



Siskiyou County Advisory Board Meeting

**July 7, 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 1:30pm by Duane Kegg, Chairperson. A quorum was established.

Present: Trish Barbieri, Christina Brown, Maddelyn Bryan, Susan Cervelli, Sarah Collard, Paul McCoy, Duane Kegg, Britany Collier.

On Zoom: Michelle O’Gorman, Nancy Ogren, Lori Keyser-Boswell, Jacqueline Nushi, Hollie Zander.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from May, Attachment A

Dr. Collard requested that the word “standby” be changed to “stand down” and motioned to approve the May 5, 2021 meeting minutes with the correction. Duane Kegg seconded the motion. It passed unanimously with the exception of Supervisor Ogren 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 provided an update on the Executive Board’s discussion of the state’s new Homeless Data Integration System and the importance of entering information into HMIS. HMIS data can help secure funding opportunities and ensure those resources target gaps in the service system. Dr. Collard noted that Paul Tunison from the Lead Agency did a training in Siskiyou County on implementing the Coordinated Entry System (CES). She also related that the Executive Board awarded the remaining Emergency Solutions Grant funds.

Trish Barbieri inquired whether Shasta County was entering CalWORKs data into HMIS. Hollie Zander with the Lead Agency confirmed that Shasta County does. The reason, she stated, is that CalWORKs usually does not provide sustainable housing. Trish asked if this was also the case for CalFresh recipients. Hollie replied that it depended on the recipient’s specific housing situation.



Dr. Collard shared that Health and Human Services Agency is working internally on developing a housing unit. Duane Kegg supported this idea.

Paul McCoy communicated that Yreka City is expecting to receive 1.4 million from the American Rescue Plan Act. Duane Kegg noted that the city hopes to expend a portion of these funds on homeless services.

b. HMIS update, Attachment B—Maddelyn Bryan

Maddelyn Bryan affirmed Dr. Collard's statements on the importance of HMIS data for funding opportunities and targeting resources to the appropriate system gaps. She added that HMIS data can also help service providers analyze the outcomes and impact of their programs. Maddelyn further elaborated on the benefits of expanding HMIS in Siskiyou County which included, increased candidates for CoC, state, and federal funding, greater equity in resident's access to services, and better collaboration between service providers. She strongly encouraged Siskiyou County service providers to consider utilizing HMIS and offered to further discuss the matter with any interested Advisory Board members or participants. Trish Barbieri added that HMIS and CES could allow Siskiyou County residents to access services in other NorCal CoC counties should they wish to relocate.

Dr. Collard described the process by which a vulnerable resident would enter a designated access point, be assessed with the Vulnerability Index (VI-SPDAT score), and entered into HMIS/CES. Duane Kegg asked if there would be an access point in Mt. Shasta. Dr. Collard responded with her ideas for using the south county Behavioral Health clinic or the Family Resource Centers. Michelle O'Gorman expressed approval for the idea of expanding access points to additional FRC locations.

Trish Barbieri inquired whether an in-person HMIS training for Siskiyou County would be possible. Hollie Zander replied that the Lead Agency could arrange this.

Duane Kegg asked county staff when the new apartments would be completed on Foothill Drive. Dr. Collard said the development should be finished within a year from next May.

c. Yreka Urban Campsite—Duane Kegg

Duane Kegg shared that Yreka City will have to remove several inches of soil from the site, delaying the establishment of the Urban Campsite project. Duane communicated the intended features of the camp which may include a fenced-off dog run, temporary electricity, fire pits, concrete benches, and separate living areas. Yreka City is collaborating with Hope Village in Medford to learn about similar projects. Duane said the city plans to have a work party later this month to clear the property. They hope to enlist individuals with lived experience of homelessness to help with the clearing. Duane further shared the city's challenges to locate a temporary site for the Urban Campsite. The Council dismissed the proposed sites due to a combination of water and fire concerns. Duane said they are now considering the old mill property. He expressed concern that Yreka's continued discussion of service plans may lead to



an increase in homeless tents. Paul McCoy noted that it is difficult to find a location the community supports. He explained that the issue of homelessness is here in neighborhoods, not far away in the hills. Trish Barbieri asked if the Urban Campsite would have any disqualifying issues for eligibility. Paul replied that his main preference was not to allow drugs at the location. He also conveyed interest in establishing a curfew for individuals with exceptions made for employed persons. Duane said his goal is to restore parks and public spaces for the community. Trish said her niece works on a campsite in Portland for the homeless. She remarked that the camp was self-governed and offered to provide her niece's contact information in case Yreka City would like to learn about this project.

5. Discussion

7. New Business

a. Partners Program II Presentation—Hollie Zander

Hollie Zander gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Lead Agency's new Partners II Program. The purpose of this program is to address the physical, economic and social needs required to promote and increase self-sufficiency for those who are chronically homeless and have a disabling condition. It is open to all seven counties of the Nor-Cal COC. Eligible individuals must be chronically homeless and have a disabling condition. They must not have a drug-tracking conviction within the last five years nor a sex offence from any timeframe. The voucher assists with both housing and supportive service costs.

Trish asked for a definition of "chronically homeless." Hollie responded that it was based on a combination of length and frequency of homelessness. Maddelyn Bryan questioned whether the program used the HUD definition. Hollie replied in the affirmative. Dr. Collard sought clarification as to whether the referral process merely entailed entering clients into Coordinated Entry. Hollie confirmed this. Trish queried whether there was any preference for individuals impacted by the fires. Hollie clarified that the regular housing voucher program does give priority to emergency displacements. However, the Partners II Program does not. It is based on the VI-SPDAT score in the CES prioritization list. Maddelyn asked Hollie to email the slides for distribution to the Advisory Board and thanked her for the presentation. the

8. County Updates

Duane Kegg asked county staff about the trailer shelters. Trish Barbieri confirmed that the county still uses the trailers to provide medical respite and shelter to homeless individuals. Duane inquired if there as any new interest from additional trailer parks. Trish stated she received no new interest in the project.

Maddelyn Bryan updated members on the progress of the county's Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Round 2 grant. She shared that the Board of Supervisors approved



the grant, which will provide rental assistance to homeless individuals and those at-risk. Now the county is just waiting for a check from the granting agency.

Trish Barbieri mentioned that Siskiyou County expects increased funding this fiscal year for the CalWORKs Housing Support Program.

Trish enquired whether Beacon of Hope had discussed using HMIS. Michelle O’Gorman said they have considered it. She further shared that plumbing is the next step for the shelter. They hope to provide temporary occupancy for this upcoming winter.

Trish entreated members to refer COVID-positive, homeless individuals to HHSA. The county’s programs can still provide shelter to this population.

9. Discussion Items for Next Meeting

10. Adjournment

Duane Kegg adjourned the meeting at 2:56pm.

Next Meeting
August 4, 2021
1:30pm-3:00pm

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