



**Siskiyou County Advisory Board Meeting
February 2, 2022
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 1:37pm. A quorum was established.

Present: Sarah Collard (Member), Denise Patterson (Member), Sarah Springfield (Member), Rachael Clem, Jon Patterson, Maddelyn Bryan.

On Zoom: Trish Barbieri (Member), Christina Brown (Member), Brittany Collier (Member), Nancy Ogren (Member), Jessica Skillen, Kristen Lackey, Michael Coley, Stacey Green, Ann Escobar, Sara Spence, Susan Cervelli, Darlene Navarro, Amanda Blessing.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from January, Attachment A

Denise Patterson motioned to approve the minutes from January 5, 2022. Trish Barbieri seconded. The motion passed unanimously with the exception of Sarah Springfield who abstained.

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

There were no public comments.

4. Updates

a. Executive Board update—Dr. Collard

Dr. Collard said the Executive Board primarily focused on the Point-In-Time (PIT) Count. She added that the Board continued the discussion regarding the Governance Charter and Shasta County's proposal for the funding allocation process. Changes to the Charter will be put to a vote in February. Dr. Collard also mentioned that HCD planned to monitor the Emergency Solutions Grant program since the grantees were underspending.

b. Urban Campsite/Beacon of Hope update—Duane Kegg

Members decided to postpone this item since Duane Kegg was not present.

5. Discussion

a. Reflection on PIT Count—All



Maddelyn Bryan shared that it was another challenging year with Covid-19. The materials were finalized late in the process and she struggled to find enough volunteers to do a comprehensive count. Sarah Springfield agreed that volunteers were slim this year. Discussion ensued about whether the PIT would continue to have the same impact on funding with in light of the state's new Homeless Data Integration System. Dr. Collard thought that funders would continue to use a combination of factors in determining a county's funding allocation, including PIT data.

The PIT street outreach team described their locations and experiences with conducting this year's count. They noted that gift cards were a useful incentive to encourage participation from individuals who were otherwise hesitant to complete the survey. Others noted that providing a hot meal was also helpful. Members of the PIT team shared that it was an emotional experience to witness people huddling together for warmth without even a sleeping bag. PIT volunteers concurred that individuals experiencing homelessness were more willing to share if they had a prior relationship with the interviewer. Maddelyn suggested scheduling the census night on a Sunday so that staff members at the county could have more time to assist with the survey.

Sarah Springfield found it was often not feasible to complete the Supplemental Questionnaire in addition to the official survey. Maddelyn agreed. Her volunteers found that people frequently lost patience by the time they finished the official survey and started on the Supplemental Questionnaire. Stacey Green countered that the Supplemental Questionnaire was very useful for conducting the count in Weed. It allowed him to establish rapport with the individuals experiencing homelessness.

Maddelyn asked if the volunteers had sufficient training. Sarah responded that it would be helpful to have training on how to destigmatize this kind of work. Stacey added that offering gift bags with toiletries helped to demonstrate goodwill and create positive attitudes. Nancy Ogren shared that she surveyed individuals during the lunch event by Behavioral Health. The individuals she surveyed impressed her with their respectfulness, patience, and kindness. She noted that the positive interaction spoke volumes for this community of people. Nancy greatly appreciated her time with these individuals.

6. New Business

a. Action Item: Declaring 30 Day State of Emergency Pursuant to AB 361, Beginning February 3, 2022—All

Sarah Springfield motioned to declare a 30-day state of emergency. Denise Patterson seconded. Motioned carried unanimously.

b. Action Item: Appointing Vice Chair—Duane Kegg

Members postponed this item since Duane Kegg was not present.

c. Action Item: Approval of new Voting Members—Duane Kegg

Members postponed this item since Duane Kegg was not present.



7. County Updates

a. HSP Community Letter, Attachment B—Trish Barbieri

Trish Barbieri referred the Board to her attached letter regarding the Housing Support Program (HSP). She announced that the county received approximately \$939,000 for this fiscal year plus about \$400,000 in carry-over funds from last year to continue HSP. HSP provides housing support services to CalWORKs recipient families. Trish said the letter described the eligibility criteria in more detail. Dr. Collard explained that Social Services has administered the program for several years. She commended the team on their amazing work to provide housing services for families despite Covid-19 and other challenges. Nancy inquired if the funding is specific to housing. Trish replied that the funding is for flexible uses as long as the costs are necessary for a customer to secure permanent housing. Rachael Clem asked if the program served youth. Dr. Collard shared that HHSA has several other small funds devoted specifically to youth services.

Dr. Collard stated that the county's loan agreement with the developer of the Siskiyou Crossroad project should close in March and the project should break ground shortly thereafter. Nancy informed her that issues of awareness were raised at the Yreka City Council meeting. Members of the community complained that the project was not sufficiently public. Yreka City Council would probably have asked an HHSA staff member to speak at an upcoming meeting. Nancy said she would appreciate it if HHSA could provide more education and community outreach for the project. Dr. Collard shared she is preparing a presentation for the council meeting and either she or Maddelyn would be happy to present at other community organizations as well.

Sarah Springfield disclosed that Yreka is preparing to apply for the Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) grant. In recent council meetings, the city had three potential projects for the funding, including a youth shelter, an all-age shelter, and Siskiyou Crossroads. Dr. Collard added that each incorporated city and the county have an annual allocation. The county applied for PLHA a few years ago to support the Siskiyou Crossroads supportive housing project. Last year, Maddelyn reached out to the jurisdictions to offer technical assistance in securing the PLHA funds. None of the cities had the capacity to pursue this grant. Dr. Collard said it sounds like Yreka is now stepping up to shoulder that administrative burden.

Sarah Springfield further shared that Yreka discussed taking responsibility for a warming shelter. The council is considering what temperature would officially trigger the need for a warming shelter.

Rachael asked if there were currently any plans to setup a large, tent-like covering for immediate shelter. Dr. Collard suggested that would be a better question for Michelle O'Gorman who was not present. Trish agreed that Michelle would probably have the best answer and referenced the Resource Center's Stuff the Truck program.

8. Discussion Items for Next Meeting



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9. Adjournment

Sarah Springfield motioned to adjourn. Denise seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting

March 2, 2022

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