



Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

BUTTE COUNTYWIDE HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 21st, 2022

1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Zoom Hosted by Butte County Employment & Social Services

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tami Ritter, Butte County Board of Supervisors
Anastacia Snyder, Catalyst Domestic Violence Services
Don Taylor, Butte County DESS Housing & Homeless
Marie Demers, City of Chico
Keesha Hills, OSCIA
Ed Mayer, Housing Authority of the County of Butte
Sarah Frohock, Butte County Dept. of Behavioral Health
Brad Brunner, Caminar
Marin Hambley, Stonewall Alliance/Safe Space
Amber Abney-Bass, Jesus Center
Michael O'Brien, City of Chico Council Member
Josh Jamison, Oroville Hope Center/Alternate

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Steve Culleton, Town of Paradise
John Mitchell, Christian Faith Center
Emily Bateman, Youth for Change/6th Street
Meagan Meloy, Butte County Office of Education
Eric Smith, City of Oroville
Angela McLaughlin, Greater Chico Homeless Taskforce

CoC COORDINATOR:

Briana Harvey-Butterfield, DESS Housing & Homeless

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Wendy Lo, DESS Housing & Homeless
Leslie Johnson, CHAT
Debbie Villasenor, Housing Consultant
Erin Kennedy, Boys and Girls Club
Wendy C. Brown, Child Abuse Prevention Council
MaryJo Alonzo, City of Chico Housing Division
Kathleen Sweeney, Tami Ritter's office
Ann Winters, Catalyst
Emely Arienza, Anthem Blue Cross
Debra Lucero, County of Butte, Supervisor District 2
Scott Kennelly, BCBH
Aimee Decker, Nations Finest
Hilary Crosby, Safe Space

OTHER ATTENDEES CONT'D:

Kevin Thompson, OSCIA
Lorena Reed, BCDBH
Susan Wilson, Safe Space
MaryJo Alonzo, City of Chico
Nancy Jorth, Youth for Change
Melissa Jamison, UWNC
Erin Murray, DESS Housing & Homeless
Kayla Davis, DESS Housing & Homeless
Jaymee McLaughlin, CUSD
Angie Little, HACB
Elisa Rawlinson, DESS Housing & Homeless
Pahua Thao, DESS Housing & Homeless
Amber Benedict, CHAT
Andrea Mox, Stonewall Alliance
Nicole Drummond, Executive Director CHAT
Deborah L Taylor, LCSW, CES (VA NorCal)
Taylor Storey, True North Housing Alliance
Shelly Storkan, BCDBH
Samantha Ott, DESS
Cathryn Carkhuff, Home & Heart
Samantha Davis, Ampla Health MMU
Jennifer Wilking, CSU Chico
Michael Wright, DESS Housing & Homeless
Josiah Vasey, Butte/Glenn 2-1-1
Patrick Telles, LSNC
Bob Irvine, New Beginnings Housing Foundation
Tim Hawkings, CAA Butte
Nick Fashing, DESS Adult Services
Pamela Beeman, Interfaith Council
Tiffany Danger, BCOE School Ties
Jay Coughlin, DESS Housing & Homeless
Jessica Giannola, CHAT (CHAMP)
Sheba Sawyer, UWNC
Tracey (Stogsdill) Gillihan, Butte/Glenn 2-1-1
Laurie Maloney, Point of Contact
Brian Boyer, CAA

RECORDING:

Kaitlyn-Storm Sherrill, DESS Housing & Homeless

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- 1. CONVENE MEETING AND ESTABLISH QUORUM:** The meeting was called to order by Anastacia Snyder at 1:01 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;
CoC Council Meeting of February 14th, 2022, with one correction to add Michael O'Brien, City of Chico Council Member as attending.

Motion: Marie Demers
Second: Don Taylor
Opposed: None
Abstain: None

3. Housing Authority- Information,

Presented by Ed Mayer HACB, Larry Guanzon HACB, and Angie Little HACB;

Housing Authority is a public entity that provides housing assistance. They also manage the public housing and Section 8 program. L. Guanzon (Deputy Executive Director) is responsible for all the property operations which include Public Housing, Farm Labor Housing, other owned housing of Housing Authority, and tax credit projects. A. Little (Section 8 Housing Manager) runs all things Section 8, the HUD Homeless Programs, and Family Self Sufficiency Program.

L. Guanzon presented that Public Housing originated in 1937 and is the oldest housing subsidy program in the nation. There are a total of 345 public housing units in Butte County. Most of the time public housing residents pay no more than 30% of their adjusted gross income.

Qualifications for Public Housing:

1. Citizenship or eligible immigrant status: the head of household must be documented and assistance is prorated based on eligible household members.
2. Income below 80% of area median income for Butte County
3. Be elderly, a person with a disability, or a family
4. Adequate rental history
5. Adequate credit History
6. Criminal History meets standards of the program.

Waiting List:

- 1 bedroom waiting list in Chico is currently closed
- 1 bedroom waiting list in Oroville (senior/elderly complex, Woodson gardens), 2-3 years wait
- 2, 3, and 4 bedroom list is open in all areas, currently requesting referrals.

- Larger size public housing units regularly come available. Currently there are seven to nine 3 bedroom units available in Oroville and Chico. Households do not only need to consist of family, roommates may be considered.

Ways to apply:

- In Person at 2039 Forest Ave Chico, Ca 95928
- Online at <http://www.butte-housing.com/>
- Call and have an application mailed out

Other properties:

- Farm labor housing in Gridley- Must work in “farm labor” making a minimum is \$5,752.50/ year
- 800- 1000 other units in the community
- Low income housing tax credit properties (I.E. 1200 Park Ave in Chico, Walker commons, Harvest Park)

List of other properties is available at the Housing Authority. Housing Authority also maintains a list of availability.

Housing Authority is currently involved in the development of multiple affordable housing sites. This should help those with vouchers find appropriate housing. The first project to become available using project based vouchers will be CHIP’s Creekside place apartments; they will serve 100 low income section 8 seniors and 15 of them will be “No Place like Home” formerly homeless clients. Leases expected to become available early 2023.

A. Little (Program manager for Section 8) presented the Section 8 Program.

As of March 21st, 2022 about 2,085 households are receiving rental assistance. Currently 113 of 194 VASH program vouchers are in use, about 2,000 people on the Housing Choice Voucher waiting list which is expected to open this fall, and roughly 431 project based vouchers are expected to become available this August.

4. Chico Pallet Shelter Update- Information;

Presented by Amber Abney-Bass, The Jesus Center;

A. Abney-Bass reported that staffing and shelter expectations are still in process. Everything is currently confidential as Jesus Center, City of Chico, and the Plaintiffs’ Counsel must all come to consensus prior to opening the Pallet Shelter. Opening date is still uncertain. City of Chico has hired a social workers and two case aides to make up the outreach and engagement team.

L. Johnson CHAT stated concern about armed guards and how the clientele will feel, concerned that it will feel like a jail a discourage clients from coming. She says that she recognizes the need for security but is concerned about them being armed.

5. Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round 3- Information;

Presented by Erin Murray;

Quick Update- the County has initiated a contract with Housing Tools to update the 10- Year Strategy to End Homelessness in order to meet the statutory requirements of the HHAP 3 application process. Housing Tools may be reaching out to collect information. We will be presenting the updated 10- Year Strategy to

the CoC. The HHAP 3 grant is a joint application between the County and the COC for a total of 3.6 million and the application is due June 30th, 2022. County anticipates that the Request for Proposals will be released sometime this fall.

E. Mayer HACB- How is this process being paid for and how does it affect CoC resources?

D. Taylor- The state has released a limited amount of funds preliminarily in order for the different jurisdictions and the COC's to do their regional plans.

6. Lead Agency, Collaborative Applicant & Administrative Entity Updates- Information;

Don Taylor-

1. The HUD 2021 COC Homeless Funding- Awarded our Tier 1 awards for the most part, they did not award any of our Tier 2 programs.
 - a. Avenida Apts was awarded \$87,981
 - b. Base Camp Village was awarded \$86,718
 - c. Cottages TH/RRH awarded as Tier 1 rather than as a Domestic Violence Bonus Award and was awarded \$110,843
 - d. CES Renewal Project was awarded \$36,241- County(DESS) holds but is contracted out to 211
 - e. CoC planning Project was awarded \$22,248- Can only be applied for by the lead agency and it goes to putting together the consolidated application each year.
 - f. HMIS Expansion Project was awarded \$37,080
 - g. HMIS Renewal Project was awarded \$107,000
 - h. James Place PSH was awarded \$48,983
 - i. Rapid Re-Housing was awarded \$95,765

Unfortunately, we did lose a number of our grants and some of them were our more long standing grants. Search South renewal which was Housing Authority Shelter + Care Grant, Search 2, and Search 3 grants both of which were Behavioral Health. All 3 were for permanent supportive housing.

D. Villasensor- Behavioral Health chose to put their grant applications in Tier 2 in order to give other agencies an opportunity to receive funds as they have been having a harder time implementing grants. Also as a reminder, as a CoC we need to look at ways to remain competitive with HUD and that it gets harder every year. We want to safeguard the programs in our community and the units in our community dedicated to a target population and prioritize those CoC.

2. On April 4th, 2022 the US government will transition from using DUNS numbers to a new government issued Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) number. Everybody getting those grants will need to apply to get a UEI before March 29th, 2022, these will need to be submitted or uploaded to their E-SNAPs profile. An Email should have been received back in February if they were a grantee. If anyone is unsure or aware email or call Don.

D. Villasensor states that her understanding from the memo is that if you have an existing DUNS that HUD was going to automatically assign a UEI number and HUD is asking grantees to take that new number and update their profile and insert that new number in their profile.

3. Statewide Homelessness Survey- Dr. Kara Young should be at the April 18th meeting. She is one of the researchers with University of San Francisco that is collaborating and working on the Statewide Homelessness Survey that is coming to Butte County in the tail end of April.
4. 100 Day Challenge- California Interagency Council on Homelessness (CalICH) asked Butte County if they would like to join in on a 100 Day Challenge. The state has done a couple of these 100 day challenges where they will work with a jurisdiction to put together a program that will cover a 100 days and set goals. It is usually related around moving people into permanent housing or permanent supportive housing. Don would like to gage interest in doing something like this recognizing that goals surrounding permanent housing would be a challenge due to limited housing stock. CalICH advised that we can do other forms of assisting people that can be tracked, ie: how many people can we get from an unsheltered status into being in a shelter.

Details:

- a. CalICH would be setting up a series of meetings
- b. CalICH would be looking for a cohort of people (maybe 12-16 members) who may already be doing this type of work so that this challenge would complement the type of work they are already doing.
- c. Commitment would be 2-3 hrs per week state calls.
- d. The benefit we get is they would provide technical assistance.

Brianna adds that is important to note that they originally wanted to start this challenge at the end of May and the beginning of June and 100 days from there. It would be operationally during the summer months.

Don added that it would be longer than 100 days because there would be a few weeks of prep and a couple weeks of wind down. Probably about 4 months. Don requested people to let him know if they are interested and we can set up a meeting to discuss.

7. Committee Reports:

- a. Governance- Met and are working on cleaning out general CoC Policies and Procedures
- b. HMIS- March meeting was cancelled but they are working updating and making changes or adding community queues, updating policies and procedures, and making changes to the coordinated entry priority point amounts.
- c. Chronic Homelessness- Next meeting is April 20th 1:30- 3pm, there will be a presentation from Truth North Housing Alliance.
- d. Youth Homeless- No updates
- e. Veteran's committee- Upcoming Car show on April 2nd from 9am to 3pm, all proceeds will benefit the Veteran Relief fund in our area.
- f. LGBTQ POC- Got technical assistance and continuing to work through the potential survey questions as a group.
- g. Point in Time- Housing Tools is combing through point in time information and making sure it's clean and compiling data. We expect to hear from them at May meeting once the reports can be finalized for HUD.

8. Coalition and Jurisdictional Reports/Updates:

- a. Greater Chico Task Force- Has not had any meetings recently but there is a plan in April to elect new officers. They are looking for nominations for officers.

- b. Oroville Coalition- Meetings are not expected to happen for a few months but working getting a report for next meeting
- c. Oroville- Received a presentation by Annie to City Council which was very informative and they are looking forward to the development at the Rescue Mission into the future for Oroville and its needs
- d. Chico- Settlement agreement does not mean that everything is settled. Really close to opening the pallet shelter site. Excited to be partnered with the County and with the private sector nonprofits. Caution that if we do not do this well that it will set back some of our efforts for several years. Excited that a lot of stuff has come together in a short period of time.

9. Announcements:

- a. City of Chico is working on updating our HUD Annual Action Plan and we'll be bringing the draft forward to Council next month. We expect less CDBG funding and more HOME funding.
- b. Safe Space has hired an Executive Director- Hilary Crosby

10. NEXT MEETING: Monday, April 18th, 2022, Butte County Department of Employment and Social Services to host Virtual Meeting.

11. Adjourned: 2:02 P.M.