



Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

**Butte County Continuum of Care
Council Member Meeting Minutes
Monday - December 18, 2023
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM**

Zoom Meeting Hosted by: Butte County Employment & Social Services

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ann Winters, Catalyst
Anastacia Snyder, Catalyst
Sarah Frohock, BCDBH
Briana Harvey-Butterfield, DESS H&H
Ed Mayer, HACB
Tami Ritter, BC Board of Supervisors
Amber Abney-Bass, Jesus Center
Keesha Hills, OSCIA
Marie Demers, City of Chico
Brad Brunner, Caminar
Tracey Johnstone, City of Oroville
Josh Indar, BCOE

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Meagan Meloy, BCOE
Marin Hambley, Stonewall
Steve Culleton, Town of Paradise
Ian Clement, Hope Cooperative
Jennifer Macarthy, City of Chico

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Shelby Boston, DESS
Yesenia Gallegos, CHAT
Mary Jo Alonzo, City of Chico
Tracey Gilliam, Butte/Glenn 211
Susan Roll, Chico State
Nicole Drummond, CHAT
Jessica Giannola, CHAT
Tara Sullivan-Hames, Butte/Glenn 211
Matt McCoy, VSO
Shelly Storkan, DBH
Monica Soderstrom, Public Health

OTHER ATTENDEES CONT:

Pahua Thao, DESS H&H
Troy McClanahan, DESS H&H
Amy Bergstrom, City of Oroville
Angie Little, HACB
Annie Terry, Oroville Rescue Mission
Debbie Villasenor, Housing Consultant
Arlyn Beneke, BC Grand Jury
Austin Herbaugh, DESS
Christina Swint, BC Probation
Eduardo Abarca, Ampla MMU
Don Taylor, Willow Wellness
Elisa Rawlinson, DESS H&H
Erin Kennedy, Boys and Girls Club
Patty Barrios, New Beginnings
Teri DuBose, Congressman LaMalfa
Gabrielle Beck, DESS H&H
Gail Corneto, BC Grand Jury
Isabel Alaniz-Alvarado, DESS H&H
Rayna Bryson, DESS
Wendy Lo, DESS H&H
Priest Martinez, NCIHA
Joelle Chinnock, Paradise Adventist Church
Kenneth Huenink, DESS H&H
Lorena Reed, BDBH
Mary Kay Benson, Butte County Shelter
Nick Fashing, DESS ASD
Tim Hawkins, CAA
Maria Gonzalez-Krueger, DESS
Nancy Jorth, Youth for Change
Jaymee McLaughlin, Chico Unified SD
Megan Massie, New Beginnings
Hilary Crosby, Safe Space

Javi Pinedo, HACB
Dee Price, DESS H&H
Taylor Bunch, TNHA
Wendy Cumberland, DESS H&H

Amiee Decker, Nation's Finest
Pamela Beeman, CAIC (Interfaith Council)
Shelly Miller, First 5 Children and Families
Melissa Jamison, United Way of Nor Cal

CoC Coordinator: Erin Murray, DESS H&H **Recording:** Lisa Angle, DESS H&H

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. CONVENE MEETING AND ESTABLISH QUORUM

The meeting was called to order by Anastacia Snyder, Chairperson at 1:05pm. Roll call of the council members conducted and a quorum was established. This meeting is being facilitated by Anastacia Snyder Chairperson, the meeting is being recorded.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – ACTION

A motion was made to approve the following minutes as presented.

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Motion: Ed Mayer
Second: Brad Brunner
Oppose: None
Abstain: Keesha Hills

3. COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT - INFORMATION

Department of Employment and Social Services - Health Navigation

Maria Gonzalez-Krueger, DESS Medi-Cal Navigator presented a presentation of the services provided to clients through the Butte County Medi-Cal Health Navigator Program. M. Gonzalez-Krueger reviewed and explained the services including the upcoming changes regarding Older Adult Group Expansion and Elimination of Asset Limits effective on January 1, 2024.

4. COUNCIL OFFICER NOMINATION RESULTS AND ELECTION - ACTION

Erin Murray, DESS H&H reviewed the Continuum of Care (CoC) Council Officers nomination policy and the nomination results. The following individuals were nominated:

Chairperson: Amber Abney-Bass
First Vice Chairperson: Keesha Hills
Second Vice Chairperson: Brad Brunner

It is the recommendation of the Lead Agency to elect the Council Officers as nominated.

A motion was made to elect Amber Abney-Bass as Chairperson, Keesha Hills as First Vice Chairperson and Brad Brunner as Second Vice Chairperson as the Continuum of Care (CoC) Council Officers.

Motion: Tami Ritter
Second: Ann Winters
Oppose: None
Abstain: None

5. 2024 CoC COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDAR – INFORMATION

Erin Murray, DESS H&H presented the 2024 CoC Committee meeting calendar with the following correction:

- Youth Homelessness committee meetings are from 1pm to 2pm and not 12:30pm to 1:30pm. An updated calendar will be sent out to everyone. The times are accurately reflected on the CoC website.

6. LEAD AGENCY, COLLABORATIVE APPLICANT, ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY UPDATES - INFORMATION:

Erin Murray, DESS H&H stated that a memo was sent out on November 30, 2023 regarding the Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP). This memo informs the Continuum of Care (CoC) of funds that Butte County will be accepting for this fiscal year. The amount is \$150,596.00.

Erin Murray also provided an update on the Housing Inventory Count (HIC) which will be happening in January 2024. Forms will be sent out to agencies who have shelter beds prior to the HIC due date. A training will be taking place the second week of January to review HIC information, forms needed to be completed, and information pertaining to the Sheltered Point in Time (PIT). The 2024 Sheltered PIT will be built into HMIS, similar to last year.

Kenny Huenink, DESS H&H stated Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP) annual reports were submitted on December 15, 2023. Kenny Huenink also provided a reminder that HHAP Round 4 proposals are due to the County December 22, 2023.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS - INFORMATION

Chronic Homelessness – Erin Murray stated a meeting is set for December 20, 2023.

HMIS/CES – Erin Murray stated there was not a December meeting and will be reconvening in January.

Equity - Jessica Giannola stated there will be a meeting in January and will be discussing plans on how to move forward for the new year.

Youth Homelessness – Josh Indar stated the committee has elected Jennifer Zellers as the Vice Chairperson. There will not be a meeting in January but will be meeting in February. There were a lot of activities for Youth Homelessness in November so will regroup in February.

Governance – Erin Murray stated the Governance committee took a break in December and will be meeting reconvening in January to outline plans for 2024.

Households with Children – Jaymee McLaughlin provided an update as reported by CAA: Esplanade House is leasing larger office space, there is a giving tree out in the community, and they have a partnership with CalAIM to support families at Esplanade House. January meeting will be held the week after the regular scheduled meeting due to people being out. BCOE and Chico Unified School District are applying for the Educating Children in Homelessness grant.

Veteran's - Matt McCoy stated last meeting was on November 8, 2023. Primary discussion held on how to work together on difficult cases. There was also discussion held on the upcoming Veteran's Day events. The next meeting December 20, 2023.

8. COALITION AND JURISDICTION REPORTS/UPDATES - INFORMATION

Oroville Homeless Coalition - None

Greater Chico Homeless Task Force – Ann Winters stated that the committee was having difficulty meeting. Suggestions are welcome to improve meetings, contact Ann Winters with any suggestions. Brief discussion held regarding the Greater Chico Homeless Task Force. Briana Harvey-Butterfield suggested to add this to the agenda for next CoC meeting for a discussion.

City of Chico – MaryJo Alonzo announced the CDBC Public Service grant applications will be available on January 2, 2024 at the City of Chico website.

City of Oroville - None

City of Paradise - None

Board of Supervisors - Supervisor Ritter shared she is on a 211 group notification text chain which has been very informative and encourages any service provider to get added to the 211 text notification. Supervisor Ritter continued with needing to take a look at Board and Care needs and Assembly Bill 43. Supervisor Ritter suggested a representative from Butte County Behavioral Health be agendaized to explain how the Board and Care requirements would interact with the CoC.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nicole Drummond, Chico Housing Action Team (CHAT) stated the opening of Everheart Village was exciting with a wonderful ceremony which included the press, those individuals who contributed and with lots of great speakers. CHAT is currently looking to hire Pallet Assistants and looking to see how they will be covering a 24 hour shift.

Hilary Crosby, Safe Space announced Safe Space opened December 17, 2023 and was overcapacity the first night. Safe Space has been using the 7/11 in downtown Chico for an Intake Center from 5:30pm to 7:00pm.

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Encourage clients to call 211 regarding information on Safe Space. The Safe Space shelter will run from December 17, 2023 through March 3, 2024. There are two weeks in February where there is a gap in a place for shelter so if anyone has any ideas please contact Hilary Crosby. Volunteers are needed and the shifts are in the morning from 6am to 8am and in the evening from 6pm to 8pm.

Tara Sullivan-Hames, Butte/Glenn 211 stated once the Lyft Driver's dispatch platform is activated to call Butte/Glenn 211 to get a transport to the Safe Space Intake location.

10. UPCOMING MEETING -

Monday January 22, 2024 Council Member Meeting

Butte County Department of Employment & Social Services to host Virtual Meeting

11. ADJOURN:

Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 2:04pm