



**Siskiyou County Advisory Board Special Meeting
May 10, 2023**

2:30pm – 4:00pm

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)

- 1. Call to Order/Quorum Established/Introductions**
- 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from March (Attachment A)**
Board members will review and approve minutes from March 1, 2023.
- 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. Updates**
 - a. PIT Preliminary Results—Duane Kegg**
- 5. Discussion**
 - a. Public Engagement—Nancy Ogren/Cal Conklin**
 - b. March 6th Focus Group (Attachment B)—Cal Conklin and HHSA Staff**
- 6. New Business**
 - a. Governor’s new housing initiatives and CSAC’s “AT HOME” program (Attachment C)—Nancy Ogren**
 - b. Behavioral Health Bridge Housing Program—Dr. Collard**
- 7. County Updates**
- 8. Discussion Items for Next Meeting**
- 9. Adjournment**

Next Meeting



June 7, 2023
1:30pm-3:00pm

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Shasta County Housing and Community Action Agency
1450 Court Street Ste 109
Redding, CA 96001

1. Call to Order/Quorum Established/Introductions

Present: Members Sarah Collard, Duane Kegg, Christina Brown, Mark Gilman, Mike Aiuto, Nancy Ogren, Britany Collier, Denise Patterson, and Sarah Springfield. Alternate members Steve Bryan and Susan Cervelli. Public attendees Jessica Skillen, Alexandra Tadros, Sasha Hight, Erika Cavener, Cal Conklin, Paul McCoy, Eric Jauregui, Sanjay Agarwal, Philip Redman, Adam Ochoa, and Maddelyn Bryan.

Zoom: Member Sarah Spence. Lead Agency staff members Keith Anderson and Paul Tunison. Public attendee Lisa O'Connell.

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

Steve Bryan motioned to approve the minutes from February 1, 2023. Denise Patterson seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Paul McCoy thanked County and Yreka City staff for managing the warming shelter. Discussion ensued about communication challenges related to outreach during winter storms.

Philip Redman expressed gratitude to the Board for working to address homelessness. He asked who to call when observing people on the streets that exhibit unusual behaviors. The Yreka Police Department informed Philip that he can contact them for public safety concerns.

Cal Conklin expressed disappointment that public engagement was not an agenda item as he requested. Duane Kegg directed the secretary to place it on the next agenda.



4. Updates

a. Brown Act Reminders—Maddelyn Bryan

Maddelyn Bryan reminded members that certain Brown Act waivers during the pandemic were no longer in place.

b. Documenting Homelessness Presentation (Attachment B)—Lead Agency

Keith Anderson presented on HUD and the NorCal CoC requirements for documenting homelessness.

c. Executive Board Update—Dr. Collard

Dr. Collard noted that the Executive Board approved changes to data collection to prepare for the HHIP grant. They tabled an item to start the new Policies and Procedures Committee. Lead Agency staff informed Executive Board Members that Jaclyn Disney is no longer with the agency. Staff discussed the process of moving the CoC under HHSA.

5. Discussion

There were no discussion items.

6. New Business

a. Action Item: Approval of HHAP-3 Project Proposal (Attachment C)—Sarah Springfield

Sarah Springfield referred the Board to her project description included in the agenda packet and offered to answer any questions. Dr. Collard motion to approve YES's project for HHAP-3. Steve Bryan seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously with the exception of Sarah Springfield who abstained.

7. County Updates

a. Overview of Current HHSA Housing Services (Attachments D, E, F)—Maddelyn Bryan

Maddelyn provided a presentation on housing related services and projects operated by the Health and Human Services Agency.

8. Discussion Items for Next Meeting

Per Cal Conklin's request, Duane and Supervisor Ogren asked that public awareness be agendized at the next meeting.

9. Adjournment



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Dr. Collard motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3:08pm. Supervisor Ogren seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting

April 5, 2023
1:30pm-3:00pm

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SISKIYOU COUNTY

Health and Human Services Agency

Encampment Discussion Group

March 6, 2023 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Behavioral Health Services
2060 Campus Drive, Yreka
Red Oak Room/Zoom

Notes prepared by Kristina Hargrove, Executive Secretary

Staff Present: Sarah Collard, Ph.D., Maddelyn Bryan, Erika Cavener

General Discussion Workgroup for Homeless Encampment Housing Ideas

Maddelyn led the meeting with introductions and presented a PowerPoint presentation to discuss Goals, Purpose, Housing First and Needs. Different housing plans were discussed to assist with short-term and long-term goals. Requested input from approximately 15 currently homeless County residents.

1. Housing First – no pre-conditions for access to housing. Attendees discussed the limited resources available for individuals not in any form of treatment plan. Discussed Hope House and Beacon of Hope as a warming center.
2. Attendees discussed some current issues with current placement on ‘the hill’. City maintenance workers are destroying shelters and throwing out personal items. Dr. Collard explained the difference between the City of Yreka and Siskiyou County. She will bring the matter to the next CoC Advisory Board meeting.
3. Attendees have requested that when placed in temporary housing at local hotels, expectations of behavior/rules should be discussed beforehand. The individual was evicted due to a visitation from a friend.
4. Reviewed primary causes of homelessness. Attendees reported:
 - a. Natural disaster/fires
 - b. Mental Health issues
 - c. Lack of financial resources
 - d. Drug addiction
 - e. Laziness
 - f. Depression
 - g. Lack of transportation
 - h. Generational
 - i. Lack of access to resources
5. Resident vs. Traveler: most attendees plan on remaining in Siskiyou County

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6. Services/Amenities that attendees would like to have considered:
 - a. Access to water
 - b. Showers
 - c. Charging station
 - d. Mobile medical services
 - e. Rides to healthcare appointments
 - f. Assistance with obtaining identification
 - g. Assistance with applying for disability
 - h. Access to Water
 - i. Bus passes
 - j. Area for community meals
 - k. Mail delivery
 - l. Propane for heat and cooking
 - m. Wood for fires
 - n. Daily meal
 - o. Assistance when food stamp funds are reduced
 - p. Dry available clothing
 - q. Plastic totes to keep personal belongings dry
 - r. Locked space to keep personal belongings
 - s. Laundry facilities
 - t. Piece of land managed and policed by residents

7. Further discussion on prospect of having their own space:
 - a. No one telling them what to do
 - b. No curfews
 - c. Drugs/Alcohol tolerant
 - d. Have their own space within the property
 - e. No inspections
 - f. Communal garden
 - g. Communal kitchen
 - h. Animals allowed
 - i. Possible own room in a shared space
 - j. Access to water
 - k. Small shed house would be ideal
 - l. Centrally located to stores and fast food restaurants
 - m. Community decides as a whole who can stay – would create an internal code of conduct

8. Attendees would like more meetings about the encampment but have trust issues with outside organizations.

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Homelessness is THE humanitarian crisis of our time. Despite significant investments by the state and local governments, California lacks a comprehensive plan to address it effectively and equitably. The current approach to helping those who are unhoused is fragmented and lacks clear lines of responsibility, accountability and sustainability. This must change.

To make meaningful progress in helping those who are unhoused, the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) offers the 'AT HOME' Plan. Counties are determined to work with our federal, state and local partners, and in partnership with the Governor and the Legislature, to implement this comprehensive plan to help those who are unhoused or at risk of becoming unhoused in our communities.

A CCOUNTABILITY



Clear responsibilities aligned to authority, resources, and flexibility for all levels of government

No one level of government is solely responsible for the homelessness crisis. We need to develop a comprehensive and coordinated plan that includes all levels of government. The undertow of massive economic and systemic inequities, as well as a tangled web of decisions made by well-intentioned policies and programs built over decades, continues to stymie efforts to support those who are unhoused or at risk of becoming unhoused.

- Clearly define city and county roles for siting and supporting shelters, siting permanent supportive housing, encampment outreach, and encampment clean-up.
- Commit ongoing funding – one-time funding is neither sustainable nor conducive to maintaining programs.
- Work with the state and cities from start to finish, require the submission of countywide or regional plans with established, clear goals and responsibilities.
- Allocate funding commensurate with the responsibilities each entity has within the plan and provide for maximum local flexibility to be used in accordance with established goals and outcomes.

T RANSPARENCY



Integrate and expand data to improve program effectiveness

Current data systems and data sharing do not support an integrated case management approach to helping those who are unhoused or at risk of becoming unhoused.

- Integrate and expand data systems to enhance transparency and allow for data-driven decision making.
- Enhance existing health, social services and state and local criminal justice data systems to provide more robust data on the immediate and long-term needs of individuals and better manage institutional discharges.

H OUSING



Increase and maintain housing units across the spectrum

There is a significant shortage of housing in California, especially affordable housing to support aged, disabled and very low-income residents.

- Increase resources needed to acquire, build and operate housing solutions across the full housing continuum, especially permanent supportive housing for individuals with complex needs.
- Increase flexibility and streamlining to generate more affordable housing projects.
- Create flexible housing subsidies and modify federal Housing Choice Vouchers to help more individuals utilize rental assistance to maintain housing.

O UTREACH



Develop sustainable outreach systems and increase workforce to support these systems

There is a significant shortage of Health and Human Services (HHS) workers to manage the programs and services that assist with addressing homelessness in California. In addition to identifying ways to support and build this workforce, new classifications that leverage lived experience and support housing navigation are also needed. To further strengthen and stabilize this system, federal funding should be obtained for many of these critical activities.

- Recruit, train and retain a robust HHS workforce and consider new certifications for workers in housing and other fields.
- Leverage additional federal funding for outreach and rapid response.
- Expand training and quality improvement incentives for law enforcement and probation responding to unhoused individuals.

M ITIGATION



Strengthen safety net programs

Counties run or administer most health and human services programs on behalf of the state. These programs serve as the safety net in California, and we must strengthen these programs to prevent individuals from becoming homeless.

- Provide adequate funding for county administration of safety net programs to ensure eligible individuals can be enrolled and receive the services they need timely.
- Increase the availability of and access to programs and services that provide screening, treatment, and recovery services for substance use disorder.
- Increase flexibility for county behavioral health funding to maximize federal Medi-Cal funds and expand the reach of county behavioral health investments for the unsheltered population.

E CONOMIC OPPORTUNITY



Create employment and education pathways, as well as supports for basic needs

Specialized education and career programs and services are needed to support the economic opportunity and long-term self-sufficiency of those who are formerly homeless or at risk of experiencing homelessness, including justice-involved individuals, veterans, older Californians, and former foster youth.

- Update local workforce development and investment boards to address employment for unhoused populations and work with California Community Colleges to develop programs that support the formerly unhoused.
- Increase accessible programs for justice-involved individuals to receive training and overcome employment barriers.
- Continue and expand efforts to assist more qualifying aged, blind, and disabled persons to obtain SSI/SSP benefits and expand subsidized housing placements for these populations.

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