



Siskiyou County Advisory Board Special Meeting

January 19, 2022

3:45pm – 4:45pm

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 3:56pm. A quorum was established.

Present: Trish Barbieri (Member), Christina Brown (Member), Dr. Collard (Member), Duane Kegg (Member), Nancy Ogren (Member), Denise Patterson (Member), Sarah Springfield (Member), Paul McCoy, Aaren Patterson, Susan Adams, Jon Patterson, Seth Fortna-Hanson, Rachael Clem, Maddelyn Bryan.

On Zoom: Brittany Collier (Member), Stacey Green, Amanda Blessing, Mike Coley, Sara Spence.

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

There were no public comments.

3. Updates

a. Executive Board Update—Sarah Collard

Dr. Collard communicated that the Point-In-Time (PIT) Count was the Executive Board's focus at the last meeting. There was an action item to delay the count until February. However, the vote was split so the PIT Count would continue on the original date.

b. PIT Committee Update—Duane Kegg

Duane Kegg shared a draft of the 2022 PIT survey. He noted that the Executive Board would approve the final draft the next day.

4. Discussion

a. PIT Logistics—All

Duane informed members and participants that PIT volunteers could meet him in the Community Center at 9am on January 26. Duane and Denise Patterson discussed the possibility of providing lunch bags for individuals experiencing homelessness while conducting the count. Members suggested setting up a food service on the street corner by Behavioral Health. Duane said he planned to send volunteers in pairs. He provided tips on best practices for engaging with this population and completing the survey. Maddelyn Bryan asked about



Duane's plan for capturing this population in south county. Duane replied that he was working with Glen Harvey, a longtime PIT volunteer, to arrange for the count in the Mt. Shasta area.

5. New Business

a. Action Item: PIT Supplemental Questions--All

Maddelyn Bryan reminded the Board that Public Health requested the addition of a few questions on the homeless population's perspective of the Covid-19 vaccine. No one had any concerns with including these questions. Trish Barbieri shared a draft of questions related to service needs and whether the individuals were interested in learning more about particular services. One of the services listed was assistance in securing a state ID. Brittany Collier inquired if there was an age limit to the ID program at HHSA. Trish said she would have to be in her office to verify that but did not believe so. Rachael Clem shared that Youth Empowerment Siskiyou could assist homeless youth to secure an ID.

Sarah Spence asked how to have the Karuk Housing Authority's programs included in the shelter count. Maddelyn described the process that Social Services uses for the PIT count and offered her support to reach out to their housing customers.

Sarah Springfield enquired how the additional questions would interact with the PIT survey. Trish clarified that it would be a separate, supplemental questionnaire. Sarah suggested adding language to allow this information to be shared between services providers. Duane recommended the creation of a referral form for future PIT Counts. Trish proposed that the form include a question about whether an individual would like to be contacted for a specific service. Duane approved of this idea. Supervisor Ogren explained that the PIT Count is an advocacy and outreach opportunity—to let people know how providers can help. She added that it would be wonderful if there was funding for transportation to help connect people with services. Nancy suggested adding a question about whether a household would accept a ride to services if available. Brittany requested that the form include the Office of Education in the resource list.

Dr. Collard motioned to approve all of the suggested supplemental questions. Duane seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

6. County Updates

Duane communicated that he is working with the CoC to develop an "observation tool." HUD allows for a certain percentage of the count to be based on an observation of someone's homelessness if conducting a survey is not possible. Duane said he would send the details to Maddelyn for forwarding to the Board.

7. Discussion Items for Next Meeting

8. Adjournment



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Duane motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:13pm. Nancy seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting
February 2, 2022
1:30pm-3:00pm