



**Siskiyou County Advisory Board Meeting
August 2, 2023
1:30pm – 3:00pm
Red Oak Room, Behavioral Health, 2060 Campus Drive, Yreka**

1. Call to Order/Quorum Established/Introductions

Duane Kegg, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:37pm. A quorum was established.

Present: Members Dr. Collard, Trish Barbieri, Denise Patterson, Duane Kegg, Mark Gilman, Nancy Ogren, Christina Brown, Michael Aiuto, and Michelle O’Gorman. Staff/public attendees Alexandra Tadros, Jessica Skillen, Paul McCoy, Jason Ledbetter, Ryan Horvath, Ed Harris, Marie Caldwell, Ali Kutzer, Dawnmarie Autrey, Lorenzo Love, Cal Conklin, Amy Diamantine, Sasha Hight, and Maddelyn Bryan

Zoom: Member Sara Spence. Public attendees Wendy Longwell, Lisa O’Connell, and Jessica Watkins.

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

Board members will review and approve minutes from July 5, 2023.

Dr. Collard motioned to approve the minutes. Denise Patterson seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Ed Harris, Chairman of the Behavioral Health Board, expressed his intention to become involved in the CoC because of community concerns. He observed approvingly that the Advisory Board membership was significantly multidisciplinary. Ed said he planned to host a town hall meeting on different topics of concern to the community.

Cal Conklin provided updates on the Tailgaters. The paster of church will no longer organize the program. Continuation of the program and new leadership are in question. The current volunteer leadership is resigning.

Marie Caldwell from Siskiyou Works shared that she received information a month ago regarding Reno Works, an employment training program for individuals experiencing homelessness. She is exploring whether this type of program is feasible in Siskiyou County. Reno Works was a partnership between a nonprofit and the City of Reno to develop a job skills program involving housing and stable employment. Marie noted that she met with HHSA staff to review the idea. She explained that Siskiyou Works is a collective impact organization that



builds multiorganizational teams, using partnership to provide funding, staffing, etc. Duane Kegg directed Maddelyn Bryan to add this topic to the next agenda.

Dawnmarie Autry disclosed a success story of the homeless response system. Her relative was able to exit homelessness into permanent housing through linkage to Youth Empowerment Siskiyou and the County. The individual is doing well and now addressing other challenges in their life.

Jason Ledbetter related that the City of Yreka's attempt to purchase a motel for Permanent Supportive Housing was unsuccessful as the motel owner wanted double the appraisal value. It was not possible or responsible to accept this price. The city is recalibrating and exploring the Tribal Homekey with the Karuk Tribe.

4. Committee Updates

a. Executive Board update—Dr. Collard

Dr. Collard share that the Executive Board voted to delegate HMIS administration to United Way and to designate the City of Redding as the Collaborative Applicant. They redirected additional HHAP-3 funds to these entities for the specified purposes. Dr. Collard stated that she would have Maddelyn email a list of CoC duties out to the Advisory Board.

Dr. Collard articulated that the Executive Board had also discussed whether to do the unsheltered PIT count this coming January since it is not required in even years. Duane expressed concerns about losing the momentum and processes developed for the last PIT count. Alexandra Tadros suggested that it would be good to do a check in with the unsheltered population, especially in the winter. Dr. Collard explained that no organization within the NorCal CoC wanted to take responsibility for compiling and submitting the data to HUD. Trish noted that there is a substantial amount of admin that must happen behind the scenes for the PIT Count. Mark Gilman queried if it was worth the effort to conduct the unsheltered count. Duane requested to put this topic on the next agenda.

5. New Business

a. The Bridge Newsletter (Attachment B)—Maddelyn Bryan

Maddelyn encouraged attendees to read the first edition of The Bridge, a monthly newsletter written by individuals experiencing homelessness.

b. Presentation from Riverside Christian Teen Challenge—Ryan Horvath

Ryan Horvath presented on the Riverside Christian Teen Challenge (RCTC), a nonprofit residential recovery program. He explained that his organization provides outreach,



transportation, counseling, and group support. RCTC plans to open a sober living home in Siskiyou County in June of 2024. The home will be open to men aged 18 years and older.

c. HHS Housing Resource page—Maddelyn

Maddelyn announced that she created a new Housing Resources webpage on the Siskiyou County website.

d. Resource Fair—Duane Kegg

Duane expressed interest in doing a resource fair similar to the event organized for the PIT Count. He asked for volunteers to assist with planning it and requested that Maddelyn set up a meeting with those involved.

6. Old Business

a. Discussion and Possible Action: Public Engagement Materials—Ali Kutzer

Ali Kutzer presented the social media materials that she had prepared. Members of the public commented on the importance of increasing public engagement and communication. Discussion ensued about possible media outlets. Michelle O’Gorman motioned to approve the materials. Densie Patterson seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

7. County Updates

a. Project Basecamp—Amy Diamantine

Amy Diamantine introduced herself as the Mental Health Services Director with Northern Valley Catholic Social Services (NVCSS). The County contracted with NVCSS to operate the new Project Basecamp shelter. Amy and her staff anticipate attending most of the meetings relating to homelessness. They will also hold meetings for local businesses and community members to learn about the project. Currently, NVCSS is working on securing a General Contractor to manage necessary building modifications.

b. Siskiyou Crossroads (Attachment C)—Maddelyn Bryan

Maddelyn provided updates on Siskiyou Crossroads. There are two kinds of units—units for individuals experiencing homelessness and units for low-income households. The application is currently open for the low-income units. Applications can be submitted to the owner/manager, Rural Communities Housing Development Corporation. The application is *not* open yet for the units reserved for individuals experiencing homelessness. Those tenants will be selected through the Coordinated Entry process.

c. Other partner updates—All



Jessica Skillen provided information about a new Public Health program to provide health, testing, and hygiene items to clients through a vending machine.

8. Discussion Items for Next Meeting

Duane Kegg—updates on HHS projects
Jessica—resource fair
Collard—PIT
Marie Caldwell—update on employment project
Ali—public engagement

9. Adjournment

Dr. Collard motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3:12pm. Mark Gilman seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting
September 6, 2023
1:30pm-3:00pm

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