



**Siskiyou County Advisory Board Meeting
May 5, 2021
1:30pm –3:00pm
Health and Human Services, Lavender Room
818 S. Main Street, Yreka, CA**

1. Call to Order/ Quorum Established/Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 1:40pm by Duane Kegg, Chairman.

Present: Maddelyn Bryan, Trish Barbieri, Christina Brown, Colette Bradley, Dr. Collard, Duane Kegg, Susan Cervelli.

On Zoom: Denise Patterson, Cindy Ward, Lori Keyser-Boswell, Robert Cowan.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from April, Attachment A

Colette Bradley motioned to approve the minutes from April 7, 2021. Trish Barbieri seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Maddelyn Bryan reminded members that she is supposed to have their Membership Applications on file. She requested that each member send theirs if they have not already submitted it.

4. Updates

- a. Executive Board update, attachment B: memo on responsibilities of Chair and Co-Chair, PIT count discussion, committee alternates—Dr. Collard and Trish Barbieri**

Dr. Collard shared the topics covered at a recent Executive Board meeting, including the responsibilities of the Chair, future Point-in-Time Counts, the Governance Charter and the Strategic Plan. Trish Barbieri attended a special meeting of the Executive Board on April 27. Trish said the Executive Committee received two suggested PIT count dates from the PIT Committee, January 25, 2022 and August 15, 2022. She explained that the Lead Agency would only provide support for a PIT Count if all seven counties participated. Duane Kegg added that the PIT Committee considered doing a summer count during the non HUD-required years, depending on the COVID situation. He mentioned another county that conducted a summer count. Trish asked how that county benefited from the summer count. She also noted that small counties struggle to do the annual count.

Trish also shared that the Executive Board is requesting alternate representation for the HMIS and PIT Committees. Members discussed the idea of having Tara Ames as the alternate



member for the HMIS Committee. Dr. Collard motioned to approve this appointment. Colette seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

b. HMIS Committee update, attachment C—Maddelyn Bryan

Maddelyn Bryan communicated that the Lead Agency hired a new staff member named Paul Tunison to assist with implementing Coordinated Entry. Paul gave a presentation to the HMIS Committee on CEP. Maddelyn referred members to the slides attached to the agenda.

c. PIT Committee update—Duane Kegg

Duane Kegg stated that he and Paul started to plan the survey for a summer PIT count. He proceeded to handout out the original PIT survey from January, 2021. Duane read through and discussed each question with the Board. Trish recommended expanding to include the question: “What brought you to this county?” Duane thought most of the following questions were beneficial, including asking for initials so as to avoid duplicate surveys. Duane was uncertain whether the demographic information was pertinent to the City of Yreka’s purposes. Dr. Collard noted that age, gender, and race were important pieces of information. Duane responded that essentially, he needed to know what members wished to exclude or add to the survey. He indicated he would email the survey to the Board. Duane continued to read the remaining questions, asking whether the duration of homelessness was a necessary question. Dr. Collard replied that certain funding is tied to chronically homeless individuals.

Duane explained that the summer PIT count could benefit the City of Yreka as they prepare to set up the Urban Campsite. It could help connect people to needed services. Dr. Collard reminded Duane that the survey would be anonymous and could only provide a general idea of the services needed. Duane clarified that this year would just help the City of Yreka for future reference. For example, it would help them to budget money for the Urban Campsite. Duane shared they are planning to build Pallet-like structures next door to the site of the Beacon of Hope shelter with whom they are partnering. Dr. Collard expressed concern that a summer PIT count might result in linking transient individuals with county services. The county would then become financially responsible for their care. The services are intended to be devoted to residents. She recommended that the City of Yreka also consider this impact on their services. Duane said he wants input from the Board about how to make the summer PIT count more feasible. Members discussed Dr. Collard’s point in light of the recent US Supreme Court decision in *Martin v. Boise* in which the court ruled that homeless persons cannot be punished for sleeping on public property unless there is an adequate alternative. Trish queried whether Yreka has considered utilizing HMIS. She suggested that it may open up funding opportunities for the city. Dr. Collard added that the county was awarded a certain amount of ESG funding specifically for HMIS and could assist the city to procure a license. Trish remarked that Duane’s description of the summer PIT reminded her of a Stand Down. She encouraged Duane to offer some on-site services to make it worth respondents’ time.

5. Discussion



a. Public awareness on housing issues and services—Dr. Collard

Dr. Collard related that she received calls about concerns related to the NPLH project. She and Maddelyn have discussed the need for a public awareness and education campaign. Dr. Collard requested input from other members. Duane expressed approval. Dr. Collard offered to bring a rough draft to a future meeting. Maddelyn emphasized the importance of clarity on the exact audience and whether the Board is trying to reassure the public that efforts to address homelessness are in motion or to education them on evidenced-based solutions that are currently misunderstood. Duane recommended the campaign be conducted in phases. Dr. Collard noted that different material would be required for different venues. Duane suggested the materials be simple, with information released little-by-little. Trish Barbieri highlighted the importance of maintaining a human connection/story. She noted that people who just see “tents” need to know there is a real person involved. She contended that homelessness is not a new problem in Siskiyou County but it became more visible.

7. New Business

a. Approval of Governance Charter changes, attachment D—All

Dr. Collard noted that the changes to the Governance Charter mostly involved “clean up” language. Duane motioned to approve the changes. Colette seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Aligning Siskiyou County Advisory Board Strategic Plan with CoC Strategic Plan, attachment E—Dr. Collard

Dr. Collard shared that the Executive Board extended the NorCal CoC Strategic Plan to 2023. She recommended the Advisory Board likewise extend their Strategic Plan. Trish Barbieri motioned to align the Advisory Board Strategic Plan with that of the CoC. Duane seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

8. County Updates

Dr. Collard shared that the county was awarded HHAP and ESG grants. She has opened up a discussion with the County Administrator about creating a new housing department. Dr. Collard said that Angela Davis supports hiring more housing staff.

Trish Barbieri communicated that Lori Keyser-Boswell, the Housing Support Social Worker, wished to share her business card with the Board.

Colette Bradley shared that her organization will soon have a replacement for her representation on the Board.

9. Discussion Items for Next Meeting

Members did not have any items for the next meeting. Duane Kegg directed members to email Maddelyn Bryan if they later thought of agenda items.



10. Adjournment

Duane Kegg adjourned the meeting at 2:42pm.

Next Meeting

June 2, 2021

1:30pm-3:00pm

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