



**Siskiyou County Advisory Board Meeting
May 4, 2022
1:30pm – 3:00pm
Red Oak Room, Behavioral Health, 2060 Campus Drive, Yreka**

1. Call to Order/ Quorum Established/Introductions

Present: Dr. Collard (member), Duane Kegg (member), Sasha Hight, Erika Cavener, Mark Gilman (member), Michelle O’Gorman (member), Paul McCoy, Jason Ledbetter, Nancy Ogren (member), Christina Brown (member), Cal Conklin, Denise Patterson (member), Trish Barbieri (member), Tara Ames, Susan Cervelli, Robert Cowan (alternate member), Maddelyn Bryan.

On Zoom: Sarah Springfield (member), Emily Tuholski.

Duane Kegg, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:40pm. A quorum was established.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from April (Attachment A)

Dr. Collard motioned to approve the minutes from April 6, 2022. Supervisor Ogren seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Maddelyn Bryan reminded the Board of the deadline to apply for the ESG Annual NOFA.

Duane shared that the 2022 PIT numbers are available and he will discuss them at the next meeting.

Paul McCoy congratulated the county on the groundbreaking of Siskiyou Crossroads and thanked Dr. Collard and Supervisor Ogren for working with the Yreka City Manager to establish a new partnership on housing services.

4. Updates

a. Executive Board Update—Dr. Collard

Dr. Collard stated that the Executive Board focused on the HHAP-3 funding to be utilized across the CoC. The Executive Board approved the Lead Agency’s proposed uses as discussed in the last Advisory Board meeting with the exception of a new staff position. The Executive Board requested more information on what the position would involve.

Dr. Collard announced that there are changes in the membership on the Executive Board. Two representatives from other counties resigned and Dr. Collard was appointed as President of the Board.



b. HMIS/CES Committee Update—Maddelyn Bryan

Maddelyn noted that the HMIS/CES Committee appointed Shannon Goodwin to conduct the annual HMIS Security Audit. She explained that this will entail a site visit later this month for all HMIS users' workstations.

5. Discussion

a. Stipend for Member with Lived Experience of Homelessness—Dr. Collard

Dr. Collard raised the question of how to develop a stipend program for an Advisory Board member with lived experience of homelessness. She anticipated that Behavioral Health would be able to provide funding for that position and sought approval from the Board on developing a policy to bring back for review. She explained that Behavioral Health already has several committees that require that kind input so the department has a long history of developing these positions. Tara Ames mentioned that a participant of the Revive program may be willing to serve in this role on the Advisory Board.

b. Local Homeless Action Plan for HHAP-3—All

Dr. Collard invited members to provide feedback on the drafted Local Homeless Action Plan for the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention, Round 3 grant. She highlighted that each goal included a sub-goal for achieving greater racial equity across the homelessness response system. Tara indicated this plan could be added to the Cultural Competency Committee. Supervisor Ogren asked if the plan contained county-specific responsibilities. Dr. Collard clarified that the plan applied to the entire CoC and the goals were not particular to the counties.

Maddelyn offered feedback that, since Cal ICH will use HMIS data to measure these goals, it will be difficult to assess the extent to which indigenous populations are served by the system. She noted that the Karuk Tribe does not utilize HMIS but is currently one of the largest shelter providers.

Michelle O'Gorman stressed that the plan needs to address capacity issues. Organizations require paid staff in order to make HMIS function across all programs. Duane concurred, noting that the Rogue Retreat in Medford had learned that having paid staffed, as opposed to volunteers, had a significant impact.

Maddelyn communicated that the Board also needed to submit a budget to the Lead Agency for the application. She explained that members' decision would apply to Siskiyou County's portion of the CoC allocation. Jason Ledbetter replied that his priority for funding would be shelter services. Mark Gilman agreed that shelter is the greatest need. Duane suggested that outreach was likewise an urgent need. Maddelyn reminded the Board of the youth set-aside requirement for HHAP funds. At least ten percent of the grant must target unaccompanied youth. Sarah Springfield said that Youth Empowerment Siskiyou would be interested in applying for the youth funds for a shelter. Maddelyn reiterated that the ten percent requirement was only a minimum



requirement. There was no limit on reserving additional funding for youth. Dr. Collard added that there is enough funding at the moment for all projects. It is a question of deciding which sources are most appropriate for each. She conveyed that the county does not have capacity to meet the service needs of this population. Hence, HHSA is trying to attract a new provider to the area with experience in homeless services. Michelle inquired as to what amount YES would need to complete the youth shelter. Sarah Springfield responded that only showers and furnishings remained to finish the conversion. She shared that the greater funding gap would be for staffing the shelter. Based on all the feedback, Dr. Collard motioned to allocate the funding equally between staffing/operating costs and street outreach. Duane seconded. Members unanimously approved the motion.

c. Critical Infrastructure Ordinance—Duane Kegg

Duane shared that he is working on an ordinance to enhance the safety of Yreka by preventing encampments in areas with higher fire and flood risk. Robert Cowan inquired about the status of the urban campground project. Duane admitted that the project is stalled for the moment.

6. New Business

a. Yreka Police Department Presentation—Mark Gilman

Mark revealed that his department is making efforts to develop a good relationship with the population experiencing homelessness. Law enforcement is working on cleaning up parks. YPD has asked individuals to voluntarily comply with requests and most do. One person even volunteered to help clear brush. Occasionally YPD has to move a vehicle. They are also seeing fires of a concerning size.

7. County Updates

a. Siskiyou Crossroads (Attachment B)—Dr. Collard

Dr. Collard expressed gratitude for the community's support and thanked those who attended the groundbreaking ceremony.

Tara announced that she submitted an application on behalf of Behavioral Health for a prop 47 grant from the Board of State and Community Corrections. She shared about her background and experience working with a homeless shelter in Chico. In this application, she requested 2.2 million for the purpose of creating a low-barrier shelter. The funding has a target population of individuals with a mental health or substance use disorder. The Board expressed enthusiasm for this potential project and thanked Tara for her efforts.

8. Discussion Items for Next Meeting

Duane said he would like to discuss the results of the 2022 PIT count at the next meeting.

9. Adjournment



Duane motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3:15pm. Trish seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting

June 1, 2022

1:30pm-3:00pm

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