



Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

BUTTE COUNTYWIDE HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 16, 2020

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

Conference Call

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Anastacia Snyder, Catalyst Domestic Violence Services
Marin Hambley, Stonewall Alliance
Don Taylor, Butte County DESS Housing and Homeless
Emily Bateman, Youth for Change 6th Street
Sarah Frohock, Butte County Dept. of Behavioral Health
Joy Amaro, True North Housing Alliance
Marie Demers, City of Chico
Alex Brown, Greater Chico Homeless Task Force
Tami Ritter, County Board of Supervisors

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Elisa Rawlinson, Butte County DESS H&H
Daneva Marshall, CSU Chico intern
John Mitchell, Oroville Rescue Mission
Deanna Schwab, Safe Space
Dawn Napier, Dept. of Veterans Affairs
Amilcar Avendano, Caring Choices

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Megan Meloy, Butte County Office of Education
Mike Zucolillo, Town of Paradise
Ed Mayer, Housing Authority of the County of Butte
Eric Smith, City of Oroville
Larry Hayden, Oroville Hope Center
Lisa Currier, Homeless/Formerly Homeless Representative
Scott Huber, City of Chico
Thomas Tenorio, Community Action Agency of Butte County

CoC COORDINATOR:

Briana Harvey-Butterfield, Butte County DESS, Housing and Homeless

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Staci Parisi, Butte County DESS Housing and Homeless

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- 1. CONVENE MEETING:** The meeting was called to order by Council Chair Anastacia Snyder at 1:07 p.m. and it was determined there is enough Council Members for a Quorum.

2. **INTRODUCTIONS:** Roll call for Council Members was completed by A. Snyder. Other attendees emailed B. Harvey-Butterfield that they were present.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - ACTION:** T. Ritter states we cannot take votes today because this phone meeting is not available to the public. Briana replied that the meeting announcement and call in information was emailed and posted on the CoC website. T. Ritter states there has to be a physical posting of the agenda, this is what she heard from the County. T. Ritter will abstain from all voting. D. Taylor replied that the CoC is not required to follow Brown Act guidelines. This can be brought up during Governance Committee if further discussion is needed.

The minutes for the CoC Council Meeting for February 10, 2020 were approved.

Motion: M. Demers

Second: D. Taylor

Opposed: None

Abstain: T. Ritter

4. **COUNCIL VOTE AND APPOINT VACANT VETERANS SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE SEAT – ACTION:** Potential appointees are Eric Almquist, Melissa Frohrip, and Daneva Marshall. Each potential appointee was provided with the call in information last week to participate in the call today to explain their experience and why they want to be on the Council. All Council members are to email their vote to M. Demers. Eric Almquist did not participate on the phone call. Melissa Frohrip sent an email message statement which was read by B. Harvey Butterfield. Melissa stated that she has worked in the social service field for over 17 years, specifically with homeless Veterans helping them attain independence and self-sufficiency. Daneva Marshall was present and stated she is pursuing her Master’s degree in Social Work at Chico State, she is a Veteran advocate and was in the Army for 15 years. Daneva is a current Army reserve member going through a medical retirement.

At the end of the call M. Demers announced that the Council voted to appoint Melissa Frohrip as the Veterans Services Representative on the Council.

5. **EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) NOFA:** D. Taylor stated that the ESG NOFA was released on 2/28/20. ESG dollars are divided into two pots: 1) Larger CoC’s receive entitlement ESG funding 2) All other CoC’s receive Balance of State (BOS) ESG funding. Butte County is a BOS CoC. The set dollar amount for our CoC is \$304,091. This is split into two funding pools: one is competitive, one is non-competitive. The non-competitive portion is specifically for Rapid Rehousing (RRH) activities. The competitive is for RRH, HMIS, Homeless Prevention, Street Outreach and Emergency Shelter. A minimum of 40% but no more than 50% of our set dollar amount must be used for the non-competitive. Does our Council want to apply for 40 or 50% for the non-competitive? 40% is \$121,636, 50% is \$152,046. The balance of our funding will go into the competitive pot with 8 other (a total of 9) Northern California CoC’s. Historically our CoC has voted for 40% vs. 50%. Question from S. Frohock, what is the reasoning for going with 40% historically? D. Taylor answered that a greater amount is put into the competitive pool for emergency shelter. RRH works effectively if we have housing available. A. Snyder stated that RRH has been difficult. J. Amaro asked if we have CESH RRH dollars? D. Taylor said we do. The County will submit a maximum of 2 applications for the competitive funds, and two applications for the non-competitive funds.

A motion was made to allocate 40% of the ESG funding to the non-competitive portion for RRH.

Motion: M. Demers

Second: J. Amaro

Opposed: None

Abstain: T. Ritter, A. Brown

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS – INFORMATION:

- D. Taylor announced that the CoC will hold a training regarding the application process for the ESG funding. The training will be on Wednesday, March 25th from 3-5 via Skype. More information to come.
- M. Demers announced that the City of Chico is reaching out to organizations that service the unhoused to find out what the gaps and potential issues are. If you have information you would like to share please email Marie Demers at marie.demers@chicoca.gov.
- M. Hambley asked if there is a set of practices for housing providers regarding Covid-19. A. Snyder stated that Catalyst has a network putting together best practices and protocols. Catalyst has a Board meeting this evening to talk about protocols. Catalyst currently has an empty cottage that they can use to quarantine if needed. J. Amaro states that there is literature on the HCD website for congregate sheltering that the Torres Shelter has been implementing. This includes handwashing stations on the outside of the building. Torres is trying to find a church to use to be able to give residents adequate social distancing space. Torres Shelter had 150 guests last night. J. Amaro stated that she has a call tomorrow with Public Health and would like to have protocols from Public Health so she knows what the County wants them to do. J. Mitchell stated at ORM they are unable to keep guests 6 feet apart, especially with the cold weather and lots of guests at the shelter. ORM is monitoring people who are sick or running a fever. ORM is looking at partnering with churches for more room.
- T. Ritter asked D. Taylor if he has seen any information on the funding from the State to DESS for shelter in hotels? D. Taylor stated the County has not received any information from the State regarding this. D. Taylor says this is being explored by the State, and from his understanding, the State will contract directly with hotels.
- D. Taylor announced that he has been appointed the liaison between the homeless population and Public Health and the Emergency Operations Center. He is having a telephone conference tomorrow with Public Health and will forward a meeting invitation to shelter service providers. The Housing and Homeless team is adding a spot on the CoC website to provide updated information as we receive it from CDPH and BCDPH, as well as post links to other sources of information regarding Covid-19.
- M. Demers announced that as of tomorrow morning, all City of Chico offices are open by appointment only, no walk-ins.
- M. Hambley asked if there is anything being set up for unsheltered homeless people? A. Brown stated that she put a request into the Chico City Council requesting additional handwashing stations around the city. M. Demers stated that the City is installing outdoor washing stations around Chico.

7. **NEXT MEETING:** The next CoC Council Meeting will be on Monday, April 20th, 2020 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Location or call in information to be provided.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:48 p.m.