



Siskiyou County Advisory Board Meeting

March 1, 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 1:36PM by Duane Kegg, Chairman. A quorum was established.

Present: Dr. Collard, Duane Kegg, Cynthia Ward, Susan Cervelli, Maddelyn Bryan.

On Zoom: Colette Bradley, Jacqueline Nushi, Supervisor Nancy Ogren, Trish Barbieri, Stacey Green, Trisha Boss, Michelle O’Gorman, Sarah Springfield, Denise Patterson, Caedy Minoletti.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from January and February—Attachments A and B

Members decided that February minutes did not need to be approved since a quorum had not been established and it was not an official meeting. Colette Bradley motioned to approve the minutes from January 11, 2021. Dr. Collard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

There were no public comments.

4. Updates

a. Voting membership for the Karuk Tribe—Darlene Navarro

Darlene Navarro was not present to provide an update from the Karuk Tribe. Dr. Collard updated the Board on her communication with Pat Hobbes who the tribe would like to appoint to the Advisory Board if they are offered a voting membership. Dr. Collard motioned to expand the number of voting members to include the Karuk Tribe. Sarah Springfield seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Representation from Fairchild Hospital—Maddelyn Bryan

Maddelyn Bryan informed members that Christina Brown will be unable to represent Fairchild Hospital if meetings are on Mondays. Depending on the schedule they approve for 2021, members may have to request a replacement for Christina.

Dr. Collard suggested the Board revisit the membership roster to ensure active participation. She further recommended that organizations identify alternate members. Duane Kegg agreed.



c. MDT Planning—Dr. Collard

Dr. Collard said HHSA would like to continue the Multidisciplinary Team with county staff. Duane Kegg inquired as to the details of this approach. Dr. Collard noted that Maddelyn Bryan would oversee the process with social workers providing direct services. Colette Bradley supported this idea as it would allow for a better transportation process. Cindy Ward also supported it and motioned to approve the decision. Colette seconded. Members unanimously approved.

5. Discussion

a. Summer Point-in-Time Count—Duane Kegg

Duane Kegg proposed it would be useful to be able to state the difference between the summer and winter numbers of individuals experiencing homelessness. Although this year is different because of the exemption from the winter unsheltered count, he thought it could still help link more people to services. It could be similar to the Del Norte Shelter In Place project depending on the COVID-19 situation. Duane anticipated that Siskiyou County may be in a lower tier soon. Duane asked the Board for feedback on this idea. He expects that it will be easier to do given the progress on the City of Yreka's Urban Campsite project. Yreka should be able to confirm the location by next week. Next they will begin building Pallet-style structures which should be ready by summer.

Dr. Collard acknowledged that having more data is always useful, especially considering grant applications. However, county agencies cannot provide services to transient individuals who are not residents of Siskiyou County. Furthermore, the Board of Supervisors has concerns about people staying in order to receive services. Duane observed that as it would be an unofficial PIT count, the Advisory Board could tailor the questions to their own purposes. For example, they could ask about how long people have lived in Siskiyou County. He expects the new Urban Campsite project will assist in accessing the homeless population. Dr. Collard noted that the county can only provide housing services to people on county MediCal or other services. Thus, the usefulness of a summer PIT count would depend on the goal of the data. Duane explained that the goal is bringing awareness to the impact of the summer months—hospital use, fire hazards, police calls. He does not expect it to help this year but maybe overtime.

Supervisor Ogren requested that Duane provide additional details about the Urban Campsite project, including the size, boundaries and number of people it will serve. Duane shared that the city is aggressively pursuing this project. They plan to institute proper boundaries, monitoring the environment to ensure safety. Supervisor Ogren said she hoped there will be a process in place to help people find a sense of purpose and stability. She expressed excitement on learning about this project. She believes that housing can help with self-esteem and recommends offering activities for customers to give back to the community. Duane responded that the City of Yreka is adding the Urban Campsite program to the budget. They are in communication with service providers in other cities such as Medford to learn about how to do these services. Duane expressed hope that other nearby cities will be inspired by Yreka's project.



b. Racial Equity Framework—Dr. Collard

Dr. Collard highlighted the importance of ensuring racial equity in access to housing services, suggesting it be a standing item for the Advisory Board. From her recent experience with the HHAP grant applications, she assured members that racial equity is a major focus right now. There was little data available in Siskiyou County, but it did show that homelessness disproportionately impacts people of color, especially Native Americans. Having tribal membership on the Board will help to address this. Nevertheless, Dr. Collard urged members to consider the need for better data collection. She also asked others to brainstorm additional ideas for outreach to communities of color.

c. COVID-19 Vaccination rollout for individuals experiencing homelessness, Attachments C and D—Dr. Collard and Maddelyn Bryan

Maddelyn Bryan shared that the state as well as the US Department of Housing and Urban Development are asking local governments to start planning vaccine rollout for individuals experiencing homelessness. Local governments are expected to prioritize this population since they are often in a confluence of vulnerabilities. Maddelyn attended a webinar hosted by the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC). She drew the Board's attention to a document from HCFC with information and recommendations for this process. Dr. Collard added that she and Maddelyn met with Public Health to start the planning process. As an initial outreach and awareness measure, Maddelyn created a flyer with information on where eligible homeless individuals can receive the vaccine. Jacqueline Nushi offered to help spread the information through United Way. Other service providers also offered to disseminate the flyer. Duane Kegg motioned to approve the flyer. Cindy Ward seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

d. Collecting new survey from people experiencing homelessness, Attachment E—Dr. Collard

Dr. Collard articulated the need to involve input directly from individuals experiencing homelessness. To this end, she would like to conduct informational surveys through the Public Health van and any other community outreach pathways. Dr. Collard requested that members take a look at the attached survey and provide feedback in the next meeting. Duane suggested adding "natural disaster" as an option under the question: "What is the primary reason for your homelessness?" Cindy Ward expressed approval of the survey questions.

e. Housing is Key Rental Assistance Program—Dr. Collard

Dr. Collard informed the Board that the state's new rental assistance program will be available soon and requested other members assist with making the public aware of this service.

7. New Business



a. 2021 Calendar—Dr. Collard

Members suggested and agreed upon a new schedule with meetings on the first Wednesday of the month.

b. Approval of 2021 HMIS Governance Document, Attachment F—Maddelyn Bryan

Maddelyn Bryan said the Lead Agency made a few small changes to the document (in red) after reviewing it with HUD. Dr. Collard motioned to approve the new version. Denise Patterson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

c. Approving Supervisor Ogren’s Membership on the Advisory Board

Dr. Collard motioned to approve Supervisor Ogren’s membership. Duane Kegg seconded. The Board unanimously approved. Supervisory Ogren thanked the Board for the opportunity to join.

d. Appointing new Executive Board Member and Alternate Executive Board Member—Dr. Collard

Dr. Collard reminded the Board that Camy Rightmier and Jeri Robertson are no longer on the Executive Board and Siskiyou County needs to appoint replacements. She explained that from HHSA’s perspective it makes sense to have herself and Trish Barbieri as the Member/Alternate, but wanted to ask the Board if that was acceptable. Michelle O’Gorman moved to appoint Dr. Collard and Trish Barbieri to the Executive Board. Duane Kegg seconded. The motion passed unanimously with the exception of Dr. Collard who abstained. Duane expressed gratitude to Dr. Collard and Trish Barbieri for accepting this responsibility.

e. Appointing new HMIS Committee Representative—Dr. Collard

Dr. Collard nominated Maddelyn Bryan to represent Siskiyou County on the HMIS Committee. Cindy Ward moved to appoint Maddelyn Bryan. Dr. Collard seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

f. MHSA Community Plan—Dr. Collard

Dr. Collard asked to postpone this discussion to the next meeting.

g. Presentations/Guest Speakers for 2021—Dr. Collard

Dr. Collard queried whether members thought it would be beneficial to invite guest speakers on various housing-related topics. The Board expressed enthusiasm for this idea.

h. California’s Rental Assistance “Local Partner Network” Attachment G—Maddelyn Bryan



Maddelyn Bryan apprised the Board about a new opportunity for local nonprofits and government entities to partner with the state on the upcoming rental assistance program. She referred members to the last agenda attachment for more information and welcomed anyone to contact her for support.

8. County Updates

Trish Barbieri said HHS is continuing to use the Whole Person Care grant to maintain Project Roomkey services. Additionally, she and Susan Cervelli are currently designing a rental assistance program for CalWORKs families. They are expecting a high demand for this service when the eviction moratorium ends. Trish expressed excitement for this program which they hope to launch next month.

Duane Kegg asked if HHS had reached out to anymore trailer parks. Trish replied that she contacted all of them for Project Roomkey. HHS has received no new interest from other trailer parks. Duane noted that Cove Mobile can be challenging for customers due to its distance from stores, etc. Trish explained that the County can provide transportation services.

Dr. Collard updated members on the NPLH project application. Small counties were undersubscribed for the NPLH funds which is promising.

9. Discussion Items for Next Meeting

- The summer PIT count as a voting item
- MHS Community Plan
- Membership and alternate members for the Advisory Board
- Feedback on survey to distribute among the homeless.

10. Adjournment

Duane Kegg, adjourned the meeting at 2:54.

Next Meeting
April 7, 2021
1:30pm-3:00pm

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