



Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

BUTTE COUNTYWIDE HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Monday, July 19, 2021

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

765 East Avenue Chico In Person with Zoom Option Meeting Hosted by Butte County Employment & Social Services

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Don Taylor, Butte County DESS Housing & Homeless
Emily Bateman, Youth for Change/6th Street
Ed Mayer, Housing Authority of the County of Butte
Eric Smith, City of Oroville
Marie Demers, City of Chico
John Mitchell, Christian Faith Center
Tami Ritter, Butte County Board of Supervisors
Thomas Tenorio, Community Action Agency
Angela McLaughlin, Greater Chico Homeless Taskforce
Marin Hambley, Stonewall Alliance/Safe Space
Ana Vicuna, BCDBH/Alternate
Josh Jamison, Oroville Hope Center/Alternate

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Anastacia Snyder, Catalyst Domestic Violence Services
Joy Amaro, True North Housing Alliance
Meagan Meloy, Butte County Office of Education
Sarah Frohock, Butte County Dept. of Behavioral Health
Stephanie Hayden, Oroville Hope Center
Steve Culleton, Town of Paradise
Keesha Hills, OSCIA

CoC COORDINATOR:

Briana Harvey-Butterfield, DESS Housing & Homeless

RECORDING:

W. Jay Coughlin, DESS Housing & Homeless

ZOOM MONITOR:

Elisa Rawlinson, DESS Housing & Homeless

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Nancy Jorth, Youth for Change

OTHER ATTENDEES CONT'D:

Erin Murray, DESS Housing & Homeless
Wendy Lo, DESS Housing & Homeless
Pahua Thao, DESS Housing & Homeless
Debbie Villasenor, Housing Consultant
Deanna Schwab, Safe Space
Tracey (Stogsdill) Gillihan, Butte-Glenn 211
Melissa Jamison, United Way of Northern California
Ann Winters, Catalyst
Renee Devol, DESS-APS
Susan Roll, Social Work & Basic Needs at Chico State
Hilary Crosby, Caring Choices
Dawn Blackhorse, Butte College
Curtis Butler, Nation's Finest
Brad Brunner, Caminar
Rachel DeLeon, DESS
Seana O'Shaughnessy, CHIP
Matt McCoy, Butte County VSO
Angie Little, Housing Authority
Mary Neumann, Passages
Nicole Moua, Department of Rehabilitation
Theresa Nantor, CHIP
Amber Benedict, CHAT
Amber Abney-Bass, Jesus Center
Annie Terry, Oroville Rescue Mission
Alicia Pimental, Anthem Blue Cross Medi-Cal
Patrizia Hironimus, Supervisor Lucero's office
Shelly Storkan, BCDBH
Maisue Thao, Butte College
Melody Proebstel, United Way
MaryJo Alonzo, City of Chico
Laurie Maloney, Point of Contact
Scott Kennelly, BCDBH
Suzanne Dolan, Ampla Health
Tara Sullivan-Hames, Butte-Glenn 211

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- 1. CONVENE MEETING AND ESTABLISH QUORUM:** The meeting was called to order by First Vice Chair Don Taylor at 1:07 p.m. and said we are giving a few extra minutes to start today's meeting as this is our first hybrid meeting with an in-person option. This meeting is being recorded. Roll call for Council Members was completed by D. Taylor. It was determined there are 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 June 21st, 2021 CoC meeting minutes. No changes were noted for minutes.

Motion: T. Ritter
Second: E. Mayer
Opposed: None
Abstain: None
- 3. EMERGENCY HOUSING VOUCHERS (116) PROGRAM UPDATE:** Ed Mayer presented on the Emergency Housing Voucher program, a new HUD program that the Housing Authority is operating with 116 vouchers. To date they have already met the requirement of entering into at least one MOU with a local CoC by July 31st. They are working with two CoC's (split, based on population, between Butte County CoC and Del Rios CoC) and ten local services providers. The service providers in Butte County are as follows: Butte County Behavioral Health was provided 15 vouchers, Community Action Agency 6 vouchers, Caring Choices 2 vouchers, Catalyst 5 vouchers, CHAT 21 vouchers, DESS 3 vouchers, Jesus Center 10 vouchers, Oroville Rescue Mission 3 vouchers, True North Housing Alliance 7 vouchers, Youth for Change 5 vouchers. To date all MOU's have been signed, with a few ratifications pending. If any agency is unable to distribute all of their vouchers they will look at any needed reallocations at a later date. Three FAQ's have already been issued. If you have any specific questions or need additional information please contact Javi Pinero at the Housing Authority. By leasing up quickly, HUD will provide incentives that can be used to help. T. Ritter asked if there is language in the MOU's about moving vouchers if needed. E. Mayer said that the MOU's don't address the numbers, just about participating in the program since this is a quick moving program. No other questions or comments.
- 4. YOUTH HOMELESSNESS DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM (YHDP):** Nancy Jorth, Director of Social Services for Youth for Change presented information about the Youth Homelessness Demonstration program. HUD has released a third round NOFA for the YHDP which is an opportunity to bring money into the community to develop some innovative programs to serve homeless youth. The first step is for our community to be selected to be able to participate in the program. Youth for Change has started the process and there are no Youth Homelessness Demonstration projects in Northern California so the chances are very good that we will be selected as a community for funding. The next step after securing funding, would be to have a six month process for putting together a plan involving the CoC and multiple community partners to be part of that work group to develop the community plan which will be submitted to the Feds. During that process we will identify the needed programs. N. Jorth will be reaching out in October for everyone's participation once funding has been secured and our community has been selected. E. Mayer asked if this program is ultimately targeted towards getting additional Section 8 vouchers for the community or developing a plan to end youth homelessness. N. Jorth said the main focus is to develop innovative projects to end youth homelessness, additional vouchers could be part of that plan

if incorporated into the projects by the community, up to 10 projects can be incorporated into the one million dollars of available funding. T. Tenorio asked if there was a specific target population. N. Jorth said they are specifically targeting 16-24 youth dealing with issues of homelessness, TAY population. E. Mayer asked how can we help get this going. N. Jorth said she has already worked with CoC leadership to help put together the application, and secured the letter of support from Child Welfare, so they are almost ready to submit the application, and she will be reaching out for support from the group and its members in October to develop the community plan. D. Taylor said that our members should keep in the back of their minds if they would be willing to join an ad-hoc committee in October to help develop this plan. N. Jorth said that there will be a 25% match requirement that will be covered by Youth for Change, however Federal grants don't cover all administrative needs, so they will be looking at other areas such as community donations. No other questions.

5. **BUTTE GLENN VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN DISASTER (VOAD):** Don Taylor said that our group has gone through multiple disasters in the last few years, so it was thought that it would be helpful to hear from our local Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster Organization or VOAD so we are all more familiar with what it is and what is available. Hilary Crosby, Chair of the Butte-Glenn Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, presented on what a VOAD is. The group began meeting as an executive team in 2020 that meets monthly and has quarterly general membership meetings. The idea is to bring together organizations active in disaster and recovery to facilitate the four C's – Cooperation, Coordination, Communication and Collaboration. This group is all about getting information out to the right people at the right time so we can work together. This need became apparent during the Camp Fire. There are many volunteers that wanted to help, so the Camp Fire Collaborative was formed to get volunteers to the places they could be used. Caring Choices took the lead on this project to help focus on the recovery needs after the Camp Fire. By having an active VOAD we can be prepared, collaborate together, get our volunteers trained and not always be in a response phase. More information can be found at the VOAD website: <http://butte-glenn-voad.square.site> where meeting minutes and information and updates are placed. Additionally you can reach out to Hilary Crosby, Chair at hcrosby@caring-choices.org or Tess Slaton, Communications at butteglennvoad@gmail.com. A. McLaughlin asked if this is the meeting where a demonstration of the pallet shelters will happen. H. Crosby said that yes, the director of Pallet America will be presenting on Friday. E. Mayer asked what the thinking was behind putting Butte and Glenn Counties together. H. Crosby said that recently our area's disaster response has been closely linked. E. Mayer said that our CoC doesn't historically work with the Dos Rios CoC in Glenn County that often, so he found it an interesting connection for the sphere of influence and appreciated the information. T. Sullivan-Hanes with Butte-Glenn 211 said that they respond to both Butte and Glenn so they already have a relationship with Glenn County OES, and it makes sense with this population and service sharing area. It is not limited to just these two counties, as seen we are currently having a shared incident with Plumas County, and these are opportunities for cooperation and collaboration as we address the needs potentially necessary for regional approaches. E. Mayer pointed out that there are many systems and data layers that are becoming available, such as Unite Us, and what we are watching is the regionalization of our affairs and in the near future we may see the relational pieces put together so we are more of a Northern California grouping. A question from the chat asked if VOAD works with the Sheriff's department. The group is open to all organizations, and works with groups such as the SEARCH team within the Sheriff's department and provides trained volunteers who can work within other organizations as appropriate. T. Tenorio said that he has been pleased to see the leadership being put forward by H. Crosby to get the local VOAD going, and is glad to see all of this work developing a great organization, thank you. H. Crosby said that 6,400 volunteer organizations were processed by Caring Choices for the Camp Fire, and they would like to be very prepared for any future disaster needs and thanked the group for allowing her to present, and welcomes everyone to participate. No other questions.

6. LEAD AGENCY, COLLABORTIVE APPLICANT, ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY UPDATES: Don Taylor said that the title of this section has been updated from “County update” to be more accurate on the report given in this section, and not to be confused with the jurisdictional updates that are also given to the CoC. B. Harvey-Butterfield said that the Point in Time committee will hold the first meeting on July 28th from 3-4 pm and if you would like to participate please let us know in the chat, many volunteers will be needed. The Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Program, HHAP 1 and HHAP 2 funding will be combined into one RFP using the County process and information will be reported out in August. Community meetings will be held to remind everyone about what HHAP is and to answer questions about the application process. D. Taylor gave an update on the annual Emergency Solution Grants (ESG) funding, the NOFA and Application will be released on August 17th. Our area is not an entitlement jurisdiction, we get the Balance of State funding. There will be two webinars on August 24th, sign up if you are interested and make sure you look for the Balance of State funding webinar once it is on the HCD website. D Taylor will send an email out to the group as soon the information becomes available. Applications will be due October 19th and they are no longer having hard copy submittals, they will be submitted electronically through an online portal. The release is the day after the next CoC meeting, so a meeting will need to be held to determine what percentage the group wants to put towards competitive and non-competitive funding, more to come on that. T. Ritter asked about the process for applying through the online portal, is this Butte County’s portal? D. Taylor said the CoC will hold a rating and ranking process and the CoC will select the applications to move forward. We are limited to two competitive and two non-competitive applications. Administrative Entity will need to submit the list of agencies that were selected by the CoC which will move forward. If your agency is not applying for ESG funding we will be looking for groups to be on our rating and ranking committee. No other questions. D. Taylor said that no word has been received yet on the 2021 HUD CoC annual funding, as soon as we get that information we will start that annual process and release the information. E. Mayer asked if there is any talk of any other special allocations or other funding from the State, he knows that HEAP and CESH money was received by surprise. D. Taylor said there is a lot more money put into the State budget, but no special allocations like HHAP or HEAP noted at this time. No other updates or questions.

7. COMMITTEE, COALITION AND JURISDICTIONAL REPORTS/UPDATES:

Governance Committee: Briana Harvey-Butterfield announced that the committee has been working on updating policies and procedures, and currently working on the election process. Will be brought back in August or September for approval as we vote in November for membership.

HMIS/CE Committee: Elisa Rawlinson said the group met last week and discussed the Community Queues and adding them into the Coordinated Entry System and are creating a sub-sub committee to implement the process. E. Mayer asked for an update on how the state of affairs is with our Coordinated Entry System process and how it is working, are agencies taking people off the list? E. Rawlinson said that we have a huge uptick on the amount of people accessing Coordinated Entry and getting onto the list. We had approximately 865 individuals on the CE list in February of 2020. As of last Monday we had about 2165 individuals on the CE list. This represents one person per household. With the opening up of our system and the ability of our groups to be able to connect with each other, we have seen an uptick of individuals being pulled from the list. With the Emergency Housing Vouchers alerts have been listed for individuals who have a potential Housing Voucher for 26 individuals if you hear from them please contact us. To date 14 of these individuals have been put in contact with our Housing Navigators. With the community queues it is becoming a more functioning system. E. Mayer said where we want to end up is that this is a list that agencies can systematically look at and pull people off the list, and is hearing there is a great increase in individuals being added to the list and we are starting to see agencies pulling people off the list to get

into housing. T. Ritter asked if you have a Household experiencing homelessness, but only one of those people in the household can be on the list, does this limit their ability to get help, how are you defining households. The CoC lets households identify themselves as a household, and using the individual with the highest need to be listed on the Coordinated Entry Queue, for example if one person is Chronically Homeless in the Household, the entire household gets those additional points for the queue.

Chronic Homeless Committee: Elisa Rawlinson said the group is meeting and voting in a new Chair soon.

Households with Children: No report.

Veterans: Curtis Butler said the group is working on the Veteran's stand down which will happen October 1st -3rd at the Elk's Lodge in Chico.

Youth Homeless Committee: Emily Bateman reported that the group is working on Youth Runaway awareness month in November which is quickly approaching, and updating the resource guide. The next meeting will be August 11th at 12:30.

LGBTQ+/POC: Marin Hambley reported that the next meeting is the 29th and they continue meeting monthly, and are getting very close to finalizing the survey to be sent to the CoC.

Greater Chico Homeless Task Force: A. McLaughlin said this month's meeting was canceled, and the group will be starting to meet in person at the August meeting.

City of Oroville: Eric Smith reported that the City Council will be meeting tomorrow night. The Oroville Rescue Mission has been open as a cooling center which has been great.

Butte County: Tami Ritter said that the American Rescue Act funding will be talked about at tomorrow's meeting. Setting priorities for the \$42 million dollars that are available, and reviewing potential projects. It is encouraged that you talk to your representative if you have feelings on how this funding can be best spent to help your constituents.

City of Chico: Don Taylor said we will be getting a new representative from the City Council once they select their two new representatives for the council. M. Demers announced that there are 3 projects under construction, a little over 300 units affordable housing units. The CDBG-DR NOFA should be released in August so that will have additional funding available for more permanent affordable housing.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ed Mayer said that CHIP's Creekside place is under construction, 100 units for single seniors with a 15 unit No Place Like Home component. Prospect View apartments in Oroville, 40 units with 15 unit No Place Like Home component notice from the State has been received. A second round of disaster credits that was made available, and our County submitted another 9 applications for over 500 affordable units bringing our potential pipeline to almost 2000 units. A. McLaughlin asked with the affordable housing coming on line off of Humboldt what makes those affordable, is it a percentage of income? E. Mayer said that there are 101 units in that project and there are 100 Vouchers assigned to the project, allowing it to serve individuals without regards to income.

Annie Terry announced that Oroville Rescue Mission has a cooling center which is open 11-6 every day 4250 Lincoln Blvd. They are opening a resource center at 2150 Bird Street, August 2nd 11-2 grand opening everyone is invited to attend.

Marin Hambley announced that the Safe Space cooling center has moved to 1601 Hemlock, Chico Friends meeting hall, open 2-8, pets welcome.

Briana Harvey-Butterfield asked the group to let E. Rawlinson know if they have any suggestions for the updated CoC website which was announced on the 24th.

9. NEXT MEETING: Monday August 16th, 2021, Butte County Department of Employment and Social Services to host In Person & Virtual Meeting 765 East Avenue, Chico Condor Room (First Floor)

10. Adjourned: 2:14 p.m.