



## Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

# BUTTE COUNTYWIDE HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE VETERANS

## MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021

2:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Virtual Meetings

### COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Curtis Butler, Nation's Finest  
Javi Pinedo, Housing Authority  
John Zepeda, Veterans Resource Center  
Dan Torres, Butte College  
Larry Langwell, Chico State  
Leslie Johnson, CHAT  
Elisa Rawlinson, DESS Housing & Homeless  
Nikki Balboa, Veterans Administration  
Masaki Hirayama, Veterans Administration  
Pahua Thao, DESS Housing & Homeless  
Robert Trausch, CHAT  
John Zepeda, Butte County Veterans Service Office  
Armando Hernandez, Vectors  
Roger Lewis, Chico Vet Center

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

N/A

**OTHER ATTENDEES: Masaki Hirayama,  
Veterans Administration**

**RECORDING: Elisa Rawlinson, DESS  
Housing & Homelessness**

### ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Interim Chair Dennis Whitt at 2:05 P.M.
- 2. INTRODUCTIONS/AGENCY UPDATES:** Dennis Whitt announced his departure from the committee and First and Second Chairpersons were selected. John Zepeda was selected for First Chairperson. Curtis Butler was selected for Second Chairperson.

Motion to approve John Zepeda: Dennis Whitt  
Seconded: Elisa Rawlinson.

Motion to approve Curtis Butler: Elisa Rawlinson  
Seconded: John Zepeda

Masaki Hirayama introduced herself to the committee and is the social-work supervisor for coordinated entry for Northern California VA.

Roger Lewis, Outreach Coordinator for the Chico Vet Center introduced himself to the committee.

- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - ACTION:** The minutes for the Veterans Committee Meetings for 11/18/2020 were approved with **the corrections** noted to the Minutes of the Veterans Committee Meeting of 11/18/2020. The correction for the first paragraph of the mission statement originally read “who at risk of being homeless.” This was changed to “who are at risk of becoming homeless.”

**Motion to approve:** Curtis Butler

**Seconded:** Larry Langwell

- 4. Committee Meetings and CoC Meetings:** Tentatively scheduled to remain virtual through September 2021. Meetings for the Veterans Committee are reoccurring in six-week intervals. Dates are as follows- May 26<sup>th</sup>, July 7<sup>th</sup>, August 18<sup>th</sup>, September 29<sup>th</sup>, and December 22<sup>nd</sup>. All meetings will take place at 2PM and last for one hour.
- 5. Mission Statement:** Corrections to suggested Mission Statement were made to reflect the language “who are at risk.” Motion to approve: Cody Fowler. Seconded: John Zepeda.
- 6. CoC Website:** Expected to be updated with a new site layout displaying each committees’ mission statement, minutes, and agenda.
- 7. Housing Authority:** Two open positions to be posted for interested applicants.
- 8. Care Force:** No set date has been established for next event. Updates will be provided when available
- 9. Covid Vaccines:** All veterans are now eligible for Covid vaccinations. Contact is Masaki Hirayama.
- 10. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ NEXT MEETING:** The next Veterans Committee Meeting will be held on May 26, 2021. They will occur every Wednesday at six-week intervals barring future changes/ conflicts of schedule.
- 11. ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEXT MEETING:** *The next Veterans Committee Meeting will be on May 26, 2021 at 2:00pm.*

**12. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 P.M.