



Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

**Butte County Continuum of Care
Council Member Meeting Minutes
Monday – February 12, 2024
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM**

Zoom Meeting Hosted by: Butte County Employment & Social Services

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Angie Little, HACB
Ann Winters, Catalyst
Brad Brunner, Caminar
Ian Clement, Hope Cooperative
Anastacia Snyder, Catalyst
Josh Indar, BCOE
Keesha Hills, OSCIA
Marie Demers, City of Chico
Meagan Meloy, BCOE
Tami Ritter, BC Board of Supervisors

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jennifer Macarthy, City of Chico
Briana Harvey-Butterfield, DESS H&H
Josh Jamison, Oro Hope Center
Matthew McCoy, DESS
Sarah Frohock, BCDBH
Steve Culleton, Town of Paradise
Tracey Johnstone, City of Oroville
Amber Abney-Bass, Jesus Center

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Alisa Pugh, DESS
Yesenia Gallegos, CHAT
Anna Zepeda, BC Public Health
Caitlyn Patterson, NVHRC
Cathryn Carkhuff, Home & Heart
Charles Withuhn, North State Shelter
Christina Swint, BC Probation
Debbie Villasenor, Housing Consultant
Don Taylor, Willow Wellness
Erin Kennedy, Boys and Girls Club

OTHER ATTENDEES CONT:

Erin Murray, DESS
Erin Spasbo, DESS
Hilary Crosby, Safe Space
Jay Coughlin, DESS
Jaymee McLaughlin, CUSD
Jennifer Zellers, 6th Street Center for Youth
Jessica Gianola, CHAT
Joelle Chinnock, CA Conference of SDA
Jolene Hausman, Peg Taylor Center
Justin Moore, BC Public Health
Kenneth Huenink, DESS
Kevin Thompson, OSCIA
Leslie Johnson, CHAT
Lorena Reed, BCDBH
Lynann Pilley, Oroville Rescue Mission
Maisue Thao, Butte College
Mary Kay Benson, Chico Harm Reduction
Mary Neuman, Passages
Megan Massie, New Beginnings
Melissa Jamison, United Way of Northern CA
Monica Soderstrom, BC Public Health
Nathan Swetz, Aegis Treatment Center
Nichole Drummond, CHAT
Nick Fashing, DESS
Pahua Thao, DESS
Pamela Beeman, Chico Area Interfaith Council
Peter Straus, True North Housing Alliance
Rayna Bryson, DESS
Scott Kennelly, BCDBH
Shelby Boston, DESS
Shelly Miller, First 5
Shelly Storkan, BCDBH

Sherisse Allen, BC Admin
Susan Roll, CSUC
Tara Sullivan-Hames, Butte/Glenn 211
Tiffany Danger, BCOE

Tracey Gilliam, Butte/Glenn 211
Troy McClanahan, DESS
Wendy Lo, DESS

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 Keesha Hills, First Chair at 1:00pm. Roll call of the council members conducted and a quorum was established. This meeting is being facilitated by Keesha Hills, First Chair, the meeting is being recorded.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – ACTION

A motion was made to approve the following minutes with the following correction:

Jennifer Macarthy is showing as being present at the meeting and she was absent.

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Motion: Marie Demers
Second: Brad Brunner
Oppose: None
Abstain: Ian Clement and Jennifer Macarthy

3. COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: COMMUNITY OVERDOSE PREVENTION EFFORTS - INFORMATION

Butte County Public Health

Presenting: Anna Zepeda Nunez and Justin Moore

Anna Zepeda Nunez from Butte County Public Health presented a powerpoint presentation on Naloxone (NarCan) in Butte County. Anna Zepeda Nunez provided an overview of Community Overdose Prevention Efforts (COPE), Naloxone, drug overdose deaths in Butte County, Naloxone liability and distribution and Naloxone use in Butte County.

Justin Moore from Butte County Public Health presented an overview of how to recognize an opioid overdose, how to administer nasal Naloxone and what to do after administering Naloxone.

4. BOARD AND CARE NEEDS – INFORMATION

Scott Kennelly, Director of Butte County Behavioral Health, reviewed and explained Board and Cares along with the current need in Butte County. Board and Cares are adult residential care facilities for individuals with severe mental illness/dual diagnosis who need supervision 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Board and Cares would be an asset to the housing continuum as it would house individuals who lack the ability to live independently.

Scott Kennelly, Director of Butte County Behavioral Health explained reasons why Board and Cares no longer exist in Butte County. Behavioral Health’s current mission is to bring back Board and Cares for Butte County. Butte County Behavioral Health has funding available to assist with the cost of housing individuals in Board and Care facilities. Board and Care facilities are allowed 6 individuals in un-incorporated areas. There are 2 Board and Cares opening up March 1, 2024 in Oroville. The County is open to partnering with community members who would like to open a Board and Care.

Brief discussion held on Board and Cares and local need.

5. CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY – INFORMATION

Erin Murray, CoC Coordinator stated the Annual Conflict of Interest forms are due for CoC Members per the Conflict of Interest Policy. The Conflict of Interest form will be emailed to everyone and can be sent back with electronic signature or written signature. The due date to complete the forms will be noted in the email.

6. SUPPORT LETTER POLICY - INFORMATION:

Erin Murray, CoC Coordinator stated that the CoC has a Support Letter Policy. The Support Letter Policy is located on the CoC website and outlines how to request a letter of support from the CoC. The request for a letter of support will need to be submitted to the CoC email inbox no later than 14 days prior to when letter is needed.

7. COMMITTEE UPDATES – ACTION

A) Youth Homelessness

Erin Murray, CoC Coordinator stated the Youth Homelessness Committee has selected Jennifer Zellers as the Vice – Chairperson

A motion to approve Jennifer Zellers as Vice- Chairperson for the Youth Homelessness Committee

Motion: Josh Indar
Second: Ann Winters
Oppose: None
Abstain: None

8. HOMELESS HOUSING, ASSISTANCE AND PREVENTION ROUND 4 - INFORMATION

Kenny Huenink, DESS reviewed the agencies tentatively awarded for Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Round 4 (HHAP 4) funds. Awards are pending approval from the Board of Supervisors.

1. Butte County Office of Education - \$300,000 (Support and Outreach Services)
2. Catalyst - \$335,310 (DV – Case Management)
3. City of Chico - \$500,000 (Genesis Shelter)
4. Jesus Center - \$325,000 (Renewal/Family Shelter, Family Resource Center)

5. True North Housing Alliance - \$275,000 (Navigation Services/Direct Care – Center)
True North Housing Alliance - \$130,000 (Rapid Rehousing Program)
6. Youth for Change - \$237,690 (Housing Case Manager and Housing Stabilization)

9. TASK FORCE – DISCUSSION

Keesha Hill, First Chair stated that there had been a concern about the lack of participation and attendance for the Greater Chico Homeless Task Force meeting. There has been discussion held in the CoC meetings regarding this issue in the past. The Greater Chico Homeless Task Force is a separate entity from the CoC and while the CoC fully supports the Greater Chico Homeless Task Force, as well as the Greater Oroville Homeless Task Force CoC would not be responsible for any decision making.

10. LEAD AGENCY, COLLABORATION APPLICANT, ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY UPDATES - INFORMATION

Erin Murray, CoC Coordinator announced the 3 part series for the Regional Homeless Planning Symposium has finished and the next step will be gathering all of the information and to inform the HHAP 5 application, due at the end of March.

Erin Murray, CoC Coordinator announced currently working on the LSA, sheltered Point in Time (PIT) and Housing Inventory Count (HIC). Registration for the Annual CoC program grant has been completed. FY 2023 CoC program grant award were released including all of Tier 1, the program who straddled Tier 1/Tier 2 and CoC Bonus. Unfortunately, the DV Bonus was not awarded. The official award letter will be sent out to everyone when it has been received.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS – INFORMATION

Governance Committee – Erin Murray stated the committee met in January and have a few ideas for projects to complete and more information will be provided at the next CoC meeting. If anyone is interested in being a member of the Governance Committee contact Erin Murray.

HMIS/CES Committee – Erin Murray stated the HMIS/CES Committee has been working on the LSA, sheltered PIT and the HIC. They are also working on an update to the HMIS/CES Policy and Procedures.

Households with Children – Jaymee McLaughlin announced First 5 is getting ready to start serving lunches at the family resource centers. Butte County Office of Education (BCOE) is assisting in certification of 5 clinicians to help support the psychotherapy model. Community Action Agency has openings for Esplanade House and if anyone is interested Community Action Agency is accepting applications

Chronic Homelessness – Shelly Storkan announced the committee did not meet in January due to the move in of individuals into Prospect View. The next meeting is March 20th, 2024 and if anyone is interested in attending the information placed in chat. The meeting will have quest speaker to speak about Crisis Management.

PIT Committee – Jay Coughlin announced it is time to start planning for 2025 Unsheltered Point in Time. First meeting will be February 28, 2024 from 3pm – 4pm if you participated in the previous unsheltered Point in Time Committee you will be getting an invite for the meeting. If you are interested in participating on the Point in Time Planning committee let Jay know.

Equity Committee – Jessica Giannola announced the committee reviewed the Equity Purpose and Policy information. The committee discussed the need for inclusive language for written and oral communication by using gender neutral pronouns and people first language. Discussion held on how the community could assist with the Point in Time. The committee meeting dates and times conflicts with another committee meeting, so looking at changing the date and time. The committee is hoping to identify specific goals to work on within the next year. Next meeting February 29, 2024.

Youth Homelessness – Josh Indar announced the committee did not meet in January, however, the co-chair’s met and did a little planning. The committee would like to recruit new members to attend the meetings to provide new ideas/topics. The Expanded Youth Advisory Council activities should recruit Youth participation. There will be a youth led awareness campaign outreach in May about mental health. If anyone would like to partner or ideas let Josh know. Next meeting February 14, 2024 at 1pm.

Veteran’s Committee – No report

12. COALITION AND JURISDICTION REPORTS/UPDATES – INFORMATION

Tami Ritter, BOS – stated there are 2 Board and Cares on the Board of Supervisor’s agenda for February 13, 2024.

Greater Chico Homeless Task Force – Ann Winters stated there is a possibility the community has outgrown the need for the Task Force. This is a space for formally unhoused or unhoused individuals to provide input, it may be a consideration to move the meetings to twice a year.

Greater Oroville Homeless Coalition – No report

City of Chico – No report

City of Oroville – No report

City of Paradise – No report

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hilary Crosby, Safe Space, announced that the shelter will be at Trinity Methodist until this weekend and to the First Christian Church for the following 2 weeks. The last day for winter shelter will be March 2, 2024. Intake will remain at the parking lot of the Trinity Methodist until March 2, 2024.

Anastacia Snyder honored and presented Ed Mayer with a plaque for his many years of service, dedication and work for the Continuum of Care (CoC) and the homeless community.

Brad Brunner, Caminar asked if anyone knows where to obtain non perishable food for individuals, please reach out.

Nathan Swetz, Aegis Treatment Center stated the center is trying to apply to open up a medication unit in Oroville. 140 patients have to travel from Oroville to Chico for medication regulation.

Erin Murray honored and presented Anastacia Snyder with a plaque for her contribution, dedication and hard work for the CoC.

Tara Sullivan-Hames, Butte/Glenn 211 announced being able to expand the Lyft Program due to 2 grants. Butte/Glenn 211 are able to offer rides for free through Lyft for individuals for medical/health appointments or COVID related appointments. They would need to call Butte/Glenn 211 to make arrangements. The individual would need to have a cell phone. Free rides are offered Monday through Friday 7:30am to 7pm.

**14. NEXT MEETING – MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024: COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING
Butte County Department of Employment & Social Services to host Virtual Meeting**

15. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 2:16pm