



## Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

### **BUTTE COUNTYWIDE HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, March 15, 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

#### **COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Steve Culleton, Town of Paradise  
Meagan Meloy, Butte County Office of Education

#### **CoC COORDINATOR:**

Briana Harvey-Butterfield, DESS Housing & Homeless

#### **RECORDING:**

W. Jay Coughlin, DESS Housing and Homeless

#### **OTHER ATTENDEES:**

Dawn Blackhorse, Butte College  
Scott Kennelly, Butte County Dept. of Behavioral Health  
Suzi Kochems, City of Chico  
Katy Thoma, Chico Chamber  
Shelby Boston, DESS

#### **OTHER ATTENDEES CONT'D:**

Tracey (Stogsdill) Gillihan, Butte Glenn 211  
Christine Madden, Oroville Rescue Mission  
Debbie Lucero, Butte County Board of Supervisors  
Hillary Crosby, Caring Choices  
Debbie Villasenor, Housing Consultant  
Kevin Thompson, OSCIA  
Tara Sullivan Hames, Butte Glenn 211  
Luann Manss, Caring Choices  
Ronnie Mullins, DESS  
John Fleming, Ampla Health  
Laura Cootsona, Jesus Center  
Leslie Johnson, CHAT  
Melody Proebstel, United Way  
Deanna Schwab, Safe Space Winter Shelter  
Ann Winters, Catalyst  
Armando Hernandez, VECTORS  
Nancy Jorth, Youth for Change  
Suzanne Dolan, Ampla Health  
Brad Brunner, Caminar  
Sherisse Allen, Butte County  
Susan Wilson, Safe Space  
Mary Neuman, Passages  
Ane Watts, Anthem Blue Cross  
Kimberly Brooke, First 5 Butte

**ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

**1. CONVENE MEETING AND ESTABLISH QUORUM:** The meeting was called to order by A. Snyder at 1:04 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. A. Snyder announced to the group that Staci Parisi has moved on from the County and Jay Coughlin will be taking minutes today. 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.

A. Snyder mentioned the recent press event by the Chico City Council, and said that the Executive team is having conversations with many jurisdictional partners to educate folks and strengthening partnerships. Next month the council is looking forward to welcoming a Gridley representative. Planning is ongoing for the all-member meeting to be held in May and Lisa Sloan, our Technical Assistance provider, will give an overview of the workings of CoC's to ensure everyone has a good knowledge of the workings and the prevue of what we do. The Executive Team has received an extensive public records request from the ACLU at the end of last week. First step is to connect with the County's Counsel for guidance, acknowledging that the CoC is not a public agency and not subject to the Brown act, but we will keep the Council updated as we find out more on what is required to be done related to that. If you have questions please reach out to your leadership team, and thank you for all that you are doing, we have all been very busy. If you have questions, please put them in the chat.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made to approve the February 8, 2021:

Motion: T. Ritter  
Second: E. Mayer  
Opposed: None  
Abstain: None

**3. APPROVE COMMITTEE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR POSITIONS:**

A) HMIS/CES

Chair A. Snyder announced that Elisa Rawlinson was selected and nominated by the HMIS/CES committee to replace Staci Parisi as the new committee chair. A motion was made to approve Elisa Rawlinson as the new Chairperson for the HMIS/CES committee

Motion: T. Tenorio  
Second: K. Hills  
Opposed: None  
Abstain: None

**4. Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) Project Updates:** CoC Coordinator Briana Harvey-Butterfield gave an update on HEAP to the council. The contracts were established and started at the end of May 2019 and subcontracting entities are working on wrapping up expenditures and completely expending the funding by the end of June 2021. A detailed look at the subcontractor's expenditures to date and the outcomes as reported in our HMIS system, Clarity, for each entity was reviewed for the Council.

T. Ritter asked about the expenditures listed for Community Action Agency being at 49% expended to date. It was explained that CAA had some internal transitions occurring with their CFO, and we anticipate to receive their claims soon, and that they will fully expend their contracts.

T. Tenorio affirmed that to be the case.

B. Harvey-Butterfield provided a brief additional update on the True North winter shelter contract being amended and redirected to renting rooms at the Townhouse, as True North was unable to obtain a facility to operate in conjunction with Safespace as originally proposed. The information reported in Clarity as to who has been served was gone over.

D. Lucero asked about the Ampla services, and would like to know if those services are broken down by type or category, such as illnesses. B. Harvey-Butterfield said that those are reported on, and everything is being tracked, and we can provide a more thorough report out of the services being provided. A. Snyder mentioned that there is a monthly meeting with AMPLA to look at the data, which is a great meeting to attend. J. Fleming with AMPLA gave an update, and said that they will be continuing for a minimum of an additional 12 months if funding is available. Vaccination access has been critical, and they will continue to provide this service. J. Fleming said he would be happy to provide any information D. Lucero would like, and will follow up with her. T. Ritter asked for an update on what the MMU schedule has been, and J. Fleming said absolutely, it is available online, and is updated in real time. E. Mayer said he appreciates the AMPLA MMU schedule being sent out monthly, it is very helpful. E. Mayer asked if Don Taylor or Briana Harvey-Butterfield had any concerns about mismanagement of funds, untimely expenditures, any train wrecks in motion, or are we in good shape for expending the fund. B. Harvey-Butterfield said that there are no concerns and we are in good shape for spending the funds. Support has been provided to the entities receiving funding, and ensured documentation has been provided and set up. Any agency which has had funding disencumbered or additional funding received is up to date on the expenditure sheet information provided today. A. Snyder said that 211 has been an incredible partner in making sure information has gotten out to individuals who need it in regards to the MMU and where it will be, thank you.

D. Taylor wanted to note that the changes in MMU scheduling has been done in conjunction with Public Health, and AMPLA has been very nimble to make that happen. L. Cootsona added that this was meant to be a pilot program to and the monthly meetings are used to sharpen what we could do with the changes to this project when COVID happened, and it has changed many of our original thoughts for the program, however S. Dolan has been fantastic with this program. K. Thompson let the group know that he seconds the commendation of Suzi, and how grateful they are for the work that Ampla health and their team is doing to provide services in the Oroville area. S. Dolan announced that 170 people have been vaccinated so far, 50 of them second doses. D. Lucero asked if people have been receptive to receiving the vaccine. Hit and Miss, just like the general population, however many are asking for the Johnson and Johnson vaccine because it is a single dose. No other questions or comments in regards to HEAP.

- 5. ESG-CV 2 Update:** Don Taylor gave an update on ESG-CV, the second round of CARE Act funds put together to address the public health risk, by trying to house people who are in unsheltered locations, such as through Project Roomkey. February 22<sup>nd</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup> planning meetings occurred, and adjustments and revisions have been made so the deadline was extended to today for the final meeting to determine funding. Multiple entities have offered solutions and a comprehensive plan is being put together which is designed to meet the expenditure deadline. More to come after today's final meeting. A special meeting will be put together to present the plan to the CoC at a later date. No questions from the group.

- 6. County Update:** B. Harvey-Butterfield announced that the PiT and HiC numbers are being finalized. Once the numbers are finalized, the information will then be presented to the council. The Homeless Assistance and Housing Support Program sheet in today's agenda packet was gone over for the council. No questions.
- D. Taylor gave an update on Project Roomkey, numbers are declining as people leave the program into housing and as some choose to go back to the shelter. 113 total individuals in hotels at this time.
- D. Taylor gave an update on The Emergency Rental Assistance Program. On February 23<sup>rd</sup> the County combined our Federal share with the State share to have the local program operated by the State. The program opens today at 5 pm. Individuals can call 1-833-430-2122 or go to [Housing.ca.gov](https://www.housing.ca.gov) for more information and to apply. There was a brief discussion about local partners and how 211 could refer individuals to them for assistance. Caring Choices and United Way will be providing assistance and will keep 211 in the loop.
- D. Taylor said that HHAP 1 and HHAP 2 funds have not gone to RFP yet, as we are finishing up the meetings for ESG-CV2. After ESG-CV2 is finished we will combine the funding into a Super NOFA to be released.
- D Taylor said that Build for Zero is being actively looked at to put on the April Agenda and to provide information to the Council.

**9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Governance Committee:** B. Harvey-Butterfield announced that the committee has been busy working on updating the policies and procedures for the May meeting.

**HMIS/CE Committee:** S. Frohock announced that the last meeting was primarily a training meeting on HMIS, and encouraged everyone to attend to learn more about the HMIS system. A question was asked about how often the queue is cleaned up and how accurate the numbers are. B. Harvey-Butterfield said that the Housing Navigators are working on it, but we are not as far as we would like to be, however the list is cleaned up and sent out on a weekly basis.

**Households with Children:** No report.

**Veterans:** No meeting in February.

**Chronic Homeless Committee:** J. Mitchell reported that there was not a meeting last month, and that the next meeting will be tomorrow at 9:00 am.

**Youth Homeless Committee:** E. Bateman reported the next meeting will be April 14<sup>th</sup> and that they are working on getting the youth advisory council up and running again.

**LGBTQ+/POC:** M. Hambley reported that the group met and is finalizing next steps and goals and will be meeting again on the last Thursday of this Month. If you would like to participate please email M. Hambley.

**Point in Time committee:** B. Harvey-Butterfield said that the group will be meeting again soon to discuss plans for a Point in Time count in January 2022.

**Greater Chico Homeless Task Force:** A. McLoughlin said that the Jesus Center will be updating the group at the next meeting, and they will be talking about the City Councils move to potentially disband or change the makeup of the task force. The task force meets the third Thursday of every month.

**City of Oroville:** Eric Smith announced that the City is doing a great job meeting the marks that are set for low income housing. Various projects are in planning and many are in development. Olive Ranch Apartments Phase One, 81 units, Phase Two an additional 80 units. River Bend Family apartments will have 72 affordable units. Prospect View Apartments, 40 units for permanent supportive housing. 12 units for a Veterans Housing Project was just approved. Sierra Heights Phase 2 nearing completion for Seniors.

**Town of Paradise:** No report

**City of Chico:** No report.

10. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** A. McLoughlin asked if anyone had looked at the Certified Behavioral Health Clinic model. B. Harvey-Butterfield said it was the first she had heard of it, but will proceed with looking into it.
11. **NEXT MEETING:** Monday April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Butte County Department of Employment and Social Services to host Zoom Virtual Meeting.
12. **Adjourned:** 2:16 p.m.