



## Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

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### **BUTTE COUNTYWIDE HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE HMIS/CES COMBINED COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**MONDAY, July 12, 2021 at 1pm-3pm  
Zoom Meeting**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Debbie Villasenor, Housing Consultant  
Elisa Rawlinson, DESS Housing & Homeless  
Tracy Stogsdill Gillihan, 2-1-1 Help Central  
Christy Taylan, Caminar  
Shelly Watson, Jesus Center  
Lauren Kohler, Safe Space  
Carolina Cruz, Catalyst  
Angie Little, Housing Authority – Butte County  
Jennifer Zellers, Nation's Finest

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:**

Nancy Jorth, Youth For Change  
Stephan Spirk, CAA  
Amanda Gaylord, CHAT  
Keesha Hills, OSCIA  
Trishalana Ott, BCDBH  
Joaquin Jordan, True North Housing Alliance  
Annie Terry, Oroville Rescue Mission  
Sara Sweaney, Nation's Finest  
Masaki Hirayama, Veteran's Administration

**RECORDING SECRETARY:**

Jennifer Zellers, Nation's Finest

**ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Elisa Rawlinson at 1:05 P.M.  
Roll call taken
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - ACTION:** The minutes for the HMIS/CES Committee Meetings for June 14, 2021, were approved with no corrections.

**Motion to approve:** Sarah Frohock  
**Seconded:** Jennifer Zellers

3. **AGENCY UPDATES:** Angie Little – HACB – Gone live with EHV program. A little under fifty referrals thus far. Have issued about twenty-five of those. Processing applications currently. Supposed to be issuing vouchers for applications by the fifteenth of the month. EHV helps with landlord incentive.

Pahua Thao – Housing Navigator Butte County – Working with EHV vouchers as well.

Stefan – Community Action Agency – Transitional Housing Program at Esplanade House has short application time currently down to a few months. Now a good time for applicants.

Christy Taylan – Caminar base camp village – Full in Amineeda.

Debbie Villasnor – BCBH – “Shoutout” to Housing Authority for EHV program.

Robyn Gerfen – True North Housing Alliance – No updates.

David Zeichick – True North Housing Alliance – Here to learn about process.

Amanda Gaylord – CHAT – Working on EHV. Wrapping up very first for HEAP program. Starting new family program.

Sarah Frohock – BCBH – No updates.

Jennifer Zellers, Nations Finest – No updates. Into CARES 3.0. EHA sparingly.

Shelly Watson – Jesus Center – No updates. Open spots in shelters, 18 in womens, mens full.

Nancy Jorth – Youth for Change – No updates.

Susan Wilson – Safe Space – Started operating cooling center at Faith Lutheran, but as of the 19<sup>th</sup> will be located at Chico Friends Meeting at corner of Hemlock and 16th. Can come from 2-8pm and get water, snacks, air conditioning.

Nick Fashing – DES – Approved by state budget for additional funding for Home Safe. Approved for next three years.

Emily Bateman – 6<sup>th</sup> St Center for Youth and HEART Youth for Change – Working on EHV applications.

Tracy Gilliam – Butte 211 – No updates.

Wendy Lome – DESS – No updates.

Rachel Dalion – DESS Eligibility – No updates.

Carolina – Catalyst – Currently have one cottage in transitional housing available. 3bd/2bath. Reach out to Carolina. Agency has three job openings. Two at emergency shelter. Weekday advocate at business office. Info available on website. Also working on EHV.

Melody Proebstel – United Way – Partnering with multiple agencies to implement ESG and RRH.

Elisa Rawlinson – HMIS – CE list not handed out because of short week, low staffing. When CE list there is no longer a project roomkey list attached. Has transitioned to Butte United Way Shelter program. All clients have transitioned to this new program. United Way partnering with South County with Oroville Rescue Mission, North County with True North. Providing on site case management services. Second update, in regards to EHV, pulled names from HMIS/CE.

4. EHV Update: Program set up within HMIS system that can be accessed by housing navigation team and housing authority. As clients are referred to Emergency Housing Program, there are two methods of entry. First is direct referral from agencies. Housing Navigator then enters individuals into the HMIS program and are able to directly upload documents that clients are provided so Housing Authority can immediately access paperwork needed. Second is CE referral.
5. Chronically Homeless Priority Points: We have community priority points that help rank them. It is incredibly important that the points given are accurate. Need to make sure the points are given accurately and fairly. In Coordinated Entry system, if worker hovers over chronically homeless marker in SPDAT, they will get the definition of Chronically Homeless. Person does not have to be receiving SSI or SSDI. However, if a person is receiving SSI, SSDI, VA service-connected pension or VA non-service connected pension they should be considered as having a disabling condition. If they do not have a disabling condition, they are *not* chronically homeless. If they have a disabling condition and have been consecutively homeless for the past 12 months, then they are considered chronically homeless. If not, in the last 3 years has client been homeless on at least 4 separate occasions with the combined occasions totaling at least 12 months? AND has each of the 4 periods of homelessness

include at least 7 consecutive nights not on the street, in ES, or SH? If yes, they are considered chronically homeless.

6. HMIS/CES Training/Office Hours
7. Community Queues: Once a client is enrolled into HMIS/CE, there is an option to refer to community queue. Once clients are in the queue, they can be referred to other programs or can be used as a queue specific to an emergency shelter, etc. Can have up to ten community queues in our community. Examples of “communities”: Families, Veterans, etc. Community queue committee created.
8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEXT MEETING:** *The next HMIS/CES Committee Meeting will be on August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021*
9. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:23 P.M.