



Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

Point in Time Committee
Wednesday, November 10, 2021
3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Butte County Employment and Social Services
Zoom Virtual Meeting

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Amber Abney-Bass, Jesus Center
Briana Harvey-Butterfield, DESS HH
Elisa Rawlinson, DESS HH
Emily Bateman, Youth for Change
Erica Amaya, Nation’s Finest
Erin Murray, DESS HH
Isabel Alaniz-Alvarado, DESS HH
Jay Coughlin, DESS HH
Josh Jamison, Oroville Hope Center
Kayla Davis, DESS HH
Maisue Thao, Butte College
Marie Demers, City of Chico
MaryJo Alonzo, City of Chico
Michael Wright, DESS HH
Pahua Thao, DESS HH
Sarah Frohock, BCDBH

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Amanda Gaylord, CHAT
Amanda McAtee, ORM
Amber Benedict, CHAT
Annie Terry, ORM
Benson, GCHTF
Billie Kanter
Breana Hodnett, ORM
Carol Zanon, GOHTF
Curtis Butler, Nation’s Finest
Dawn Blackhorse, Butte College
Don Taylor, DESS HH
Hillary Crosby, Caring Choices
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
Luann Manss-DiRienzo, Caring Choices
Lyndall Ellingson – Community Member
Marin Hambley, Stonewall
Meagan Maloy, BCOE School Ties
Sawyer Lamontagne, CHAT
Scott Walker, Caminar
Shelly Forbes, Nation’s Finest
Shelly Storkan, BCDBH
Shelly Watson, Jesus Center
Stephanie Hayden, OHC
Suzi Kochems, Community Member
Tami Ritter, Board of Supervisors
Wendy Lo, DESS HH

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Kathleen Sweeney – Supervisor Ritter’s Office
Codie McCormack

RECORDING:

Erin Murray

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Council Chair Briana Harvey-Butterfield at 3:03 P.M. B. Harvey-Butterfield facilitated the meeting.

- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** B. Harvey-Butterfield requested a motion to approve September 28, 2021 meeting minutes provided in agenda packet.

Motion: Elisa Rawlinson

Second: Marie Demers

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

- 3. INCENTIVE UPDATES:** The County has contracted with Youth for Change for the incentive cards and stipends for assistants. B. Harvey-Butterfield requested that if any agency has any adults experiencing homelessness that would be able to assist with the PIT count, to provide their information to Youth for Change as they will be disbursing the stipends. There are stipends for 4 adults.

- 4. PIT VOLUNTEER PORTAL AND TRAINING SESSIONS:** The County has contracted with Simtech for the “Counting Us” application that was previously used for the 2019 PIT count. This application will house the survey questions and can be used on personal smart devices and on devices from Verizon. There will be a link sent CoC-wide to explain the PIT process and to register to assist with administering the count. Registration will be open until January 12, 2022. B. Harvey-Butterfield provided a demo of the website for registration. Communication for day-of activities will be provided via email to all who register.

M. Demers stated she is working with Verizon on borrowing devices, she intends to have them delivered by January 18, 2022 and will be requesting mobile hotspots as well.

DESS will be providing two sessions of trainings on two separate days: January 12, 2022 and January 19, 2022 from 9am – 11am and 2pm to 4pm. This training will be going over what is PIT, why it is important, review of the survey questions and how to use the app, what to do if someone needs an interpreter or other assistance, and other important information. Paper copies of the survey will be provided in case there are internet connectivity issues. As soon as survey question are uploaded into the software, early access can be requested.

E. Rawlinson stated that we need to have people available for interpreting services via phone. B. Harvey-Butterfield responded that we are planning to have interpreters available at the command centers so that everyone in the field will have access. If agencies have anyone that can assist, contact B. Harvey-Butterfield.

- 5. COUNT AREA AND TEAM MANAGEMENT:** B. Harvey-Butterfield reviewed the current hub location list and requested leads for the locations where volunteers will be meeting, picking up devices, and receiving instructions. The lead will stay within their assigned meeting location to assist with those in the field completing surveys. The count will take place from 6am – 5pm. B. Harvey-Butterfield will

be sharing a list of encampments with the committee to gather feedback. Within Simtech, encampment areas can be designated to ensure all locations are reached.

E. Rawlinson shared a map of Chico and Oroville to show how the areas are split into regions. Each team will be assigned to a specific area that will be on their device to show them where they are assigned. B. Harvey-Butterfield stated that staff at both Oroville and Chico DESS locations will be trained to complete survey at those locations. B. Harvey-Butterfield is checking with Shelby Boston to see if Paradise DESS location can be used as well.

B. Harvey-Butterfield stated it is at the discretion of the hub locations if they want to provide food. Potential additional funding for more food services is pending, requesting help from other agencies to provide food if they can. M. Demers suggested reaching out to the Salvation Army as they have brought their food truck in the past.

6. **FLYERS:** The Jesus center has been working on flyers and handouts. Once the hub locations are finalized, the flyers can be finalized and released. B. Harvey-Butterfield stated we will be coordinating with news stations, newspapers, and providing handouts to inform the public.
7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS:** *The next CoC Council Meeting will be on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 3:00 P.M.*
8. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P.M.