in hotel rooms. To be eligible you must be over 65 or have an underlying health condition or be exposed to someone who test positive OR has been referred to by a hospital. Only referrals accepted currently are from hospitals due to being at capacity. Long term goal is to get them from a hotel room to permanent housing while room key is

available. Overall transitional or permanent housing. Case management services provided by True North Housing Alliance and Safe Space as well as Oroville Rescue Mission. These programs are helping them locate and find housing. Some families have been housed – mostly individuals or couples have but there have been some families.

3. Committee Purpose/Mission

Meagan: Proposing 2 ways: One is as an advisory group to the larger COC council, a voice for families with children as well as young people. The other method is to be more action oriented and function more like a task force to come up with short term objectives to be accomplished as a group. This can be a combination of both. As we are seeing now it is useful as an information sharing resource.

Tim: We went through brainstorming session where we provided some objectives as well as prioritized, these were documented. Identified other partners that need to be at the table. A lot of people at the time were from BCOE as well as department of education. We may have done a mission statement in the past.

Ken: Collaboration / information source is the best use of this committee. Where to direct people is a very important outcome to this group, overall more people will get housed.

Staci: Bringing the numbers and the realities of the homeless families of our community to the attention of the COC and advocate for services that are specific or helpful to them.

Meagan: Overall, I think raising awareness and bringing empathy is a key goal. Be the voice, raise the awareness, and ensure they remain part of this community.

Meagan: It would be great to get a parent on our committee or a person currently experiencing homelessness to get that representation.

Meagan will draft a couple of purpose statements for us to review at the next meeting.

4. Mindful Closing

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Next Meeting – March 2, 2021 at 1:00-3:00 P.M.