



Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

BUTTE COUNTYWIDE HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE VETERANS

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday November 10, 2021

2:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Virtual Meeting

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Zepeda, Butte County Veterans Service Officer
Elisa Rawlinson, DESS Housing & Homeless
Masaki Hirayama, Veterans Administration
Larry Longwell, CSU, Chico
Dan Torres, Butte College
Roger Lewis - Chico Vet Center
Shelly Storkan - Butte County Behavioral Health
Pahua Thao, DESS Housing & Homeless
Wendy Lo, DESS Housing & Homeless
Isabel Alvarado-Alaniz, DESS Housing & Homeless
Kayla Davis, DESS Housing & Homeless

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

N/A

OTHER ATTENDEES:

RECORDING:

Kayla Davis, DESS Housing & Homeless

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 2:05 PM by First Chairperson John Zepeda.
2. **INTRODUCTIONS/AGENCY UPDATES:** None

- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - ACTION:** The minutes for the Veterans Committee Meeting for 9/29/2021 were motioned for approval by Elisa Rawlinson and seconded by Dan Torres. Committee voted unanimously to approve.
- 4. APPROVAL OF MEETING - ACTION:** Veteran's Subcommittee approved to continue meeting every 6th Wednesday. Motioned for approval by Elisa Rawlinson and seconded by Dan Torres. Committee voted unanimously to approve.
- 5. HOW TO BECOME / NOMINATE A BUTTE COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE MEMBER:** Elisa spoke about the process for becoming a CoC member; to become a member send email to buttecoc@buttecounty.net and formally request membership in writing. Members must attend one meeting per year. To nominate a CoC member, send this email by 5:00 TODAY, November 10, 2021.
- 6. BUTTE COUNTY STAND DOWN SUCCESS / 2022 PLANNING -** Roger Lewis spoke about how the Butte County Stand Down was a success this year; 187 veterans were served. Planning to do another Stand Down next year and will start planning earlier in the year. Information about volunteers and agencies needed for next year's Stand Down can be added to future agendas for this meeting. Elisa recommended putting together a presentation regarding the Stand Down and completing a request to be added as an agenda item for a CoC meeting.
- 7. VETERAN BY-NAME LIST -** DESS Housing & Homeless team has been working with Masaki to identify the Veteran By-Name List and started the Butte Veteran Case Conference meetings; this is a meeting to gather agencies that are part of HMIS to coordinate services for vets that may be needing help with housing. Currently there are 125 self-identified veterans on the Coordinated Entry List. Masaki has been going through the list to determine if they qualify for Veteran Healthcare or if a DD214 is needed to make this determination to ultimately connect clients with VASH housing and other services. Agencies that are included in the HMIS system can speak to each other about mutual clients that are also in the HMIS system.
- 8. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ NEXT MEETING:** The next Veterans Committee Meeting will be held on January 5, 2021. They will continue to occur every Wednesday at six-week intervals following this Jan 5th meeting, barring future changes / conflicts of schedule.
- 9. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned 2:47 PM.