



**Siskiyou County Advisory Board Meeting**

**August 4, 2021**

**1:30pm – 3:00pm**

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

**1. Call to Order/Quorum Established/Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 1:36 by Duane Kegg, Chairperson. A quorum was established.

Present: Duane Kegg, Christina Brown, Cynthia Ward, Brittany Collier, Susan Cervelli, Paul McCoy, Maddelyn Bryan, Rachael Clem.

On Zoom: Trish Barbieri, Michelle O’Gorman, Robert Cowan, Nancy Ogren, Denise Patterson, Sarah Collard, Lori Keyser-Boswell, Erika Cavener, Jacqueline Nushi, Keith Anderson, Hollie Zander.

**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from July, Attachment A**

Cindy Ward motioned to approve the minutes from July 7, 2021. Duane Kegg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

There were no public comments.

**4. Updates**

**a. Coordinated Entry—Maddelyn Bryan**

Maddelyn Bryan shared that Siskiyou County has begun weekly Coordinated Entry meetings to review the By Name List with Lead Agency staff. The service providers currently attending include Behavioral Health, Social Services, and the Siskiyou Community Resource Collaborative. Case managers are working on applications to refer homeless clients to the housing voucher programs.

**b. Homeless Shelter/Urban Campsite—Duane Kegg**

Duane Kegg discussed recent progress and future steps for Yreka’s Urban Campsite project. With the help of community members, he and Paul McCoy hosted a cleanup day two weeks ago on the intended property. Duane said he hopes to have a draft soon of what the site will entail. He believes that approximately thirty small structures will fit on the location. He also described the amenities as including porta potties, picnic tables, a dog run, and two fire pits. Yreka will coordinate with Beacon of Hope for additional services. The next step, Duane said, is to remove six inches of dirt, which they have scheduled for September. Duane and Paul illuminated the challenges for the city of dealing with divergent perspectives of the homeless population, noting



that NIMBY issues often stifle projects. Duane and Paul also shared that the Urban Campsite is consuming their time and they will not be able to organize a summer PIT count this year.

On another note, Paul McCoy shared that the Beacon of Hope shelter requires \$175,000 for plumbing and electricity. Thus far, they have raised \$12,000. Paul said Beacon of Hope is accepting donations at PO Box 557 or through Michelle O’Gorman.

## **5. Discussion**

There were no comments.

## **7. New Business**

### **a. Approval of Brittany Collier as Advisory Board Member, Attachment B—All**

Dr. Collard motioned to approve Brittany Collier’s membership. Denise Patterson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **b. Coordinated Entry Presentation—Lead Agency**

Hollie Zander gave a PowerPoint Presentation on the Coordinated Entry Process by which homeless individuals and families connect to an access point, receive a VI-SPDAT assessment and ultimately receive the appropriate housing services. Dr. Collard thanked Hollie for the presentation. She remarked that while in the past we have relied on the PIT count, services are now more based on HMIS information and this is important to recognize. Hollie affirmed this point, emphasizing that all CoC grant programs have to use Coordinated Entry. She also shared that the Lead Agency is working on a quarterly report to send to all the counties.

Supervisor Ogren asked who is responsible for entering data in HMIS. Dr. Collard replied that it is currently in the process of expanding in Siskiyou County. Supervisor Ogren inquired if the police department was an access point. Dr. Collard suggested that, due to the sensitive nature of questions in the VI-SPDAT, it was not appropriate for law enforcement to administer, but coordination with them was important. Supervisor Ogren noted that law enforcement is very familiar with this population. Paul McCoy expressed misgivings at the idea of law enforcement being an access point. On his ride-alongs with law enforcement, he has found at least fifty percent of the homeless population mistrusts the police. Susan Cervelli informed members that coordination with law enforcement was already happening on an informal level. Duane shared that Yreka City is considering hiring a homelessness manager and hopes this will relieve the burden on their current code enforcement officer.

## **8. County Updates**

Dr. Collard stated that the Emergency Solutions Grant would go before the Board of Supervisors next week. This grant will provide for a new housing social worker. HHSA’s present challenge is that current social workers are tied to specific programs. She also communicated that HHSA continues work on the NPLH project and transferring funding to the developer. She expressed gratitude to the Board of Supervisors for their support.



Trish Barbieri shared that the county's unspent portion of the Housing Support Program (HSP) allocation can roll over to FY21/22. HHSa has not received notice yet on the new plan submitted for HSP.

Susan Cervelli said Social Services is currently housing a total of 108 persons across their programs.

#### **9. Discussion Items for Next Meeting**

There were no comments.

#### **10. Adjournment**

Duane Kegg adjourned the meeting at 2:55pm.

**Next Meeting**  
September 1, 2021  
1:30pm-3:00pm

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