



# NorCal Continuum of Care™

**Siskiyou County Advisory Board Special Meeting  
July 17, 2024**

**1:30pm – 3:00pm**

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

## **Teleconference locations:**

Karuk Tribe  
635 Jacobs Way  
Happy Camp, CA 96039

Partnership HealthPlan of California  
4665 Business Center Drive  
Fairfield, CA 94534  
(Please contact Partnership if you expect to attend from this location)

Northern Valley Catholic Social Services  
2400 Washington Ave.  
Redding, CA 96001

Disability Action Center  
2453 Athens Ave.  
Redding, CA 96001

- 1. Call to Order/Quorum Established/Introductions**
- 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from June (Attachment A)**  
Board members will review and approve minutes from June 5, 2024.
- 3. Public Comments (limited to 3 mins. per comment)**  
Members of the public will have the opportunity to address the Board on any issue within the jurisdiction of the Board. Speakers will be limited to three minutes.
- 4. Committee Updates**
  - a. Executive Board update - Sarah Collard**
  - b. HMIS/CES Committee – Maddelyn Bryan**
- 5. New Business**
  - a. Action Item; Approval of new executive board member and alternate executive board member (Attachment B) – Sarah Collard**
  - b. Discussion; Resource connections for unhoused individuals – Dustin Rief**

## **Advisory Board Members:**

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**Barbra Risling**  
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**Dustin Rief**  
City of Dunsmuir



**6. Old Business**

**7. Member Updates**

- a. **Basecamp updates – County staff/NVCSS staff**
- b. **Crossroads update – Sarah Collard**
- c. **Pallet shelter update – Maddelyn Bryan**
- d. **Letter to Community Partners HSP (Attachment C) – Maddelyn Bryan**

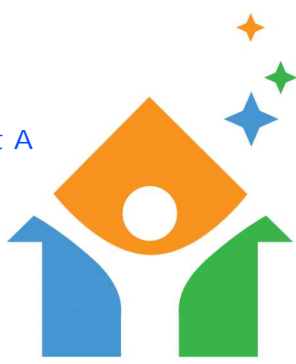
**8. Discussion Items for Next Meeting**

**9. Adjournment**

**Next Meeting**

August 7, 2024  
1:30pm-3:00pm

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**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

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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 21<sup>st</sup> 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**



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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 10<sup>th</sup> 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**



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

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Kristen Schreder, Chair  
Executive Board  
NorCal Continuum of Care

RE: Designation of a Continuum of Care (CoC) Executive Board Member

Dear Ms. Schreder,

Previously, the Siskiyou County Advisory Board designated Sarah Collard as their representative on the NorCal CoC 516 Executive Board. Due to Dr. Collard's resignation, we are pleased to nominate Maddelyn Bryan as the new Executive Board Member.

Ms. Bryan has been an active participant of the NorCal CoC Siskiyou County Advisory Board since 2020 and currently serves on both the HMIS and PIT Committees. During a meeting on July 17, 2024, the Siskiyou County Advisory Board elected Ms. Bryan to fill the Executive Board Membership position.

As the Housing Coordinator for Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency (SCHHSA), Ms. Bryan is knowledgeable about the housing needs of the NorCal CoC and has a comprehensive understanding of the services available to persons experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness. She has over three years of experience coordinating housing projects funded through myriad state and federal grant programs.

Please accept this letter as a formal request to assign Ms. Bryan as Siskiyou County's representative on the Executive Board, effective July 18, 2024. You may contact me at (530) 598-9663 or email me at [dkegg@ci.yreka.ca.us](mailto:dkegg@ci.yreka.ca.us) with any questions. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Duane Kegg, Chair  
Siskiyou County Advisory Board  
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Kristen Schreder, Chair  
Executive Board  
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RE: Designation of a Continuum of Care (CoC) Alternate Executive Board Member

Dear Ms. Schreder,

We are pleased to nominate Dr. Sarah Collard as the new Alternate Executive Board Member.

Dr. Collard is currently an active and knowledgeable member of the NorCal CoC Siskiyou County Advisory Board. She also served as an Executive Board Member in recent years (2021-2024) and has been involved in the county's earliest strategic efforts to address homelessness. During a meeting on July 17, 2024, the Siskiyou County Advisory Board unanimously elected Dr. Collard to replace Ms. Barbieri as the Alternate Executive Member.

As Director of the Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency (SCHHSA), Dr. Collard is aware of the homeless needs of the county and has a comprehensive understanding of the services available to the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless. Under her direction, SCHHSA provides myriad housing-related programs and support services, including CalWORKs House Support Program with HSP, MHSA housing support, and Prop 47 housing programs.

Please accept this letter as a formal request to assign Dr. Collard as an Alternate CoC Executive Board Member, effective July 18, 2024. You may contact me at (530) 598-9663 or email me at [dkegg@ci.yreka.ca.us](mailto:dkegg@ci.yreka.ca.us) with any questions. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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## **Health and Human Services Agency**

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*Director of Health and Human Services Agency*  
**TRISH BARBIERI**  
*Director of Social Services Division*  
**SUSAN CERVELLI**  
*Deputy Director of Social Services Division*  
**COREY WATSON**  
*Deputy Director of Social Services Division*

### **Letter to Community Homeless Service Providers CalWORKs Housing Support Program FY 2024-25**

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## **SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION**

Eligibility and Temporary Assistance Services  
818 South Main Street  
Yreka, CA 96097  
(530) 841-2700 / Fax (530) 841-4399

Adult and Children's Services  
2060 Campus Drive  
Yreka, CA 96097  
(530) 841-4200 / Fax (530) 842-6277

July 16, 2024

Dear Siskiyou County housing, homelessness, health, benefit advocacy and social service network providers:

Siskiyou County Health & Human Services Agency (HHSA), Social Services Division (SSD) has accepted an allocation from the California Department of Social Services in the amount of \$425,356. This funding is for the purpose of operating a CalWORKs Housing Support (HSP) Program. HHSA has administered the HSP program since 2016. The HSP is expected to be renewed annually. This letter is to provide local housing, homelessness, health, and social service networks with information regarding the HSP.

**Program Eligibility:**

Eligibility for HSP is broadly defined in Welfare Institution Code (WIC) sections 11330 through 11330.5 and as enumerated in WIC section 8255.

The HSP identifies and targets the whole population of families in the CalWORKs Program experiencing homelessness regardless of housing and income barriers, including families at-risk of homelessness, and allows for prioritization of serving customers with the highest service needs and vulnerabilities.

**Program Benefits:**

HSP services and supports are varied and can include any preventative measure that will save a tenancy, help families regain stability in their current housing, or move and achieve stability in a new housing location.

Direct services may include but are not limited to costs associated with interim housing, including hotel/motel stays or master-leased units, emergency shelter costs, rental and move-in assistance payments, application fees, utility payments, payments in arrears, late fee payments, security deposits, time-limited transportation vouchers necessary to obtain or maintain housing stability, costs associated with moving or relocating, including storage fees for a reasonable period of time, if needed, and costs associated with supportive housing.

Other services may include the cost of conflict mediation with landlords and neighbors, landlord recruitment, landlord incentive payments, necessary repairs or habitability/accessibility improvements, housing identification/housing navigation, and basic housing items and resources to make the home habitable to obtain/maintain housing stability including purchase of furnishings and appliances.

HHSA SSD provides housing stabilization support services such as ongoing tenant engagement, case management, public systems assistance, legal services, credit repair assistance, and life skills training.

**Targeted Population:**

In order to be eligible for HSP, an individual or family must:

1. be a recipient of CalWORKs assistance; or
2. have children which are considered temporarily absent from the home due to removal by Child Welfare Services; and
3. be homeless or at risk of homelessness.

**Program Overview:**

The CalWORKs Housing Support Program (HSP), established by Senate Bill (SB) 855 (Chapter 29, Statutes of 2014), is intended to foster housing stability for families experiencing or at-risk of homelessness in the CalWORKs program. Per Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Section 11330.5(c), HSP funding must be used to support projects that follow evidence-based housing interventions, including homelessness prevention services and/or the core components of rapid rehousing. Further, WIC Section 8256 requires that all state-funded housing programs, including HSP, operate in accordance with the core components of Housing First as enumerated in WIC Section 8255 and further outlined in All County Letter (ACL) 19-114.

**Integration within the Homelessness System of Care:**

We will endeavor to coordinate services and supports with the broader local homelessness response system, including the local homelessness Siskiyou County Advisory Board and the NorCal 516 Homeless Continuum of Care (CoC). Through participation in the NorCal 516, HHSA SSD utilizes the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and resulting Coordinated Entry System (CES) for prioritization of service access.

Services provided must also be in coordination with other services being provided including but are not limited to the local housing authority, other community housing partners, educational and family resource networks, behavioral health services, public health services, protective service departments including child and adult protective services, domestic violence agencies, local law enforcement departments, legal aid organizations, and other partners critical to local outreach and collaboration to maximize available funding and connect participants to additional resources and supportive services.

When appropriate, HHSA SSD utilizes the existing Homeless Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) as authorized under AB210. The MDT is comprised of persons who are trained in the identification and treatment of homeless adults and families who are qualified to provide a broad range of services related to homelessness.

**Racial Equity:**

HHSA SSD is committed to addressing racial disproportionality for people experiencing homelessness and ensuring equitable provision of services for all people of color who are disproportionately impacted by homelessness.

Per Government Code Section 8899.50, we operate HSP in a manner that affirmatively furthers fair housing. It is our goal to operate HSP in a manner that takes meaningful actions, in addition to combating discrimination, that overcome patterns of segregation and foster inclusive communities free from barriers that restrict access to opportunity based on protected characteristics.

Respectfully,

Patricia Barbieri, Social Services Division Director  
Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency