



**Siskiyou County Advisory Board Meeting**  
**October 6, 2021**  
**1:30pm – 3:00pm**  
**Lavender Room, 818 S Main St, Yreka**

**1. Call to Order/Quorum Established/Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 1:32pm by Duane Kegg, Chairperson.

Present: Patricia Barbieri, Maddelyn Bryan, Sarah Collard, Brittany Collier, Duane Kegg, Sarah Springfield, Cynthia Ward, Christina Brown, Michelle O’Gorman.

On Zoom: Nancy Ogren, Denise Patterson, Stacey Green, Lori Keyser-Boswell, Rachel Clem, James Roach, Jacqueline Nushi, Susan Cervelli.

**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from September, Attachment A**

Dr. Collard motioned to approve the minutes from September 1, 2021. Cindy Ward seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Supervisor Ogren shared that she attended a recent Yreka City Council meeting. She queried whether the city had considered using bark for the Urban Campsite project. Duane Kegg confirmed they had thought of this option.

Supervisor Ogren also informed Duane that the Agricultural Commissioner had concerns about the location of the project which is close to the air quality sensor for the entire county. His concern relates to the project’s proposed fire pits.

**4. Updates**

**a. Executive Board Update—Sarah Collard**

Dr. Collard noted that the 2020 ESG Non-Competitive grant was undersubscribed. Hence the Executive Board did not need to establish a rating and ranking committee. They approved Plumas Crisis Intervention and Resource Center for the full amount of 2020 ESG Non-Competitive Rapid Rehousing funding (\$126,231). Additionally, they approved Shasta Community Health Center and Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency to apply for the 2021 ESG Competitive grant.

**5. Discussion**

**a. Youth Homelessness in Siskiyou County—Brittany Collier**



Brittany Collier presented on the topic of school-aged, homeless youth. In addition to providing national, regional, and county level data, Brittany explained the negative impact that housing instability has on education. She noted that the pandemic and distance learning have made it difficult for schools to identify homeless youth and provide support. At the end of the presentation, members inquired about services through the Office of Education (SCOE). Brittany responded that SCOE can assist with almost any expense if it relates to the youth's education or ability to receive a quality education. However, they do not pay for hotel vouchers as it involves liability issues. Members thanked Brittany for the presentation.

**b. Youth Empowerment Siskiyou Homeless Services—Sarah Springfield**

Sarah Springfield presented on the new homeless youth program offered at Youth Empowerment Siskiyou (YES). YES started the program at the request of SCOE and particularly focuses on unaccompanied youth with referrals from foster care or CASA. The program follows a Housing First, trauma-informed, and youth-led approach. Services include case management, landlord negotiations, and internships for youth through the ages of 24 years old. As a future goal, YES intends to convert their current building into a transitional shelter and drop-in center for youth experiencing homelessness. Duane Kegg asked if the internship program collaborated with businesses. Sarah shared that the program should in the future but is only weeks old. Members expressed gratitude for the presentation.

**c. Public Questions about Homeless Interventions—Denise Patterson**

Denise Patterson inquired whether there was a member of the clergy on the Board. Members confirmed there was no representation of the clergy. Denise expressed frustration that a local church recently claimed nothing is being done to address homelessness in Siskiyou County. She suggested that information on the Board's activities needs to reach the public and asked members to communicate with churches. Duane Kegg shared that he will communicate with local churches in anticipation of the next Point-In-Time Count. Members also discussed Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, which is the week prior to Thanksgiving. Staff from Health and Human Services Agency plan to present a resolution on the topic to the Board of Supervisors at the November 9 meeting. They welcomed members to attend and show support for homeless services.

**d. Temporary Housing Resources for Winter—Cindy Ward**

Cindy Ward asked for an exact count of beds that will be available this winter for the homeless population. Duane Kegg replied that the Urban Campsite would definitely not be available before December. Yreka City is trying to decide on dirt removal versus concrete flooring. Michelle O'Gorman noted there is no new movement on the Beacon of Hope shelter. She will notify members immediately when it is open. Dr. Collard informed Cindy that Social Services has some non-program funding to provide temporary shelter over the winter months. She added that Maddelyn would give a presentation specifically for how Behavioral Health staff can access the program for their clients.



**7. New Business**

**a. Approval of Applying Jointly with the CoC for the Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention, Round 3 Grant—Maddelyn Bryan**

Maddelyn Bryan shared that the HHAP program has released round 3 grant allocation amounts for each county and Continuum of Care. The Lead Agency proposes to submit one joint application for the CoC and all seven counties within the jurisdiction. Duane Kegg asked if this would increase paperwork for the county. Dr. Collard said it would not. Trish Barbieri queried who the lead applicant would be. Maddelyn responded that the Lead Agency would act as the Administrative Entity for the grant. Duane motioned to approve a joint application with the CoC. Dr. Collard seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**8. County Updates**

**a. Emergency Solutions Grant, Emergency Shelter Program—Maddelyn Bryan**

Maddelyn Bryan announced that Social Services has received funding from the Emergency Solutions Grant program to provide emergency shelter services until approximately June 30, 2022, or until funding is expended. They intend to serve the general homeless population with this program, specifically those who do not meet the criteria for other programs. Duane asked if the program is up and running. Dr. Collard responded affirmatively, but noted that the agency still needs to hire a case manager in order to run the program properly.

**9. Discussion Items for Next Meeting**

Duane Kegg said he would like to provide an update on the PIT Count and the Urban Campsite project at the next meeting.

**10. Adjournment**

Duane Kegg adjourned the meeting at 3:18pm.

**Next Meeting**  
November 3, 2021  
1:30pm-3:00pm

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