



Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

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Council Member Meeting Minutes

Monday – January 13, 2025 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Virtual Meeting Hosted by: Butte County Employment & Social Services

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Angie Little, HACB
Josh Indar, BCOE
Amber Abney-Bass, Jesus Center
Tracy Johnstone, City of Oroville
Anastacia Snyder, Catalyst
Briana Harvey-Butterfield, DESS
Keesha Hills, OSCIA
Brad Brunner, Caminar
Sarah Frohock, BCDBH
Tami Ritter, BC Board of Supervisors
Ann Winters, GCHTF
Jennifer Zellers, Youth for Change
Heidi Lange, Town of Paradise
Matt McCoy, DESS VSO
MaryJo Alonzo, City of Chico

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Josh Jamison, Oroville Hope Center
Jennifer Macarthy, City of Chico
Brittnie Paxman, Jordan Crossing
Angel Calderon, City of Gridley

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Maisue Thao, Butte College
Elisa Rawlinson, DESS
Debbie Villasenor, Housing Consultant
Erin Murray, DESS
Nick Fashing, DESS
Patrick Telles, Legal Services
Tim Hawkins, Butte CAA
Wendy Lo, DESS

OTHER ATTENDEES CONT:

Tracey Gillihan, Butte/Glenn 211
Eduardo Abarca, Ampla MMU
Philip Wysocki, TNHA
Halle Brown, NCIHA
Aimee Decker, Nation's Finest
Hilary Crosby, Safe Space
Jay Coughlin, DESS
Kelly Doty, Wayfinder Family Services
Kenny Huenink, DESS
Leslie Heino, CHAT
Melody Proebstel, United Way
Monica Soderstrom, Public Health
Tara Sullivan-Hames, Butte/Glenn 211
Alisa Pugh, DESS
Tim Hawkins, Butte CAA
Anna Zepeda, Public Health
Charles Withuhn, North State Shelter Team
Taylor Bunch, TNHA
Jaymee McLaughlin, CUSD
Kevin Thompson, OSCIA
Kim Hogan, ORC/ORM
Shelly Storkan, BCDBH
Leslie Heino, CHAT
Lisa Torres, OSCIA
Megan Massie, New Beginnings
Megan Zeller, DESS
Pamela Beeman, Chico Interfaith Council
Tara Sullivan-Hames, Butte/Glenn 211
Rayna Bryson, DESS
Rosario Cole, HHMC
Sherry Morgado, Housing Tools

CoC Coordinator: Erin Murray, DESS

Recording: Lisa Angle, DESS

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. CONVENE MEETING AND ESTABLISH QUORUM

The meeting was called to order by A. Abney-Bass, Chairperson at 1:00pm. Roll call of the council members conducted and a quorum established. This meeting is being facilitated by Amber Abney-Bass Chairperson and the meeting is virtual.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – ACTION

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes for December 16, 2024 with correction in the Committee Reports section Youth Committee to read “The Youth Committee meets every month on the second Tuesday of every month”.

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Motion: Brad Brunner

Second: Josh Indar

Oppose: None

Abstain: Heidi Lange and Matt McCoy

3. COUNCIL INTRODUCTIONS – INFORMATION

All Council Members made introductions which included their name, agency/title, which service provider they are representing and something about themselves.

4. 2025 CoC MEETING CALENDAR – INFORMATION

A. Abney-Bass shared the finalized 2025 Council Meeting Schedule. Based on the results of the poll conducted at the November 2024 All-Member meeting, an in-person meeting will be held every quarter. The in-person meetings will be March 10 in Oroville, May 19 in Chico, September 15 in Chico, and November 17 in Oroville. A special meeting is scheduled for February 24 from 1pm to 2pm and will be a virtual meeting.

5. 2025 POINT IN TIME REMINDER – INFORMATION

J. Coughlin, DESS, gave an update on the Point-In-Time (PIT) to be conducted on January 29, 2025. Everyone should have received an email regarding information as it pertains to the Point In Time (PIT). Any questions contact J. Coughlin or E. Murray. Volunteers are still needed.

6. CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY – INFORMATION

E. Murray, CoC Coordinator, stated the Conflict of Interest form is due for all CoC members. This form is completed annually in January of each year per the Conflict of Interest Policy. A fillable copy of the form will be sent out after the meeting.

7. EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT – INFORMATION

K. Huenink, DESS, stated the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) was released on 12/31/24. ESG will now run on a 3-year funding cycle, and no more than 2 applications may be submitted on behalf of each CoC as there is no longer competitive and non-competitive designations within the grant. The application process is similar to previous years: 1) local application submitted to the CoC, 2) CoC approved application(s) submitted to HCD through eCivis.

Important dates:

- December 31, 2024 ESG NOFA
- Week of January 13, 2025 Local ESG application process announced.
- January 22, 2025 1pm – 3pm ESG NOFA Workshop Webinar hosted by Housing and Community Development (HCD).
- January 23, 2025 9am – 11am: Public meeting to discuss the local ESG process. Mandatory for applicants.
- February 10, 2025 by 12pm ESG applications due to the CoC
- Week of February 17, 2025 review and ranking committee is tentatively scheduled to meet.
- February 24, 2025 Special Continuum of Care (CoC) Meeting, vote on Committee Recommendations.
- March 28, 2025 by 5pm: Final ESG applications submitted to HCD via eCivis.

E. Murray, CoC Coordinator, stated an email with ESG information and the application process will be sent out to membership this week.

Brief discussion held on ESG, including that ESG no longer supports Night by Night Emergency Shelters, only Entry/Exit Emergency Shelters.

8. LEAD AGENCY, COLLABORATIVE APPLICANT, ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY UPDATES – INFORMATION

B. Harvey-Butterfield, DESS, stated the H&H team is currently busy working on the PIT and the new process for ESG. H&H has contracted with Housing Tools to renew the CoC 10 Year Strategy to End Homelessness. The goal is to have the 10 Year Strategy ready to present to the All Member meeting in November.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS – INFORMATION

Governance Committee – E. Murray stated the first meeting of the year is next week and will be discussing the plan for the year. If anyone is interested in participating in the Governance committee reach out to E. Murray.

HMIS/CES Committee – E. Rawlinson stated the committee did not meet in January and will be resuming in February.

Households with Children – J. McLaughlin stated they met in January and had a great attendance at the first meeting of the new year. Reach out if anyone or any agency is interested in doing a presentation at one of the meetings. The committee meets the first Tuesday of each month and if anyone is interested reach out to Jaymee McLaughlin.

Chronic Homelessness – S. Storkan stated there is a committee meeting on Wednesday at 1:30pm and if anyone is interested let her know. The meetings are every other month on the third Wednesday from 1:30pm to 2:30pm. Northern Valley Catholic Social Services will be presenting on their Breaking Bread Initiative.

PIT Committee – J. Coughlin had nothing additional to report. Thank you to everyone for volunteering.

Equity Committee – Currently on hiatus.

Youth Homelessness – J. Indar stated the committee met last week and have started a calendar. The Committee meet's every other month on a Tuesday and if interested contact J. Indar.

Veterans – M. McCoy stated last meeting was on November 20, 2024 and the committee meets every 6 weeks with the next meeting scheduled for January 15, 2025 at 2pm.

10. COALITION AND JURISDICTION REPORTS/UPDATES - INFORMATION

Butte County Board of Supervisors – Supervisor Ritter mentioned the space rent at a local mobile home park has increased to \$960 and with the increase we are losing a resource for affordable housing. If anyone is interested in participating in a subcommittee/group to be able to address and look for possible solutions email Supervisor Ritter.

Greater Oroville Homeless Coalition – None

Greater Chico Homeless Task Force – Not currently meeting.

City of Chico – M. Alonzo stated the City of Chico has a community survey available to solicit for feedback on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME grants. Survey is in the chat. The Public Service Funding opportunity is available and on the City of Chico website and also in the chat.

City of Oroville – None

Town of Paradise – None

City of Gridley – None

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

M. Soderstrom, Public Health, stated there have been some recent fatal opioid overdoses in the homeless community and at emergency shelters. Public Health has resources available to train and provide naloxone to agencies. Contact M. Soderstrom to coordinate training or for naloxone supplies. Reach out to A. Zepeda for supplies of Naloxone.

C. Withuhn announced the North State Shelter Team will receive their 2nd International Humanitarian Award on January 26, 2024 at 3pm at the Theta Chi Chapter House.

12. NEXT MEETING – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025: COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING Butte County Department of Employment & Social Services – Virtual Meeting

13. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 1:49pm