



**Siskiyou County Advisory Board Meeting
December 1, 2021
1:30pm – 3:00pm
Red Oak Room, Behavioral Health, 2060 Campus Drive, Yreka**

Call to Order/Quorum

1. Established/Introductions

Duane Kegg, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:35pm. A quorum was established.

Present: Brittany Collier (Member), Duane Kegg (Member), Denise Patterson (Member), Sarah Springfield (Member), Cynthia Ward (Member), Maddelyn Bryan, Jon Patterson.

On Zoom: Sarah Collard (Member), Trish Barbieri (Member), Susan Cervelli, Seth Fortna-Hanson, Darlene Navarro, Aaren Gushwa.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from November, Attachment A

Denise Patterson motioned to approve the minutes from November 3, 2021. Cindy Ward seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Duane Kegg mentioned that he is seeking volunteers for the Point-in-Time Count. Interested parties can contact Duane. He still waiting on the final forms from the CoC. The night for the Point-In-Time Count will be January 25, 2022.

4. Updates

a. Executive Board Update—Sarah Collard

Dr. Collard said the Executive Board meeting focused on the Governance Charter. The Lead Agency received several comments from other counties. Executive Board Members discussed the possibility of appointing additional representation from people of color and those with lived experience. Dr. Collard asked Advisory Board Members to review the Governance Charter.

Dr. Collard added that Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) had received \$10,000 in Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) funding for operating subsidies. During the Executive Board meeting, Members approved HHS to move this funding to the eligible use of Permanent Supportive Housing.

b. Youth programs update—Brittany Collier/Sarah Springfield



Brittany Collier shared that the Office Education is conducting a survey with local schools regarding the impact of Covid on youth homelessness. She noted Mt. Shasta, Yreka, and Happy Camp have seen the biggest impact. Homeless youth were mostly identified through truancy. Brittany further shared the schools reported on the challenges of using one-time funding for youth homeless services.

Sarah Springfield communicated that Youth Empowerment Siskiyou is continuing case management services for homeless youth. Additionally, she is educating local cities on the Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) program. Sarah conveyed that Fort Jones, Montague, and Mt. Shasta City were interested in pooling funds. If successful, she said the purpose of the funding would be for a youth shelter. She expressed hope that the PLHA program would be on the next agenda for Yreka City. Duane revealed that Yreka was expecting to complete the hiring process for new staff who may be able to assist with grant management.

Seth Fortna-Hanson introduced himself as the new Community Outreach Coordinator for Public Health. He expressed a willingness to communicate with diverse partners on behalf of Advisory Board Members. Seth highlighted his involvement with the Dunsmuir Community Care Team and offered to share information with them. Since developing partnerships is a key part of his position, Seth welcomed Advisory Board Members to contact him.

c. Christmas baskets—Denise Patterson

Denise Patterson informed Members that she extended registration for Christmas food baskets through December 7. She added that there would be baskets specifically for the homeless population that will not involve any cooking. Duane inquired about the possibility of doing a food give-away for the PIT. Sarah Springfield offered her equipment for serving warm food outside. Denise said to let her know if anything is needed.

5. Discussion

a. Membership policies, Attachment B—Dr. Collard

Maddelyn Bryan referenced the attached membership policies. In particular, she highlighted the requirement for Members to notify the Chair or Secretary in advance of an absence. She further clarified that two or more unexcused absences could be cause for removal from the Board. Duane Kegg said he is trying to garner engagement from south county. Sarah Springfield suggested that every other meeting be in south county. Dr. Collard commented that the extra hour of driving time would be difficult for her to accommodate unless the meeting continues to be available via zoom. Duane Kegg noted the position of Vice Chair is vacant and asked to have that added to the next agenda.

b. Rogue Retreat tour—Dr. Collard/Supervisor Ogren



Since Supervisor Ogren was not present and Dr. Collard was experiencing technical difficulties, Dr. Collard requested to defer this item to a later time.

c. Brown Act Presentation, Attachment C—Maddelyn

Due to time-constraints, Maddelyn asked to postpone this item.

7. New Business

a. Action Item: Declaring 30 Day State of Emergency Pursuant to AB 361, Beginning December 9, 2021—All

Duane motioned to declare a 30-day state of emergency, beginning December 9. Denise seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Action Item: Approving meeting calendar for 2022—Maddelyn

Dr. Collard motioned to maintain the current schedule of meeting on the first Wednesday of every month. Duane seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Action Item: Maximum number of Voting Members—Maddelyn

Maddelyn shared that the CoC asked the Advisory Board to set limitations on the number of Advisory Board Members. She further observed that there were currently twelve appointed Voting Members and two vacancies (south county and the Karuk Tribe). Duane motioned to set a maximum of fourteen Voting Members. Denise seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Dr. Collard recommended the Board consider adding a faith-based representative. Aaren Gushwa expressed his willingness to represent church groups. Darlene Navarro offered to assist the Board in connecting with the Karuk Tribe. Maddelyn said she recently spoke with staff from the tribal housing authority who expressed interest in joining the Board.

d. Action Item: Approval of letter to absent Voting Members, Attachment D—Maddelyn

Maddelyn referred Members to the attached letter she drafted. The letter invited absent Members to resume attendance of the meetings, but also notified them that the Board would consider the removal of their membership at the next meeting due to quorum requirements. Discussion ensued about the need for engagement. Maddelyn emphasized that there were currently two Members who were chronically absent as they had attended only once or less in the last twelve months and failed to provide any notification of their absence. Dr. Collard motioned to approve the drafted letter and to send it to Chris Betts and Jennifer Reynolds due to their extended absence from meetings. Duane seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

e. Action Item: Appointing the Executive Board/Alternate Member for 2022—Dr. Collard



Dr. Collard pointed out that, as a new year approached, it would be appropriate for the Board to revisit representation on the Executive Board. Although she currently acts as the Executive Board Member with Trish Barbieri as an alternate, Dr. Collard welcomed Members to nominate others for the position. Duane motioned to continue Dr. Collard and Trish's appointments on the Executive Board. Denise seconded. The motion passed unanimously with the exception of Dr. Collard and Trish who abstained.

8. County Updates

Dr. Collard shared that the No Place Like Home project is almost ready to break ground.

Maddelyn communicated that there was currently a freeze on new intakes for the county's ESG emergency shelter program. She added that the county started a new rental assistance program with funding from the HHAP program. However, she noted that the funding was limited.

Susan Cervelli commented that Social Services has over 100 people currently in housing programs. She further shared they were bringing on a new part-time social worker. Susan reflected that ESG intakes demonstrated that the need in the community is even greater than expected.

Cindy Ward requested an update on Yreka's Urban Campground project and the Beacon of Hope Shelter. Duane responded that the city is waiting on the contractor. He said the Beacon of Hope group continues to do electrical work for the shelter while utilizing volunteers. Cindy inquired on the timeline for the Urban Campground. Duane replied that it might open in February 2022. Denise asked how many units they expected to have. Duane said there should be space for thirty spots in the Urban Camp and sixteen beds in the Beacon of Hope Shelter.

9. Discussion Items for Next Meeting

Duane said the PIT Count would need to be on the next agenda.

10. Adjournment

Duane motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3:00pm. Denise seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting
January 5, 2022
1:30pm-3:00pm

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