



**Siskiyou County Advisory Board Meeting  
June 7, 2023  
1:30pm – 3:00pm  
Social Services, 818 South Main Street, Yreka CA**

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

Duane Kegg, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:33pm. A quorum was established.

**Present:** Members Michael Aiuto, Michelle O’Gorman, Nancy Ogren, Trish Barbieri, Denise Patterson, Mark Gilman, Brittany Collier, Christina Brown, Sarah Collard, Duane Kegg, and Sarah Springfield. Participants Emily Tuholski, Sasha Hights, Jessica Skillen, Jason Ledbetter, Barbra Risling, Paul McCoy, Susan Cervelli, and Paul Johnson. Staff person Maddelyn Bryan.

**On Zoom:** Member Sara Spence. Participant Lisa O’Connell.

**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from May (Attachments A and B)**

Nancy Ogren motioned to approve the minutes. Dr. Collard seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motioned passed unanimously.

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

Sasha Hight announced that HHSA had awarded the contract to operate Project Basecamp to Northern Valley Catholic Social Services and they have already received several donations from the community.

**4. Updates**

**a. Update on meetings with individuals experiencing homelessness—Dr. Collard**

Dr. Collard noted that there is good attendance at the meetings. HHSA is limiting the meetings to just the target population and invited guests. Last time, the fire chief came to discuss fire safety in encampments. The unhoused population also asked about work opportunities, particularly for community hours. Access to water, both for fire prevention and drinking, is an ongoing conversation. Mike Aiuto posited the importance of working on image and cleaning up trash as a priority. Trish Barbieri noted that Social Services is hoping to reestablish certain work programs that were paused due to the Covid pandemic. Dr. Collard added that Tara was at the last meeting to seek input on services for the shelter. Jason Ledbetter asked if the shelter’s opening date was clearer now. Dr. Collard responded that it should be open by fall.



**b. PIT Update—Duane Kegg**

Duane explained that there were not any updates since the last PIT Committee meeting had to be cancelled due to a Brown Act error.

**c. Public engagement—Duane Kegg**

Duane shared about his housing presentation at a recent City Council meeting. He said that a few individuals engaged. His content included a review of the PIT count, Rogue Retreat, relevant laws, the YPD Homeless Liaison project, and the City's Homekey project. He mentioned that there was significant interest in the Crossroad's project, the critical infrastructure ordinance, and cutting fire lines.

Maddelyn directed members to review a public engagement plan created by the County's Public Information Officer. Maddelyn promised to email the plan out to members after the meeting so they could review it more thoroughly.

**5. Discussion**

**a. Trash Cleanup—Mike Aiuto**

Mike suggested the designation of specific places in the encampment for collective trash. He proposed camouflaging the trash to avoid past issues of misuse by the boarder public. He expressed discomfort with the idea of incentivizing people to pick up their own trash. He recommended having a set schedule for the pickup time. He remarked on his feelings of surprise by the new levels of engagement from encampment residents. Denise Patterson queried what donations would be most useful for them. Mike answered that they would welcome blankets.

**6. New Business**

**a. Discussion and Possible Action: CES Participation/CoC Coordination Form for Homekey Project (Attachment C)—RCHDC/City of Yreka**

Jason stated that the City's Homekey project has a willing seller and developer. On June 20, the City Council will vote on a resolution to allow the City to apply for Homekey. He communicated that the County is working on a service plan for the project. Duane motioned to approve the attachment. Dr. Collard seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**7. County Updates**

Denise informed members that the Yreka Food Bank would move to its new location on June 23.



**8. Discussion Items for Next Meeting**

Duane requested the following agenda items: public engagement, update on Homekey, update on Beacon of Hope.

**9. Adjournment**

Dr. Collard motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3:00pm. Denise seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

**Next Meeting**

July 5, 2023

1:30pm-3:00pm

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