



## Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

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

**Monday, November 15, 2021**

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

**Zoom Option Hosted by Butte County Employment & Social Services**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Angela McLaughlin, Greater Chico Homeless Taskforce  
Joy Amaro, True North Housing Alliance  
Sarah Frohock, Butte County Dept. of Behavioral Health  
Tami Ritter, Butte County Board of Supervisors  
Josh Jamison, Oroville Hope Center/Alternate  
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  
Marie Demers, City of Chico  
Keesha Hills, OSCIA  
Marin Hambley, Stonewall Alliance/Safe Space  
Michael O'Brien, City of Chico Council Member

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Stephanie Hayden, Oroville Hope Center  
Steve Culleton, Town of Paradise  
John Mitchell, Christian Faith Center  
Ed Mayer, Housing Authority of the County of Butte  
Meagan Meloy, Butte County Office of Education  
Thomas Tenorio, Community Action Agency

**CoC COORDINATOR:**

Briana Harvey-Butterfield, DESS Housing & Homeless

**RECORDING:**

Kyle Prieto, DESS Housing & Homeless

**OTHER ATTENDEES:**

Wendy Lo, DESS Housing and Homeless  
Maisue Thao, Butte College  
John Fleming, AMPLA Health Sherisse Allen, Butte  
Amber Abney-Bass, Jesus Center

**OTHER ATTENDEES CONT'D:**

Debra Lucero, Butte County Supervisor, District 2  
Debbie Villasenor, Housing Consultant  
Kevin Thompson, OSCIA  
Shelly Storkan, BCDBH  
Lorena Reed, BCDBH  
Leslie Johnson, CHAT  
Susan Wilson, Safe Space  
Michael Wright, DESS Housing and Homeless  
MaryJo Alonzo, City of Chico  
Isabel Alaniz-Alverado, DESS Housing and Homeless  
Mary Kay Benson, NSST and Butte County Shelter for All  
Nancy Jorth, Youth for Change  
Melody Proebstel, United Way  
Melissa Jamison, UWNC  
Erin Murray, DESS Housing and Homeless  
Tara Sullivan-Hames, Butte/Glenn 2-1-1  
Brad Brunner, Caminar  
Kayla Davis, DESS Housing & Homeless  
Angie Little, HACB  
Ana Vicuna, Behavioral Health  
Jaymee McLaughlin, CUSD  
Cathleen Ouimet, Home & Healthcare Mgmt.  
Leslie Johnson, CHAT  
Renee DeVol, DESS Adult Protective Services  
Josiah Vasey, Butte- Glenn 211  
Rachel DeLeon, DESS Eligibility  
Nicole Moua, Department of Rehabilitation  
Mary Neumann, Passages  
Sarah MacArthur, Butte CSD  
Theresa Nantor, CHIP  
Larry Langwell, VECTORS & Chico State VETS  
Ann Winters, Catalyst Domestic Violence Services  
Andrea Mox, Stonewall Alliance  
Lauren Kennedy, North Valley Housing Trust  
Kathleen Sweeney, Tami Ritter's Office  
Tara Sullivan-Hames, Butte- Glenn 211

**OTHER ATTENDEES CONTINUED:**

Billie Kanter, CSU Chico  
Crystal Rocha, Jesus Center  
Lydia Jimenez, CAL OES  
Jennifer Wilking, CSU Chico  
Shelly Watson, Jesus Center

**ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

**1. CONVENE MEETING AND ESTABLISH QUORUM:** The meeting was called to order by Anastacia Snyder at 1:06 p.m. This meeting is being recorded. Roll call for Council Members was completed by Anastacia Snyder. 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 CoC meeting minutes for:

A) CoC Council Meeting of October 18, 2021

Motion: Marie Demers  
Second: Don Taylor  
Opposed: None  
Abstain: None

B) CoC Special Meeting 2021 CoC Consolidated Application of November 9, 2021

Motion: Marie Demers  
Second: Don Taylor  
Opposed: None  
Abstain: Eric Smith, Tami Ritter & Keesha Hills

**3. 2022 CoC Meeting Calendar:** Briana Harvey-Butterfield included the Butte CoC 2022 Council Meeting Schedule in the agenda packet.

**4. Council Member Nominations and Elections:** Briana Harvey-Butterfield began with a notice of available Butte CoC council member seats open for election for the 2022 council. There were seven nominations submitted to the existing council. One application was withdrawn. There are six total council seats and six nominations submitted. Those six nominations are as follows:

1. Amber Abney-Bass, Jesus Center Chief Operations Director  
Service Area- Emergency Shelter
2. Brad Brunner, Director Caminar Inc.  
Service Area- Affordable Housing Developer
3. Don Taylor, Housing & Homeless Administrator, DESS Butte County  
Service Area- Employment & Social Services Organizations
4. Ed Mayer, Executive Director, HACB  
Service Area- Public Housing Authorities

5. Marin Hambley, Advocacy Coordinator, Stonewall Alliance  
Service Area- LGBTQ+ Service Organizations
6. Sarah Frohock, Housing Coordinator BCDBH  
Service Area- Mental Health Service Organizations

Anastacia Snyder made a request for a motion to approve the nominations from the whole continuum.

Motion: Eric Smith  
Second: Michael O'Brien  
Opposed: None  
Abstain: None

The motion was approved unanimously to accept all nominee's for the council starting on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

5. **Approve Governance Updates: a) Council Composition:** Briana Harvey-Butterfield included a draft of the proposed update for the Butte CoC Governance Charter in the agenda packet for council review. On page six there were a few highlighted updates under Section 3- Establishing the CoC Council, Subsection 3.1- Council Composition. The governance committee had identified that the Lead Agency/Collaborative Applicant will also include an officer and member of the Executive Committee to assist with planning and administrative support. The Lead Agency/ Collaborative Applicant representative will be added as an officer to the CoC should they not be elected in one of the three chairperson roles. Additionally, the previous CoC chairperson and CoC coordinator will be invited to participate as members of the executive committee. These changes were approved by the governance committee and are being submitted for approval from the CoC committee during this meeting. The meeting was made open for questions and or comments from the committee and then a Survey Monkey survey was made available for the committee to vote on accepting the changes. There were 33 people that participated in the polling process, of that number 24 people voted 'Yes', there were nine 'Abstain' and none voted 'No'. The proposed Governance Charter changes were approved.
6. **North Valley Housing Trust Presentation:** Presenting information was Lauren Kennedy who is the Executive Director for the North Valley Housing Trust, which is an independent non-profit entity. Beginning with the question, 'What is a Housing Trust?' It was explained as a regional revolving loan fund to facilitate the development of affordable housing. It assists with the acquisition, construction and predevelopment of housing projects as well as filling gap loans. They provide services such as flexible underwriting and the ability to leverage a wide variety of funding not already set aside for housing. The trust is able to make funds available earlier to housing development projects and can make projects more competitive when applying for those funds. Emergency shelters, rental housing and transitional housing are a few types of housing development projects that can benefit from utilizing the trust. The model of North Valley Housing Trust is based off of other successful housing trust that are already established in California, examples include: Silicon Valley, San Luis Obispo, Ventura, Monterey Bay, Central Valley, Orange County and Santa Barbara. The largest trust that was used as a model for the North Valley was developed in Silicon Valley and was established by a group of business owners that had identified the need to provide more housing so as to be able to house the rapidly growing work force in that area. The North Valley Housing Trust is working toward achieving a funding amount of between \$10-\$16 million dollar loan funds, which is replicating the trusts in Ventura and San Luis Obispo counties. Other housing trust rely on CRA investments from banks, regional support from local government and local business donations. Another positive effect that is that eventually operations will

be fully sustained by income made from the loans fees and interest. Advocacy and education are important key components of creating a successful trust in any community, as well as pushing for particular policies that are specific to our community in the North State. The North Valley Housing Trust was founded in 2015 as part of a plan to recover from RDA funding cuts that were made. From 2016-2017 a partnership was created to apply for the Local Housing Trust Fund Grant, which is the only housing grant available from the Federal Government, in partnership with Valley View Apartments. There is also another housing project currently in the works in Oroville, CA for what is being called 'Base Camp Village'. This project once completed could potentially provide the community with Accessory Dwelling Units. The committee members were informed of some of the newly created committees for the North Valley Housing Trust and encouraged to join if they so desired. If anyone would like more information about current or developing projects please go to [www.NVHT.org](http://www.NVHT.org) or contact Lauren Kennedy; e-mail [lauren@nvht.org](mailto:lauren@nvht.org), phone number 1(530)518-3526. Butte County Supervisor Deborah Lucero inquired as to if local government could be doing anything to better assist the NVHT, Lauren said that one huge help from local government right now would be fundraising as well as creating new partnerships with participating agencies. Debbie Villasenor also provided some clarification and support to the North Valley Housing Trust.

- 7. Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Contract Announcement:** Erin Murray, Program Analyst, Senior with Butte County Housing & Homeless began with information regarding the programs that were approved to receive the HHAP Round 1 and Round 2 RFP funds. On September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 the County made available funding for HHAP 1 totaling \$2,528,229.45 and HHAP Round 2 totaling \$1,176,787.92. Based on the intent of HHAP funds, the needs to the community, and the proposals received, projects have tentatively been awarded and are scheduled to go to the Board of Supervisors for approval on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

The projects that were awarded for HHAP Round 1 are as follows;

1. Catalyst Domestic Violence Services- \$290,000.00
2. Chico Housing Action Team (CHAT)- \$826,833.45
3. True North Housing Alliance- \$1,177,500.00
4. Youth for Change- \$233,896.00

The projects that were awarded for the HHAP Round 2 are as follows;

1. Chico Housing Action Team (CHAT)- \$530,868.42
2. True North Housing Alliance- \$436,506.50
3. Youth for Change- \$209,413.00

The results were discussed in greater detail and more information regarding this can be found on the CoC website.

- 8. Lead Agency, Collaborative Applicant, and Administrative Entity Updates:** Don Taylor started off with a few updates about the different rounds of funding that the County and CoC have been processing over the past few months. Regarding the annual homeless funding for the CoC, project applications have been received and the lead agency has submitted the consolidated application for approval. The second announcement that was made was in regard to the California statewide homeless survey that is being conducted. The Benioff Homelessness and Housing Initiative is responsible for this particular survey and is being spearheaded by the University of California San Francisco, Center for Vulnerable Populations. They have selected 8 counties within California to participate in the

survey; Sonoma, Santa Cruz, Butte, Placer, Fresno-Madera, San Diego, Los Angeles and Sacramento counties. Butte County DESS will be the liaison for this survey, which will be conducted between the weeks of May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 and May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 prospectively. The survey will be a far more in depth view into very specific demographic information of the homeless population. This survey is different and apart from the Bi-Annual Point in Time (PIT) survey, which will be conducted on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Don went on to give an update about the release of Housing Encampment funding that was just recently made available and that there was an addendum released last week was to include CoC's in being able to request funding. Debbie Villasenor suggested to Don that while he is in talks with the University of California, San Francisco, to possibly mention compensation for our county resources to help with the survey as well as incentives for the public to encourage them to participate. Included in the agenda packet there was a letter to 'No Place Like Home' application that is submitted every other year to support their work. Debbie Villasenor went on to discuss some of the aspects of their funding and that this will be the fourth and final round of funding for the agency. Butte County Behavioral Health has identified a new partner and project in Chico, CA. She is hopeful to present this to the Board of Supervisors on their December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting for approval. The project will identify 38 units and of those units 15 are slated for 'No Place like Home' target population.

- 9. Committee Reports:** The Veterans Committee reported that they are beginning preparations for the next annual Veterans Stand-Down event in 2022. Also, that the committee is working on a by-name list using the HMIS/CES system to be able to identify veterans that are in need of housing. The Chronically Homeless Committee met last month and voted in a new Vice Chairperson, Erin Murray with DESS Housing & Homeless. Their next meeting is on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The Youth Homeless Committee met and discussed the events happening this month to raise awareness for Runaway Youth Awareness month, including their 'Wear Green' and 'Light up the Night' events. There are also a candle light vigil and the annual 'Writing for Doughnuts' happening this month. The annual Thanksgiving dinner for youth will be happening on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 that includes a t-shirt fundraiser. Their next meeting will be held on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 12:30 via Zoom. The Point in Time committee intends to submit their questions that will be asked during the PIT count happening on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to the CoC council for approval at the next CoC meeting. The LGBTQ+ committee met last month and will be meeting again on Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00.
- 10. Coalition and Jurisdictional Reports/Updates:** There were no coalition updates given. Jurisdictional updates began with Supervisor Ritter, she wanted to answer some questions she had been receiving regarding the MOU between the county and the City of Chico. It was reported that this was moving forward but it has been requested that additional language be added for clarification and accountability. If the City Council approves the roughly three additions in their meeting on Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup>, they will be voting on it at their special board meeting happening at the same time.
- 11. Updates:** Kevin Thompson with OSCIA announced that the Southside Community Center located in Oroville will be hosting a Thanksgiving dinner giveaway on November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 11:00-2:00 at 959 Lower Wyandotte Avenue. This giveaway will be a drive through event for the public, until supplies run out, and they hope to serve between 1,800-2,000 people.
- 12. NEXT MEETING:** Monday, December 13th, 2021, Butte County Department of Employment and Social Services to host Virtual Meeting.
- 13. Adjourned: 2:18 P.M.**