



Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

Chronic Homelessness Committee

Thursday, July 20, 2021

9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.

Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82972786225?pwd=YnhrNGhzTzJpdTZROWxtNTVldE5lQT09>

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Shelly Storkan, Behavioral Health
Elisa Rawlinson, DESS HH

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Briana Harvey-Butterfield, DESS HH
Charles Withuhn, CHAT
Deanna Schwab, Safe Space
Don Taylor, DESS HH
John Mitchell, ORM
Kathleen Sweeney, Behavioral Health
Leslie Johnson, CHAT
Nancy Morgans-Ferguson, Shalom Clinic
Sarah Frohock, Behavioral Health
Tara Sullivan Hames, Help Central

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Pahua Thao, DESS HH
Patricia Acevedo, TNHA
Ane Watts, Anthem Blue Cross
Shelly Watson, Jesus Center

RECORDING: Erin Murray, DESS HH

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Elisa Rawlinson at 9:04 A.M.
- 2. INTRODUCTIONS:** All Chronic Homelessness Members in attendance introduced themselves.
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - ACTION:** The minutes for the Chronic Homelessness Meeting for May 18, 2021 were approved with no corrections noted.
Motion to approve: Shelly Storkan
Seconded: Elisa Rawlinson
- 4. VOTE IN NEW CHAIR - ACTION:** Vote held to elect S. Storkan as new Chair.
Motion to approve: E. Rawlinson
Seconded: Pahua Thao

5. CHRONICALLY HOMELESS DEFINITION: E. Rawlinson explained the importance of understanding chronically homeless priority points and the importance of understanding the definition of chronic homelessness. Chronic homeless priority points have not been consistently given correctly in CES and it has been having an effect on the Emergency Housing Vouchers and Homeless Set-Aside Section 8 Vouchers. E. Rawlinson sent out the Chronically Homeless Priority Points flow chart and federal definition to all agencies using HMIS. All agencies must send this information out to their HMIS users. When reviewing for chronically homeless priority points, individuals must have a physical or mental condition that falls under the federal definition provided.

6. ESTABLISHING COMMITTEE GOALS:

- S. Storkan reviewed some of the suggestions for committee goals. From Caring Choices: focus on both the internal forces of homelessness such as trauma, depression, addiction, etc. and the external forces such as education, zoning, system impacts, etc.; engage a cross-section of community stakeholders; provide more supportive housing and coordinated outreach.
- S. Storkan stated her goals were similar: provide information to community providers, educate providers on the definition of chronic homelessness, inform the community of the chronic homeless providers, advocate for elderly individuals to receive priority points.
- S. Watson agrees that growing the committee should be the most important priority. E. Rawlinson suggested reaching out to agencies and others in the committee. Anyone member of the community can join the committee, they must first join CoC by emailing CoC inbox and must attend at least one CoC meeting per year. Now is a good time to join as the committee is reestablishing the committee itself and establishing goals.
- E. Rawlinson suggested members to start thinking of top three committee priorities for the next six months and to email any suggestions to E. Rawlinson and S. Storkan – they will be compiled and presented at the next meeting.

7. MISSION STATEMENT: S. Storkan requested that if anyone has input on the proposed mission statement or goals, share now or email. The new CoC webpage needs a mission statement for each sub-committee as soon as possible. E. Rawlinson stated that the next agenda packet will have a sample mission statement and ask for changes/additions/deletion. The mission statement and committee goals will be on the agenda for the next meeting to approve.

8. MEETING FREQUENCY/DATE CHANGE: S. Storkan and E. Rawlinson suggest meeting every other month instead of monthly, as well as changing the time and day. E. Rawlinson has received request to move to better date/time as that may allow for more attendees. P. Acevedo is open to any date/time. S. Watson is not available Wednesday mornings and Thursdays afternoons. E. Rawlinson will send out a survey to see what works best.

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** S. Watson stated that the Jesus Center has three or four beds open in men's and a lot of beds open in women's.

10. **NEXT MEETING:** *The next CoC Council Meeting will be on August 18, 2021 at 1:30 P.M.*

11. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 A.M.