



Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

BUTTE COUNTYWIDE HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE VETERANS

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday February 16, 2022

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

Virtual Meeting

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Zepeda, Butte County Veterans Service Officer
Elisa Rawlinson, DESS Housing & Homeless
Dan Torres, Butte College
Nikki Balboa - VA
Roger Lewis - Chico Vet Center
Shelly Storkan - Butte County Behavioral Health
Deborah L. Taylor - VA
Michael Wright, DESS Housing & Homeless Isabel
Alvarado-Alaniz, DESS Housing & Homeless Kayla
Davis, DESS Housing & Homeless

Nicole Drummond - CHAT
Lori LaRiviere, MD
Larry Longwell, CSU Chico

RECORDING:

Kayla Davis, DESS Housing & Homeless

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 2:06 PM by Vice Chair Kayla Davis.
- 2. INTRODUCTIONS/AGENCY UPDATES:** 2022 PIT Count was completed successfully, thank you for any volunteers that participated. Information for the HIC Count (Housing Inventory) will be going out to any agency that has emergency shelter, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing or rapid rehousing programs. HIC forms will be due by 5pm 3/1/2022. HMIS and Coordinated Entry Committees are working on putting together Community Ques - going to have separate Community Ques that allow us to pull individuals and households from CE so partner agencies can easily connect with appropriate people. Clients can be in multiple ques at the same time. This is the first step for us to have a referral system in HMIS. Also working on Coordinated Entry dashboard.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - ACTION:** Minutes from January 5, 2022 meeting approved - motion by Elissa Rawlinson, second by Shelly Storkan.

4. **AGENCY PRESENTATION, KAYLA DAVIS / MICHAEL WRIGHT DESS HOUSING & HOMELESS:** Housing Navigator's main function is to connect people with resources, agencies and housing. DESS H&H are the administrative agency for the Butte County Coordinated Entry / HMIS systems; we are always working on updating and improving these systems. HN will also make any other referrals to programs as needs arise during working on housing, help mitigate barriers to housing. Can help on a case by case basis with deposit, first month's rent, moving costs, storage units, etc. Kayla and Pahua work specifically with Bringing Families Home program that works with families involved with Children's Services and working toward Family Reunification. Michael Wright & Isabel Alaniz-Alvarado work with the HDAP program (Housing & Disability Advocacy Program) and help those that are homeless or at risk of homelessness apply for Social Security benefits or Veteran benefits. Help with paperwork and provide case management while assisting with supportive services such as rent assistance and things needed when moving into a place. Main line phone number to reach Housing Navigators is **530-552-6200, option 2.**

5. **BUTTE COUNTY STAND DOWN 2022 PLANNING:** Meeting this Friday 2/18/22 at 1:00; this is for those that want to be integral part of coordinating. There are committees that people can join, they can always use more help. Thinking about creating a Butte County Stand Down fund and there is a website that if anyone can assist with, speak to Lori. Stand Down will be at Elk's Lodge 9/29/22-10/1/22; anticipating that this year and next year will be big as we may be doing the only Stand Down for a 5-county area. Will possibly be an overnight Stand Down in the future.

6. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/ NEXT MEETING:** Next meeting is scheduled for 3/30/2022 at 2:00.

7. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned 2:45 PM.