



## Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

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

#### **MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

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

**Virtual Meetings**

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

Curtis Butler, Nation's Finest  
Javi Pinedo, Housing Authority  
John Zepeda, Butte County Veterans Service Officer  
Dan Torres, Butte College  
Erica Amaya, Nation's Finest  
Kristen Yahn, Veterans Administration  
Michael Smalls, EDD  
Elisa Rawlinson, DESS Housing & Homeless  
Masaki Hirayama, Veterans Administration  
Nikki Balboa, Veteran's Justice Outreach  
Dan Torres, Certifying Official Butte College  
Armando Hernandez, Vectors  
Roger Lewis, Chico Vet Center  
Ron Matheson, VVA

#### **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:** Ron Matheson of the VVA was introduced, he is the lead for the upcoming Butte County Stand Down.  
Michael Small was introduced and is the DVOP (Disabled Veteran Outreach Program) for EDD.  
Kristen Yah introduced herself and she is the HUDVASH supervisor.  
Roger Lewis is the outreach coordinator for the Chico Vet Center and is assisting with the upcoming Stand Down.  
Dan Torres, certifying official at Butte College, was introduced.  
Erica Amaya, case manager at Nation's Finest introduced herself.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - ACTION:** The minutes for the Veterans Committee Meetings for 4/14/2021 were proposed for approval by John Zepeda and was seconded by Elisa Rawlinson.
4. **Purpose of CoC-** Elisa Rawlinson gave a presentation on both the mission of the CoC and the accompanying website. The main purpose is for community providers to work together to view issues in the community through collaborative efforts. Sub-committees exist because of the uniqueness of the population served. The information, minutes, and additional reports may be found on the following website- <https://www.buttehomelesscoc.com/>
5. **Mission Statement:** Proposed final draft of the Veteran’s subcommittee to read- “The Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care Veteran Committee is a partnership of City, County, State, Federal, and Non-Profit agencies that work together and pool their resources to help reduce veteran homelessness as well as help veterans who are at risk of becoming homeless. Through cooperative partnerships, we as an advocacy body, can help mitigate many risk factors that lead as well as contribute to homelessness. We do this, because as a body dedicated to reducing homelessness, improving our local communities begins with giving a hand to the individuals that served their nation. Serving those that has selflessly served us is our mission.” Motion to approve was set forth by Elisa Rawlinson and was seconded by John Zepeda.  
  
Curtis Butler made a motion to approve the fillable Agenda Item Request Form and this was seconded by John Zepeda.
6. **Vet by Name List:** Masaki Hirayama gave a presentation in concern to a By-Name-List. This is a comprehensive list of every person experiencing homeless- updated in real time. She discussed current efforts on making on for the local CoC. The presentation PowerPoint will be provided to committee members.
7. **Butte County Stand Down Oct 1-3:** Ron Matheson discussed the set-up of the Stand Down and how veterans will have their veteran status verified and how they will be utilizing the services at the Stand Down. His contact information is (530)-32-4040 or [ronmatheson@comcast.net](mailto:ronmatheson@comcast.net). Volunteers are requested.
8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/ NEXT MEETING:** The next Veterans Committee Meeting will be held on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021. They will continue to occur every Wednesday at six-week intervals barring future changes/ conflicts of schedule.
9. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned 3:30 PM.