



Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

BUTTE COUNTYWIDE HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE HMIS/CES COMBINED COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**MONDAY, January 3rd, 2021 at 1pm-3pm
Zoom Meeting**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Debbie Villasenor, Housing Consultant- BCDBH
Elisa Rawlinson, DESS Housing & Homeless
Shelly Watson, Jesus Center
Susan Wilson, Safe Space
Stephan Spirk, CAA
Angie Little, Housing Authority – Butte County

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Jamie McLaughlin, Chico Unified School District
Jay Coughlin, DESS Housing & Homeless
Moriah McGill, NCIHA
Brian Gonzalez, NCIHA
Wendy Lo, DESS Housing & Homeless

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Nancy Jorth, Youth For Change
Amanda Gaylord, CHAT
Keesha Hills, OSCIA
Annie Terry, Oroville Rescue Mission
Joaquin Jordan, True North Housing Alliance
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Sara Sweaney, Nation's Finest
Masaki Hirayama, Veteran's Administration
Laurie Maloney, Point of Contact
Josiah Vasey, Butte Glenn 2-1-1
Rick Jackson, BCDBH
Susan Dolan, Ampla
Melissa Jamison, United Way
Sarah Frohock, BCDBH
Carolina Cruz, Catalyst
Christy Taylan, Caminar
Joy Amaro, True North Housing Alliance

Erin Murray, DESS Housing & Homeless
Nick Fashing, DESS Adult Services
Michael Wright, DESS Housing & Homeless
Shelly Storkan, Housing Department-BCDBH
Isabel Alaniz-Alvarado, DESS Housing & Homeless
Kayla Davis, DESS Housing & Homeless
Leonardo Orozco, NCIHA- HDAP Specialist
Lorena Reed, BCDBH

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Kyle Prieto, DESS Housing & Homeless

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Elisa Rawlinson at 1:05 P.M.
Roll call taken

- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - ACTION:** The minutes for the HMIS/CES Committee Meetings for December 6th, 2021, were approved with no corrections.

Motion to approve: Stephan Spirk
Seconded: Angie Little

- 3. AGENCY UPDATES:** Jamie McLaughlin reported continuing work toward a temporary emergency housing center with the help of their partnering agencies. Moriah McGill reported her agency just had their first tribal HDAP taskforce and will be sending out a list of their tribal contacts to the committee. Shelly Watson with the Jesus Center reported that the shelter site recently rotated their ‘men’s quarters’ over to the ‘women’s quarters’ to accommodate the bedding needs. The women’s shelter site is currently at capacity and the men’s shelter has between eight and eleven beds available. Stephan Spirk with CAA reported open housing opportunities for homeless with children. Angie Little with HACB reported on her continuing efforts toward the emergency housing vouchers, which is nearing its end.
- 4. Updates a) Ongoing open office hours (started Dec. 15th, 2021):** Open office hours have a one hour duration and are intended to provide HMIS users access to training, ask questions and gain general knowledge about the system. These meetings are open to all HMIS users and recordings of the meetings are being sent out to participating agencies.
- 5. Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA):** The LSA this year was slightly delayed, it normally begins in mid-November, however, this year didn’t begin until mid-December. HUD has made some adjustments to the LSA process in an attempt to make it easier to find and correct data quality issues. Information has been sent to some of the participating agencies with identified data quality disparities for correction. The LSA will be completed mid-February and all corrections will need to be made prior to that deadline. Elisa went on to discuss, and give many examples of, the more common mistakes that are being made in the HMIS/CES system and how to correct them.
- 6. Priority Points and Community Queues:** Elisa Rawlinson is currently working on creating a flow chart for the Chronically Homeless priority points that will be added into the CES priority point group. It was stated that this new flow chart and priority point values will be made available to the committee before the next HMIS/CES meeting on February 7th, 2022. It has been identified that there are some discrepancies in regard to how priority points are currently being allocated and a suggestion made of ‘stacking’ priority points, which is in effect. It is the opinion of some committee members that this practice should be corrected to only give one group of priority points to clients at the time of their enrollment. There is a community queues work group being created to begin working on the necessary changes to the priority points system for each demographic population that will begin meetings at the

end of February. Elisa opened up a discussion for the committee for their thoughts on the priority points system and how to best amend the current system to increase fairness. After a great deal of questions and suggestions it was requested that Elisa Rawlinson come up with a few examples of possible alternatives to the current priority point system. She was able to show an example to the committee of how the priority points are skewing the results of showing the highest needs and barriers clients are faced with. Once the community queues and priority point systems are properly working HMIS has a thus far non-utilized referral function that can be implemented to help connect clients with providers.

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEXT MEETING:** The Point in Time count will be on January 26th, 2022. People are encouraged to volunteer to help with the PIT count, steps and instructions were given.

*The next HMIS/CES Committee Meeting will be on **Monday, February 7th, 2022; 1:00-3:00***

8. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at **1:49 P.M.**