

**MEETING MINUTES
HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN COMMITTEE
Of
BUTTE COUNTYWIDE HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE
Date at 1pm-3pm
Zoom Meeting**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Meagan Meloy, Staci Parisi, Ken MacKell,
Rashell Brobst, Ritesh Kanji, Wendy Brown,
Cristi Roach, Alyssa McCombs, Champelle
Davison, Timothy Hawkins, Kimberly Brooke

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT
PRESENT:**

John Fleming, Joy Amaro, Michael
Pilakowski, Ted Sullivan, Tiffany Danger,
Beth Parsons

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Bogette Covarrubias

Welcome: Meeting started 3/2/21 at 1pm.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for the Households with Children Committee meeting on were approved by consensus.

Add Agenda Items here:

1. Check-in Feeling word
2. Agency Updates
3. Committee Purpose/Mission
4. Collaboration Opportunities
5. Mindful Closing

Agency Updates/Announcements/Comments:

Tim Hawkins- Food bank doing extra tailgate giveaways, starting first one through coordination with the county, applied for CDBG grant. Allowing them to buy more food and target low-income families. **First one is this Friday in Concow at Pines Hardware**. This should be on the website as well. Another tailgate will be the following Friday in Thermalito at the Riverbed park.

Rashell Brobst – We are **converting our water closet into a shower water closet** – Good for emergency situations that we have had in the past. We can still help with funds that are restricted to specific emergent needs. We are getting ready to roll out our summer program, the two that we have in Paradise are running. All the information for this is on our website, we work with Valley Oaks as well as private sponsors to sponsor kids. Just finished the construction camp with BCOE and now we are starting the welding camp.

Staci Parisi - Butte County Department of Employment and Social Services. Focused on **project room key** still, anticipated to run through June with the goal of none of the participants returning to homelessness. There are currently roughly 100 individuals that are participating. Our branch is focusing on the emergency solutions grant that is for COVID-19 relief through the Cares Act. The funding is for families or individuals affected by covid-19. Rapid rehousing and emergency shelter. 2 public stakeholder meetings for agencies to apply, we have received 7 applications to date, and it is still open through Friday. A copy of the application is in the chatbox. Childcare is an approved category if it is provided for kids who are in an emergency shelter or transitional housing situation, it must be a licensed childcare provider. Final reviews on Monday at the public meeting, recommendations to COC council will be made on March 15th. This is my last household with children's committee, I am moving to Arizona. My last day with the county is March 12th. Stacey's organization is hiring for multiple positions.

Kimberly Brooke – First Five. Very excited to be here to advocate for the 0-5 population. Launching state funded home visiting coordination initiative. Just had the Strong Families committee certified, to find resources for the community. We have reinvigorated the Mothers Strong collaborative monthly meeting that brings different providers and community advocates for maternal mental health.

Wendy Brown - Child Abuse Prevention Month is April. Families that are in crisis are more vulnerable for neglect or abuse. We will have a flag raising and will have more details later in the month. Whatever we can do to educate and bring awareness, let me know. Get on Wendy's email list if you are not.

Meagan Meloy – Flurry of activity in Sacramento around **reopening schools plan (SB/AB 86)** and attached funding. The state is prioritizing homeless, foster, English language learners, special ed, after school learning to mitigate learning loss. Tech funds for families who need more ongoing connectivity. One part of the formula includes 1k for school districts per homeless student. Creating an environment where schools want to identify and serve homeless students and their needs. Ties them to accountability. Our subcommittee will reach out to school districts to give input on how the funds could be used to serve homeless students.

Ritesh Kanji – We are having many discussions about reopening Chico Unified. There is ongoing communication about COVID-19 related issues related to reopening. Still discussing whether we should reopen. Regards to accommodating students the district is doing their best to mitigate learning loss. Funding going into tutoring in the sense of

teaching skills / extra school. Teaching fundamentals opposed to just helping with homework or worksheets. No set date in my mind, district has high hopes for re-opening fully in August.

Committee Purpose/Mission

Meagan Meloy– I went with a purpose statement; we are a multi-agency committee. I thought we could discuss that and the statement that I emailed out.

Tim Hawkins- I liked option #2 and it captures what we are about.

Ken Mackell– I agree with Tim.

General group consensus seems to be option #2:

HHC Purpose Statement

To collaborate across agencies, leverage funding, and act in an advisory role to the Butte Countywide Continuum of Care on behalf of families and children experiencing homelessness in Butte County.

Collaboration Opportunities

Rashell – Curious about how people feel about referrals, how is everyone feeling support, does everyone feel like they have access?

Meagan Meloy– Great thing for us to revisit. Last month it was very useful because it answered a lot of questions. I have not heard anything yet since. Do we want to create a referral list or guide for our group? We have Butte 211; I am not sure if it is duplicating our efforts. The group overall would appreciate a list of direct contacts.

Cristi Roach – It would be helpful to have a list of someone to call directly when an emergency arises.

Meagan Meloy– I will start a google doc that we can use to share information.

Rashell Brobst - We are willing to share and identify who is not in the group.

Meagan Meloy– Do we want to do recruitment for this group? They must attend two meetings in order to become a member. We have the low cost no cost help guide.

Rashell Brobst – if anyone receives a big donation, we can all help and spread those donations across the programs to address a larger need.

Meagan Meloy– we have a ton of school supplies if anyone needs them, they are in storage units.

Meagan Meloy– Not under School Ties homeless education program but we also have tobacco prevention, and we are sponsoring a **movie night at Meriam park drive in.**

March 7th and we still have tickets left, we will be doing tobacco education and airing a public service announcement that we made. It is free for anyone or family and is open to the community. Sunday night, free movie and a \$10 voucher for the concession stand. Spider man into the spider verse is the movie that they will be showing. The ticket is on the website for Meriam park the access code is **youth2021**. One vehicle is one ticket.

Next Meeting – April 6 1:00-2:00 PM

ADJOURN – 2:15PM