



Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

Veterans Subcommittee
April 14, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

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VETERANS COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Angie Little, Housing Authority	Curtis Butler, Nation’s Finest
Dan Torres, Butte College	Michael Smalls, EDD
Masaki Hirayama, Veterans Administration	Nikki Balboa, VA
Elisa Rawlinson, DESS HH	Pahua Thao, DESS HH
Sarah Frohock, Behavioral Health	Dennis Whitt, Butte Co. VSO
Larry Langwell, CSU – Chico	
Mark Alvidrez, CHAT	

First	TBD	Second	Dennis Whitt, Butte County, VSO
Chairperson:		Chairperson:	

AGENDA

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| 1. Call to Order | Dennis Whitt |
| 2. Introduction of new potential chairperson & voting | Dennis Whitt |
| 3. Introductions/Agency Updates | All |
| 4. Approval of Minutes - ACTION | Committee Chair |
| a. Veterans Subcommittee Meeting of 11/18/2020 | |
| 5. Schedule meeting dates for 2021 and assignment of meeting minutes | Committee Chair |
| 6. Approval of Mission Statement | Discussion/all |
| 7. Next Meeting: TBD | Zoom Meeting |
| 8. Announcements | All |
| 9. Adjourn | |



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BUTTE COUNTYWIDE HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE VETERANS

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

2:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Virtual Meeting; ID – 854 6458 7150

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Melissa Frohrip, Nation's Finest
Angie Little, Housing Authority
Dennis Whitt, Veterans Resource Center
Kristen Yahn, VA
Pahua Thao, DESS Housing & Homeless
Larry Langwell, Chico State
Elisa Rawlinson, DESS Housing & Homeless
Nikki Balboa, Veterans Administration

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dan Torres, Butte College
Leslie Johnson, CHAT
Dawn Napier, Veterans Administration
Robert Trausch, CHAT

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Shelly Forbes, Nation's Finest
Cody Fowler, Probation
Mike Hallderson, VFW Post Commander
Armand Hernandez, Vectors

RECORDING:

Elisa Rawlinson, DESS H&H

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Melissa Frohrip at 2:01 P.M.
- 2. INTRODUCTIONS:** All Veterans Committee Members in attendance introduced themselves.
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - ACTION:** The minutes for the Veterans Committee Meetings for October 7, 2020, were approved with corrections noted.

Under #3, Approval of minutes the meeting was noted as the "Chronic Homelessness meeting" and should say "Veterans Committee".

With the corrections to the Minutes of the Veterans Committee Meeting of October 7, 2020, noted.

Motion to approve: Mike Hallderson
Seconded: Dennis Whitt

4. **Mission Statement:** A question was posed: On the prior month's meeting minutes, under the Mission statement heading #4a Mission Statement, is that the official Mission Statement or a proposed Mission Statement?

Answer: It is the proposed Mission Statement, it will be discussed now and changed if needed.

The mission statement under #4a in the prior meeting minutes was written by Melissa Frohrip and reads:

“The Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care Veteran Committee is a partnership of City, County, State, Federal and Non-Profit agencies that work together and pool their resources to help reduce veteran homelessness as well as help veterans who at risk of being homeless.

Through cooperative community partnerships, we as an advocacy body, can help mitigate many risk factors that lead as well as contribute to homelessness. We do this, because as a body dedicated to reducing homelessness, improving our local communities begins with giving a hand to the men and women that served their nation. Serving those that have selflessly served us is our mission.”

First paragraph should be changed: “who at risk of being homeless.” Should read “who are at risk of becoming homeless”.

The mission statement was not voted on or approved at this meeting.

5. **Stand Down (after COVID):** The California Care Force is planning on returning in March 19-20, 2021, depending on how the situation with COVID is at that time. They provide medical and full comprehensive dental services. Veterans have expedited entry with their DD-214. They will not do this every year, however, due to the number of disasters Butte County has dealt with they will be coming again. The suggestion is all Veteran organizations team up and have a presence at the event and use it as a Stand Down as the infrastructure is already there. A link to the event was provide in the chat, <https://www.californiacareforce.org/clinics/upcoming-clinics/>

If COVID is still an ongoing issue, the March event will not occur. The scheduled back up date is November 12-14, 2021.

Dennis Whitt, would provide contact information for all agencies to the person planning the California Care Force event so all could be included in distribution emails in order to facilitate planning.

6. **Announcements:** Cody Fowler announced Probation just received a \$500,000 Federal grant to expand the Veterans Court. Many agencies will likely be contacted by probation in order to discuss potential

contracts to assist the Veterans who are in Veterans Court. They are looking for assistance with counseling and housing for Veterans who might otherwise not qualify for Veteran benefits.

Probation is working with Housing Authority for Homeless Preference Vouchers, we will be checking on client's veteran status and referring clients to VASH and other veteran services.

Butte County Veterans Service Office (VSO) received a grant from CALVET. The grant will allow the VSO to they will be able to send a limited number of veterans to a local Psychiatrist so they can get a diagnostic letter. This service will be provided to veterans that cannot afford to get the letter on their own. The grant will pay for the two sessions with the doctor, the meet and greet and diagnostic session. Please email Dennis Whitt if you have a client who might be appropriate, or call the main line and let them know you have a client who needs to be screened for the "veterans mental health support program". They will be working with Dr. Voss who is himself a veteran.

A request was made to have homeless veterans contact Help Central 2-1-1 and get on the Coordinated Entry List as many housing programs are now pulling from the list.

Question: Are there any Thanksgiving programs for dinner this year?

Answer: The Jesus Center will be doing a Thanksgiving dinner at the Salvation Army, but people will need to register prior to the dinner date in order to allow for social distancing.

There will be coordination between the VA and Salvation Army to get food boxes for those in HUD VASH housing.

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEXT MEETING:** *The next Veterans Committee Meeting will be on January 6, 2021. It has been scheduled out father than the usual 6 week meeting time due to the holidays.*
8. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 P.M.