



**Siskiyou County Advisory Board Meeting
May 1, 2024**

1:30pm – 3:00pm

Red Oak Room, Behavioral Health, 2060 Campus Drive, Yreka

1. Call to Order/Quorum Established/Introductions

Duane Kegg, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM. A quorum was established.

Present: Members Duane Kegg, Michael Aiuto, Trish Barbieri, Christina Brown, Brittany Collier, Sarah Collard, Mark Gilman, Michelle O’Gorman, Nancy Ogren, Denise Patterson, Barbra Risling

Staff/participants/public attendees: Jessica Skillen, Luther Findley, Emily Tuholski, Eric Jauregui, Susan Cervelli, Bob Buker, Dawnmarie Autry, Lorenzo Love, Melissa Willick, Edie Everage, Tara Kilcollins, Bob Mason, Cal Conklin, Maddelyn Bryan, Joanne Johnson

Zoom: Alternate Member Ann Escobar, Participants Alan Barreca, Michael Clarno, Sasha Hight

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from April (Attachment A)

Barbra Risling noted that the April 2024 minutes included a misspelling of her first name and she requested a correction.

Sarah Collard motioned to approve the minutes from April 3, 2024, with the correction of Barbra Risling’s name. Christina Brown seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

3. Public Comments (limited to 3 mins. per comment)

Mark Gilman shared that the Yreka Police have been picking up trash piles and abandoned camp sites on “The Hill” and around the City of Yreka. He also introduced Officer Bob Buker, the new Homeless Liaison Officer for the Yreka Police Department.

Advisory Board Members:

Duane Kegg, Chair
City of Yreka

Michael Aiuto
Homeless Advocate

Trish Barbieri
Social Services Division

Christina Brown
Fairchild Medical Center

Rachael Clem
United Way

Brittany Collier
Siskiyou Co. Office of Ed

Sarah Collard, Ph.D.
Health and Human Services Agency

Mark Gilman
Yreka Police Department

Michelle O’Gorman
Community Resource Collaborative

Nancy Ogren
Siskiyou Co. Board of Supervisors

Denise Patterson
Yreka Food Bank

Sara Spence
Karuk Tribal Housing Authority

Barbra Risling
Youth Empowerment Siskiyou



Cal Conklin stated that the unhoused population on “The Hill” in Yreka are happy about the cleanup effort by the Yreka Police Department. Discussion ensued about the resources available to the unhoused population residing on “The Hill”.

4. Committee Updates

a. Executive Board update - Dr. Collard

Dr. Sarah Collard deferred to her Executive Board Alternate, Trish Barbieri. Trish Barbieri summarized the last Executive Board meeting, which included a presentation from a consultant. The consultant revealed that Siskiyou County HMIS data, which was recently shared with HUD, lacked accuracy, particularly in the areas of household relationships, race, and coordination between housing and healthcare. The Executive Board discussed the role of the new PIT Coordinator and requested feedback on the job description by May 10th.

b. HMIS/CES Committee – Maddelyn Bryan

Maddelyn Bryan noted that the HMIS committee approved some document updates and recommended that all HMIS paperwork be downloaded from the United Way website.

c. PIT Committee update – Duane Kegg

Duane Kegg asked Maddelyn Bryan to present on this topic. Maddelyn Bryan introduced United Way’s new approach for the housing inventory count (HIC). Beginning in 2025, United Way will collect HIC data by downloading it from HMIS instead of asking providers to fill out paper forms. This new approach requires keeping HMIS housing information accurate and up to date. The PIT Committee also shared their proposal for the new PIT Coordinator position. This position will have a two-year term and will be contracted through an RFP process.

5. New Business

None.

6. Old Business

a. Public Engagement (Attachment B) – Maddelyn Bryan

Maddelyn Bryan shared that Trish Barbieri commented on the lack of representation in the Siskiyou Advisory Board and recommended reaching out to new potential members. To gain more representation throughout the County, Siskiyou County employees reached out to 8 individuals and requested their participation in the Advisory Board. These individuals were recommended by existing board members and represent cities, nonprofits and agencies within the County. Maddelyn Bryan received responses from a couple of them so far and will provide an update during the next Advisory Board meeting.

b. HHAP-3 – Maddelyn Bryan



Maddelyn Bryan received a draft contract from the City of Redding for HHAP-3. This draft contract is under County review.

7. Member Updates

a. Basecamp updates – County staff/NVCSS staff

Tara Kilcollins shared that a majority of the firewalls have been installed. There was an inspection on Monday that revealed the need for minor corrections. The inspector is returning today to meet with the plumbers. Once the electricians and plumbers are under contract, Tara Kilcollins will be able to announce an estimated opening date. Cal Conklin asked Tara Kilcollins about the process for Basecamp clothing donation. Discussion ensued regarding clothing and blanket donation for Basecamp and the bimonthly laundry/shower event.

b. Beacon of Hope update – Michelle O’Gorman/Steve Bryan

Michelle O’Gorman stated that the Beacon of Hope is still working on plumbing and electrical updates. The project management role is volunteer-based so the speed of the project depends on the availability of the volunteers. This results in a delayed project timeline. Duane Kegg requested that Michelle O’Gorman send him the list of projects that need to be completed so that he can post them on the local Builder’s Exchange. Duane Kegg stated that he knows some contactors who may be willing to volunteer to help complete this project.

c. Pallet shelter project update – Maddelyn Bryan

Maddelyn Bryan expressed that the City of Yreka has been a great partner on this project. They volunteered to create the engineering drawings for the site layout and will do a vast majority of the site preparation. Their help will contribute to the County’s ability to finish the project by the grand deadline, November 2024. The County currently has a Request for Proposals (RFP) posted for a service provider. Due to the fast timeline, the County is coordinating implementation, and the service provider will focus on hiring staff and creating policies and procedures. Discussion ensued about the staff hours and number of beds in the Pallet shelters.

8. Discussion Items for Next Meeting

Cal Conklin requested a discussion on a new way to share information with people living on “The Hill”.

Barbra Risling will provide a Youth Empowerment Siskiyou (YES) shelter and transition update.

Sarah Collard will provide an update on Crossroads.

Butterfly will present on assistance for encampments.

9. Adjournment



Mark Gilman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:40 PM. Sarah Collard seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting

June 5, 2024
1:30pm-3:00pm

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