



NorCal Continuum of Care™

Siskiyou County Advisory Board Meeting
June 5, 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 1:36 PM. A quorum was established.

Present: Members Duane Kegg, Michael Aiuto, Christina Brown, Rachael Clem, Brittany Collier, Sarah Collard, Nancy Ogren, Denise Patterson

Staff/participants/public attendees: Dustin Rief, Luther Findley, Therese Singletary, Rico Gutierrez, Wendy Black, Jessica Skillen, Bob Buker, Ray Elliott, Sasha Hight, Maddelyn Bryan, Joanne Johnson, Bob Mason, Shannon

Zoom: Member Sarah Spence, Participants Stacy Barr, Alan Barreca, Dana

2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from May (Attachment A)**

Sara Spence motioned to approve the minutes from May 1, 2024. Sarah Collard seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

Sasha Hight asked about the schedule for the shower truck service. Sarah Collard responded that there would be a shower truck for the next three Tuesdays. Joanne Johnson said that she would send out the shower truck flyer today.

Duane Kegg commented that the City of Yreka is planning to submit an application for HomeKey, with the hopes of purchasing a hotel to use as transitional housing.

Shannon requested garbage cans on the hill across from Behavioral Health instead of squares on the ground. Garbage cans would look better for people driving by. Also, the portable toilets get too full and there isn't a hand washing station. Shannon is requesting

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



two more portable toilets with more frequent cleaning and a hand washing station for the hill.

Rico Gutierrez agreed with Shannon's comment that the hill needs more restrooms and noted that they need to be more spread out so that people don't have to walk as far to access them.

4. Committee Updates

a. Executive Board update - Sarah Collard

Sarah Collard shared that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) made a PowerPoint presentation that will be shared in the next Advisory Board agenda. The Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Partners II was released and one application was submitted. The Partners II program provides funding for housing vouchers and case management.

Nancy Ogren asked if Partners II is the only voucher program available for motels. Maddelyn Bryan responded that the emergency housing voucher paid for motels but that it was only active during the Covid-19 pandemic. Section 8 vouchers are available, but the demand is too high, and they can be utilized by low-income residents, in addition to unhoused individuals. Partners II is the only housing voucher that is managed by the Continuum of Care (CoC) and is exclusively for individuals experiencing homelessness.

b. HMIS/CES Committee – Maddelyn Bryan

Maddelyn Bryan noted that the HMIS Committee is looking at alternatives to the Vulnerability Index – Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT). The current VI-SPDAT is not considered best practice, but the NorCal CoC has not had the time to address this issue. Updating this form will be a long process, but it needs to happen. The HMIS Committee is collecting input from front line staff to understand how the current form fails.

c. PIT Committee update – Duane Kegg

Duane Kegg shared that the PIT Coordinator position needs to be approved by the Executive Board. The next Executive Board meeting is in August and Duane is hopeful that the PIT Coordinator position will be approved in that meeting.

Tuesday, January 21st is the tentative 2025 PIT count date. In the next PIT Committee meeting, PIT surveys will be up for discussion.

5. New Business

a. Action Item; Approval of new membership item (Attachment B) – Maddelyn Bryan



Maddelyn Bryan introduced an Advisory Board member application from Dustin Rief, the City Manager of Dunsmuir. Dustin Rief shared that homelessness in Dunsmuir mainly involves transient individuals who camp there temporarily. He expressed concerns about fires in these encampments. Rico Gutierrez responded that he would like to meet with Mr. Rief to talk about what the Dunsmuir community needs and how he can help.

Nancy Ogren motioned to approve Dustin Rief's membership application, with Michael Clarno, the Mayor of Dunsmuir, as Dustin's Alternate. Denise Patterson seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

b. Presentation: Karuk Tribe's effort to combat Opioids - Raymond Elliott

Raymond Elliott shared that the Karuk Tribe has been spending additional time and resources assisting individuals experiencing opiate addiction and substance use disorder (SUD). They provide transport to culturally aware treatment programs for individuals experiencing SUD and circulate Narcan within the community. They also provide SUD education for local students. The Karuk Tribe wants the Advisory Board to know that they are taking this issue very seriously and that they are here to assist tribal and community members. Tribal members seeking SUD treatment can be sent to Behavioral Health or the Karuk Tribe for assistance.

Denise Patterson asked Raymond Elliott how the food banks can get involved. Discussion ensued regarding resources for unhoused tribal members and individuals experiencing SUD.

c. Presentation: Introduction to VyncaCare services - Elizabeth Gregorio

Elizabeth Gregorio shared background information on VyncaCare and the resources available through Medi-Cal and Partnership. She stated that individuals covered by California's medical insurance, Partnership, can get access to virtual visits with case managers. Elizabeth will attend the next shower truck service in Yreka to pass out snacks and supplies, and help participants get connected to a case manager. Maddelyn Bryan stated that she would circulate Elizabeth's VyncaCare flyer and contact information.

6. Old Business

a. HHAP-4 update (Attachment C) – Maddelyn Bryan

Maddelyn Bryan mentioned that the notice of funding availability (NOFA) for HHAP-4 was released and that she already shared it with the Board via email. If anyone decides to apply and would like Ms. Bryan's help, they can reach out to her directly.



b. Discussion: Information sharing on the hill – Duane Kegg

Duane Kegg gave an overview of information sharing ideas in the past and asked for feedback. Bob Buker stated that flyers and word of mouth would work best. Discussion ensued on the effectiveness of verbal communication on the hill across from Behavioral Health. Members agreed that information shared to the Advisory Board effectively spreads throughout the community because each meeting participant does their part to disseminate the information.

7. Member Updates

a. Basecamp updates – County staff/NVCCSS staff

Sarah Collard stated that Basecamp is still under construction and that the City of Yreka is really helping to move this project along. Basecamp was recently featured in a Searchlight article.

b. YES shelter and transition update – Barbra Risling

Barbra Risling wasn't able to attend the Advisory Board meeting so Maddelyn Bryan shared that YES secured their HHAP-3 contract and that they are working on building a shelter and hiring new employees.

c. Crossroads update – Sarah Collard

Sarah Collard shared that the developer, RCHDC, is currently interviewing applicants. The grand opening ceremony is scheduled for July 10th and Siskiyou County staff are looking for donations of kitchen equipment and linens for the No Place Like Home units. Denise Patterson responded that she could help with this and that they can connect later.

d. Pallet shelter update – Maddelyn Bryan

Maddelyn Bryan noted that the site prep for the Pallet shelter is ongoing. Siskiyou County released an RFP and received a few qualified proposals from companies headquartered in Northern California. Discussion ensued about the Pallet shelter progress and Siskiyou County's work with the City of Yreka.

8. Discussion Items for Next Meeting

Dustin Rief requested a discussion on resource connections for unhoused individuals.

9. Adjournment



Nancy motioned to adjourn the meeting a 2:45 PM. Dustin Rief seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting

Special Meeting on July 17, 2024
1:30pm-3:00pm

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