

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**BUTTE COUNTYWIDE HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE COUNCIL**  
**January 22, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.**  
**Housing Authority of Butte County**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Thomas Tenorio, CoC Chair, Affordable Housing Developer  
Ed Mayer, CoC Vice Chair, Public Housing Authorities  
Joy Amaro, Emergency Shelters  
Jennifer Barzey, Youth Homeless  
Lisa Currier, Street Outreach  
Linda Draper, Elected Official, Oroville  
Larry Hayden, Oroville Locality  
Jennifer Haffner-Waugh, Chico Locality  
Thomas Kelem, LGBT  
Bill Mash, Homeless/Formerly Homeless  
Meagan Meloy, School Administrator/Homeless Liaison  
Erika St. Giles, Paradise Locality  
Doug Teeter, Elected Official, County  
Bobby Walden, Veteran Services

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT**

Marie Demers, CDBG/HOME/ESG Entitled Jurisdiction/Local Gov't.  
Reanette Fillmer, Elected Official, Chico  
Anastacia Snyder, Catalyst  
Don Taylor, CoC 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, Mental Health/Substance Abuse Services

**MEMBERS AND VISITORS PRESENT**

Brad Brunner, Caminar  
Laura Cootsona, Jesus Center  
Sarah Frohock, BCBH  
Yvonne McQuaid, First 5  
Cathleen Ouimet, BCDBH  
Eileen Robinson, Torres Board member  
Stefan Spirk, CAA  
Jennifer Wilkin, CSU Chico  
Charles Withrun  
Shaloma Wolske, CVRC

**RECORDING SECRETARY**

Stephanie Powell, CAA

**ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Thomas Tenorio at 1:05 p.m.
2. **INTRODUCTIONS** – All persons in attendance introduced themselves.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the December 18, 2017 CoC Council meeting were approved. *M/S/C:Mayer/Draper*
4. **CoC COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS:**
  - a) **2018 Officer Election Results:** Thomas Tenorio, Chair; Ed Mayer, Vice Chair; Don Taylor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair.
  - b) **CoC Coordinator Update:** Ten applications were received for the CoC Coordinator position. Jennifer Griggs has been hired as the new CoC coordinator. She has 20 years background in Butte County and was previously the Operations Director at Gaynor Communications.

- c) **Leadership Opportunities/ Target Population Committees: (4C& 4E combined) :** The creation of 4 committees shall be formed with the following 4 categories in mind: Youth, Veterans, Chronically Homeless, and Households with Children. An invitation was extended to those interested in participating on any of these Committees to contact Jennifer Griggs. The question was raised, should we also do a group for seniors? This is not required by HUD but it may be beneficial to include for more points. Other committee suggestions were for those who are Medically Fragile and persons with Disabilities.
  - d) **Governance Committee Concept:** Council Members were encouraged to review the amended governance charter which had been provided in an earlier email to the Council.
  - f) **Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS):** The 2018 Point in Time (P.I.T.) count is for sheltered persons only. The Housing Inventory Count (HIC) tracks potential beds used by homeless persons. HMIS will be handling these tasks.
5. **COORDINATED ENTRY POLICIES & PROCEDURES REVISION:** An acronym legend will be added to the end of the CE Policies and Procedures document. The Crisis Care and Triage will be added to page 16 & 17 of the document as well in place of CHAT.  
*M/S/C: Mayer/Currier*
  6. **2017 HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (HCD) EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANTS PROGRAM (ESG):** Awards have been made. CCAT was not funded this year for their outreach efforts unfortunately, but they will still be involved in serving the Chico downtown area. The Property Business Improvement District (PBID) Committee were very interested in CCAT's works and is considering contracting with CCAT for that work. Torres Shelter received a Rapid Re-Housing Grant, and an Emergency Shelter grant. The Community Action Agency of Butte County was awarded the RRH grant and funding for HMIS and CE.
  7. **2017 HUD CoC FUNDING COMPETITION:** This information was sent out via email a week prior. All of the projects were funded with a slight increase in funding. The CoC was awarded a Planning Grant to add to our resources for the CoC Coordinator. Both of those grants were listed in the Chico News and Review as well.
  8. **2018 COUNCIL WORKPLAN DEVELOPMENT:** The CoC has a better chance at being organized and successful with Jennifer Griggs on board to help with coordinating CoC/CE efforts. Once a plan has been made it will be presented to Council to approve.
  9. **TRANSFER OF HUD COC GRANT AWARDS FROM STAIRWAYS:** The first grant has been transferred from Stairways to the Torres shelter, as Stairways decided to not implement the grant. The second grant was awarded by HUD to the collaboration of the Housing Authority/ Youth4Change. The Housing Authority received the grant to transfer to Youth for Change who will be implementing a youth program for homeless youth. Program funds have been received. They are in the process of finding a house for the program.
  10. **LOCAL COALITION REPORTS: CHICO, OROVILLE, PARADISE:**  
Chico- Jennifer Haffner reported that the data has been released regarding homeless and emergency room data. Enloe also released their data on persons who identified themselves

as homeless. With more coordination, perhaps Enloe could be more involved in helping find funding sources for this issue, in the form of a housing program. As these persons do not have a place to be properly taken care of. Shalom Clinic and Public Health also reported their numbers as well. More information can be found at <http://gchtf.org/>. Much discussion revolved around bathroom issues with the homeless populations and possible solutions.

Paradise- The homeless census has gone up 100% in the past month, from 8-10→20. Persons in the categories of Medically Fragile and Domestic Violence have increased in the past two months. 10 new units have been received

Oroville- The pilot program to hire homeless for city beautification process has been completed. It was voted for continuation at twice the original funding amount for the project this year. The Hope Center is the point agency. The next phase will be for a coffee shop and Bakery which is in the process of being updated with on the job training.

11. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES:** Housing Authority has implemented its Section 8 homeless preference program. There are currently 30 slots available in this program which can be taken from the CE System. It is only available to those who are homeless who are working through our CES program. Jennifer Wilkin from CSU, Chico noted that they have been working on researching the impact of the public safety approach along with geo-coding. Researches are cleaning up the data and researching crimes committed and the locations. They will also be looking into Health and Homelessness in regards to the impacts of emergency shelters on health this summer. Long-term, they want to do a survey of the homeless population to understand their tolerations and preferences for approaches to homelessness in January 2019. The results of a CSU, Chico student study from 105 homelessness persons in regards to the limitations they experience because of their homelessness from the downtown Chico area are available to those who wish to see them. However, it is not a representative sample as it was just a student run survey.

Charles Withune noted that after 12 months of discussions, three property owners have called CHAT to make affordable offers for Simplicity Village. This is all contingent upon the community. New language will be sent to the CoC to add to the agenda for the CoC to consider a resolution to declare Limited Shelter Crises to Chico Council. This can be done because according to the statute, it only affects the one project that the county is involved in- being Simplicity Village. Entire operating budget per unit would be at \$150.00 a month, which is affordable for someone on Social Security.

12. **UPCOMING MEETING:** Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018

13. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m.