



Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

BUTTE COUNTYWIDE HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Monday, October 18th, 2021

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

Zoom Option Hosted by Butte County Employment & Social Services

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Angela McLaughlin, Greater Chico Homeless Taskforce
Joy Amaro, True North Housing Alliance
Meagan Meloy, Butte County Office of Education
Sarah Frohock, Butte County Dept. of Behavioral Health
Tami Ritter, Butte County Board of Supervisors
Josh Jamison, Oroville Hope Center/Alternate
Anastacia Snyder, Catalyst Domestic Violence Services
Don Taylor, Butte County DESS Housing & Homeless
Thomas Tenorio, Community Action Agency
Emily Bateman, Youth for Change/6th Street
Eric Smith, City of Oroville
Marie Demers, City of Chico
Keesha Hills, OSCIA

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Steve Culleton, Town of Paradise
Michael O'Brien, City of Chico Council Member
John Mitchell, Christian Faith Center
Marin Hambley, Stonewall Alliance/Safe Space
Ed Mayer, Housing Authority of the County of Butte

CoC COORDINATOR:

Briana Harvey-Butterfield, DESS Housing & Homeless

RECORDING:

Kyle Prieto, DESS Housing & Homeless

ZOOM MONITOR:

Elisa Rawlinson, DESS Housing & Homeless

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Wendy Lo, DESS Housing and Homeless
Sherry Morgado, Housing Tools

OTHER ATTENDEES CONT'D:

Debra Lucero, Butte County Supervisor, District 2
Debbie Villasenor, Housing Consultant
Kevin Thompson, OSCIA
Laura Cootsona, Jesus Center
Shelly Storkan, BCDBH
Lorena Reed, BCDBH
Luann Manss, Caring Choices
Leslie Johnson, CHAT
Amber Abney-Bass, Jesus Center
Dawn Blackhorse, Butte College
Susan Wilson, Safe Space
John Zepeda, Butte County Veterans Service Office
Jay Coughlin, DESS Housing and Homeless
Michael Wright, DESS Housing and Homeless
Crystal Hutchinson, Children's Services
MaryJo Alonzo, City of Chico
Patrick Telles, Legal Services of Northern CA
Isabel Alaniz-Alverado, DESS Housing and Homeless
Mary Kay Benson, NSST and Butte County Shelter for All
Nancy Jorth, Youth for Change
Melody Proebstel, United Way
Melissa Jamison, UWNC
Erin Murray, DESS Housing and Homeless
Tara Sullivan-Hames, Butte/Glenn 2-1-1
Brad Brunner, Caminar
Kayla Davis, DESS Housing & Homeless
Angie Little, HACB
Ana Vicuna, Behavioral Health
Jaymee McLaughlin, CUSD
Cathleen Ouimet, Home & Healthcare Mgmt.
James Coles, Housing Tools
Amber Benedict, CHAT
Jennifer Wilking, CSU Chico
Annie Terry, Oroville Rescue Mission
Lori LaRiviere, TNHA BOD

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- 1. CONVENE MEETING AND ESTABLISH QUORUM:** The meeting was called to order by Anastacia Snyder at 1:04 p.m. This meeting is being recorded. Roll call for Council Members was completed by Anastacia Snyder. It was determined there are 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 CoC meeting minutes for;
A) CoC Council Meeting of September 20th, 2021, B) CoC Special Meeting 2021 ESG Application Approval of October 7th, 2021. There was a change noted and accepted for the meeting minutes for the September 20th meeting; Michael O'Brian's official title is City of Chico Council Member.

Motion: Angela McLaughlin
Second: Tami Ritter
Opposed: None
Abstain: Marie Demers, Emily Bateman
- 3. FY 2021 CoC Program Funds Project Application Approval:** Sherry Morgado began with a brief background of the HUD 2021 NOFO that was released on August 18th, 2021 with CoC applications due to HUD by November 16th, 2021. HUD requires that each CoC receive its local CoC project applications at least 30 days prior to the application due date and to inform the CoC project applicants of their ranking position at least 15 days prior to the due date. The local timeline accounted for those requirements. The process that the local CoC uses for its project application must be observed due to the fact that HUD allocates points to the CoC and its consolidated application for this process. Local objective criteria must also be included in the decision making process, the use of system performance measures and allowing for a comparable database to be used by domestic violence providers. The goal is to remove any barriers that clients are faced with that could prevent them from achieving sustainable housing in a fair and competitive way using HUD's criteria. In response to the RFP that the Butte CoC issued, 11 project applications were received, which consisted of eight renewal projects, one renewal project with expansion which was the Butte County HMIS as well as two new projects. One of the new projects is the Joint Transitional Housing rapid rehousing project from Catalyst Domestic Violence Services. The other is the funding for Magnolia House which is operated by the Safe Space Winter Shelter. In total these 11 projects are requesting \$785,174 in funding. \$611,763 in funding is available to the CoC, which is the annual renewal demand. In addition, two potential bonuses may be made available. The first is a CoC bonus in the amount of \$37,080 and the other is a domestic violence bonus in the amount of \$111,239. HUD will make the determination if the CoC qualifies for these bonuses. If both bonuses are received the total funding that will be available will be \$760,082 which is \$25,092 less than the total funds requested. If the bonuses are not received the total funding will only be the annual renewal total of \$611,763 which is \$173,411 less than the total funds requested. HUD requires any projects that pass the threshold be ranked in to tiers 1 & 2, then they can be considered for funding. If the domestic violence bonus is granted by HUD then the Catalyst project for Joint Transitional Housing will be removed from the tiered ranking and the projects that are below will be moved up, if it's not

accepted the project remains ranked. The CoC bonus does not have the option to be removed from the tiers 1 & 2 ranking process. Housing Tools provided the committee with the initial ranking. On Friday, October 15th, they were contacted by HACB and BCBH both requesting that their certification projects be moved down on the ranking list to be below the Caminar projects. Debbie Villasenor with BCBH spoke on the reasons for this request and Angie Little was present on behalf of HACB. Both agencies agreed that the competition process that HUD has created was unfortunate and did not fulfill their funding needs appropriately, therefore they decided make the request to be in tier 2 and promote the Caminar project to tier 1. Both agencies developed a strategy moving forward on how they will operate if their requested funds are not approved. A spreadsheet was shown for the 2021 ranking that reflects each project, the applicant, service area, target population, primary use of CoC funding, units/beds, years in operation, grant term in years, the amount and the balance for both tiers 1 & 2. If HUD approves the domestic violence bonus another scenario was shown that would move Catalyst from tier 1 to its own category and how that would affect the remaining projects in tiers 1 & 2.

Based off of all of this information a request for a motion was made to approve the amended version of the HUD/CoC Funding 2021 without modification. Tom Tenorio was nominated to facilitate the motion and Josh Jamison seconded the motion. Any council member that has a conflict of interest in the discussion and subsequent vote was asked to abstain from the vote and recuse themselves.

Motion: Marie Demers
Second: Megan Meloy
Opposed: None
Abstain: Anastacia Snyder, Tami Ritter, Sarah Frohock and Don Taylor

Motion Passed.

4. **FY 2021 CoC Planning Grant Staff Report:** Briana Harvey-Butterfield started the conversation by directing the committee to a memo within the agenda packet as part of the CoC grant fund project and shows the only grant request that isn't ranked is the CoC planning project. The reason for this is due to the collaborative applicant being the only entity that is eligible to apply for those funds. The memo indicates that Butte County DESS (Department of Employment and Social Services) will be applying for the 2021 CoC planning project funds of \$22,248.00. These funds will be used for future years going through this process again as well as funding the Point in Time.
5. **HDAP Staff Report:** Jay Coughlin reporting for the HDAP program, started with directing the committee to the last page in the agenda packet. This memo is meant to inform the CoC and other community members that Butte County DESS- Housing & Homeless branch is going to be accepting the new allocation for the Housing and Disability program. This program was established in 2016 and began July of 2017 with a three year pilot project which was extended an additional year. The latest state budget that was released has augmented the program along with other historic investments that were made this year for the Housing and Homeless programs. The current budget is currently allocated out for \$150 million state wide for HDAP programs with an addition allocated amount of \$ 25 million per year. Butte County's allotment of the \$150 million is \$992,922.00 which can be spent over the next three years. Jay then introduced two new Housing Navigators to the Housing and Homeless team, Michael

Wright and Isabel Alaniz-Alvarado and announced they have completed the SOAR training; which is the National model for SSI/SSDI outreach, access and recovery. There were changes made to this funding that were announced and they include; a) the matching of funds has been made an exception, b) target population has been expanded to include people who are recently homeless or at risk of being homeless. The state has increased it to include youth, families and individuals exiting institutions.

- 6. Lead Agency, Collaborative Applicant, and Administrative Entity Updates:** Briana Harvey-Butterfield gave a couple of quick updates. She stated that she has been working with partnering agencies that had applied and confirmed by the CoC to submit their final applications for the Emergency Solutions Grant BoS. Applications will need to be submitted by the organizations by end of day October 19th, 2021. It was also noted that the CoC component had been uploaded. The second announcement was that the HHAP applications would be reviewed by committee on Wednesday October 20th, 2021 and information should be going out that Friday to make announcements of who will be getting those funds.
- 7. Committee Reports:** The Governance committee met and review some of the governance materials and it was noted that the lead agency needed to be included in the structure of the council. Point in Time committee met on September 29th, 2021 and finalized the survey questions and discussed securing the incentives and who the county will be contracting in order to complete. Potential HUB locations were noted for possible Point in Time locations with the intent being on meeting in person with potential clients. The HMIS/CES committee met October 11th, 2021, they debuted a new HMIS- New User Request Form. It was announced during that meeting that the HMIS lead has been working with the Veteran’s Administration to verify anyone who is a self-reported veteran within the system to confirm if that individual is currently connected with the VA health care and or VASH services. They are also working on providing more consistency within the HMIS/CES program by way of additional training, this is due to the states requirements that partnering agencies input information into the system. The Youth Homelessness committee met and Emily Bateman informed the CoC meeting that the Runaway Youth Taskforce has been meeting and there are a number of activities planned for November to raise awareness for runaway homeless youth, including National Wear Green day on Nov. 10th and a candle lit vigil called “Light up the Night.” Households with Children committee gave a reminder that the committee meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom and if you would like to join the meetings e-mail Megan Meloy. They are also looking for new ways to streamline their referral process between the case managers and the organizations that are serving homeless students in our area. John Zepeda with the Butte County Veterans Service Office gave a report on the Stand Down from Oct. 1st, 2nd and 3rd that was successful. An after action meeting took place and they are hopeful that the Stand Down event will be conducted annually. They are also continuing to work on their By-Name list and having committee meetings every 6th Wednesday. Shelly Storkan with the Chronic Homelessness committee reported that the committee had not met yet but that there is a meeting scheduled for Wednesday October 20th, 2021 from 1:30-3 via Zoom and for anyone wanting to join to e-mail her.
- 8. Coalition and Jurisdiction Reports/Updates:** Greater Chico Homeless Task Force, Angela McLaughlin informed that Melissa Bunumn and Vida Reishner from AGIS are going to be at their next meeting on Thursday October 21st, 2021. The guest speakers will be giving information on the AGIS treatment programs. Tami Ritter provided a jurisdictional update with a county allocation of \$1.7 million of ARPA funds toward the emergency homeless solutions for the City of Chico.

- 9. Announcements:** Briana Harvey-Butterfield reminded the CoC that next month is the all member meeting and that it's also the election month. She will be e-mailing out the election information and nomination forms in the next few weeks. There are six service categories that are up for nomination and election.
- 10. NEXT MEETING:** Monday, November 15th, 2021, Butte County Department of Employment and Social Services to host Virtual Meeting.
- 11. Adjourned: 2:20 P.M.**