



Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

BUTTE COUNTYWIDE HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 16, 2021

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

In Person at 765 East Avenue Chico and

Zoom Option Hosted by Butte County Employment & Social Services

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Angela McLaughlin, Greater Chico Homeless Taskforce
Ed Mayer, Housing Authority of the County of Butte
Emily Bateman, Youth for Change/6th Street
Eric Smith, City of Oroville
Joy Amaro, True North Housing Alliance
Marie Demers, City of Chico
Marin Hambley, Stonewall Alliance/Safe Space
Meagan Meloy, Butte County Office of Education
Keesha Hills, OSCIA
Sarah Frohock, Butte County Dept. of Behavioral Health
Tami Ritter, Butte County Board of Supervisors
Josh Jamison, Oroville Hope Center/Alternate

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Anastacia Snyder, Catalyst Domestic Violence Services
Don Taylor, Butte County DESS Housing & Homeless
John Mitchell, Christian Faith Center
Stephanie Hayden, Oroville Hope Center
Steve Culleton, Town of Paradise
Thomas Tenorio, Community Action Agency

CoC COORDINATOR:

Briana Harvey-Butterfield, DESS Housing & Homeless

RECORDING:

W. Jay Coughlin, DESS Housing & Homeless

ZOOM MONITOR:

Erin Murray, DESS Housing & Homeless

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Tracey (Stogsdill) Gillihan, Butte-Glenn 2-1-1
Pahua Thao, DESS Housing and Homeless
Lisa Currier, Crisis Care Advocacy and Triage

OTHER ATTENDEES CONT'D:

Debra Lucero, Butte County Supervisor, District 2
Sherry Morgado, Housing Tools
Jess Candela, Housing Tools
Ana Vicuna, Behavioral Health
Debbie Villasenor, Housing Consultant
Crystal Nelson-Mourad, NVHT
Laurie Maloney, Point of Contact
Katy Thoma, Chico Chamber
Rachel DeLeon, DESS
Cathleen Ouimet, Behavioral Health
Kevin Thompson, OSCIA
Laura Cootsona, Jesus Center
Ann Winters, Catalyst Domestic Violence Services
Amber Benedict, CHAT
Shelly Storkan, BCDBH
Amanda Gaylord, CHAT
Annie Terry, Oroville Rescue Mission
Lorena Reed, BCDBH
Luann Manss, Caring Choices
Leslie Johnson, CHAT
Hilary Crosby, Caring Choices
Lori LaRiviere, TNHA
Alexis Duckett, Northern Circle Indian Housing Authority
Scott Kennelly, BCDBH
Amber Abney-Bass, Jesus Center
Maisue Thao, Butte College
Julie Butler, Social Work student, CSU Chico
Mary Kay Benson, North State Shelter Team
Cody Fowler, Probation
Melody Proebstel, United Way of Northern California
Ane Watts, Housing Program Manager, Anthem Blue Cross
Rob Berry, Chico First
Susan Wilson, Safe Space

OTHER ATTENDEES CONT'D:

Brad Brunner, Caminar
John Zepeda, Butte County Veterans Service Office
Melissa Jamison, United Way of Northern California
Kyle Willman, Butte County Public Health
Carnella Marks, Restoring our Community
Dijon Jones, AISC peers

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- 1. CONVENE MEETING AND ESTABLISH QUORUM:** The meeting was called to order by Ed Mayer at 1:14 p.m. This meeting is being recorded. Roll call for Council Members was completed by B. Harvey-Butterfield. 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.

Debra Lucero noted in the chat that she had attended a homelessness workshop through the California State Association of Counties. She said it was an incredibly informative 2-hour session on the \$12 billion that Gov. Newsom has allocated toward this issue. This is the most substantial investment of any state or even federal government toward this issue. Here is the link to the series of panel experts.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d4djrBwIEW>

- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made to approve the July 19th, 2021 CoC meeting minutes. No changes were noted for minutes.

Motion: M. Demers
Second: A. McLaughlin
Opposed: None
Abstain: J. Amaro

- 3. MEDICAL RESPITE PLAN:** Ed Mayer introduced Sherry Morgado and Jess Candela with Housing Tools to present on the Medical Respite Plan included in today's agenda packet. Sherry Morgado presented the definition of Medical Respite for the group "acute and post-acute medical care for patients experiencing homelessness who are too ill or frail to recover from a physical illness or injury while living in shelter or on the streets, but who are not sick enough to be in the hospital". Butte County Department of Public Health initiated this process after receiving a CMSP-LICN grant. The Medical Respite Plan was developed through a structure that included the County, a Steering Committee, and Community Coalitions who met in a series of six meetings from February through May concurrent with the Needs Assessment process which was conducted.

The objective was to achieve meaningful ways of improving the health and housing outcomes of individuals served and identify a range of options that allow for countywide implementation and provide options for an incremental and potentially phased approach. The project approach had three values driving the project. The plan would be data drive, inclusive, and trauma-informed. Stakeholder interviews with five organizations were held. The qualitative data included: Survey of available data, followed by analysis of data sets from medical, shelter and service providers. The key findings are summarized in the executive summary which is the first few pages of the plan presented with your agenda today. The first key finding surrounds Scope of Care. Potential Models

identified showed that we should look at “low hanging fruit” for our initial efforts, for example looking at existing models in our community that already exist. For a long term view, everyone agreed that it would be great to have free standing units in North and South County. Another key finding surrounded how behavioral health conditions might affect eligibility, and the ideal referral process is a dual system. With a need for a referral system for the “hand off”. Realities and limitations pertaining to health care systems/reimbursement were examined and identified. Everyone agreed it would be great to continue the momentum of pilot projects in the community such as AMPLA MMU, and Safe Space and CHAT current initiatives. Another key finding is designing a small project using a model that might work for the highest users of services. The National Health Foundation Recuperative Care, Yuba County HHS, and Adventist Health presented to the group and it was apparent that low-barrier and trauma informed approaches are important for this process. Including guest feedback to help end the cycle is also a best practice. Including people of lived experience and having a shared vision from leadership is also very important. Funding opportunities: Whole Person Care, County DESS has secured a \$1 million 5 year grant. CMSP-LICN Implementation Grant, County is eligible to apply for a grant of \$500,000 per year for up to 3 years. CalAIM, Medi-Cal payment reform, would allow billing for services related to Whole Person Care in a medical setting. National Institute for Medical Respite Care, National Health Care for the Homeless Council and Sierra Health Foundation are also other potential funders. Sherry Morgado said if you have any questions or comments please email her at admin@housing-tools.com. Additionally, Kyle Willman with Public Health is here today to answer questions.

Ed Mayer asked about the context of the plan. Why now, what moved Public Health to move down this path now, as opposed to 10 years ago. Sherry Morgado said she would defer to Public Health for that answer. Kyle Willman with Public Health said he helped manage the project and basically this planning grant was received years ago, and then delayed by COVID. So the why now is because we needed to follow through even with the pandemic delay, and the department knew about the creation of the DESS housing department, and to work on equity based, health in mind, that focusing on a Medical Respite project would benefit our area, and a comprehensive plan could help local providers move the ball down the field. A strategic time to start initiating this process, focused on this population that badly needs these services.

Ed Mayer said thank you, it is always great to have another plan in place. And reading this plan shows that there is a need for these services. Impression is that this is a starting point, we have gaps in our system, what is the Public Health perspective for how you would like the CoC to come forward and help. Are there any other questions out there from the group?

Cody Fowler asked if any thought been given to reaching out to OMC or Enloe to see if they can provide training or equipment or funding? If they can pitch in it would help us reach this population. Ed Mayer said we have talked about prioritizing services for ‘super users’ those showing up at the Emergency Rooms, and that might tie into the project. Sherry Morgado pointed out that Enloe Medical Center did participate with the process, and they have been working with the Jesus Center on a potential project at the new facility. Debra Lucero asked if the funding that was shown during the presentation included the new 12 billion that Governor Newsom allocated to homelessness, that includes respite care for the houseless. Sherry Morgado said no this was prepared before that funding was released.

Debra Lucero said that she knows of 2 people on the streets of Chico, one with seizures that would be able to access this right away. When would this start, we have people deteriorating on the streets. Sherry Morgado said

that the step was to start the process, the next step is a determination with all of the stakeholders to come together and decide on the model to implement. Debra Lucero said that sounds like a year from an operations standpoint, and some people on the streets don't have a year. Sherry Morgado said that she understood, but starting something small to get things going is our idea, and a chance to implement as quickly as possible. Debra Lucero said it was made clear to access the 12 billion dollars we must have studies, built into this new funding as well. Sherry Morgado said that is also built into the CMSP grant to access the funding.

Ed Mayer asked if there were any other questions or comments. No other questions or comments. Ed Mayer thanked today's presenters.

4. **ELECTIONS POLICY AND PROCEDURE:** Briana Harvey-Butterfield said in today's packet you will see on page 62 under CoC agenda item that the Governance Committee pulled together the elections policy and procedures. As we are updating the P&Ps we took a look at the elections policy, and are presenting the updated P&P today for approval. In the next election this lays out the process. Looking for Board approval so we can proceed with this process in the next few months.

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

No other questions.

5. **HOMELESS HOUSING, ASSISTANCE AND PREVENTION (HHAP) ROUNDS 3 & 4:** Erin Murray said that HHAP 3 & 4 was just announced and we are expecting the NOFA this week. Similar to Rounds 1 and 2 HCFC is offering incentives if the CoC and County apply together, and we are looking for the support of the CoC to apply together with a joint application. Approximately \$1.8 million and \$1.7 million dollars are available to be combined into a joint application. HHAP planning will need to include a more robust homeless support plan from the CoC. This is about all we know currently, any questions?

Ed Mayer said that this is a tremendous increase, but his only concern is that it looks like our agencies are having a hard time expending the money we have. So the County will run an application process, and agencies will apply, but we will need to make sure agencies can expend these funds. Applications will be in mid-September, NOFA this week. So a funding round opportunity here, any questions? Marie Demers asked if it is allowable, our local service providers are maxed out, what if a provider out of the area wanted to work in the area. Briana Harvey-Butterfield said that we don't have the NOFA so can't answer yet, but we do have time to expend the funds, what we need to expedite is the redirection of money to the Administrative Entity so one application process. Debra Lucero said that at the Friday State meeting it was emphasized one application from each region. Ed Mayer said, so basically a pass thru and we are responsible to administrating it. Briana Harvey-Butterfield said that is correct.

Ed Mayer asked for a motion to authorize Butte County DESS to apply for Round 3 and 4 with a combined application.

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

No other questions.

- 6. LEAD AGENCY, COLLABORATIVE APPLICANT, ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY UPDATES:** Briana Harvey-Butterfield said Erin Murray will present on CESH 1 and 2 agency expenditures. Erin Murray said the CESH 1 and CESH 2 reports have been submitted, and this information is in today's packet. Expenditures are low because we have focused on the pandemic funding, we have until 2024 for CESH 1 and 2025 for CESH 2. Ed Mayer asked if there are any questions about expenditures? Any issues from Service Providers actually getting the money and spending the funds? Basically anything on county side gumming up works? No shortage of need. Briana Harvey-Butterfield pointed out this was these funds have been placed aside simply because emergency COVID funding that providers have spent first as those deadlines are sooner. Ed Mayer said so he is hearing the delayed spend down has not jeopardized the CESH funds, and Briana Harvey-Butterfield said that is correct.

Erin Murray reported that HHAP 1 and HHAP 2 RFP will be released on September 1st by the county process using Public Purchase. It will also be listed under the grants section on the CoC website. You do need to create an account to apply, but it is free. On September 7th a meeting will be held to go over the process. We are looking for volunteers to rate the RFP submittals, let us know if you would like to serve on the committee.

Ed Mayer asked if any information on the HUD homeless grant has been received yet? Briana Harvey-Butterfield said not yet. However, the 2021 Balance of State NOFA will be released tomorrow. We will run fast and set up special meetings to get this going in the community. HCFC has also announced some challenge grants, the encampment grant on October 31st of this year, established to get encampments to transition to safe housing. Challenge grant no later than March of 2022. One time grants and technical assistance to end and address family homelessness.

Briana Harvey-Butterfield announced that we have wrapped up HEAP and have until September 30th to spend the remaining interest. On October 15th final reports to the State are due and then we will share the final information with the CoC. Fully expended that grant, which is great news.

Julie Butler asked if there is an overall plan for health care for homeless that different agencies can sign on for, so that there are no gaps in care? Does the CoC facilitate this type of oversight or organizing collaboration? Ed Mayer said that is a good question, we want to be a coordinator and are evolving. We have just started integrating. We were going to have a presentation by Unite US which is being used by Butte Glenn 211 which crosses multi group, housing, health. A number of these systems coming this way, we just haven't gotten to the place where we can interact with the Enloe's of the day. It appears with the new Health systems and with Public Health we can make direction this year. Don't speak for the CoC, but yes, yes, yes we want to do it all.

Debra Lucero asked if we have specifically a plan for the homeless? Is that our 10 year plan, will we be updating that for this new funding? Ed Mayer said that yes, and it is due for an update with the new systems we have. Briana Harvey-Butterfield said that within HHAP 2 there was funding to update our local plans, something we will be RFP'ing out to be done in the next year. Debra Lucero said that her understanding is that a lot hinges on that plan. They are looking for specific outcomes and goals. They said if counties are unsure of what to be in the plan they should work with them. So she wants to know if we are looking to update our plan with the State revise in mind. Briana Harvey-Butterfield said yes we are. Ed Mayer said that at the time the 10 year plan was developed we didn't have the systems in place to address this and he would think the State is looking at us putting/updating to track the various systems. Debra Lucero said that yes that is what they were talking about. Ed Mayer said that it sounds like we need an update on 10 year policy and that Briana is working on it.

7. COMMITTEE, COALITION AND JURISDICTIONAL REPORTS/UPDATES:

Chronic Homeless Committee: Shelly Storkan reported that the group will be meeting Wednesday and changed the time to 1:30 -3:00. Meeting every other month and trying to get more people to attend. Lori Rivera got an email canceling the meeting. Shelly Storkan said that a new invitation will be sent soon.

HMIS/CE Committee: Sarah Frohock reported that they are continuing to meet regularly. One of the changes is tracking for fire survivors to track better, and there is a new HMIS email address to get the most up to date. HMIShelp@buttecounty.net. The group is working on standardizing the priority points and they have some new flow charts. New one on Chronic Homelessness has been created and at the last meeting they reviewed they unaccompanied youth criteria and flow chart. If you would like to join the committee please let Sarah know.

LGBTQ+/POC: No report

Youth Homeless Committee: Emily Bateman next meeting September 8th at 12:30 and they are gearing up for youth runaway awareness month. More info to come.

Governance Committee: Briana Harvey-Butterfield said there is no additional report, just the elections update on agenda.

Households with Children Committee: Meagan Meloy reported that the committee meets the first Tuesday of every month at 1:00 pm. Still meeting over zoom. August 3rd was the last meeting, did not meet in July. Updates and opportunities to collaborate going forward, and will be meeting on September 7th via zoom. If you would like to join just email Meagan. If anyone working with Families with Children needing backpacks or school supplies contact her.

Veterans Committee: John Zepeda reported that they are still in the planning stages for the Oct 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Stand down at the Chico elks lodge the times will be: 11-4, 11-4, and 11-2. The committee meets every 6 weeks, and will meet this Wednesday. In addition to Stand down, reviewed by name list and finished getting the mission statement completed, and it should be on CoC website now. Lori LaRiviere said it is important to be aware of the potential triggering and trauma in the community from the coverage of the Afghanistan war effort ending for our Veterans and to provide extra support and reach out.

Point in Time Committee – Briana Harvey-Butterfield said that the committee has been reestablished and met on July 28th and will meet again on August 25th from 3-4 pm. If you would like to participate please put your name and email in CHAT we will need a lot of help, especially for the day of count. Plugging away for a successful count in January.

Greater Chico Homeless Task Force: Meeting was canceled.

Oroville Homeless Coalition – No report.

City of Oroville: No report.

City of Paradise: No report.

City of Chico: Council directed Paul Webster to put together a plan dealing with homelessness.

Butte County: Tami Ritter said no specific programmatic items, but wanted to ask that we can put on the agenda for the CoC a presentation from the Housing Trust so dollars for affordable housing are maximized. Get them involved in CoC and County level.

Housing Authority: Ed Mayer reported that 116 vouchers received, 111 referrals. Only 9 determined ineligible. 10 pending lease ups. 1 month great work. Almost all service providers meeting there match up.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dijon Jones introduced himself ASIC peers. For a circuit to be developed and organizations pledge for the free flow of information.

Eileen Robinson, CUSD board member, announced that they have a newly hired homeless advocate. Ted Sullivan's office can send the info over. Briana has not received information yet. Working with Case Managers at each of the schools.

Carnella Marks said that she sent in a letter requesting membership and worked with individuals for homelessness enrolled in 211. She encountered a bump in the road that they didn't know who can sign off on homelessness participation vouchers. She was told to seek direction on how to get help sign up. Ran into an issue trying to get a variance on a piece of property that her family owns, is this something the CoC helps. Ed Mayer said please put contact info in chat and we will reach out to you.

Alexis Duckett with Northern Circle Indian Housing Authority introduced herself as the new HDAP coordinator for the Seven consortium tribes. Works with two tribes in Butte County and is becoming a part of the CoC.

No other announcements

9. NEXT MEETING: Monday September 20th, 2021, Butte County Department of Employment and Social Services to host In Person & Virtual Meeting in Oroville, 78 Table Mountain Blvd.

10. Adjourned: Ed Mayer asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: T. Ritter
Second: J. Amaro
Opposed: None
Abstain: None

Meeting was adjourned at 2:21 pm.