



Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

BUTTE COUNTYWIDE HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Monday, July 20, 2020

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

Zoom Virtual Meeting Hosted by Butte County Employment & Social Services

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Anastacia Snyder, Catalyst Domestic Violence Services
Marin Hambley, Stonewall Alliance
Don Taylor, Butte County DESS Housing and Homeless
Melissa Frohrip, Veteran's Resource Center
Tami Ritter, County Board of Supervisors
Marie Demers, City of Chico
Ed Mayer, Housing Authority of the County of Butte
Thomas Tenorio, Community Action Agency
Joy Amaro, True North Housing Alliance
Alex Brown, GCHT (Angela McLoughlin for)
Sarah Frohock, BCDBH (Alex Bruun for)
Larry Hayden, Oroville Hope Center (Josh Jamison for)

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Emily Bateman, Youth for Change 6th Street
Scott Huber, City of Chico
Eric Smith, City of Oroville
Meagan Meloy, Butte County Office of Education
Lisa Currier, Homeless/Formerly Homeless Representative

CoC COORDINATOR:

Briana Harvey-Butterfield, DESS, Housing & Homeless

RECORDING:

Staci Parisi, Butte County DESS Housing and Homeless

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Debbie Villasenor, Housing Consultant
Danette York, Public Health
Adriana Taylor, Unite Us
Gil Duran, Blue Shield of CA
Nancy Jorth, Youth for Change

OTHER ATTENDEES CONT'D:

Elisa Rawlinson, Butte County DESS H&H
Ann Winters, Catalyst
Laura Cootsona, Jesus Center
Shelby Boston, DESS
Jay Coughlin, DESS H&H
Tara Sullivan Hames, Butte 211
Matt Reed, TNHA
Nick Fashing, DESS
Annie Terry, ORM
Mike Shafer, CalOES
Deanna Schwab, Safe Space
Mia Rae Kirk, Base Camp Village
Rachel DeLeon, DESS
Lorilyn Manwarren, Ampla
Tim Hawkins, CAA
Adriana Taylor, Unite Us
Leslie Johnson, CHAT
Dawn Blackhorse, Butte College
Mark Alvidrez, CHAT
Penny Mittag, DESS
Ana Vicuna, BCDBH
John Fleming, Ampla Health
Khadijah Webster, Disability Action Center
Keesha Hills, OSCIA

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- 1. CONVENE MEETING:** The meeting was called to order by Council Chair A. Snyder at 1:03 p.m. This meeting is being recorded. The meetings are not being posted to the CoC website at this time. They can be posted to the CoC website if the CoC Council requests.
- 2. INTRODUCTIONS:** Roll call for Council Members was completed by A. Snyder. It was determined there is enough Council Members for a Quorum. No field introductions were done. If you would like your name listed as an attendee please type your name and agency in the chat box.
- 3. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TRAINING:**
Monday, July 20th 3:15 – 4:45 p.m.
Sarah Sullivan, Catalyst Domestic Violence Services
Following this meeting Sarah will be doing an extensive intimate partner violence for individuals working with this population. The meeting will utilize the same zoom link as this meeting. You can log out and log back in at 3:15 for this training.
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made to approve the June 15, 2020 All Member Meeting minutes.

Motion: Ed Mayer
Second: Don Taylor
Opposed: None
Abstain: None

A motion was made to approve the July 14, 2020 CoC Special Council Meeting minutes with the following correction: Correct spelling of Tami Ritter's name.

Motion: Thomas Tenorio
Second: Tami Ritter
Opposed: None
Abstain: None

- 5. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE STATEMENT:** B. Harvey Butterfield stated that as of this afternoon we have received eighteen completed Conflict of Interest (COI) forms. When the forms were emailed to the CoC members, it was announced that as an incentive to get the forms returned, two names would be drawn to win Dutch Bros. gift cards from those who had submitted their COI's by today's meeting. Scott Kennelly and Justin Sudduth were the winners of the gift cards. Please return your COI's to Briana as soon as possible.
- 6. 2020 ANNUAL HOUSING INVENTORY COUNT / POINT IN TIME REPORT UPDATE:** B.H. Butterfield reported that the Housing Inventory Count (HIC) and Point in Time Report (PIT) were successfully completed and submitted by T. Tenorio and his team at CAA. Thank you to CAA for providing the County training during the process. T. Tenorio stated that these reports are part of the annual reporting obligations to HUD. HIC is a measure of the number of beds that exist within a CoC that are dedicated to be used with homeless populations.

Key measures from HIC report are bed utilization ratio and coverage ratio. The PIT measures number of homeless persons. Coverage ratio is how many organization in a CoC are participating in HMIS. D. Villasenor asked if there was anywhere in the reports to explain local conditions and how they may affect our bed utilization and coverage ratio? T. Tenorio stated HUD is focused on data quality and does not take into account local conditions. B.H. Butterfield stated that the 2020 HIC and the PIT will be posted to the CoC website.

7. **2021 POINT IN TIME (PIT) COMMITTEE UPDATE:** B.H. Butterfield stated that the 2021 PIT will be for sheltered and unsheltered. Invitation is open to participate in the PIT Committee. Please reach out to B.H. Butterfield if interested in participating. First committee meeting is August 4 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

8. **COUNTY UPDATES:**

- a. Project Room Key (PRK) – As of today we have 154 FEMA qualified individuals in hotels plus 39 caretakers. Over 300 individuals served to date. 47 have exited to permanent or transitional housing. What is the next logical step? We are looking at a target RRH approach called Covid Rehousing Team (CRT) to move individuals out of the hotels. First CRT meeting is July 28, 3:00 -4:00 p.m. PRK is continuing through July 30, 2020. There may be an extension through August. Partners may be opening a new emergency shelter September 1, 2020.
- b. Project Home Key (PHK) – NOFA from HCD just came out last week. The state has put \$600 million from Coronavirus relief funds to assist county's, city's, housing authority's and tribes in acquiring properties to HA's to acquire property to house PRK individuals. The timeline is aggressive. Escrows must be closed by December 30, 2020. The HACB is in a position to acquire property quicker than the County or City. First step is to identify properties that are available for purchase, support services needed, and property managers needed. Working with Carolyn Dinero who works with Explore Butte County to find out what properties might be available for purchase.

Comment from E. Mayer: How can we move PRK individuals forward when they are ready to be housed? We need to move now if they are stable and ready for housing.

M. Hambley states they are searching for landlords that are willing to rent to PRK individuals. Most PRK individuals do have SSI income or GA. Safe Space has found 8 houses so far to house PRK individuals. Needs are co-signers, lease assistance, and finding places that are affordable.

E. Mayer states that landlords are willing to rent rooms in some student housing. Some landlords are renting single rooms in suites to individuals. M. Hambley states they have been working with Gateway student housing for suite style housing, but the rent is high for a single room and cosigners are still needed.

M. Alvidrez states CHAT is in process of acquiring more homes to house individuals for their shared housing project and hope to have more vacancies in the near future.

- c. D. Taylor stated that the County is in the process of converting some of its HOME dollars into rental assistance. CESH 1 dollars are also available for rental assistance. Supportive services is going to be huge.

T. Sullivan Hames stated that Butte 211 is seeing an unmet need for hotel vouchers for homeless individuals who do not qualify for Project Room Key. They have received 78 contacts from individuals who are homeless seeking motel voucher stays.

- d. County departments have been engaged in meetings with Unite Us who are partnering with Blue Shield of California to put together a coordinated care network to link medical providers with social service providers. Unite Us will present at the August 17 CoC Council meeting.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Governance Committee: The committee is currently working on reviewing the Governance Charter and working with technical assistance on it. Contact B. Harvey Butterfield or A. Snyder if you would like to participate.

Chronic Homeless Committee: J. Amaro reported that they are looking for an alternate time to meet as attendance has been low. Survey monkey for convenient times will be sent out.

HMIS/CE Committee: S. Parisi gave a report out to the Council on updates to the Coordinated Entry process. See Attachment A.

Runaway Homeless Youth: No report

10. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** D. Villasenor reported that CHIP and Butte County Behavioral Health were awarded No Place Like Home Round 2 funding for Creekside Place project. They applied for the low income disaster tax credit as well. May start project in Spring of 2021.

11. **Next Meeting:** Monday August 17, 2020, Butte County Department of Employment and Social Services to host Zoom Virtual Meeting.

12. **Adjourned:** 2:21 p.m.