



## Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

### **BUTTE COUNTYWIDE HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE**

#### **CoC Special Meeting: ESG BoS Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, August 26, 2021**

**3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.**

**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  
Ed Mayer, Housing Authority of the County of Butte  
Eric Smith, City of Oroville  
Joy Amaro, True North Housing Alliance  
Marin Hambley, Stonewall Alliance/Safe Space  
Keesha Hills, OSCIA  
Sarah Frohock, Butte County Dept. of Behavioral Health  
Tami Ritter, Butte County Board of Supervisors  
Thomas Tenorio, Community Action Agency  
Josh Jamison, Oroville Hope Center/Alternate

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

Angela McLaughlin, Greater Chico Homeless Taskforce  
Emily Bateman, Youth for Change/6th Street  
Marie Demers, City of Chico  
Meagan Meloy, Butte County Office of Education  
John Mitchell, Christian Faith Center  
Stephanie Hayden, Oroville Hope Center  
Steve Culleton, Town of Paradise

#### **CoC COORDINATOR:**

Briana Harvey-Butterfield, DESS Housing & Homeless

#### **RECORDING:**

W. Jay Coughlin, DESS Housing & Homeless

#### **OTHER ATTENDEES:**

Tracey (Stogsdill) Gillihan, Butte-Glenn 2-1-1  
Armando Hernandex, VECTORS  
Shelly Storkan, BCDBH  
Erin Murray, DESS H&H  
Cathryn Carkhuff, Home & Heart  
Caitlin Davis-Rivers, CHAT  
Melody Proebstel, United Way  
Brad Brunner, Caminar  
Moriah McGill, NCIHA  
Annie Terry, Oroville Rescue Mission  
Beth Parsons, Youth for Change  
Alicia Pimentel, Anthem Blue Cross  
Melissa Jamison, United Way of Northern California  
Kathleen Sweeney, Tami Ritter's office  
Kevin Thompson, OSCIA Have of Hope on Wheels  
Wendy Lo, DESS H&H  
Mary Kay Benson, North State Shelter Team  
Susan Wilson, Safe Space  
Shelba Sawyer, United Way of Northern California  
Scott Kennelly, BCBH  
Dawn Blackhorse, Butte College  
Hilary Crosby, Caring Choices

#### **ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

- 1. Convene Meeting and Establish Quorum:** The meeting was called to order by Don Taylor at 3:18 p.m. This meeting is being recorded. 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. 2021 Emergency Solutions Grants Program Balance of State (ESG Bos) Allocation:** Don Taylor gave an update on the Balance of State (BoS) allocation and an overview of the BoS process. \$338,560 dollars has been allocated to Butte CoC and the CoC can elect to set aside 40% for the Non-Competitive portion, or 50%. This break out is noted on page 26 of the NOFA which is attached to today's agenda packet. More detail about this BoS detail will be provided during our next meeting on Monday August 30<sup>th</sup>, today's meeting is needed to determine the percentage that will be set aside.

Tami Ritter asked why we would not elect the higher amount, since then those dollars would be guaranteed to go into Butte County, whereas the lower amount if selected might have some of the dollars potentially be lost. Don Taylor said if we expect to have competitive applications for the regional process, we could put a higher amount in the competitive pool which would increase the amount that is potentially available.

Ed Mayer asked how the process played out last year. Don Taylor said that last year it was elected to do 40% and the higher amount went into the regional pool. The True North Housing Alliance was the successful applicant for the 40% allocation (the only applicant). True North also applied for the competitive application, and received a portion of what they requested. Joy Amaro noted that we have the ability to use some of these funds for Rapid Rehousing, and asked if there a need to justify the 40% or 50% based on other funding sources? Don Taylor said that there are some other programs with Rapid Rehousing dollars going currently. Anastacia Snyder said that they have around \$90,000 in Rapid Rehousing dollars. Tom Tenorio said that they had stopped doing Rapid Rehousing due to the low housing inventory in our region, it has been a challenge for rapid rehousing providers to find new housing. Sarah Frohock said given the current climate, how are the current Rapid Rehousing providers doing finding housing? Joy Amaro said her organization is on track to spend their funding, and Anastacia Snyder said her organization is on track to expend their funding as well.

Ed Mayer asked if anyone in the meeting would be able to use more funding. Hilary Crosby and Melody Proebstel said they could use additional funding to find creative ways to increase the housing stock. Don Taylor said that he will look at the guidelines to ensure that landlord incentives are an eligible use. The group discussed the differences between choosing the 40% or 50% set aside options and application maximums. Homeless prevention is a potentially eligible expense for this funding. Anastacia Snyder asked for the roll to be called once again to officially reconvene the meeting. Roll Called, Quorum reestablished at 3:33 p.m.

Ed Mayer made a motion to set aside 50% for the Non-Competitive portion.

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

Briana Harvey-Butterfield said that if anyone is interested in serving on the Ranking Committee please let her know by putting your name in the chat box, or contacting her directly. We will be following the Policies and Procedures for this process which were approved last year.

- 3. Next Meeting:** Monday August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Butte County Department of Employment and Social Services to host Virtual Meeting.

- 4. Adjourned:** Meeting was adjourned at 3:37 pm.