



Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

**Butte County Continuum of Care
All Member Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 17, 2025 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
In Person Meeting Hosted by: Butte County Employment & Social Services**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Allan Dikes, ORC
Anastacia Snyder, Catalyst
Angie Little, HACB
Brad Brunner, Caminar
Erin Murray, DESS
Jennifer Zellers, Youth for Change
Josh Indar, BCOE
MaryJo Alanzo, City of Chico
Matthew McCoy, DESS VSO
Sarah Frohock, BCDBH
Tami Ritter, BC Board of Supervisors
Tracy Johnstone, City of Oroville

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Amber Abney-Bass, Jesus Center
Angel Calderon, City of Gridley
Brittnie Paxman
Heidi Lange, Town of Paradise

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Sherry Morgado, Housing Tools
Annie Fisher, Butte-Glenn 211
Bill LaGrone, Jordan Crossing
Eunice Lopez, City of Chico
Jasmine Gill, BCPH
Debbie Villasenor, Housing Consultant
Tracey Gillihan, Butte-Glenn 211
Steven Cismowski, Safe Space
Leslie Heino, CHAT
Kenneth Huenink, DESS
Trinity Conway, TNHA
Sarah Graham, CHAT

OTHER ATTENDEES CONTINUED:

Tim Danielson, UWNC
Brittiney Norman, TNHA
Lori Mason, NSST
Tim Hawkins, CAA
Monica Soderstrom, BCPH
Patricia Acevedo, TNHA
Jessica Henderson, Butte-Glenn 211
Elisa Rawlinson, DESS
Pamela Beeman, Interfaith Council
Halle Brown, NCIHA
Wendy Cumberland, DESS
Sandy Alexander, VA
Ann Winters, Catalyst
Nancy Jorth, Youth for Change
Wendy Longwell, DAC
Santiago Mendez, Safe Space
Lisa Torres, OSCIA
Erin Kennedy, Boys and Girls Club
Laura Sanchez, Home Health Care Management
Katie O'Brien, Center for Healthy Communities
Spencer Malugani, Center for Healthy Communities
Suzi Kochems, Center for Healthy Communities

CoC Coordinator:

Wendy Lo

Recording:

DESS Housing & Homeless

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. CONVENE MEETING AND ESTABLISH QUORUM

The meeting was called to order by A. Little, First Chair, at 1:04 pm. Roll call of the council members was conducted, and a quorum established. The meeting was facilitated by A. Little and occurred in person at the Community Employment Center located at 78 Table Mountain Blvd. in Oroville.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – ACTION: Council Members

A single motion was made to approve the meeting minutes for September 15, 2025 and October 20, 2025.

Motion: T. Johnstone
Second: M. Alonzo
Opposed: None
Abstained: None

Note: B. Brunner was not present for this motion.

3. COMMUNITY SPOLIGHT: CENTER FOR HEALTHY COMMUNITIES - INFORMATION Presenting: S. Kochems

S. Kochems and S. Malugani provided an update regarding HR1 and its impacts on CalFresh Outreach programs. The Center for Healthy Communities (CHC) and other agencies provide outreach for elderly and college students that may be facing food insecurity. CHC currently provides one on one application assistance from an initial screening through the final approval/denial. They are also able to provide access to food distribution sources through their partnerships.

HR1 is impacting the viability of CHC's current CalFresh program. CHC is requesting that all agencies that support food security through their regular processes capture time and effort spent during outreach and case management. Capturing this time will help demonstrate the need for and impact of the CalFresh outreach programs. Agencies that are able to report hours are to connect with S. Kochems for more information.

CHC serves Butte, Glenn, and Tehama counties, prescreening 1000s of potential applicants and submitting roughly 800 – 1000 applications per year.

4. 2025 CONTINUUM OF CARE (CoC) NOTICE OF FUNDING (NOFO) - DISCUSSION Presenting: S. Morgado

S. Morgado provided background and an overview of the FY 2025 CoC NOFO released by HUD on November 12, 2025.

Background: Congress approved a two-year funding cycle starting in FY 2024, with the expectations that all awarded projects would be automatically renewed in FY 2025. However, in July 2025, HUD notified CoCs that they would not be following Congress' recommendation and would instead be releasing a new NOFO in FY 2025. The NOFO ended up being released November 12, 2025 with a webinar the following day.

NOFO Changes:

- Tier 1 funding is equal to 30% of Annual Renewal Demand (ARD). Tier 1 is the “hold harmless” amount that each CoC will receive as long as Tier 1 projects meet program threshold. Last year Tier 1 was equal to 90%. This change means that 70% of ARD will be competitive nationwide.
- Permanent Housing (PH) projects (PSH, RRH, and joint RRH/TH) will be limited to 30% of ARD. Renewal projects currently make up 52% of ARD – this shift means \$139,810.60 will no longer be able to be used to support PH, and some renewal projects will be unfunded.
- HUD is emphasizing Transitional Housing (TH), Street Outreach (SO), and Services Only projects. TH projects must provide mandatory individualized services participation of 40 hours per week. SO projects are required to provide proof that they incorporate local law enforcement and public camping laws.
- Projects may be denied if there is evidence a project has previously or currently implemented racial preferences, has engaged in activities that violate the “sex binary in humans” or engages in activities under the pretext of “harm reduction”—these can be reasons to deny a renewal project.
- Projects may be denied if there is a “history of subsidizing or facilitating activities that conflict with the purposes of this NOFO.” This is not a scoring component, but a separate component in the selection process that will target any organization not deemed to be in alignment with the current Administration’s priorities.
- Projects and CoCs will be penalized in FY 2025 for participation in certain activities which they were required to comply with in previous HUD NOFOs, such as Housing First, LGBTQ+ and Racial Equity efforts.
- The new service requirements and potential penalties for racial and gender equity efforts are in direct contradiction to the requirements in funding from the State of California, including programs such as HHAP, ESG, PLHA, BHBH, etc. Programs that are supported through a combination of state and federal funding will likely be unable to continue operating.

S. Morgado ended by stating the CoC needs to strategize on how best to move forward as a CoC, especially considering the very short turn around - applications are due to HUD on January 14, 2026 and to the CoC 30 days prior to that.

Conversation was had about how to preserve PH. E. Murray stated that HMIS/CES could be placed in Tier 2 to give 30% of PH renewal projects the best chance of being funded. A. Snyder shared that it is very likely that the existing PH projects would not qualify to apply. B. Brunner stated that Caminar is currently in discussions regarding this and will have an answer by the end of the week. A. Snyder stated that this NOFO is in direct conflict with VAWA and Catalyst is unsure if they will be able to apply. T. Ritter requested that the CoC agendaize sending a letter to Congressman LaMalfa

S. Morgado stated that depending on the outcome of this process, the CoC will need to coordinate to source funding for whichever projects end up unfunded.

A special CoC meeting is being scheduled for December 1, 2025 via Zoom to provide Council with opportunity to review and approve the application and reallocation process.

5. COUNCIL MEMBER NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS – ACTION: All Voting Members Presenting: W. Lo

W. Lo presented the list of six nominations for the six council seats eligible for election.

Votes were tallied via paper ballot with results reported at the end of the meeting. The following individuals were unanimously elected:

- B. Brunner representing Affordable Housing Developers
- S. Frohock representing Mental Health Services Organizations
- A. Little representing Public Housing Authorities
- M. McCoy representing Veterans Services
- E. Murray representing Employment and Social Services Organizations
- B. Norman representing Emergency Shelters

6. HMIS/CES POLICIES & PROCEDURES AND DATA QUALITY PLAN UPDATES – ACTION: All Voting Members
Presenting: E. Rawlinson

E. Rawlinson provided an overview of the following items presented for All Member vote. The HMIS/CES Committee has approved and is making three recommendations for all membership vote.

- 1) An amendment to the HMIS Policy and Procedure which updates the Background Check section so that all HMIS End Users, new or existing, must pass a background check indicating they do not have any convictions or nolo contendere pleas that would make them ineligible to utilizing HMIS.
- 2) An amendment to the Coordinated Entry Policy & Procedure that updates the language in the Fair Housing section to align itself with state and federal verbiage.
- 3) The Data Quality Plan for HMIS, which lays out Data Quality rules and expectations by program type.

Votes were tallied via paper ballot with results reported at the end of the meeting. The three items passed unanimously.

7. GOVERNANCE CHARTER UPDATE – ACTION: All Voting Members
Presenting: E. Murray

E. Murray shared that the Governance Committee has been working to revise the way quorum is defined within the Governance Charter. There has been ongoing confusion on the role of the appointed jurisdiction representatives in terms of the quorum.

The Governance Committee has reviewed and is making two recommendations to be presented for all membership vote.

- 1) Update the definition of quorum to be a simple majority, or 51%, of all council members, regardless of if they are appointed or elected.
- 2) In order to support the change to quorum, update Council attendance requirements to apply to appointed Council as well as elected Council as previously approved.

Votes were tallied via paper ballot with results reported at the end of the meeting. The two items passed unanimously.

8. CoC COLLABORATIVE AND LEAD AGENCY MOU – ACTION: Council Members

Presenting: W. Lo

W. Lo shared that the MOU was presented to Council at the October CoC meeting. Council recommended including collaborative language in the MOU between the CoC and DESS. Based on these recommendations, the MOU has been amended and presented today for Council’s approval.

A motion was made to approve the CoC MOU.

Motion: B. Brunner

Second: S. Frohock

A. Snyder proposed a friendly amendment to remove item d in Section B of Attachment I. This amendment was accepted.

Approved: A. Dikes, A. Little, A. Snyder, B. Brunner, J. Zellers, J. Indar, M. Alonzo, S. Frohock, T. Ritter

Opposed: None

Abstained: E. Murray, M. McCoy

9. 2026 CoC MEETING CALENDAR – INFORMATION

Presenting: W. Lo

W. Lo shared the 2026 CoC Meeting Calendar and explained that no meeting will be scheduled for December 2026 unless requested. This information is being provided to the group and the 2026 dates will be posted on the CoC website.

Note: T. Ritter and T. Johnstone left following this item at 2:30pm.

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

E. Murray reported out the following updates from the October 2025 CoC meeting:

- As requested following the agenda item, research was conducted regarding failed motions. A failed motion can be reagendaized at the request of either the prevailing or failing party. As long as the item is reagendaized at a different meeting, it is considered new business.
- HHAP 6 will be reagendaized at a future meeting. It is currently tabled due to the urgency of the CoC NOFO and SNAP issues following the government shutdown.

E. Murray provided additional updates:

- HHAP 7 is now in statute and will be coming in FY 2026/27. A total of \$500 million is being made available statewide, 50% of prior allotments. The County and CoC will likely see a combined total allocation of approximately \$1.5 million.
- The County is looking to issue an RFP to contract out approximately \$400,000 in HHAP interest. This is currently on pause pending further conversation with the CoC regarding fallout from the NOFO and the greatest need within the continuum of services.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS – INFORMATION

Chronic Homelessness: Not in attendance

Governance: Nothing additional to report out, most recent update was agendized.

HMIS/CES: Nothing additional to report out, most recent update was agendized.

Households with Children: Not in attendance

Equity: The Committee is not meeting the rest of the year. The next meeting is scheduled for January 21.

Veterans: Nothing to report out, the committee has not met since the last CoC meeting.

Youth Homelessness: Nothing to report out, there was not meeting in November. The next meeting is scheduled for the second Tuesday in December.

12. JURISDICTION REPORTS/UPDATES - INFORMATION

Butte County Board of Supervisors – T. Ritter left prior to this agenda item, but provided A. Little with the following information: District 3 is hosting a food drive at 196 Memorial Way in Chico on December 14, 2025.

City of Chico – M. Alonzo reported that the CDBG Public Service grant application process is coming soon and will be communicated out via the CoC once information is available.

City of Oroville – T. Johnstone left prior to this agenda item.

Town of Paradise – Not in attendance.

City of Gridley – Not in attendance.

13. ANNOUCEMENTS:

T. Hawkins reported that CAA is hosting a tailgate food giveaway at the fairgrounds next Saturday through Northstate Foodbank.

M. Soderstrom announced that Public Health is hosting a one-time meeting on December 15 for regarding the overlap between healthcare and homelessness. Contact M. Soderstrom for an invite.

T. Gillihan reminded everyone to send information regarding available resources to 211 to ensure their database is up to date.

L. Torres stated that OSCIA has a communal living space that will be available soon. Updates will be provided to the CoC.

14. NEXT MEETING – MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025 Special Meeting to be held virtually NEXT REGULAR MEETING – MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2025 to be held virtually

15. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 2:41 pm.