



Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

BUTTE COUNTYWIDE HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Monday, October 19, 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
Don Taylor, Butte County DESS Housing & Homeless
Emily Bateman, Youth for Change/6th Street
Eric Smith, City of Oroville
Joy Amaro, True North Housing Alliance
Lisa Currier, Homeless/Former Homeless Representative
Marie Demers, City of Chico
Marin Hambley, Stonewall Alliance
Sarah Frohock, Butte County Dept. of Behavioral Health
Tami Ritter, Butte County Board of Supervisors
Stephanie Hayden for Larry Hayden, Oroville Hope Center
Thomas Tenorio, Community Action Agency
Ed Mayer, Housing Authority of the County of Butte
Meagan Meloy, Butte County Office of Education

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Alex Brown, Greater Chico Homeless Taskforce
Melissa Frohrip, Nation's Finest (formerly VRC)
Mike Zucolillo, Town of Paradise
Scott Huber, City of Chico

CoC COORDINATOR:

Briana Harvey-Butterfield, DESS, Housing & Homeless

RECORDING:

Staci Parisi, Butte County DESS Housing and Homeless

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Talmadge House, Disability Action Center
Armando Hernandez, VECTORS
Lydia Jimenez, Cal OES

OTHER ATTENDEES CONT'D:

Ann Winters, Catalyst Domestic Violence Services
Brad Brunner, Caminar
Crystal Mourad, North Valley Housing Trust
Dawn Blackhorse, Butte College
Elisa Rawlinson, Butte County DESS H&H
Jay Coughlin, Butte County DESS H&H
Rachel DeLeon, Butte County DESS
Josh Jamison, Oroville Hope Center
John Fleming, Ampla
Keesha Hills, OSCIA
Annie Terry, Oroville Rescue Mission
Suzi Kochems, City of Chico
Pahua Thao, Butte County DESS H&H
Caitlin Davis-Rivers, CHAT
Kevin Thompson, OSCIA
Debbie Lucero, Butte County Board of Supervisors
Mary Jo Alonzo, City of Chico
Tara Sullivan-Hames, Butte 211
Kathleen Sweeney, Supervisor Ritter's Office
Kelly Steinhauer, CHAT
Melody Proebstel, United Way of Northern California
Lu Ann Peitz, Butte County DESS H&H
Hillary Crosby, Caring Choices
Robyn Cole, Cal OES
Tiffany Danger, BCOE
Danette York, Butte County Dept. of Public Health
Alyssa Nolan, Tiny Pine Foundation
Nancy Jorth, Youth for Change

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. **CONVENE MEETING AND ESTABLISH QUOREM:** The meeting was called to order by A. Snyder at 1:05 p.m. This meeting is being recorded. 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.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made to approve the September 21, 2020 Council meeting minutes with the following corrections: 1) Add Talmadge House with Disability Action Center to list of attendees. 2) Change next meeting date from November 16, 2020 to October 19, 2020.

Motion: E. Mayer
Second: M. Demers
Opposed: None
Abstain: None

3. **REDISTRIBUTION OF HEAP FUNDS:** D. Taylor presented a staff report recommending available HEAP funding be awarded to three South County service providers for Capital Improvement Programs. (see ATTACHMENT A). Questions for the agencies:

OSCIA Haven of Hope Housing Program:

- Q:** M. Demers asked if one manufactured home can house 12 individuals?
A: Thompson responded it is a 2,600 square foot home with 6 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms.
Q: L. Currier asked if couples can share a room?
A: K. Thompson replied that bedrooms will be all male or all female, no couples. Participants will be selected from the Coordinated Entry list.
Q: Eric Smith asked about permitting processing, what kind of permit is needed? How big is lot?
A: K. Thompson responded the preliminary permits have been applied for.
Q: A. Snyder asked about the \$125,000 mortgage, what is the loan repayment agreement?
A: K. Thompson stated that the mortgage will be a traditional loan and participants will pay rent to help pay the mortgage. The mortgage has been secured.

The Oroville Hope Center:

- Q:** E. Smith asked if permits for 6 emergency beds at the shelter have been applied for?
A: J. Jameson said final approval has not been granted because they do not own the building yet. The focus of the proposed project is on the day services program.
Q: E. Smith asked if these agencies have a delay in spending this money, can it be redirected to the other agencies?
A: D. Taylor replied that DESS Housing and Homeless staff will be closely monitoring the spending and will talk to the CoC Council to redirect funds if necessary. If one of these projects ends up not being viable, the agreement will be terminated and the funding will be redirected to other CoC approved recipients.

Q: A. Snyder asked about 6,000 unduplicated persons served per year which is stated in their proposal, do you mean instances of service? S. Hayden says they serve 75-100 per day, so 6,000 is instances of services.

Oroville Rescue Mission:

Q: M. Demers asked when City of Oroville is annexing the property at ORM.

A: E. Smith states LAFCO is handling this.

A motion was made to accept the three proposals (see Attachment A) for disencumbered HEAP funds and award Oroville Southside Community Improvement Association (OSCIA), Oroville Hope Center, and Oroville Rescue Mission each \$263,364.00.

Motion: E. Mayor
Second: E. Smith
Opposed: None
Abstain: Stephanie Hayden acting on behalf of Larry Hayden

- 4. GOVERNANCE CHARTER UPDATE:** B.H. Butterfield presented an updated Governance Charter (ATTACHMENT B) for approval and adoption by the CoC Council. The Governance committee utilized technical assistance from TAC to make the updates. Changes to the Governance Charter include pulling out duplicated items, adding a code of conduct, and removing details that are better suited for a CoC Policy and Procedure document. A motion was made to approve the updated Governance Charter as accepted.

Motion: M. Demers
Second: M. Meloy
Opposed: None
Abstain: None

- 5. CoC COUNCIL MEMBER NOMINATIONS:** A. Snyder announced that 6 CoC Council seats are up for reelection:

Anastacia Snyder
Lisa Currier
Melissa Frohrip
Marie Demers
Megan Meloy
Emily Bateman

M. Demers stated that in the past the CoC Coordinator has assumed the reelection duties. M. Meloy stated that it will be easier to have one person over-see the reelection process rather than forming a committee. B. H. Butterfield stated that as the CoC Coordinator she will lead the election process.

6. COUNTY UPDATES:

- A) New subcommittee – The County is researching the LGBTQ and People of Color committee. We will bring the information we have obtained to the November CoC meeting for a vote.
- B) Next PIT committee is November. Still need geographical leaders. Survey is nearly finalized and will be brought to Council for approval at November CoC all member meeting.
- C) HUD announced that CoC's are required to conduct the 2021 sheltered PIT count, but have not provided direction on the unsheltered count yet.
- D) ESG-CV2 - \$5,776,946 has been made available to Butte CoC. The County is the AE for ESG-CV 2. County is working on the application. The State wants this funding used for Rapid Rehousing and Emergency Shelter.
- E) CoC Consolidated application – HUD is looking at renewing all grantees for 2020 from 2019 awards, rather than have a 2020 NOFA. This is because of the many other COVID-19 NOFA's and grants that CoC's are dealing with at this time.
- F) HEAP – the County is closely monitoring all HEAP projects for money that will need to be reallocated if unspent by the end of the grant term. The CoC will need to come up with process to spend the money quickly. One idea is to amend existing HEAP contracts to add funding to HEAP grantees that have additional need for funds. The funding needs to be spent by the end of May. D. Taylor suggested the interest from the HEAP funding, which is approximately \$85,000 - \$90,000 be used to fund the CoC Coordinator position. A. Snyder said she would like to see a proposal for that at an upcoming CoC meeting.
- G) HHAP – HHAP 2.0 NOFA should be released anytime, the application is due in January. State is looking at doing performance based contracting for second round of HHAP. State is looking closer at how funding is being used. The CoC may combine HHAP 1 and HHAP 2 into a combined NOFA.
- H) Tax Credit authority - \$98.6 million of disaster tax credits are available to certain jurisdictions impacted by 2017-18 wildfires. Butte was given \$40 million available for 14 projects in Butte County. 1161 housing units will be built in Butte County. All units will be low income, 247 Section 8 vouchers have been awarded to these projects.
- I) Project Room Key – B.H. Butterfield reported there are currently 133 FEMA qualified individuals, 103 in North County and 30 in South County. We are utilizing 115 hotel rooms, and 66 people have left hotels for permanent housing.
- J) COVID Rehousing Team (CRT) Update – B.H. Butterfield gave an update on the CRT. The CRT meets weekly. The purpose of the CRT is to focus Rapid Rehousing efforts on Project Roomkey participants so they do not return to homelessness when Project Roomkey ends. The Team is split into planning, housing location, housing navigation, assessment, move in, and lived experience subcommittees. There is a process in place for requesting rental assistance and other funds to help with securing and maintaining permanent housing for Project Roomkey participants. The CRT is currently using CESH 1 funds to assist with rental assistance and other expenses associated with securing housing.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Governance Committee: B.H. Butterfield reported that the Governance committee is starting to work on the CoC Policies and Procedures.

Chronic Homeless Committee: No report

HMIS/CE Committee: S. Parisi reported the committee met on October 12 and reviewed training updates and changes to the assessment process at the program versus person level.

Runaway Homeless Youth: E. Bateman reported that the next meeting is October 28 at 12:15. The committee discussed the PIT and how to make sure homeless youth are counted. November 10 is wear green day to shed a light on homeless youth.

Veterans Committee: E. Rawlinson reported that Melissa Frohrip is the chair. Dennis Whit is vice chair. The committee is trying to determine how many homeless veterans there are in the community and how to best coordinate services for them.

Greater Chico Homeless Chico Task Force: S. Kochems presented Homeless Opportunities Plan.

Households with Children: S. Parisi announced that this committee is reconvening in January. The committee needs a chairperson to coordinate the meetings.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

E. Smith reported that the Oroville Rescue Mission annexation was approved by LAFCO. The City of Oroville is looking forward to a county recordation date around November 1, 2020. Additionally, the City is considering making available to the Rescue Mission some land it owns adjacent to them.

S. Hayden reported that the Oroville Hope Center has fire resources. Hours are Tuesday – Friday from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Please call Oroville Hope Center or email stephanie@orvillehopecenter.org.

9. NEXT MEETING:

Monday November 16, 2020, Butte County Department of Employment and Social Services to host Zoom Virtual Meeting.

10. Adjourned: 2:27 p.m.