



Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

Chronic Homelessness Committee

Wednesday, August 18, 2021

1:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Via Zoom

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Elisa Rawlinson, DESS HH
Erin Murray, DESS HH
Jay Coughlin, DESS HH
Lori LaRiviere, MD, TNHA/BOD
Josiah Vasey, Butte Glenn 211
Luann Manss-DiRienzo, Caring Choices
Shelly Storkan, Behavioral Health
Tracey Stogsdill, Butte Glenn 211

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Eric Lyon, Sheriff's Department
Kathleen Sweeney, Supervisor Ritter's Office

RECORDING:

Erin Murray

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Briana Harvey-Butterfield, DESS HH
Charles Withuhn, CHAT
Deanna Schwab, Safe Space
Don Taylor, DESS HH
John Mitchell, ORM
Joy Amaro, TNHA
Leslie Johnson, CHAT
Lorena Reed, Behavioral Health
Nancy Morgans-Ferguson, Shalom Clinic
Sarah Frohock, Behavioral Health
Tara Sullivan Hames, Help Central

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Shelly Storkan at 1:33 P.M.
- 2. INTRODUCTIONS:** All attendees introduced themselves, K. Sweeney asked to be removed as a voting member and listed solely as Other Attendee.
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - ACTION:** The minutes for the Chronic Homelessness Meeting for July 20, 2021 were approved with no corrections noted.
Motion to approve: Elisa Rawlinson
Seconded: Shelly Storkan
- 4. APPROVAL OF MISSION STATEMENT:** E. Rawlinson explained the purpose of the mission statement for the CoC website committee page. The Governance committee determined the need for all

committees to have a mission statement to be posted online to inform the community of the committee's purpose.

Minor changes were made to the proposed mission statement, final version of mission statement approved.

Motion to approve: Elisa Rawlinson

Seconded: Shelly Storkan

- 5. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE PRIORITIES:** S. Storkan explained purpose of committee goals are to outline what the committee wants to accomplish in the next six months. L. LaRiviere mentioned that sometimes person experiencing homelessness are resistant to the term "homeless" as someone can be unsheltered or unhoused, but they may have their own home. E. Rawlinson reminded the committee of the importance of terminology and understanding definitions, specifically "chronic homelessness" being based on the HUD definition and not on the common understanding of the term that the community may have. Because of this, goal 2 is important for the committee. Also important is an understanding that a single individual may fall into multiple categories.

L. LaRiviere suggested that a committee goal should be to try to create a list of every person in our area experiencing chronic homelessness to assist in the goal of ending chronic homelessness. E. Rawlinson explained that although a determination of who is considered chronically homeless is completed in HMIS, in a rural area such as ours, there is no reasonable way to document every individual. Limited agencies have access to HMIS and even the Point-In-Time count is not able to reach everyone.

S. Storkan referenced proposed goal number 3 and the importance of advocating for elderly people experiencing chronic homelessness. It is important to note that HUD priority points based on age may cause Fair Housing Act issues. E. Rawlinson suggested the possibility of issuing extra priority points to those that are elderly AND experiencing chronic homelessness, not just those that are considered elderly.

Final version of goals approved.

Motion to approve: Luann Manns-DiRienzo

Seconded: Elisa Rawlinson

- 6. ANNOUNCEMENTS:** E. Rawlinson announced that she is stepping down as vice chair. Any volunteers or nominations are to be sent via email to S. Storkan. Next committee there will be a vote for a new vice chair.
- 7. NEXT MEETING:** *The next CoC Council Meeting will be on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 1:30 PM.* Committee was asked to come up with 10 different phrases/terms that need to be defined by the group.

8. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 2:29 P.M.