



Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

BUTTE COUNTYWIDE HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 8, 2021

1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Zoom Virtual Meeting Hosted by Butte County Employment & Social Services

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Anastacia Snyder, Catalyst Domestic Violence Services
Don Taylor, Butte County DESS Housing & Homeless
Emily Bateman, Youth for Change/6th Street
Eric Smith, City of Oroville
Josh Jameson, for Stephanie Hayden Oroville Hope Center
John Mitchell, Homeless/Former Homeless Representative
Marie Demers, City of Chico
Sarah Frohock, Butte County Dept. of Behavioral Health
Tami Ritter, Butte County Board of Supervisors
Thomas Tenorio, Community Action Agency
Ed Mayer, Housing Authority of the County of Butte
Angela McLaughlin, Greater Chico Homeless Taskforce
Deepika Tandon, Chico City Council
Marin Hambley, Stonewall Alliance
Keesha Hills, OSCIA
Joy Amaro, True North Housing Alliance
Steve Culleton, Town of Paradise
Meagan Meloy, Butte County Office of Education

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

CoC COORDINATOR:

Briana Harvey-Butterfield, DESS, Housing & Homeless
(absent)

RECORDING:

Staci Parisi, Butte County DESS Housing and Homeless

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Kami Denlay, City of Chico Councilmember
Crystal Nelson-Mourad, North Valley Housing Trust
Dawn Blackhorse, Butte College
Elisa Rawlinson, Butte County DESS H&H
Jim Ward, Additional Counseling & Treatment Solutions
Brooke Krist, First Five Butte County
Tiffany Danger, Butte County Office of Education

OTHER ATTENDEES CONT'D:

Tracey (Stogsdill) Gillihan, Butte Glenn 211
Rachel DeLeon, Butte County DESS
Annie Terry, Oroville Rescue Mission
Debbie Lucero, Butte County Board of Supervisors
MaryJo Alonzo, City of Chico
Hillary Crosby, Caring Choices
Debbie Villasenor, Housing Consultant
Kevin Thompson, OSCIA
Jay Coughlin, Butte County DESS H&H
Alicia Pimentel, Anthem Blue Cross Medicaid
Tara Sullivan Hames, Butte Glenn 211
Luann Manss, Caring Choices
Ronnie Mullins, DESS
John Fleming, Ampla Health
Laura Cootsona, Jesus Center
Nick Fashing, Butte County DESS APS
Melissa Frohrip, Nation's Finest (formerly VRC)
Leslie Johnson, CHAT
Melody Proebstel, United Way
Kelly Steinhauer – Chico Housing Action Team
Pahua Thao, Butte County DESS H&H
Alex Bruun, Butte County Dept. of Behavioral Health
Amber Benedict, Chico Housing Action Team/6th Street
Deanna Schwab, Safe Space Winter Shelter
Emma Jewett
Erica Amaya
Amber Abney Bass, Jesus Center
Angie Little, Housing Authority of Butte County
Ann Winters, Catalyst Domestic Violence Services
Armando Hernandez
Cathleen Ouimet, Butte County Dept. of Behavioral Health
Cristi Roach, Butte County DESS
Lydia Jiminez, CalOES
Monica Soderstrom, Butte County Dept. of Public Health
Kristen Yahn, VA HUD/VASH

Kristen Cooper
Mark Alvidrez, Chico Housing Action Team
Rob Barry
Scott Kennelly, Butte County Dept. of Behavioral Health
Shelly Watson, Jesus Center
Suzi Kochems

Laurie Maloney
Mary Ray Benson
Nancy Jorth, Youth for Change
Rashell Brobst, North Valley Boys and Girls Club
Suzanne Dolan, Ampla Health
Brad Brunner, Caminar

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. **CONVENE MEETING AND ESTABLISH QUOREM:** The meeting was called to order by A. Snyder at 1:05 p.m. This meeting is being recorded. Roll call for Council Members was completed by A. Snyder. It was determined there is enough Council Members for a Quorum. No field introductions were done. If you would like your name listed as an attendee please type your name and agency in the chat box.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made to approve the January 11, 2021:
Motion: E. Mayer
Second: T. Ritter
Opposed: None
Abstain: E. Smith, S. Culleton

3. **APPROVE COMMITTEE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR POSITIONS:**
A) Households with Children
B) LGBTQ & People of Color

A motion was made to approve Megan Meloy as Chairperson and Tim Hawkins as Vice-Chairperson for the Households with Children Committee; and approve Marin Hambley as Chairperson and Pahua Thao as Vice-Chairperson for the LGBTQ and People of Color Committee.

Motion: M. Demers
Second: T. Tenorio
Opposed: None
Abstain: None

4. **VACCINE DISTRIBUTION UPDATE:** M. Sodersom from Butte County Department of Public Health (BCDPH) reported on COVID vaccine distribution. Butte County ranked 6th in the State for vaccination rate. Because of established relationship among community stakeholders, the vaccination process was easier to implement. During Phase 1A Tier 2 BCDPH reached out to agencies that had direct contact with persons experiencing homelessness to ensure staff are vaccinated. Phase 1B is where we are now. BCDPH is looking to Ampla with the MMU that visits shelters on a rotating basis to allocate doses of vaccines to focus on where we currently have permission from the State: to vaccinate persons 65 or older in homeless shelters and jails. Last week Ampla received 100 100 doses for use on the MMU. Not sure when additional first doses will be available

to use on the MMU. As BCDPH has more vaccines available they will update the CoC. Second doses are automatically allocated with first doses.

S. Dolan stated Ampla has given 60 vaccines on the MMU so far and will use the remaining 40 this week.

D. Villasenor asked if receiving second doses are affecting getting additional first doses. M. Soderstrom stated that once first doses are given second doses are automatically scheduled. M. Soderstrom stated that Enloe, Orchard, and Oroville hospitals have all been offering the vaccines to the 75 plus and next the 65 plus population. BCDPH has also partnered with Safeway Pharmacy for K-12 teachers and staff vaccine distributions. BCDBH has partnered with Ampla at all regular standing clinics for vaccine distribution. The tribal health clinics are vaccinating their patients. Adventist Health in Paradise is vaccinating. Veterans Clinic in Butte County receives their vaccines from Veteran's Administration.

A. Winters with Catalyst would like to coordinate with Ampla so Catalyst shelter clients can get vaccines from the MMU. Nation's Finest has requested to be on the list for future vaccinations from the MMU. Haven of Hope on Wheels is also interested in working alongside the Ampla MMU.

M. Soderstrom directs people to reach out to her at msoderstrom@buttecounty.net if shelter volunteers or staff need vaccines.

- 5. LETTERS OF SUPPORT FROM CoC:** A. Snyder stated that the CoC was asked to provide a letter of support for BCOE School Ties grant. The executive committee decided that because BCOE was the only agency in the CoC that could apply for the grant, the CoC provided a letter of support for BCOE.

The governance committee is going to come up with a policy around letters of support from the CoC that will be presented to the CoC in the future. Competitive and non-competitive grant applications will be addressed in the CoC letters of support policy.

- 6. REVIEW OF THE CoC 10 YEAR STRATEGY:** A. Snyder reported that because we have some new council members this is a good time to review the purpose and intent of the 10 Year Strategy. The strategy was first worked on in 2014 and was updated in 2018 before the Camp Fire to include the No Place Like Home information. The funding that the CoC was working with at that time was only homeless allocation of roughly \$500,000. ESG then came along for an additional \$300,000. There is a recent infusion of funding coming to the CoC very quickly.

D. Taylor reported that the CoC contracted with Housing Tools to facilitate the development of the 10 Year Strategy, which involved community outreach and planning. The 10 Year Strategy is on the CoC website under reports. The 10 Year Strategy was completed before the Camp Fire and COVID, and much has changed in this new landscape. It is important to consider capacity when making spending decisions. Recent funding from the State requires the use of HMIS to collect, analyze, and report on the data. In addition, HUD mandates the use of Coordinated Entry within HMIS. The recent infusion of funds from the State and the Federal government have come with additional administrative responsibilities. Each type of funding also has spending restrictions, which make braiding funding for projects difficult.

D. Taylor gave a quick review of the 10 Year Strategy. The 10 Year Strategy is used in addition to public meeting to determine uses of funding.

B. Harvey Butterfield stated that with the HHAP 2 funding which has to be spent by 2026 there is approximately \$66,000 set aside for a strategic homeless plan, that can be used for administrative time to update the 10 Year Strategy.

D. Lucero stated that we should update the 10 Year Strategy sooner rather than later in light of the Camp Fire and Covid. B. Harvey Butterfield responded that the last update took some time so this will be a priority moving forward.

R. Barry stated that he has some questions about the 10 Year Strategy and is this a good time to address them?

A. Snyder stated that we can ask the questions now but may not be able to answer them now. R. Barry asked about the Plan Summary table and if this has been updated recently. D. Taylor stated the strategy was last updated in 2018. R. Barry asked if there are plans to talk about how/when these plans will be adopted. E. Mayer added this strategy is a vision of the collective goals of the homeless delivery system. D. Villasenor stated that the strategy is flexible and the goal is a community plan for those who serve the homeless populations. Demand outweighs capacity at this point. J. Mitchell states on page 3 part of the objectives was to engage the community in a public awareness campaign. Has any funding been set aside for this? A. Snyder stated that a former CoC Council member was very passionate about this goal, there have been zero dollars assigned to it. D. Taylor states individual groups have made efforts to get messaging out. This is still a priority of the CoC Council. J. Mitchell states he would like to be involved in this public awareness project.

D. Tandon wants to know if there is funding available to establish homeless courts as referenced in the 10 year strategy. Do we know how many shelter beds will be added with the funding that is available? D. Taylor states the funding has not yet been awarded.

7. ESG-CV2 PLANNING MEETINGS: D. Taylor stated that the County is holding two stakeholder meetings regarding the eligible activities and timelines for spending ESG-CV funding. The goal is to solicit information as to proposed activities and to come up with a plan to spend the money. D. Taylor is getting some clarification from the State on eligible spending activities. A spending plan will be presented to the CoC Council at the March 15 meeting. The meetings will be held February 22, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. and March 1, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

8. COUNTY UPDATE: B. Harvey Butterfield reported that there are currently 135 individuals in Project Room Key (PRK). A total of 535 unique individuals including children have been served to date. 151 have moved into permanent or transitional housing. E. Rawlinson reported that PRK MDT meetings are occurring weekly. The meetings include PRK case managers, Butte County Behavioral Health, HDAP, APS, CSD, CalWORKs. At the meeting housing plans are reviewed and updated regarding housing case management.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

City of Chico: M. Demers reported the Housing Element update is underway and first community workshop is February 10. Info can be found at www.chicohousingelement.com

City of Oroville: No report

Town of Paradise: S. Culleton reported there are approximately 600 homeless individuals on the ridge.

Greater Chico Homeless Task Force: A. McLoughlin stated elections are coming up for the executive team. The task force meets the third Thursday of every month.

Governance Committee: A. Snyder reported the committee is working on policies and procedures.

Chronic Homeless Committee: J. Mitchell reported Next meeting on February 16 at 9:00 a.m.

HMIS/CE Committee: S. Parisi reported the committee met on Monday, February 1. The LSA for 2019 and 2020 have been fully completed. Office hours on February 1 included how to complete the HIC and PIT reports.

Runaway Homeless Youth: E. Bateman reported the next meeting Wednesday February 10, at 12:30 working on how to get youth advisory council up and running again.

Households with Children: M. Meloy reported the committee is focusing on channels for referring families that need case management. Meets first Tuesday of the month at noon, contact Megan Meloy if interested in participating.

LGBTQ/POC: M. Hambley reported that two meetings were held this past month. The committee has been working on drafting a mission statement, and defining the values and goals of the committee. Meetings are the last Thursday of the month at 2:00 p.m.

Veterans: M. Frohrip reported the next meeting is February 17. The committee meets every 6 weeks.

10. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

11. **NEXT MEETING:** Monday March 15, 2021, Butte County Department of Employment and Social Services to host Zoom Virtual Meeting.

12. **Adjourned:** 3:05 p.m.