



## Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

### **BUTTE COUNTYWIDE HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE VETERANS**

#### **MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, August 18th, 2021**

**2:00 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.**

**Virtual Meetings**

#### **COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Curtis Butler, Nation's Finest  
Pahua Thao, Housing Navigator  
John Zepeda, Butte County Veterans Service Officer  
Erica Amaya, Nation's Finest  
Shelly Stokan, BCDBH  
Michael Smalls, EDD  
Elisa Rawlinson, DESS Housing & Homeless  
Masaki Hirayama, Veterans Administration  
Armando Hernandez, Vectors  
Roger Lewis, Chico Vet Center  
Ron Matheson, VVA  
Larry Langwell, CSU Chico  
Amanda Gaylord, CHAT  
Jay Coughlin, Butte County DESS  
Lori LaRiviere, (MD)

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

N/A

#### **OTHER ATTENDEES:**

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

#### **ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 2:05 PM by First Chairperson John Zepeda.
- 2. INTRODUCTIONS/AGENCY UPDATES:** Lori LaRiviere (MD) was introduced to the committee. She is an Army veteran and is coordinating with the VVA to support the upcoming Veteran Stand Down.
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - ACTION:** The minutes for the previous Veterans Committee Meeting were approved with the motion to approve being made by First Chairperson John Zepeda and seconded by Vice Chair Curtis Butler.

4. **Butte County Stand Down:** Ron Matheson gave a summarized history of Stand Downs in both the military and civilian world. For the upcoming Stand Down, Nation’s Finest will be assisting with verifying veteran status. Further, Dr. Lori is coordinating efforts between other agencies and the VVA. A plan was proposed for the screening, services provided, and layout of tables for the event. Contact Ron Matheson or Cecily Kishbaugh at [Ronmatheson@comcast.net](mailto:Ronmatheson@comcast.net) or [Ckisbaugh@nationsfinest.org](mailto:Ckisbaugh@nationsfinest.org) for questions on table placement and organization.
  
5. **Vet by Name List:** John Zepeda defined the purpose of the By Name List “To identify veterans within HMIS that are vulnerable and in the community que.” These veterans would be able to have veteran service organizations assist them with more specific services. Elisa Rawlinson clarified that the By Name List comes for the coordinated entry list generated from HMIS, and the purpose is to provide group support specifically for veterans and veteran households.
  
6. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/ NEXT MEETING:** The next Veterans Committee Meeting will be held on October 29th, 2021. They will continue to occur every Wednesday at six-week intervals barring future changes/ conflicts of schedule.
  
7. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned 3:08 PM.