



Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

Chronic Homelessness Committee

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

1:30 PM to 3:00 PM

Via Zoom

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Shelly Storkan, Behavioral Health
Erin Murray, DESS HH
Lorena Reed, Behavioral Health
Charles Withuhn, CHAT
Tracey Gillihan, Help Central

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Ashely Husted, TNHA
Debra Taylor, NorCal VA
Pahua Thao, DESS H&H

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Briana Harvey-Butterfield, DESS HH
Kaitlyn Sherrill, DESS HH
Deanna Schwab, Safe Space
Don Taylor, DESS HH
John Mitchell, ORM
Leslie Johnson, CHAT
Nancy Morgans-Ferguson, Shalom Clinic
Sarah Frohock, Behavioral Health
Tara Sullivan Hames, Help Central
Lori LaRiviere, MD, TNHA/BOD
Elisa Rawlinson, DESS HH
Tracey Gillihan, Help Central

RECORDING:

Erin Spasbo, DESS H&H

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Shelly Storkan at 1:33 PM
- 2. INTRODUCTIONS/UPDATES:** All members present introduced themselves. C. Withuhn, CHAT, also the President of the North State Shelter Team, stated that their agency will be submitting a 24-page proposal for a RV/Campground on the outskirts of Chico, that could be implemented before winter 2022, as well a proposal for a safe carpark.
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** There were multiple minutes that needed to be approved:
A motion to approve minutes for *October 20, 2021*,
Motion: Erin Murray
Second: Shelly Storkan

A motion to approve minutes for *December 15, 2021*,

Motion: Erin Murray
Second: Shelly Storkan

A motion to approve minutes for *February 16, 2022*,

Motion: Erin Murray
Second: Shelly Storkan

A motion to approve minutes for *April 20, 2022*,

Motion: Erin Murray
Second: Lorena Reed

4. **CITY OF CHICO HOUSING PROJECTS:** S. Storkan shared with the group, the website for The City of Chico, there is a page that shows the city's shelter bed availability. To locate on the website search: Shelter Available > Sheltering Provisions. She explained that the Pallet Shelter has their own team that goes out to encampments and evaluates peoples living situations to see if they would qualify their shelter, so their referral process is done internally. She also showed that you can find upcoming affordable housing that will be coming to the city. To locate, search: Upcoming Housing > Upcoming Affordable Multi-Family Housing Projects, which include projected completion dates. It is important to get any clients or individuals that we are trying to get housed onto our Coordinated Entry List, so that people can get placed into housing.

Questions:

E. Murray wanted to know if there was an update on the Everheart Village, the planned shelter project between CHAT and Behavioral Health.

S. Storkan, said no there is no update as of now, the City of Chico has been having difficulties getting their permitting ready for construction.

C. Withuhn, added that CHAT submitted plans to the head of the County, which were returned with some specifics that needed to be addressed. Hopefully by then end of this week [June 15, 2022] or next week the revised plans will be re-submitted to the county building department.

5. **AGENCY PRESENTATION – Dr. Lori LaRiviere Intentional Sustainable Wellness**

Dr. Lori LaRiviere is gave presentation on a program should would like to start, called Intentional Sustainable Wellness, that provides a full spectrum of care to individuals in our community who have gotten caught in the suffering of trauma, poverty and homelessness. It will be based on an assertive treatment model that provides psychiatric and wellness services to those that are living in inadequate shelter. She believes that all people deserve to have purpose and meaning in life, and can play an active role in their families and communities, if they are given the opportunity to heal.

Part of her plan, with the assistance of an urban design planner, is to provide single occupancy housing that gives privacy, dignity and safety to those that are having a more difficult time with the otherwise social living environments of shared housing or shelters. Without that space, for some, she doesn't see that they can heal or recover. By having this specified place or residency, the people she would be serving would be able to access services, simply because they would be onsite. She is seeking out

agencies to work with her, while her hope is to get insight from those that have lived expertise of homelessness.

To be effective there would need to be peer support specialists, case managers, social workers, and vocational rehabilitation specialists alongside housing agencies, so that there can be a whole plan on how to obtain and maintain housing among the unhoused population in our community. As of now, she is permitted, with a fictitious-name permit through the Medical Board of California, there is an NPI, malpractice insurance and is looking to work with clients as soon as possible. She is still waiting on getting her electronic medical card, so there would be no prescribing of prescriptions, yet. She is planning on working pro-bono at least at the beginning of her program, until she can get funding from an agency. She is searching, through presentations and outreach like this, for agencies or individuals who would like to contract with her. She wanted to know if anyone knows of an individual that would like to volunteer to work alongside her program, hopefully to assist in recruiting people to get help. For people interested in working or volunteering with Dr. Lori LaRiviere, please email her at drlorila@intentionalsustainablewellness.com

Questions:

S. Storkan wanted to know if L. LaRiviere had started implementing her program yet, such as seeing clients.

Dr. L. LaRiviere, stated no not yet, she just got her malpractice insurance as of June, 1st. She is able to start working with clients right away, though it would be pro-bono.

E. Murray wanted to know if she was going to provide her services for specifically Chico, or any of the surrounding areas as well.

Dr. L. LaRiviere, replied that starting off it would be Chico and depending on how successful they are in Chico, hopefully they could expand to other areas.

L. Reed, wanted to know if there were any type of referral system that she will be using for the agencies involved.

Dr. L. LaRiviere, gave her email address: drlorila@intentionalsustainablewellness.com. She also said that it would be great, if she had groups of people seeking services to be referred to her at once

- 6. ANNOUNCEMENTS:** E. Murray, said that they are going to be bringing on a new Housing Navigator to work specifically for the City of Oroville. They are hoping that by having a Housing Navigator that is focused on a targeted area, they will be able to prove success and eventually be able to bring on more Housing Navigators, for areas elsewhere, such as the Ridge.

Dr. L. LaRiviere, said that on the third Friday of every month there are the Stand Down Committee meetings and they are still looking for volunteers for the Stand Down in September.

- 7. NEXT MEETING:** *The next Chronic Homelessness Meeting will be on Wednesday, August 17, 2022 from 1:30-3 PM.*
- 8. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 PM