



**Siskiyou County Advisory Board Meeting
June 7, 2023
1:30pm – 3:00pm
Social Services, 818 South Main Street, Yreka CA**

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 May (Attachments A and B)**
Board members will review and approve minutes from May 10th and May 30th, 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. Update on meetings with individuals experiencing homelessness—Dr. Collard**
 - b. PIT Update—Duane Kegg**
 - c. Public engagement—Duane Kegg**
- 5. Discussion**
 - a. Trash Cleanup—Mike Aiuto**
- 6. New Business**
 - a. Discussion and Possible Action: CES Participation/CoC Coordination Form for Homekey Project (Attachment C)—RCHDC/City of Yreka**
- 7. County Updates**
- 8. Discussion Items for Next Meeting**
- 9. Adjournment**



Next Meeting

July 5, 2023

1:30pm-3:00pm

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**Siskiyou County Advisory Board Special Meeting
May 10, 2023
2:30pm – 4:00pm
Red Oak Room, Behavioral Health, 2060 Campus Drive, Yreka**

1. Call to Order/Quorum Established/Introductions

Duane Kegg called the meeting to order at 2:40PM. A quorum was established.

Present: Members Dr. Collard, Duane Kegg, Mark Gilman, Nancy Ogren, Sarah Springfield, Michael Aiuto, and Denise Patterson. Alternate Member Steven Bryan. Staff member Maddelyn Bryan. Public attendees Ali Kutzer and Cal Conklin.

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

Board members will review and approve minutes from March 1, 2023.

Dr. Collard pointed out a misspelling in the minutes. Nancy Ogren motioned to approve the minutes with the correction. Mark Gilman seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Mark said that the Homeless Liaison Officer had handled over 2,000 calls since January 1st. The other members remarked on how substantial that number was and thanked YPD for their efforts.

4. Updates

a. PIT Preliminary Results—Duane Kegg

Duane Kegg reviewed a draft of the 2023 PIT results, noting that the total for Siskiyou County was 507 individuals. He also observed that Siskiyou County had the third highest homeless population after Shasta and Del Norte Counties. Duane continued, highlighting notable demographic statistics. Dr. Collard addressed the importance of focusing on disparities among subpopulations experiencing homelessness. She explained that reviews of past Siskiyou data revealed a disparity in the impact of homelessness on Native Americans. Cal Conklin expressed concerns of possible errors in the data since the sheltered/unsheltered counts matched on several demographic points. Dr. Collard shared her experience of a three-week trip to Japan where she did not observe a single unsheltered individual and expressed hope that homelessness can be resolved.

5. Discussion

a. Public Engagement—Nancy Ogren/Cal Conklin



Cal described the challenges he encountered when first trying to understand what the organizations on the Board did to address homelessness. It took him six months to understand that members did indeed have projects to provide services to individuals experiencing homelessness. He conveyed a desire to help Yreka residents understand the role and accomplishments of the Advisory Board. Steve Bryan added that messaging should target and include other areas of Siskiyou County as well. Other communities have expressed a belief that the housing resources benefit Yreka only. Ali Kutzer enquired about the target audience for public engagement. Discussion ensued about different populations that would benefit from more information about the CoC. Members agreed to begin by focusing on the general public of concerned citizens and explaining the basic role of the CoC. Ali offered to design materials for this purpose. Maddelyn volunteered to work with Ali to provide content. Mike Aiuto said that the homeless population in Yreka is starting to open and to learn about how the government operates. He believes there is a new willingness among the unhoused population to make changes in the community and themselves.

b. March 6th Focus Group (Attachment B)—Cal Conklin and HHSA Staff

Cal clarified that HHSA had already held a more recent focus group with the residents of local encampments since March 6. He expressed satisfaction with the attendance levels of the two meetings. His impression was that the unhoused population liked the idea of a Pallet style shelter, particularly has it would give them the ability to lock their doors. However, they shared that rules of any kind are a possible deterrent to seeking such services. HHSA staff requested that the Board not publicize these meetings except to the unhoused population. They are trying to preserve the meeting as a space to bring out the voice and input of persons with lived experience. Mike Aiuto agreed and noted that the group was making progress in advancing trust with this population. However, he suspects that progress could easily slip. Mike requested that encampment trash cleanup be on the next meeting agenda.

6. New Business

a. Governor's new housing initiatives and CSAC's "AT HOME" program (Attachment C)—Nancy Ogren

Nancy Ogren described her experience at the recent legislative conference where cities and counties drafted the AT HOME plan. CSAC is currently taking the plan to the Governor who is beginning to use it for talking points. At a basic level, the plan explains that the State lacks a comprehensive, coordinated plan to address homelessness. The AT HOME plan is not a one-size-fits-all solution. Instead, it takes into account the differences in capacity and need between urban, suburban, and rural communities. The plan also calls for more focus on sustainability in solutions to end homelessness. Nancy added that the AT HOME plan Has been approved by the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors.

b. Behavioral Health Bridge Housing Program—Dr. Collard



Dr. Collard reported that HHSA applied for the Behavioral Health Bridge Housing Program. They are seeking approval to create a Pallet-style shelter village with these funds.

7. County Updates

Denise Patterson shared that the Karuk Education Department is putting on an event to serve the homeless population.

Sarah Springfield communicated that the Modoc Tribe currently had short-stay hotel vouchers available.

Denise Patterson said that the Yreka Food Bank would be moving soon and is searching for a new location.

8. Discussion Items for Next Meeting

Update on public engagement—Duane

PIT update--Duane

Update on meetings with the hill—Sarah Collard

Discussion on CoC transitions—Sarah Collard

Trash cleanup—Mike Aiuto

9. Adjournment

Steve Bryan motioned to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Collard seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

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**Siskiyou County Advisory Board Special Meeting
May 30, 2023
2:00pm – 2:30pm
Human Services, 818 South Main Street, Yreka**

1. Call to Order/Quorum Established/Introductions

Duane Kegg called the meeting to order at 2:07PM. A quorum was established.

Present: Members Christina Brown, Duane Kegg, Nancy Ogren, Sarah Collard, and Denise Patterson. Alternate Member Susan Cervelli. Staff Maddelyn Bryan.

Zoom: Member Sara Spence.

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

There were no comments.

3. New Business

a. Action Item: Approve changes to Governance Charter (Attachment A)—Dr. Collard

Dr. Collard explained that the Shasta County Board of Supervisors disbanded their Housing and Community Action Agency which had served as the Lead Agency for the NorCal CoC. There was no way to reassign the Lead Agency. The proposed updates to the Governance Charter would create a process for the Executive Board to assign a new Lead Agency, HMIS Lead, and Collaborative Applicant. It would also assign the Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency to fulfill the above-mentioned roles. Nancy Ogren expressed concern about language allowing Shasta County to resign from those roles with 30 days' notice. Discussion ensued about what would happen in the event that Shasta County was no longer willing to be the Lead Agency. Members asked Dr. Collard to bring feedback to the Executive Board and request a minimum of 90 days' notice. Susan Cervelli motioned to accept the revisions to the Governance Charter with the above-mentioned request. Christina Brown seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

4. County Updates

Dr. Collard noted that the County participated in a kick-off meeting for Homekey. She expressed excitement to start that project in partnership with the City of Yreka.

Denise Patterson provided an update on possible new locations for the Yreka Food Bank.



5. Discussion Items for Next Meeting

There were no new discussion items.

6. Adjournment

Dr. Collard motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:25PM. Denise seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

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Homekey Round 3

Coordinated Entry System Participation and Continuum of Care Coordination Form

The Eligible Applicant's Continuum of Care (CoC) must complete this form and it must be uploaded with the Homekey Application.

1. The CoC acknowledges the below Homekey Project details, type, and Target Population:

Project Name:	
Project Address:	

Project Type (please check all that apply):

- Permanent Housing
- Interim Housing
(See additional requirements for Interim Housing in NOFA Section 301).

Please check the box below to acknowledge that Homekey Applicants will utilize the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) for data entry:

- This applicant will enter Homekey resident data into HMIS as required per Homekey NOFA Round 3, Section 503. Please [click here](#) for more information on this requirement per state law AB 977 (Chapter 397, Statutes of 2021). Please check box to confirm planned HMIS use.

Unit mix:

Please enter the Target Population(s) for the eligible Project and the number of Assisted Units serving the Target Population below (information on Target Populations can be found in NOFA Section 502).

Population served	Subpopulation* (<i>if needed, i.e. Seniors</i>)	Number of Assisted Units	Project Type (Interim or Perm)
Chronically Homeless			
Homeless			
At-risk of Homelessness			
Homeless Youth or Youth At-risk of Homelessness			
Manager's Unit			
Total Number of Assisted Units in Homekey Project:			

* If the Project shows a subpopulation, please note that Qualified Homekey Target Populations must be met in addition to this Target Population i.e., Seniors at-risk of homelessness, Chronically Homeless Veterans, etc.

2. Coordinated Entry Participation or similar referral system

NOFA Section 502 States:

“Referrals to Homekey Assisted Units shall be made through the local Coordinated Entry System (CES) or another comparable prioritization system based on greatest need. All referral protocols for Homekey Assisted Units must be developed in collaboration with the local CoC and implemented consistent with the requirements set forth in this NOFA. CoC collaboration in Project and Supportive Services design is also strongly encouraged to help target and serve greatest need populations. If referrals will be made using a prioritization system other than CES, the Applicant must describe the plan for tenant and participant selection, and it shall be reasonably detailed and comprehensive, as determined by the Department in its sole and absolute discretion.”

Please check whether the project will utilize CES:

- The Homekey project **will use CES** to for referrals into Homekey Assisted Units.

- The project has an alternate prioritization system and **will not use CES** (*Please attach or describe below the housing first compliant prioritization and referral method that will be utilized instead.*) Please also describe the planned efforts for CES use in the future and how the Project will coordinate with the CoC. Please mention which agency is responsible for managing this prioritization and referral method (e.g., Health and Human Services) and the official name of the prioritization tool.

3. Other CoC support to the Project

Other activities the CoC intends to support the Homekey Project with include:

- Trainings or presentations related to the Target Population for the local agency (lead applicant), development team, property management, and/or service providers.
- Provide Homekey Project information on the CoC's website
- Staffing support
- Operating subsidies or other funding (*Please explain below*)
- Other (*Please explain below*):

The Continuum of Care (CoC) has reviewed the information on this form and, to the extent possible, is committed to supporting the project. The request and information above have been reviewed and verified by the *following* representative of the CoC:

Signature

Name:

Title:

CoC Name