



**Siskiyou County Advisory Board Meeting
February 24, 2020
1:30-3pm
Red Oak Room 2060 Campus Dr, Yreka**

1. Chair Duane Kegg called meeting to order at 1:32. Board members and participants introduced themselves.

Present: Trish Barbieri, Collette Bradley, Sarah Collard, Michelle O’Gorman, Kate O’Shea, Ed Pecis, Cathy Jourdan, Camy Rightmier, Sarah Springfield, Lael Kayfetz, Jon Michael Patterson, Denise Patterson, Mike Madden, Jeri Robertson, Connie and Paul McCoy, Catherine Gilbert, Willow Martindale, Karl Houtman, Cynthia Ward, LeeAnn Culbertson, Barbara Wagner

On Phone: Trisha Boss, Medea Henderson

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes – Ed Pecis made a motion with LeeAnn seconding to approve December minutes. Motion passed.

3. Public Comments (limited to 3 mins. per comment) - none

4. Updates – Sarah shared information about the Governor’s new proposal for \$750M in homelessness funding. The information that came out seemed to be different from what was originally proposed. The money should be for housing subsidies, and different housing models such as assisting families who have relatives living with them. The money will be coming to the counties through the CA Dept of Social Services.

Trish introduced Jeri Robertson, Program manager at Social Services. She is overseeing the housing program.

Camy gave another overview on the purpose of creating an Advisory Board and the membership requirements. Discussion about Brown Act requirements including the need for a quorum at each meeting and the commitment from members to attend. A list of previous participants was shared with everyone as well as a list from the Governance document that outlines the specific representatives who would ideally make up the Board. Camy shared that County Counsel was consulted to determine how to create an advisory board and what guidelines participants should use. Trish shared information about a draft membership policy and some discussion from the Executive Board meeting. Shasta county shared they would like a complete roster by June at the latest. Kate made a motion to approve the current list of applicants as Advisory Board members, with a second by Sarah. Motion passed. Camy will continue to add additional applications as they are submitted and they will be presented to the Board for vote in March.



1. **New Business** – Executive Board update: Trish Barbieri - handed out draft notes from 2/20/20 Exec meeting and spoke about the Advisory Board application and membership requirements. Included in her notes are links to videos pertaining to housing, coordinated entry and HMIS for members to watch. She talked about the Homeless, Housing Assistance Program (HHAP) funding methodology. She asked members to please read draft membership policy and provide feedback as well as application and the letter of support policy.

She shared the Executive Board had discussion about name change for the NorCal (Continuum of Care) CoC due to questions being raised as to what the purpose of the CoC is. Discussion ensued with member suggesting the name be changed to *Nor Cal Housing CoC*.

January 16th backup from Exec meeting was also distributed. Reminder that anyone working on Executive Board, Advisory Board chair, Vice Chair and secretary must track their hours since July 2019 and submit to Shasta County. Appropriate individuals will track time and bring it to the Board meetings for the Secretary to compile and forward to Shasta.

Executive Board is working on picking a date for 2021 PIT count and will notify Advisory Board when available. Shasta County CoC has free licenses for HMIS - contact CoC or Trish for more information. Approved templates for agendas and minutes have been shared with members and will be used going forward.

Next Exec meeting will discuss the formation of the 7 county CoC and how it came about. Exec board members asked for research to be done and report back. Some counties have joined together in smaller CoCs and are continuing discussions on the best way to move forward.

5. **Election of additional officers** – Chair Kegg shared there has been no change so no further discussion is warranted on this item.
6. **County Updates** – 2020 PIT Preliminary Count – Ed Pecis shared that the numbers are up from the last two years' count. Gave an overview of numbers recorded throughout the county total of 325 people contacted. Working on clarifying a couple boxes on the forms for final submittal to Shasta County. Sarah shared that generally, nationwide, the numbers are not going up, but in California they seem to be based on natural disasters and lack of housing options. Discussion continued to clarify the HUD definition of homelessness and how many individuals are not counted due to this. Sarah reminded members that the schools do a homeless count in October and Partnership Healthcare also does a count and may be able to capture some of the people not counted in January. Kate shared that Social Services, at one time, had 1100 people self-identified



as homeless, keeping in mind that different programs have different definition and some could have qualified for programs at the time of the PIT count.

Summer Survey of Homeless – Chair Kegg expressed his desire to have a summer count of the homeless population to better represent the total number that inundate the county during the summer months, specifically law enforcement, EMT and fire personnel that are affected by the increase. Discussion ensued about volunteers, cost of another count, designing a form to capture additional homeless. Duane said he plan to meet with the Mayor in Medford as they experience the same influx during summer months. He asked board members to bring back ideas of how the County could use this count, fund the activity and benefits of documenting the increase.

Duane also shared information about a new navigation team concept overseen by Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler. An article can be found at the following link:

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/wheeler/article/737409>

Homeless MDT Brochure – Ed Pecis passed out copies of the new trifold that outlines the Homeless MDT program. Camy explained to the group the purposed of the MDTs, that Ed facilitates the meetings and can be contacted for referrals and pointed out that the Coordinated Entry System specifically references the use of the MDTs to help coordinate and refer homeless individuals to program and resources in the County. She will provide copes to the Public Defender for distribution and encouraged other organizations to share with their partners.

7. **Discussion Items for Next Meeting** – voting on additional members, ideas regarding a summer homeless count
8. **Adjournment** - 3:18

Next Meeting
March 23, 2020
1:30