



**Siskiyou County Advisory Board Meeting
November 3, 2021
1:30pm – 3:00pm
Red Oak Room, Behavioral Health, 2060 Campus Drive, Yreka**

Call to Order/Quorum

1. Call to Order/Quorum Established/Introductions

Duane Kegg, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:35pm.

Present: Brittany Collier (Member), Sarah Springfield (Member), Duane Kegg (Member), Dr. Collard (Member), Christina Brown (Member), Seth Fortna-Hanson, Paul McCoy, Rachael Clem, Maddelyn Bryan.

On Zoom: Denise Patterson (Member), Trish Barbieri (Member), Michelle O’Gorman (Member), Darlene Navarro, Susan Cervelli, Lori Keyser-Boswell, Jacqueline Nushi

2. Action Item: Declaring 30 Day State of Emergency Pursuant to AB 361, Beginning November 3, 2021—All

Voting members and public participants discussed and assessed the need for a continued state of emergency in Siskiyou County. Duane Kegg motioned to approve a declaration of a 30-day State of Emergency, beginning November 3, 2021. Sarah Springfield seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from September, Attachment A

Dr. Collard motioned to approve the minutes from October 6, 2021. Denise Patterson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Michelle O’Gorman shared that Beacon of Hope will not open this winter at the recommendation of Fairchild hospital. Michelle said that Fairchild suggested an outdoor, aired lifestyle was better for the homeless than being in a crowded room during the COVID-19 pandemic. Michelle further noted that the Beacon of Hope shelter received a \$100,000 grant from the Karuk Tribe.

Michelle also shared that the meal program would start on November 8. Different church groups would manage each meal.



Lori Keyser-Boswell added that her church would be hosting their usual Thanksgiving meal this year.

Rachael Clem asked what services would be available to provide shelter from the weather this season. Duane responded that he is working on the Urban Campsite project. However, it will not be ready in time. He welcomed ideas from other Members or participants. Maddelyn Bryan noted that Health and Human Services is providing emergency shelter to a limited number of individuals. However, they do not have the capacity to meet the entire community need. As a solution, Rachael suggested the purchase of canopies to protect against the weather.

Michelle noted that her organization operates a program, to which people can donate, that serves various needs. Last year the Resource Centers got tarps, can-openers, and various essential items to pass out to vulnerable persons. She further shared that a local pastor, Aaren Gushwa, had called for a gathering of community leaders and concerned citizens to discuss service solutions, ideas, and collaboration. He named the group the Community Solutions Coalition. Denise exclaimed that this related to her agenda item at the last meeting. People are unaware of the Board's efforts or projects to address homelessness. Duane requested that Michelle send out information for the meeting. Michelle promised to do so.

5. Updates

a. Executive Board Update—Sarah Collard

Dr. Collard said that last month's Executive Board meeting involved discussion about the phone app used for the PIT Count. Redding funded the app last year. This year, there was a request for counties to contribute towards the cost. However, the Executive Board had concerns about the late notice of such a request. Dr. Collard added that the Executive Board received feedback on the Governance Charter from Shasta and Plumas Counties. There is a need for clarification of roles. Additionally, Dr. Collard shared that they discussed the HHAP-3 joint application and the upcoming strategic plan that the grant requires.

b. PIT Committee Update—Duane Kegg

Duane explained that HUD had still not released guidelines for the 2022 PIT Count. The PIT Committee also discussed the mobile app for counting. Additionally, Duane said he and the PIT Committee are looking into doing a summer count. Dr. Collard reminded him that the Lead Agency would not provide support for a count that is outside of HUD's requirements so he would need to have a plan for that.

c. HMIS Committee Update—Maddelyn Bryan



Maddelyn shared that the HMIS Committee requested guidance from the Lead Agency regarding the possibility of doing the HMIS/CES process other than through in-person formats.

d. Urban Campsite Project—Duane Kegg

Duane explained that the lead traces in the ground of the proposed site are small but still need to be removed. This was approved by the City Council. They decided on a contractor for removing the dirt. Duane said he created a layout design, but hopes that the engineers will improve it. The space would allow for up to thirty camp spots. The Council has decided not to have fire pits after all due to the concerns about effecting the air quality sensors close by. The biggest challenge for this project is providing onsite management. Yreka City is looking into grants for a Housing Coordinator position.

6. Discussion

a. Home Safe Notice of Funding, Attachment B—Maddelyn Bryan

Maddelyn shared that the county is eligible to accept a noncompetitive allocation from the Home Safe program through the California Department of Social Services. Social Services is still deliberating on whether or not to accept the allocation. The program would provide housing services to customers of Adult Protective Services. The program would also require Social Services to partner with the broader homelessness response system and CoC. This requirement includes: notifying partners of the amount allocated to Siskiyou County, the amount accepted, the eligibility requirements of the program, and the collaboration requirements. Maddelyn requested that members consider this discussion as notice of the collaboration requirements. She further shared that Siskiyou County's allocation totaled \$250,000.

7. New Business

a. Action Item: Designating 2022 PIT Coordinator—Duane Kegg

Duane volunteered to fill this position since he has in recent years. Dr. Collard motioned to appoint Duane as the 2022 PIT Coordinator. Christina seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Action Item: Designating PIT Committee Alternate—Duane Kegg

The Board expressed uncertainty as to whether they had already, officially appointed Maddelyn as an alternate for the PIT Committee. Duane asked if she would be willing to fill that position. Dr. Collard motioned to appoint Maddelyn to the PIT Committee if she was not already the alternate. Duane seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. County Updates



County staff shared that there was a Request for Applications for a new Encampment Resolution grant. Maddelyn suggested that it might be the perfect grant for Yreka's Urban Campsite project.

Maddelyn reminded the Board that HHSA would take a resolution to the Board of Supervisors on November 9, asking them to recognizing November 13-21 as Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. She invited members and participants to attend and show their support.

9. Discussion Items for Next Meeting

Maddelyn suggested that more information about the Brown Act requirements would be helpful for the Board. She offered to arrange for this at the next meeting if time allowed.

10. Adjournment

Duane adjourned the meeting at 2:49pm.

Next Meeting
December 1, 2021
1:30pm-3:00pm

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