



Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

BUTTE COUNTYWIDE HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 18th, 2022

1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Zoom Hosted by Butte County Employment & Social Services

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tami Ritter, Butte County Board of Supervisors
Anastacia Snyder, Catalyst Domestic Violence Services
Don Taylor, Butte County DESS Housing & Homeless
Marie Demers, City of Chico
Keesha Hills, OSCIA
Ed Mayer, Housing Authority of the County of Butte
Sarah Frohock, Butte County Dept. of Behavioral Health
Brad Brunner, Caminar
Marin Hambley, Stonewall Alliance/Safe Space
Amber Abney-Bass, Jesus Center
Josh Jamison, Oroville Hope Center/Alternate
Eric Smith, City of Oroville
Emily Pereira, Youth for Change/6th Street
Angela McLaughlin, Greater Chico Homeless Taskforce

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Steve Culleton, Town of Paradise
John Mitchell, Christian Faith Center
Meagan Meloy, Butte County Office of Education
Michael O'Brien, City of Chico Council Member

CoC COORDINATOR:

ABSENT: Briana Harvey-Butterfield, DESS H&H

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Wendy Lo, DESS Housing & Homeless
Leslie Johnson, CHAT
Debbie Villasenor, Housing Consultant
Erin Kennedy, Boys and Girls Club
MaryJo Alonzo, City of Chico Housing Division
Kathleen Sweeney, Tami Ritter's office
Ann Winters, Catalyst
Debra Lucero, County of Butte, Supervisor District 2
Aimee Decker, Nations Finest
Hilary Crosby, Safe Space

OTHER ATTENDEES CONT'D:

Nancy Jorth, Youth for Change
Melissa Jamison, UWNC
Erin Murray, DESS Housing & Homeless
Kayla Davis, DESS Housing & Homeless
Angie Little, HACB
Pahua Thao, DESS Housing & Homeless
Nicole Drummond, Executive Director CHAT
Samantha Ott, DESS
Samantha Davis, Ampla Health MMU
Jennifer Wilking, CSU Chico
Josiah Vasey, Butte/Glenn 2-1-1
Patrick Telles, LSNC
Tim Hawkings, CAA Butte
Nick Fashing, DESS Adult Services
Jay Coughlin, DESS Housing & Homeless
Jessica Giannola, CHAT (CHAMP)
Brian Boyer, CAA
Nicole Moua, Department of Rehabilitation
Cassie Miracle, Housing Tools
Megan Averett, Youth for Change
Theresa Nantor, CHIP
Tara Sullivan-Hames, Butte-Glenn 211
Teri DuBose - Congressman LaMalfa's office

RECORDING:

Kaitlyn-Storm Sherrill, DESS Housing & Homeless

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- 1. CONVENE MEETING AND ESTABLISH QUORUM:** The meeting was called to order by Anastacia Snyder at 1:03 p.m. This meeting is being recorded. Roll call for Council Members was completed by Anastacia Snyder. It was determined there are enough Council Members for a Quorum. No field introductions were done. If you would like your name listed as an attendee please type your name and agency in the chat box.
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made to approve the CoC meeting minutes for;
CoC Council Meeting of March 21st, 2022, with no changes.

Motion: Ed Mayer
Second: Brad Brunner
Opposed: None
Abstain: Emily Pereira

- 3. Butte Community Action Agency – INFORMATION,**

Presenting: Tim Hawkins and Brian Boyer;

Tim Hawkins (Chief Executive Officer) provides an overview of Community Action Agency's programs.

Community Action Agency runs the following:

The North State Food Bank- which provides nutritious food through commodities (in California; TEF- the Emergency Food Program) to 50+ partner agencies in Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Plumas, and Sierra Counties.

Tailgate Distributions- Where a large truck (26ft) is pulled up at a large accessible place and people drive thru or walk up and community action agency will load up their cars with food. This occurs almost weekly in Butte County and in the summer in the other counties as well.

Weatherization program- Retrofitting homes of Low Income neighbors which helps permanently reduce their expenses to power their homes. Examples of this are: insulation, replacing broken ducting, replacing windows, sealing homes, if there are cracks they install mechanical ventilation. This all helps reduce energy bills as well as making their homes safe. They also check for CO2 and install sensors. If they have an HVAC system or water heater that is broken they can also fix or replace them at no cost.

Question: Can property owners who rent to Section 8 apply for weatherization on behalf of a renter? The home would be qualified by the renter. The landlord would need to do it with the renter. They can do this for Low Income owners or renters.

Utility Bills- In a year they can provide up to \$1,000.00 to get people caught up on their utility bills. Due to the pandemic they received some CARES funding related to this and while supplies last they can provide up to \$3,000.00 in assistance.

LIHWAP (Low Income Home Water Assistance Program) - This is a program that is coming up that can help people get caught up on their water bills. This can only help with people who owe money. They cannot put a credit on their bill.

530 Food Rescue program- This is in collaboration with Chico State, Center for Healthy Communities. This is in response to Senate Bill 1383 which mandates that cities and municipalities divert organics from their landfill. A piece of this mandates that they divert edible food to those that need it, Similar to what Feeding America does. Feeding America focuses on the big box chain stores. 530 Food Rescue will be focusing on the stores that Feeding America does not work with and will be getting into working with restaurants and bakeries. 530 Food Rescue Coalition app is available on the Google play and Apple App Store. Anyone in the community can participate in transporting food, restaurants and stores can sign up and post their food, and community based organization that serve food can obtain the food (Torres Shelter, Esplanade house and 6th street Youth Center are already on). If you are an organization that serves food to people- Contact CAA.

Question: Does an organization have to be 501c3 to receive food? – T.Hawkins states that he does not believe so.

Esplanade House-

Affordable Permanent Housing Side – Historically used for people who were graduating from the transitional housing side and had difficulty finding housing in the community which may have been due to higher barriers (previous evictions, credit history) and may have needed a longer time to address those issues. They have had good success moving people from the transitional side and out into the community so they have not been able to utilize all 34 apartments that they have in their affordable permanent side and they are planning to open that broader so that it is not just from the transitional side and others can apply as well and they can evaluate their applications. Currently, there are 3 one-bedrooms (\$904), 4 two-bedrooms (\$1,192), and 1 three-bedrooms (\$1,656) available. Families need to have children, be below 50% AMI, and have a voucher.

Transitional Housing Side- B.Boyer (Program Manager for Esplanade House) presents that this side is for families with children under the age of 18 and parents must have primary (51%) custody of their kids, they require drug testing of all adults upon entry and randomly after. They offer a lot of programming and classes (Topics include: Financial Literacy, Codependency, 12 step programs, dealing with past trauma, among others). Traditionally there is a waiting list of between 6 months to a year but right now it is a little shorter and with a complete application it could be about 3 to 4 months for someone to move in. Anyone who needs help or assistance should contact CAA directly.

4. Chico Pallet Shelter Update- Information;

Presented by Amber Abney-Bass, The Jesus Center;

Shelly and Amber started onboarding new employees today (04/18/2022). They expect to have an opening date by the end of this week. There was a site visit last week by plaintiff's council and they are processing the feedback and questions from that visit. They are now in procurement mode and acquiring all of the supplies

together and setting up and getting ready for folks. They are thinking of setting up a site visit and are asking that anyone who is interested reach out to Amber Abney-Bass.

5. Statewide Homeless Survey – INFORMATION;

Presenting: Kara Young Ponder, PhD;

Dr. Kara Young Ponder works for The Benioff Homelessness and Housing Initiative (BHII).

Dr. Ponder Young shared a power point regarding the “California Statewide Survey on Homelessness” included in the Agenda Packet. BHII is conducting a survey of Homelessness in Butte County to learn of some of the issues that may lead to homelessness and issues that may prevent people from becoming housed. This survey takes place from May 2nd, 2022- May 13th 2022. It is anticipated that data will be provided in the fall. The intention of the survey is to think about structural change and to inform in what is happening in California to use the data to advocate for policy changes at the federal, state, and local levels.

6. Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round 3- Information;

Presented by Erin Murray with DESS and Cassie Miracle with Housing Tools;

Erin Murray went over what the update to the 10- Year Strategy to End Homelessness will look like. The existing strategy is being updated to meet the statutory requirements of the HHAP 3 application. This includes reviewing several data points that are required for the application.

Data Points are as follows:

An analysis of current needs and demographics

An analysis of the people currently being served via various housing solutions

An analysis of current federal, state, and local funding as related to homelessness

The purpose is to get a good overall picture of what funding is already in place, who is already being served, and to better identify gaps in service. We will be obtaining this information through the Point in Time, HMIS, HDIS, The Housing Inventory Count, and anywhere else there is data available.

The HHAP 3 application also includes several outcome goals.

The goals include:

How will we reduce the number of persons experiencing homelessness?

Reduce the numbers of persons becoming homeless for the first time

Increase the number of people currently experiencing homelessness going into permanent housing

Reduce the length of time persons remain homeless

Reduce the number of persons who return to homelessness after exiting into permanent housing

Increase successful placements from street outreach

The outcome goals are important because we will potentially be awarded bonus funds if we reach our goals. The bonus funds consist of a total of \$180 Million that would be split between all the CoC counties/committees that received HHAP 3 funds that met their goal.

Once the tentative goals for the HHAP 3 application are decided they will be brought to both the CoC and the Board of Supervisors for as much input as possible prior to the submission of the goals.

Cassie Miracle from Housing Tools- Update regarding application process.

Housing Tools is supporting the CoC with 2 activities.

One of which is completing and submitting the HHAP 3 application to the State. C.Miracle has been going through the PIT and HMIS data. The State has given guidance to use the most complete and recent data. The other activity is focusing on the data analysis and creation of a written report for the 2022 PIT data. This is along with a longitudinal report that will go over about a decade of PIT data. C.Miracle reports that their scope of work has her producing the draft for the 2022 PIT report by the end of April 2022 and the draft of the longitudinal report by the end of May 2022.

7. Lead Agency, Collaborative Applicant & Administrative Entity Updates- Information;

Don Taylor reports that we will not be participating with the 100 Day Challenge. This is due in part to learning from the State that there would not be any additional resources for this challenge and also that the number of housing units available continues to pose a huge challenge to getting people into permanent housing. Although we had a good number of agencies and individuals volunteering the State required a greater number than we had.

D.Taylor states that the County was contacted by one of the Medi-Cal managed care plans, California Health and Wellness, who asked if the CoC would participate in some meetings to discuss and work with the managed care plans on a Housing and Homeless Incentive Plan (HHIP). The managed care plans may have some additional funding that may be available to assist to get people into housing through the DHCS in accordance with some of the regulation in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The CoC executive team has been reached out to and they have had an initial conversation with California Health and Wellness regarding this and there will be a follow up meeting and more information will be provided as it becomes available.

8. Committee Reports:

- a. Governance- Postponed the meeting.
- b. HMIS-Working on revamping the Coordinated Entry process. Streamlining Coordinated Entry to meet with coming needs of programs and to be able to pull people off of Coordinated Entry in a more expedient manner.
- c. Chronic Homelessness- Next meeting is April 20th 1:30- 3pm, there will be a presentation from Truth North Housing Alliance.
- d. Youth Homeless- Updates regarding the Youth Advisory Council which is going really well and they are meetings twice a week right now on Thursday's and Friday's. They are hoping to get the group meeting once a week to have one larger group rather than 2 groups of youth doing different things at the different times. Next meeting is on May 11th at 12:30pm via zoom to start talking about November because planning these events take time to plan and to look at what events the Youth Advisory wants to take on as their projects.
- e. Veteran's committee-planning for the Butte County Veteran Stand Down which is a work in progress. The Stand Down will occur on September 29th and 30th and October 1st. Website is: buttecountystanddown.org and if interested in volunteering please contact Cecily Kishbaugh, 707-496-2065 or cecilykish@gmail.com. The Car Show at the Elk's Lodge on April 02, 2022 was sponsored by the Chico Concour's Elite and all proceeds went to local veterans in need, identified by the Veterans Of Foreign War's Veteran's relief fund. The last meeting on March 30th, 2022 had 2 agency presentations: Homing Psychiatry and Wellness given

by Dr. Lori LaRiviere MD and True North Housing Alliance given by Lisa Hedemark. Next meeting is Wednesday May 11th from 2pm to 3 pm.

- f. LGBTQ POC- Still meeting and work with HUD TA. As well as looking at some of the goals and values as a committee. The next meeting is on April 28th at 2pm.
- g. Point in Time- No update. C.Miracle with Housing Tools is working on compiling the data.

9. Coalition and Jurisdictional Reports/Updates:

- a. Greater Chico Task Force- Voting for officers at meeting on Thursday, April 21st, 2022 at 10am via Zoom. CHAT and Heart to Home will be doing a presentation.
- b. Oroville Coalition- Continue to help families and there is interest from the coalition to connect with the different housing projects that are coming online and the low income components of those projects.
- c. Oroville- Looking forward to the ideas recently presented by the Oroville Rescue mission.
- d. Chico- Letter was sent to Sacramento because Butte County along with nine other northern counties has worked to affiliate with COHS (County Organized Health System) and Partnership Health Plan of California. These 10 counties were recently granted conditional approval to join PHS in 2024. Working with the counties they serve PHS has a proven track record of reinvesting savings back into the communities such as increasing provider reimbursement, improving access, enhancing member benefits, and funding housing projects. The Kaiser proposal damages and undermines these systems. Kaiser is trying to come into the county and possibly create a single contract with a provider and it could harm the entire safety net system that we have been planning.

Letter is available here:

https://buttecounty.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=2&clip_id=1098&meta_id=168784

Disability Action Network was approached by SCAN (a national organization) to be part of a task force for aging in the North State. Tami Ritter and Debra Lucero will be attending these. It will be taking a hard look at aging across the state and particularly in our area. They will be reporting back regarding these meeting to this group.

10. Announcements:

- a. City of Chico the draft of their HUD Annual Action Plan will go to council on April 19th, 2022 at 6pm. The draft housing element will be brought to planning commission on June 2nd and then to council on June 21st. The City of Chico will be putting information regarding the permanent housing projects online when timing is appropriate.

11. NEXT MEETING: Monday, May 16th, 2022, Butte County Department of Employment and Social Services to host Virtual Meeting.

12. Adjourned: 2:23 P.M.