



Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

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Councilmember Minutes

Monday, April 17, 2023

1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Zoom Meeting Hosted by: Butte County Employment & Social Services

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Amber Abney-Bass, Jesus Center
Anastacia Snyder, Catalyst
Ann Winters, Greater Chico Task Force
Brad Brunner, Caminar
Briana Harvey-Butterfield, DESS H&H
Emily Pereira, Youth for Change
Ian Clement, DESS H&H
Jennifer Macarthy, City of Chico
Keesha Hills, OSCIA
Marie Demers, City of Chico
Tami Ritter, BC Board of Supervisors
Tracy Johnstone, City of Oroville

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ed Mayer, HACB
Josh Jamison, Oroville Hope Center
Marin Hambley, Stonewall
Meagan Meloy, BCOE
Sarah Frohock, BCDBH
Steve Culleton, Town of Paradise

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Pamela Beeman, Chico Area Interfaith Council
Hilary Crosby, Safe Space Winter Shelter
Tracey Gilliam, Butte – Glen 211
Nancy Jorth, Youth for Change
Nicole Drummond, CHAT
MaryJo Alonzo, City of Chico
Meagan Smith, NCIHA
Matt McCoy, VSO
Shelly Storkan, DBH
Olivia Jolley, Safe Space

OTHER ATTENDEES CONT:

Angie Little, HACB
Taylor Storey, TNHB
Cathryn Carkhuff, Home & Heart
Michael Weber, Chico Enterprise Record
Lorena Reed, DBH
Debbie Villasenor, Housing Consultant
Leslie Johnson, CHAT
Shelley Miller, Children's & Families Com. First 5
Jessica Gianola, CHAT
Brianna Scott, Aegis, Chico PN
Tara Sullivan-Hames, Butte-Glen 211
Moriah McGill, Northern Circle IHA
Pahua Thao, DESS H&H
Pamela Beeman, Chico Area Interfaith Council
Charles Withuhn, North State Shelter Team
Nick Fashing, DESS
Mary Kay Benson, Butte County Shelter for All
Scott Kennelly, DBH
Melody Proebstel, United Way
Elisa Rawlinson, DES H&H
Rachel DeLeon, DESS
Santy Gray, BCOE
Annie Terry, Oroville Rescue Mission
Samantha Raschka, Ampla Health
Jay Coughlin, DESS H&H
Caitlin Davis-Rivers, CHAT
Yesenia Gallegos, CHAT
Monica Soderstrom, Public Health
Isabel Alaniz-Alvarado, DESS H&H
Kaitlyn Sherrill, DESS H&H

CoC Coordinator: Erin Murray, DESS H&H **Recording:** Lisa Angle, DESS H&H

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. CONVENE MEETING AND ESTABLISH QUORUM:

The meeting was called to order by Anastacia Snyder, Chairperson at 1:02pm. Roll call of the council members conducted by Anastacia Snyder, Chairperson and a quorum was established. This meeting is being facilitated by Anastacia Snyder, Chairperson and the meeting is being recorded.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – ACTION: A motion was made to approve the following minutes:

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Motion: Briana Harvey-Butterfield

Second: Marie Demers

Opposed: None opposed

Abstain: Anastacia Snyder and Ian Clement

3. FOLLOW UP DISCUSSION ON FURNITURE NEEDS FOR NEWLY HOUSED HOUSEHOLDS – REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION - INFORMATION

Debbie Villasenor mentioned there are several affordable housing units coming in 2023 and several more in the future which includes some with project based vouchers. A gap has been identified in the CoC with providing services for basic furniture/basic household items for the homeless and the newly housed. There has been discussion on putting together the Furniture and Household Items Voucher Program. This would include setting up an account and establishing a fund with Northern Valley Community Foundation. This program also includes reaching out to CoC and asking members for help in circulating a common donation flyer that is created by Briana Harvey-Butterfield, Erin Murray, Jay Coughlin and Logan Todd. This flyer would raise funds for the potential account at Northern Valley Community Foundation. There was a survey sent out to CoC members regarding if any CoC members or agencies would be interested in participating in the fund raiser for this voucher program with very low response from the CoC Members. It was asked if the CoC members had any questions pertaining to the survey and why the participation was so low from the CoC. Some CoC members stated they didn't see the survey. It was determined the Survey would be sent out again to the CoC Members.

4. COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT/CHICO HOUSING ACTION TEAM - INFORMATION:

Nicole Drummond went over a slide show presentation with the CoC Members. The slide show consisted of: Vision and Mission statements of the Chico Housing Action Team (CHAT), an overview of CHAT's history and growth, the populations served by CHAT, an overview of the permanent housing with support services, overview of transitional housing services, overview of the HUSH Program, overview of CHAMP Successes and Transition, overview on the Everhart Village along with the Everhart Village Mission Statement and location of the Everhart Village, update on the upcoming private project Hope Village and update/overview of CCE grant award for 2, 6 bedroom homes.

5. CoC HUD GRANT REPORT OUT POLICY - ACTION:

Erin Murray states the Governance Committee has been working on a report out policy for the agencies that received the HUD CoC grants. The purpose of this is to align with HUD's monitoring requirements and to allow for transparency within the CoC to see what successes agencies are having with their grants. The idea behind this policy, if the CoC approves, is beginning at the June 2023 meeting each agency who received the CoC HUD Grant would provide a brief report on the Grant and how the Grant is progressing.

CoC HUD Grant Report Policy included in agenda packet for 4/17/23 for review of the CoC Members –
Erin Murray reviewed the Policy Attachment A:

- The document will be pre-populated with agency name, program name and the calendar dates of service
- The agency awarded the CoC HUD Grant would complete the brief overview of project, amount expended, expenditure deadline, project goals, progress made toward project goals, briefly summarize positive outcomes, briefly summarize challenges, include additional supports needed to expand or continue funding and signature/date.
- This report would be sent to the Administrative Entity to keep for the monitoring of the Grant.

Erin Murray reviewed the Policy Attachment B:

- Simple slide to be included in the CoC Meeting packet and each granted agency would have 2-5 minutes to report to the CoC Group a synopsis of what was reported in Attachment A.
- This includes reporting on calendar dates of service, amount awarded, the amount expended, project goals, progress made toward project goals, positive outcomes and challenges

Erin Murray opened the floor for questions: no questions, just a comment made by Debbie Villasenor and Anastacia Snyder regarding to report any challenges the agencies may be having regarding the CoC HUD Grant so the CoC membership can come together and help find a resolution.

A motion was made to approve the CoC HUD Grant Report Out Policy:

- Motion – CoC HUD Grant Report Out Policy

Motion: Ian Clement
Second: Tracy Johnstone
Opposed: None opposed
Abstain: None

6. EQUITY COMMITTEE SCHEDULE – INFORMATION:

Erin Murray provided an update regarding the Equity Committee. At the June 2023 CoC meeting a conversation will be held on the Introduction to the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Training and following this the Equity Training will begin. On June 29, 2023 the first Equity Committee Meeting will commence, a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson will need to be elected. If anyone is interested in being the Equity Committee Chairperson or the Equity Committee Vice Chairperson email your information to the buttecoc@buttecounty.net. Nominations for Chairperson or Vice Chairperson will be provided at the June 29th Equity Committee Meeting.

The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Training will be a 4 month series on the following dates July 7, 2023, August 31, 2023, September 28, 2023 and October 26, 2023. After completion of the training series the Equity Committee will break for November and December and reconvene in January 2024. Erin Murray provided a memo in the agenda packet to reference the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion training dates and the first Equity Committee Meeting Date.

7. COMMUNITY SUCCESSES – DISCUSSION:

Erin Murray states how important it is to recognize each agencies/personal mini successes in the community. Anastacia Snyder states the thought was to have a section on the agenda to share those successes and a few were shared and are below:

- Kaitlyn Sherrill shares was able to negotiate rent amount with landlord and provide permanent housing to a mother and child using HAP 3 funding. Kaitlyn Sherrill shares was able to help a family who recently was discontinued from CalWORKS due to starting work and was able to help get the family into new housing.
- Hilary Crosby shares that Safe Space has an office site they can call home and for case management staff.
- Cathryn Carkhuff introduced Megan Massey who was recently hired on full time as the Outreach Intake Specialist.
- Isabel Alaniz – Alvarado shares she assisted a person who had no income get granted with SSI. As well as assisting this person who has been homeless for a long time with a Section 8 Voucher. This person had a language barrier and she was able to provide bilingual staff to assist him.

8. LEAD AGENCY, COLLABORTIVE APPLICANT, and ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY UPDATES – INFORMATION:

Briana Harvey-Butterfield reports 2022 last year HUD CoC grants were fully funded. HUD announced this at the end of March 2023. Projects are as follows:

- Caminar awarded funding for the Avenida Renewal and Base Camp Village,
- Catalyst for their cottages project and rapid rehousing
- DESS H&H for HMIS, CES and planning grants
- True North for James Place

Erin Murray provided an update on HHAP 4, the CoC and County submitted a joint application last year and it has officially been awarded. The County will initiate the RFP process in the fall. Erin Murray stated the County applied for the Permanent Local Housing Allocation Grant and was awarded funds will support a Housing Navigator and an Analyst who will be dedicated to CoC activities. Adding more staff provide more robust support for CoC as a whole.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS – INFORMATION:

- Governance Committee –Erin Murray reports the Governance Committee will be working on revising the Rapid Rehousing Policy. Anyone interested in providing input or attend the meeting email buttecoc@buttecounty.net The next meeting is May 10, 2023 at 10am.
- HMIS Coordinated Entry Committee – Meeting rescheduled until next week

- Households with Children – Next meeting May 7, 2023 at 1pm
- Chronic Homelessness Committee – Next meeting Wednesday April 19, 2023
- Youth Homelessness Committee – April meeting cancelled and next meeting is May 12, 2023 at 12:30pm
- Equity Committee – Updates provided in memo in item #6 on the agenda.

10. COALITION AND JURISDICTION REPORTS/UPDATES – INFORMATION:

- Chico Homeless Task Force - Hilary Crosby provided an update for the Chico Homeless Task Force stating the April meeting was needing to be cancelled. The Chico Homeless Task Force are looking for nominations for the executive team due to 2 terms opening in July. There is 1 person needing to step out mid-term so there is also a 1 year term open. Next month meeting theme is income and employment which may include incarceration/post incarcerations, resources and services.
- Oroville Homeless Coalition – Not in attendance to report

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Moriah McGill from Northern Circle Indian Housing Authority (NCIHA) representing Mooretown Rancheria and Berry Creek Rancheria in Butte County. NCIHA will be expanding their social services program to include Home Safe and Bringing Families Home. NCIHA would like to work directly with the County to make sure referrals are made for the Tribal populations. Megan Smith is the contact for the Butte County Tribes.

Moriah McGill continues that NCIHA along with 7 other Federally Recognized Tribes came together under the California Leadership of Rural Housing and are addressing AB 1010 that passed in 2019. The group authored SB 18 Tribal Housing Reconstitution and Resiliency Act created with Senator Mike McGuire. Moriah McGill asking the CoC for support for SB 18. Moriah McGill has templates for the letters of support and provided in the chat if agencies would like to use them.

Supervisor Tami Ritter mentions a request came to the BOS regarding PG&E Settlement Funds and at that time the BOS directed staff to create a policy to access those funds and it does not look like that is going to be happening due to the impact it would have on other funding sources. This doesn't provide a reduction in funds.

12. NEXT MEETING: *The next CoC Council Meeting will be on **Monday, May 15, 2023.***

13. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned.