



## Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

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

**Monday, January 10th, 2022**

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

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

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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  
Marie Demers, City of Chico  
Keesha Hills, OSCIA  
Marin Hambley, Stonewall Alliance/Safe Space  
Ed Mayer, Housing Authority of the County of Butte  
Meagan Meloy, Butte County Office of Education  
Amber Abney-Bass, Jesus Center  
Emily Bateman, Youth for Change/6th Street  
Eric Smith, City of Oroville

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Stephanie Hayden, Oroville Hope Center  
Steve Culleton, Town of Paradise  
John Mitchell, Christian Faith Center  
Joy Amaro, True North Housing Alliance  
Michael O'Brien, City of Chico Council Member  
Sarah Frohock, Butte County Dept. of Behavioral Health  
Angela McLaughlin, Greater Chico Homeless Taskforce

**CoC COORDINATOR:**

Briana Harvey-Butterfield, DESS Housing & Homeless

**RECORDING:**

Kyle Prieto, DESS Housing & Homeless

**OTHER ATTENDEES:**

Wendy Lo, DESS Housing and Homeless  
Angel Dillingham-Taylor, CHAT  
Jay Coughlin, DESS Housing & Homeless  
Rachel DeLeon, Butte County DESS  
Nicole Moua, Department of Rehabilitation  
Ann Winters, Catalyst Domestic Violence Services  
Shelly Storkan, BCDBH

**OTHER ATTENDEES CONT'D:**

Debbie Villasenor, Housing Consultant  
Kevin Thompson, OSCIA  
Lorena Reed, BCDBH  
Susan Wilson, Safe Space  
MaryJo Alonzo, City of Chico  
Nancy Jorth, Youth for Change  
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  
Ana Vicuna, Behavioral Health  
Jaymee McLaughlin, CUSD  
Leslie Johnson, CHAT  
Angie Little, HACB  
Theresa Nantor, CHIP  
Elisa Rawlinson, DESS Housing & Homeless  
Pahua Thao, DESS Housing & Homeless  
Tina Reszler, State Council on Developmental Disabilities  
Brittany Coleman, OSCIA  
Amber Benedict, CHAT  
John Zepeda, Veterans Subcommittee  
Codie McCormack, Caminar  
EZ.Bond, BCDBH Paradise  
Erin Kenedy, Boys & Girls Club of the North Valley  
Andrea Mox, Stonewall Alliance  
Samantha Davis, Ampla Health Mobile Medical Unit  
Lori L LaRiviere, TNHA BOD  
Bobbi Sawtelle, Northern Valley Catholic Social Services  
Alicia Pimentel, Anthem Blue Cross  
Javi Pinedo, HACB  
Mia Kirk, Executive Director, Base Camp Village, Inc.  
Andy Potter, CSU Chico  
Robyn Cole, CAL OES  
Seana O'Shaughnessy, CHIP  
Nicole Drummond, Executive Director CHAT  
Deborah L Taylor, LCSW, CES (VA NorCal)

**OTHER ATTENDEES CONTINUED:**

Bob Irvine, New Beginnings Housing Foundation  
Samantha Ott, DESS  
Jennifer Wilking, CSU Chico

Taylor Storey, True North Housing Alliance  
Peter Straus

**ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

1. **CONVENE MEETING AND ESTABLISH QUORUM:** The meeting was called to order by Anastacia Snyder at 1:03 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 December 13th, 2021,

Motion: Ed Mayer  
Second: Tami Ritter  
Opposed: None  
Abstain: Eric Smith

3. **From Homeless to Housed: An Evaluation of Permanent Housing in Butte County:**

Presenting: Mia Kirk and Andy Potter. An evaluation was conducted in Butte County to see if Permanent Supportive Housing was a successful model. The participating permanent supportive housing evaluation sites were: Avenida Apartment Complex in Chico, Base Camp Village in Oroville and Valley View in Chico. These three sites comprise the bulk of permanent supportive housing in Butte County. After considering all factors of the permanent supportive housing model the facts show that it is a successful model for Butte County and all participating agencies, regardless of political or financial agendas. For details, the report was included within the January meeting packet.

4. **Butte Non-Profit Voucher Update:** Don Taylor began reporting on the Butte Non-Profit Stabilization Program which will provide a maximum of \$49,999.00 in one-time grant awards to non-profit organizations within Butte County and who serve Butte County residents. These grant funds will be made available to non-profit organizations who have accrued costs associated with impacts of business closures, cost of adherence to required safe measures and financial impacts due to COVID-19. Participating agencies were encouraged to apply for assistance if they have felt any financial impact. This grant process will end on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 and application will need to be submitted by that date prior to 5:00 p.m. Please go to [www.DESSNonProfitGrant.buttecounty.net](http://www.DESSNonProfitGrant.buttecounty.net) for more information and grant requirements.

5. **Emergency Housing Voucher Update:** Ed Mayer gave an update for the emergency housing voucher, which was launched by HUD in July of 2021 and had given the Housing Authority 116 emergency housing vouchers. These vouchers were distributed to 12 different agencies, to date (January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022) there are 58 used household vouchers and there are an additional 9 households that have requested use of the vouchers. The Housing Authority met with partnering agencies and discuss re-distributing unused vouchers.

- 6. 2022 Point in Time Reminder:** Briana Harvey-Butterfield gave the CoC a reminder of the PIT count that will be occurring on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Elisa Rawlinson showed a visual presentation on how any member of participating agencies or general public can register and utilize the applications used during the PIT. All members are encouraged to participate in the PIT count for 2022, in accordance with the CoC by-laws, as it will serve as an aid going forward with funding and demographic information regarding our local homeless population. At current count there are about 140 volunteers, the optimal goal for the PIT count volunteers is about 200, flyers were sent to all participating agencies via e-mail.
- 7. Annual Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement:** Briana Harvey Butterfield included the “Conflict of Interest Policy” into the agenda packet. Included was a disclosure statement that all participating agencies were request to fill out and email back to Briana. This is an annual requirement and must be completed timely per the CoC guidelines and by-laws. This policy was approved in 2020 utilizing technical assistance and it is noted that there is a high level of importance with council members and voting members within the CoC to complete. Any CoC voting member that is noted as an alternate will have to complete a disclosure agreement as well.
- 8. Lead Agency, Collaborative Applicant, and Administrative Entity Updates:** Briana Harvey-Butterfield gave an update on the hard work that the HMIS/CES team has done to complete the “Contributing HMIS Organization” or “CHO” agreements. These are agreements between all participating agencies and Butte County as the lead agency in order to utilize the HMIS/CES systems. The Administrative Entity update for ESG-CV was that they are about mid-way though the contract period for those funds, monitoring meetings will be scheduled to continue discussions. Many of the partnering agencies have completed their annual performance grants reports, meaning they are at the end of their grant processes. The Housing & Homeless branch will be reaching out to all of the participating agencies to schedule a formal process to ‘report out’ at the CoC meetings.
- 9. Committee Reports:** Briana Harvey Butterfield reported on the ‘Governance Committee’ that their next meeting was on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 at 3:00 and held on a monthly basis thereafter, the first Wednesday of every month. Elisa Rawlinson reported for the ‘HMIS/CES Committee’, their main focus has been on adjusting the “Priority Point” system within CES to make it more equitable for all participating individuals. There will be a workgroup set up for the community queues that will occur bi-weekly for any interested party. Meagan Meloy spoke for the ‘Households with Children Committee’ which meets the first Tuesday of every month via Zoom at 1:00 p.m. The agency is currently working on cleaning up the membership list and put out an invitation for new members to join the committee. John Zepeda spoke for the ‘Veterans Committee’ that last met on the 5<sup>th</sup> of January and will continue to meet every 6<sup>th</sup> Wednesday. They reported on the HUD/VASH collaborative effort with the VA which combines HUD housing vouchers and VA support. When a homeless individual is identified as a veteran they are referred to the VASH program through the VA medical center in Chico, CA. There was a new State law that was passed that makes ‘Other than honorable’ released veterans eligible for services. The veteran’s food pantry has been renovated and moved to the Chico Veterans Hall at 554 Rio Lindo Avenue, Chico, CA 95926, every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. food is distributed. There was an amendment to the “Stand-down” event, 187 veterans participated, not all were classified as ‘homeless’. The next ‘Stand-down’ event is scheduled for September 29-31, 2022 at the Chico Elks Lodge. Shelley Storkan with the ‘Chronic Homelessness Committee’ informed that they are continuing to meet on the third Wednesday of every month from 1:30-3:00 via Zoom, new members are welcome. The ‘Youth Homeless Committee’ Emily Bateman spoke about the next ‘Runaway Homeless Youth Taskforce’ that will be meeting January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 via Zoom. Marin Hambley spoke for ‘LGBTQ+ committee’, they are having a special meeting this month on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

**10. Coalition and Jurisdictional Reports/Updates:** The Chico coalition, via Emily Bateman, will be holding elections for the executive committee in February and nomination will be accepted this month on the 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Josh Jamison for the Oroville coalition spoke about progress happening within the South County in collaboration with many agencies, they have yet to resume scheduled discussions. Supervisor, Tami Ritter spoke about the growing number of agenda items that will be appearing at the next Board of Supervisors meeting being held on January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**11. Announcements:** None

**12. NEXT MEETING:** Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Butte County Department of Employment and Social Services to host Virtual Meeting.

**13. Adjourned: 2:22 P.M.**