



Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

Point in Time Committee
Wednesday, August 25, 2021
3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Butte County Employment and Social Services
Zoom Virtual Meeting

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Benson, Community Member
Briana Harvey-Butterfield, DESS HH
Emily Bateman, Youth for Change
Erica Amaya, Nation’s Finest
Erin Murray, DESS HH
Hillary Crosby, Caring Choices
Jay Coughlin, DESS HH
Josh Jamison, Oroville Hope Center
Luann Manss-DiRienzo, Caring Choices
Lyndall Ellingson – Community Member
Marin Hambley, Stonewall
Shelly Storkan, BCDBH
Shelly Watson, Jesus Center
Suzi Kochems, Community Member

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Amanda McAtee, ORM
Amber Abney-Bass, Jesus Center
Annie Terry, ORM
Breanna Hodnett, ORM
Carol Zanon, GOHTF
Curtis Butler, Nation’s Finest
Dawn Blackhorse, Butte College
Don Taylor, DESS HH
Elisa Rawlinson, DESS HH
Jess Hiller, Caring Choices
Joy Amaro, True North
Keesha Hills, Haven of Hope
Kevin Thompson Haven of Hope
Laura Cootsona, Jesus Center
Leslie Johnson, CHAT

Lisa Currier, CCAT
Lorena Reed, BCDBH
Maisue Thao, Butte College
Marie Demers, City of Chico
MaryJo Alonzo, City of Chico
Meagan Maloy, BCOE School Ties
Pahua Thao, DESS HH
Sarah Frohock, BCDBH
Scott Walker, Caminar
Shelly Forbes, Nation’s Finest
Stephanie Hayden, OHC
Tami Ritter, Board of Supervisors
Wendy Lo, DESS HH

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Kathleen Sweeney – Tami Ritter’s Office

RECORDING:

Erin Murray

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Council Chair Briana Harvey-Butterfield at 3:04 P.M. B. Harvey-Butterfield facilitated the meeting.
- 2. INTRODUCTIONS:** All attendees introduced themselves, new members were added. B. Harvey-Butterfield requested members to invite others to help grow the committee.

- 3. SURVEY QUESTIONS/UPDATES:** B. Harvey-Butterfield reminded committee that she had sent out survey questions that had been discussed last year within the committee before the Point In Time (PIT) was cancelled. Reminder that there is a contract with Simtech for electronic completion of surveys during the PIT. Some questions are imbedded in the software, some are local questions, and some are required by HUD. The survey does not need to be finalized today, looking for more progress.
- a.** Question 6 – B. Harvey-Butterfield requested M. Hambley’s expertise on the phrasing of the question. M. Hambley suggested removing “or preference” from the question so it reads “How do you identify your sexual orientation?” S. Kochems asked how the sexual orientation question related to the required HUD questions. B. Harvey-Butterfield explained that some of the questions are based on local interest only. M. Hambley stated that the conversation last year was around the lack of LGBTQ services in the area, the question was added to collect data locally to make a better case for more funding to provide services to LGBTQ individuals experiencing homelessness.
 - b.** Question 2 – S. Kochems asked if the question within the system asking whether or not the individual had already been interviewed for the 2021 PIT Count was necessary as that is generally part of the process when surveyors are asking individuals to participate in the survey. B. Harvey-Butterfield responded that it is a question because of how the app works and because it is important data to collect.
 - c.** Question 1 – B. Harvey-Butterfield stated that this question is included to make data sorting easier and to confirm that where the individual is taking the survey is in fact where they reside.
 - d.** B. Harvey-Butterfield stated that Housing Tools, as the previous administrator of the PIT Count, is compiling previous data to give us historical information to build on going forward. Some of the questions from past years remain to collect longitudinal information as the data remains relevant to the community.
 - e.** Question 31 – Housing Tools provided suggestions on how to better phrase the shelter options within the question to be more approachable and easily understood. The group confirmed that the Housing Tools suggestions would be better suited for the survey. L. Manns-DiRienzo suggested adding house, apartment or solo living arrangement in some way as it was not already represented in the shelter options. B. Harvey-Butterfield stated that it was not previously added as that was not an available resource, however it could be added as the purpose of the question is to gage interest in resources we have as well as what we would like to pursue.
 - f.** Question 38 – B. Harvey-Butterfield requested feedback on whether or not the question regarding homelessness as a direct result of COVID-19 was still necessary. It was determined as

a group that the question would still provide important data but to update the answers to be able to select multiple reasons instead of one option.

- g. L. Ellingson asked if there is a question that relates to what county you were a resident when you became homeless and whether or not the individual considers themselves to be a resident of Butte County. B. Harvey-Butterfield confirmed that those are both questions. L. Manss-DiRienzo requested that the question have a note imbedded that list the towns and cities in Butte County for the reader.
 - h. B. Harvey-Butterfield stated that changes will be made and it will be resubmitted so all members can view the most current version prior to the next meeting.
4. **PIT METHODOLOGY:** B. Harvey-Butterfield announced the possibility of completing the PIT Count in one day as previously conducted, or over a few days as was decided for the 2021 PIT Count that ended up cancelled. It may be easier to take precautions and safety measures if it is split over several days as those conducting the count may be walking from site to site instead of being in a large group setting.
5. **HUB LOCATIONS:** B. Harvey-Butterfield requested committee members to start compiling lists of encampments. There is a list of Chico encampments from last year that can be used as a starting point. J. Jamison volunteered to start compiling a list for South County and Paradise/Magalia area. E. Amaya volunteered to start compiling a list for Chico, but requested that others provide any known locations at the PIT meetings to compile a joint list. B. Harvey-Butterfield stated she would add the topic as an ongoing agenda item for all to provide their findings.

Question from, K. Sweeney, will those that lost their homes in the Camp Fire that are now living in tents, RVs, etc. on their own properties be included in the PIT Count. B. Harvey-Butterfield confirmed that yes, as they are not living in permanent shelter, they would be included in the count.

B. Harvey-Butterfield stated that in previous PIT Counts, food and other services were provided at the various hub locations and that we could look into that option for this year as well. S. Watson volunteered the Jesus Center as a potential option for providing food/snacks and marketing material. S. Kochems volunteered to help wherever needed.

L. Ellingson volunteered to start getting the word out at Chico State and seeing if she can gain interest in volunteers. B. Harvey-Butterfield also suggested doing an Eventbrite invitation to invite the community members to sign up directly.

6. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEXT MEETING:** B. Harvey-Butterfield to send out updated survey questions, PIT calendar, and list of Chico encampment areas before the next meeting. *The next CoC Council Meeting will be on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 3:00 P.M.*

7. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:53 P.M.