



Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

Chronic Homelessness Committee

January 19, 2021

9 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.

Virtual Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/5468506259>

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Mitchell, Elijah House
Pahua Thao, Butte County Housing & Homeless (HH)

Deanna Schwab, Safe Space
Elisa Rawlinson, Butte County H&H
Charales Wwihuhn, CHAT
Alyssa Nolan, Tiny Pine Foundation
Shelly Watson, Jesus Center

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Justin Suddeth, Behavioral Health
Kathleen Sweeney, Behavioral Health
Leslie Johnson, CHAT
Nancy Morgans-Ferguson, Shalom Clinic
Don Taylor, DESS Housing & Homeless (HH)
Briana Harvey-Butterfield, DESS HH
Staci Parisi, DESS HH
Jay Coughlin, Butte County Housing & Homeless (HH)
Shelly Watson, Jesus Center

RECORDING:

Elisa Rawlinson, Butte County H&H

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chair John Mitchell at 9:04 A.M.
- 2. INTRODUCTIONS:** All Introductions were skipped as all members are known to each other.
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - ACTION:** The minutes for the Chronic Homelessness Meeting for the last meeting were tabled for approval until the next meeting.
- 4. Deanna motioned to table meeting minutes until the next meeting. Charles Withuhn seconded, all approved.**

- 5. Announcements:** A collective google drive has been sent out to the committee to upload information. One folder for Agendas, One for Vision Statement, and one for Data Collection. Chair John Mitchell is hoping all committee members can make use of the google drive document. Vision for the committee was went over. Defining the vision statement needs to be a goal of the committee with centrality of chronic homelessness in Butte County being the main point. Charles would like “action” to be included. Elisa is gathering information as well to add to the google drive.

2021 goals were brought up for open discussion. John asked that our goals aim to align with our vision statement. What should our top priorities be going forward? Goals should be focused on Chronic Homelessness. Deanna stated getting Chronically homeless people off the streets and into shelters needs to be a priority. Charles stated immediate shelters are needed. Shelly stated shelter needs to be the main goal, but what is our pathway there? Charles stated campgrounds is the answer along with micro shelters. 14 forward in Marysville was discussed. As well as the use of the BMX property in Chico. The Community Shelter Team was discussed as well. The participants in the Community Shelter team were brought up to invite to our meeting. John Mitchell also suggested that some of our community officials need to be invited to the meetings at well. Deanna said verbiage of legal and sanctioned campgrounds needs to be used. Community shelter team is an off shoot of caring choices. John stated another goal could be the use of how we are disseminating information and define the language we are using. Charles stated we should identify property used for shelter. Alyssa brought up using breakout groups. We need to have a higher participation to use breakout groups. John stated one goal needs to be soliciting more participation for our committee. Also, participation between meetings by members needs to be a goal. Deanna went over options for legal car parking. Charles commented he has a lead on a safe parking place that needs more non-profits to help co-manage the park. John stated that he would be interested in helping with that through Elijah House. The current situation in Chico with the homeless encampments was gone over briefly.

Motion - ACTION:

- 6. NEXT MEETING: Tuesday February 15th at 9:00 A.M.**
- 7. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 A.M.