



Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

Butte County Continuum of Care Councilmember Minutes

Monday August 15, 2022

1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Zoom Meeting Hosted by: Butte County Employment & Social Services

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Anastacia Snyder, Catalyst
Angela McLaughlin, Greater Chico Task Force
Ann Winters, Catalyst
Amber Abney-Bass, Jesus Center
Brad Brunner, Caminar
Don Taylor, DESS H&H
Marie Demers, City of Chico
Eric Smith, City of Oroville
Keesha Hills, OSCIA
Meagan Meloy, BCOE Michael O'Brien, City of Chico
Sarah Frohock, BHCBH
Tami Ritter, BC Board of Supervisors
Marin Hambley, Stonewall
Emily Pereira, Youth for Change
Josh Jamison, Oroville Hope Center
Marie Demers, City of Chico

CoC COORDINATOR: Briana Harvey-Butterfield,
DESS H&H

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Shelby Boston, DESS Director
Melissa Jamison, United Way of Northern California
Isabel Alaniz-Alvarado, DESS H&H
Sean O'Shaughnessy, CHIP
Erin Murray, DESS H&H
Wendy Lo, DESS H&H
Michael Wright, DESS H&H
Jay Coughlin, DESS H&H
Pahua Thao, DESS H&H
Patrick Telles, Legal Services of Nor. California
Josiah Vasey, 211
Samantha Davis Ampla Health MMU
Annie Terry, Oroville Rescue Mission
Nicole Drummond, CHAT

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Steve Culleton, Town of Paradise
John Mitchell,
Michael O'Brien, City of Chico
Ed Mayer, HACB

OTHER ATTENDEES CONTINUED:

Charles Withuhn, CHAT
Tianna Morgan, PM CA Health and Wellness
Nicole Drummond, CHAT
Jessica Giannola, CHAT
Kevin Thompson, OSCIA
Sherry Morgado, Housing Tools
Lorena Reed, BCDBH
Shelly Storkan, BCDBH
Nancy Jorth, Youth for Change
Caitlin Davis-Rivers, CHAT
Crystal Hutchison, DESS PM
Cassie Miracle, Housing Tools
Mary Newman, Passages
Mary Kay Benson, North State Shelter Team
Debbie Villasenor, Housing Consultant
Erin Kennedy, Boys and Girls Clubs
Amy Bergstrand, City of Oroville
Taylor Storey, TNHA
Tracey Gillihan, 2-1-1
Nick Fashing, DESS
Sean O'Shaughnessy, CHIP
Leslie Johnson, CHAT
Debra Lucero, Butte County Supervisor
District 2
Ian Clement, DESS H&H
Michael Weber, Enterprise Record
Moriah McGill, NCIHA

RECORDING: Erin Spasbo, DESS H&H

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. **CONVENE MEETING AND ESTABLISH QUORUM:** The meeting was called to order by A. Snyder at 1:03 P.M. This meeting is being recorded. Roll call of the councilmembers was completed by A. Snyder whom facilitated the meeting. It was determined that there were enough councilmembers were present to establish a quorum.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – ACTION:** A motion was made to approve the *June 13, 2022 Minutes:*
Motion: Tami Ritter, BC Board of Supervisors
Second: Don Taylor, DESS H&H
Opposed: None
Abstain: Megan Meloy, BCOE; Marin Hambley, Stonewall; & Emily Pereria, Youth for Change

3. **DHCS Housing & Homelessness Incentive Program (HHIP) – INFORMATION:**

Presenting: Kris Kuntz, Anthem, Inc.

K. Kuntz, gave an informal presentation on behalf of both managed care plans, Anthem Blue Cross and California Health and Wellness. He was letting the group know where they were at with HHIP, as well as inviting everyone to come to their meeting tomorrow August 16, 2022 from 1 - 2 PM where they will go over the investment plan, that they would need to accomplish with the CoC. HHIP, is a 2-year incentive program from the State and Department of Healthcare Services. It incentivizes the managed care plan to be more involved when it comes to working with homeless services. HHIP funding allows managed care plans can earn dollars by meeting the metrics that the State has set. The metrics behind the program include working with the CoC, the Coordinated Entry System, getting involved with HMIS, and helping out with the PIT count. At the end of June, they sent out their homelessness plans with the State. The next step is to create an investment plan, due by the end of September. The metrics needed to create the investment plan will be reviewed during the meeting on August 16, 2022. The meeting will also allow for community input.

Comments:

D. Villasenor: How many dollars are available to reinvest in the community and what are the eligible activities?

K. Kuntz: In regards to eligible activities, once we receive the incentive dollars we are very flexible with what we can do with them. Direct housing costs seem to be more in the grey area, but is more than likely not eligible. Once incentive dollars are earned, they are looking to use them by bridging community gaps. As far as dollar amounts, he is hesitant to share those numbers because they must be earned and are not guaranteed. He plans to go over dollar figures in the August 16th meeting. There is \$1.3 billion dollars available in the state and the funds will be allocated based on the PIT count for each community.

4. **FY 2022 Continuum of Care NOFO – INFORMATION / ACTION:**

Presenting: Sherry Morgado, Housing Tools

A. FY 2022 NOFO: This NOFO is HUD's annual competitive funding for CoCs nationwide, there is a total of \$2.7 billion available. There are two components to each years' CoC application process. The CoC has to submit a Consolidated Application to receive the overall allocation and the applicants must submit project applications to be ranked by the CoC.

B. FY 2022 NOFO MEMO: The memo on page 116 of the packet, was released August 1, 2022. There are 9 2022 NOFO Priorities:

1. Ending homelessness for all persons;
2. Use of a Housing First approach

3. Reducing unsheltered homelessness;
4. Improving system performance;
5. Partnering with housing, health and service agencies;
6. Racial equity;
7. NEW Improving assistance to LGBTQ+ persons;
8. Including persons with lived experience in the process;
9. NEW Increasing affordable housing supply.

Changes of the 2021 NOFO are:

1. Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing are now able to be sub-recipients and formula areas as well as collaborative applicants.
2. Renewal projects that wish to transition from one project to another are not limited on how much of grant funds are spent on costs associated on the original grant component.
3. Increased points for work on racial equity.
4. Revised rating factors to place greater emphasis on addressing needs of LGBTQ+ persons..
5. CoC demonstration of partnership building for a greater response to future infectious disease outbreaks.
6. Provides scoring points for CoCs that take steps to engage local leaders about increasing affordable housing supply.
7. Tier II scoring language was clarified.
8. Revision of point value distribution for Domestic Violence Bonus funds.

S. Morgado explained that the NOFO was received on August 1st and applications are due on September 30th. This is a total of 60 days, which is 30 less than 2021. HUD is still requiring that the CoC rank their projects into Tier I and Tier II, last year only Tier I projects were funded. Per the 2022 NOFO, Tier I will be equal to 95% of the Annual Renewal Demand. Based on the change to Tier I funding, there will more than likely be a loss of over \$30,000 if the CoC is not awarded bonus funds or any Tier II projects.

Eligible Project Applications: the NOFO emphasizes the funding of renewal projects that meet all HUD threshold and performance requirements. CoCs may only submit new project applications if the CoC reallocates funds from renewal project based upon improving system performance or receives either the CoC bonus or the DV bonus. The Butte CoC has not been successful in adding the DV bonus in past years. Instead, HUD has funded those projects in Tier I, which has lowered the ranking of other renewal projects and placed them partially or wholly in Tier II, which then went unfunded.

The only components that can be funded through the 2022 CoC Program Competition are: Permanent Housing (Permanent Supportive Housing or Rapid Rehousing), Transitional Housing, Supportive Services Only, and HMIS (leads only).

- C. FY 2022 Butte CoC Review Score and Ranking Procedures:** For 2022, Housing Tools is recommending a process in which only renewal projects will be considered, given the limitations on funding amounts and on how new project applications may only be funded through reallocation or a

bonus. The following steps below reflect the review and ranking of renewal applications, for 2022 starting at page 121 of the packet:

1. Approved Procedures and Documentation: Renewal Project Questionnaire is a 1 page questionnaire.
2. Outreach: all agencies eligible for renewal will be invited to submit a proposal for renewal project funding.
3. Eligibility Threshold: eligibility for renewal will be based on the applicants' ability to complete and prove their eligibility through the questionnaire.
4. Project Application Ranking: This step is the same as last year, with ranking completed by Housing Tools.
5. CoC Counsel Approval: this process is the same as last year.

D. FY 2022 Butte CoC Questions:

A. Snyder: Is rapid re-housing considered permanent supportive housing?

S. Morgado: It is considered permanent housing.

D. Villasenor: started the conversation on making strategic decisions to rank projects based on which are most impactful.

A. Snyder commented that Catalyst is in agreement to not apply for the Domestic Violence Bonus as historically it has not been funded and skews the Tier I ranking.

Supervisor Ritter: Is there an option to reduce each project by a percentage to make up for the \$30,000 loss instead of one project taking a hit?

D. Villasenor: Projects are already operating on a thin margin, some would not be able to operate with less. Also, the Grant Inventory Worksheet has already been submitted to and accepted by HUD, revisions may cause issues.

M. Demers: Is there wiggle room with Admin, HMIS, and CES funds?

D. Villasenor: No other funding supports HMIS/CES with bulk dollars besides CoC funding. Recent funding sources have put more demand on HMIS/CES without the funding.

A. Snyder: Are renewals only from Tier I?

S. Morgado: Yes, nothing from Tier II was funded last year.

S. Morgado reminded Council that the following points on the memo are being submitted for Council approval:

1. Solicit only renewal applications,
2. Not accept applications for CoC or DV Bonus, and
3. Provide renewal applicants with attached questionnaire to complete, complete applications in esnaps (and not separate CoC app), and use most recent APR and Program Outcome Data to ensure renewal applications meet eligibility and performance thresholds.

MOTION TO APPROVE:

Motion: Marie Demers

Second: Tami Ritter

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

S. Morgado, ended the conversation that they will be sending out the notification of the renewal application process, which will also get posted to the CoC Website. The CoC Meeting for the priority listing will be on September 12th and the Consolidated Application will be on the 19th.

**5. COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT – INFORMATION:
Oroville Southside Community Improvement Association (OSCIA)**

Presenting: Keesha Hills, OSCIA

K. Hills, Senior Administrator of OSCIA, gave a presentation of their non-profit as whole, recognizing that while many are aware of Haven of Hope on Wheels, they may not be aware of other resources the agency provides. OSCIA, was founded in 2009 by Pastor Kevin Thompson and his wife, with a focus of helping the underserved in South Oroville with resources such as: healthcare, health education, employment and training needs of residents, and their relationship with the local government. OSCIA is a 501(c) (3) organization, that is guided by 6 Board of Directors who have long standing ties to the Oroville community across a wide array of public and private enterprises, including community based and religious organizations, state departments, law firms, teachers union, school boards and workforce development. Their mission is to enhance the quality of life for those living, working, and serving in our community, through individual and family services community programs and partnerships. During the history of their establishment, they have organized yearly events that center around: county-wide food distribution, vaccine clinics, scholarships/educational events, Easter egg hunts, thanksgiving dinner & Christmas drives, annual MLK breakfast, and Haven of Help on Wheels.

In 2016, OSCIA began managing the Southside Oroville Community Center (SOCC) successfully turned around the finances. Soon, OSCIA will be given ownership of the 25,000 sq ft center. SOCC has held a lot of different programs such as: The Peg Taylor Center for Adult Day Health Care, E-Center Healthstart, or Early Headstart, Connecting Circles of Care, BCBH BC's Sherriff's Sub Station, and Boys & Girls Club OSRC.

B. Brown, the Facilities Manager at SOCC, stated that the Community Center is rented out to the public and community members for special events, they offer a multipurpose room, a large conference room, a small conference room, and a commercial kitchen. There are audio and visual components that are available for use during any event, they provide tables and chairs, and a platform stage is available for large events. Onsite there are two E-Centers, which offer early head start for 0-3 year-olds and pregnant women as well as early childhood education for 3-5 year-olds. As the facilities manager, she takes applications and appointments for people who would like to tour the facility, or book the facility for their own special event. Rentals are available Monday – Sunday, contact Brittany Brown at: 530-693-4305.

Haven of Hope on Wheels (HOHOW) is a program that provides the homeless (and those without access to water in disasters) with access to water such as showers, laundry, and grooming services. This service helps people seek

and hold jobs, make medical appointments, and have a sense of pride. They have 4 custom units and are continuing to expand beyond Butte County. The units are mobile, 600 gallon water tanks with generators. Through this mobile service, they are able to connect clients with other services such as social and health services. Their locations and times open are on their website at www.havenofhopeonwheels.org/locations They are also at the Pallet Shelter M-F 1 – 2:30 P.M.

Next, K. Hills went over Haven of Hope Housing Program (3HP). The first house, “Nathanial’s Place,” is located in South Oroville with 6 bedrooms, 4 full bathrooms, and front and back yard, and can house up to 8 individuals. This house is permanent supportive housing for single women. The house is 98% done. They have some additional upcoming projects, Havenscourt Higher Learning Childcare Center (HHLCC) and Havenscourt Family Rescue. She wanted to let the group know about the importance of Family Resource Centers (FRC), they have been identified as a key prevention strategy for addressing many of the challenges that face families in all areas. The goal of FRC’s is healthy families in healthy communities, improve outcomes for both of those areas. Evolving research and evaluation indicate that FRC’s are addressing strategies for issues such as: child abuse & neglect, substance abuse, family violence & instability, juvenile violence and crime, WTW/employment, community unity, and family and community health. Some of the programs they are going to include are: day care (0-5), services for school aged children, elderly & disabled services, trauma intervention, job preparedness and readiness, couples enrichment, center for learning, visitation site, financial literacy and health & wellness.

K. Thompson, the founder of OSCIA, thanked the CoC for allowing their foundation to be able to use the Coordinated Entry for their services. He stressed that he believes all people are deserving, that is why their houses are furnished with new products, that the home was built from the ground up, brand new. He told the group about some success stories, which gave him the inspiration to create the programs he has started. He also stated that the Oroville Southside Center was envisioned in the 50’s and 60’s, born from some terrible racial issues that came up in our community.

6. LEAD AGENCY, COLLABORTIVE APPLICANT, and ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY UPDATES – INFORMATION:

P. Thao, DESS H&H Housing Navigator, informed the CoC of rental scams. She said because of the desperate need for housing in our community, people will look anywhere to find housing, such as social media and Craigslist. Scammers will take pictures of an apartment and use images from legitimate websites to lure in prospective renters. Many of these scammers will post, “No credit or Rental History Required,” or require a very low security deposit. In a specific situation, the “landlord” sent the client an actual rental application to complete and requested a rental application fee of \$88 and holding fee of \$1200. When contacting the landlord about payment, they would only accept payment via Venmo or PayPal. This landlord sounded professional, but when he informed that a W-9 would be required, the landlord started pushing back. After contacting the Assessor’s Office, it was determined that the landlord (who claimed to be the owner) was not actually the owner. It was uncovered that a scammer posted a fake ad on social media. She stated to be aware that scammers are becoming more prevalent and braver about stealing from desperate people seeking housing. Avoid ads on social media and Craigslist, as well as take the extra time to contact the Assessor’s office if you feel that it may be a scam.

D.Taylor has received several emails and phone calls related to the CoC Supplemental Notice of Funding Opportunity that was available for Unsheltered and Rural Set-aside funds. D. Taylor stated that this funding has been identified for rural areas, which does not include Butte County, and areas with over 1,000 people

experiencing unsheltered homelessness. Only 10 awards are going to be allowed per state and the application process was very similar to that of the CoC NOFO, requiring CoC ranking and reviewing prior to submission. With other funding opportunities conflicting with this one and the low probability of being funded, it was decided not to apply as our CoC would not be competitive, compared to others.

E. Murray reviewed the status of the ESG Balance of State applications. Three applications were recommended by the Rank and Review Committee and were approved by CoC Council. Those agencies will be entering their applications into eCivis by Wednesday 8/17/22.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS – *INFORMATION*:

LGBTQ+/POC/Equity Committee

B. Harvey-Butterfield, stated that we received some technical assistance getting an Equity Committee established and making it really robust. The LGBTQ+ & POC Committee will now be the Equity Committee, which will be meeting on August 25, from 2-3PM with new direction from HUD.

PIT Committee

J. Coughlin stated that we will be getting ready for the 2023 PIT. It has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 25th. If you are a part of the Committee, you will be receiving an agenda for the first meeting of this year, on Wednesday August 24, from 3-4PM. If you have not participated before and would like to be on the PIT Committee, contact Jay Coughlin at: wcoughlin@buttecounty.net. He stressed that a lot of funding is allocated through PIT counts, so we would like to have out PIT represent the homeless community that we know is out there and being undercounted.

Governance Committee

B. Harvey-Butterfield stated that the Governance Committee last met on August 10th. They finished a draft for an Equity Policy for the CoC that will be reviewed by the Equity Committee before being presented at the next all member CoC meeting for final approval..

Chronic Homeless

S. Storkan stated that this Wednesday August, 17 from 1:30-3PM they have a meeting via Zoom. At the meeting she will be talking about BCDBH in a department orientation to give information on how to get services on the population that we help. Contact S. Storkan, [sstorkan@buttecounty.net](mailto:ssorkan@buttecounty.net) or Erin Murray, emurray@buttecounty.net if you are interested in joining those meetings.

Youth Homelessness Committee

E. Pereria gave some updates of what they are preparing for. November is Runaway Homeless Youth Awareness Month, so their committee is going to start meeting twice a month, with the second meeting being around planning events. That second meeting of this month, will be on August 24th focusing solely on upcoming events. If you or your agency are interested in being a part of events please email Emily, epereria@youthforchange.org, or Josh Indar, jindar@bcoe.org. M. Meloy wanted E. Pereria to share that if you have homeless youth, runaways or foster youth that need assistance with school supplies, go to their website: www.bcoe.org/Student-Services/Homeless--Foster-Youth/index.html.

Veterans

B. Harvey-Butterfield shared J. Zepeda's report out as he was unable to attend. The Butte County Veterans Stand-Down is happening on September 29th, 30th and October 1st. For more information, the website is www.Buttecountystanddown.org. If you know of anybody interested in volunteering, contact Cecily Kishbaugh, at 707-796-2065 or cecilykish@gmail.com. There was a fundraiser for 12-man transitional housing unit, for VECTORS and the Veterans Food Pantry, it was hosted on August 6th - thank you to Applebee's in Chico for donating 15% of the orders. Thank you to Tracey from 2-1-1 for giving a presentation on what they do in our community. They are currently looking for a Vice Chair, and the next meeting is on Wednesday September, 14 from 2-3PM.

- 8. COALITION AND JURISDICTION REPORTS/UPDATES – INFORMATION:** A. Winters from Greater Chico Homeless Task Force stated that their last meeting in August went over hygiene resources. This month their focus is on food, whether or not a client is in a program, or whether or not they are receiving services. They have CAA, the Jesus Center, Food Rescue, the Free Food Fridge and the Southside Chico Group.

M. Demers, stated that on the City of Chico's website on the housing page, they are keeping track of all of the affordable housing that will be coming online. Lava Ridge is renting currently, but others will be posted as well.

- 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEXT MEETING:** There is a special CoC meeting on September 12th. *The next CoC Council Meeting will be on Monday September 19, 2022.*

- 10. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:06 P.M.