

MEETING MINUTES
HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN COMMITTEE
Of
BUTTE COUNTYWIDE HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE
Date April 6th at 1 pm-2 pm
Zoom Meeting

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Meagan Meloy, Butte County Office of Education
Bogette Covarrubias – Butte County Office of Education
Wendy Brown - Happy Nest CAPC
Ann Winters - Catalyst Domestic Violence Services
Ken Mackell - DESS
Erin Kennedy – BGCNV
Kimberly Brown – First 5
Ritesh Kanji – Homeless/Foster Liaison- Chico Unified School District
Chappelle Davison - True North Housing Alliance
Beth Parsons - Youth for Change
Ricky Samayoa – E center
Rashell Brobst - BGCNV

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Tim Hawkins

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Bogette Covarrubias

Welcome: The Meeting started 4/6/21 at 1 pm.

Approval of Minutes: Meagan Meloy

Motion to approve: Megan Meloy

Seconded by: Ken MacKell

Add Agenda Items here:

1. Check-in Feeling word
2. Agency Updates
3. Collaboration Opportunities
4. Mindful Closing

Agency Updates:

Ann: Still housing folks who have experienced domestic violence, hired a new person. They provide services and take referrals for counseling, assistance with restraining orders, and emergency housing.

Ken: Offices are open but not to the same extent as before; people don't come past the front counter. You don't need to come in to apply; intakes and such occur over the phone. The State has done many changes over the last year, such as giving folks extra Cal Fresh benefits. We still have plenty of HSP money to house folks from the Cal works program that need housing; we are still doing so.

Ricky: Joey Keller is the program officer for the head start program. We are opening up a head start center or a childcare center at the Esplanade House within the next month. We are already providing some services to families that are there. We serve roughly 20 homeless families in Chico. Look for partners as we look into this afterschool program we are proposing. Add additional staff to anything that will support families there and engage the community. I see many folks here that reach out for support, and I would like to create an advisory committee—wanting to engage more with teenagers. We'd love to be able to take the model and put it anywhere.

Kimberly: Last month, We were starting to launch the home coordinating initiative; we were awarded a dual language learner grant for butte county, so we will be partnering with several programs to provide services to low-income second language families. Tech and book as well as literacy promotion developing and promoting spaces and training for early care and early learning in care providers. All of this will be centered around dual language learners.

Ritesh: There is a potentially consequential board meeting tomorrow to discuss returning to school. Putting together plans for elementary and secondary and what it would look like. I'm sitting in on many panels and putting in input for homeless and foster youth. Many plans about what it would look like to return to school while faced with learning loss. Tutoring programs and summer academies are planned for almost 1000 students interested in elementary summer academies.

Erin: Continuing services, our capacity is way down, but we're still providing afterschool and summer care services for butte. Summer camp for families that need those services full and part-day services will be available; the email will be coming out with the cost soon. It is pricier, but valley oaks can pay for it if you need help. Depending on what schools do, things hopefully will be returning somewhat normal in the fall.

Wendy: It is Child abuse prevention awareness month; on the lighter side, we encourage people to wear the blue Friday in particular. The annual raising of children's memorial flag that commemorates the lives of children lost will be Friday, April 23rd. In-person and virtually on Facebook live. We will also be doing a walk/run that will be going for the week of April 23rd; keep up with it on the website. This is to bring awareness to childhood abuse prevention, with no

fees. The newsletter is out now and has resources for everyone to refer to. Tim said they have several two-room apartments available to apply for.

Beth: YFC is moving along and is very thankful that we are dropped down to orange now. We are just hanging on and getting better. Over 50% of our business is in person now, so we are very happy about that.

Collaboration Opportunities:

Meagan: Invite Unite Us to present at our next meeting. Bogette will start a google doc for our group to use for referrals.

Rashell: We need to give stakeholder input to school districts for how to utilize state and federal funds for homeless students under ELO grants and ESSR grants.

Meagan: Will draft a letter to take to the CoC executive committee.

Next meeting – at 1:00-2:00 PM

ADJOURN – 2:00 pm