

# Siskiyou County Advisory Board Meeting April 3, 2024 1:30pm – 3:00pm Red Oak Room, Behavioral Health, 2060 Campus Drive, Yreka

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

Duane Kegg, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:38 PM. A quorum was established.

Present: Members Duane Kegg, Michael Aiuto, Christina Brown, Brittany Collier, Denise Patterson, Nancy Ogren, Mark Gilman, Alternate Members Maddelyn Bryan, Steve Bryan, Susan Cervelli, Barbra Risling

Staff/participants/public attendees: Luther Findley, Jessica Skillen, Holly Schmitz, Alexandra Agron, Dawnmarie Autry, Lorenzo Love, Jason Ledbetter, Bob Mason, Melissa Willice, Tara Kilcollins, Eddie Everage, Jaz Johnson, Rico Gutierrez, Karen Kempley, Pastor Brown

Zoom: Member Sara Spence, Participant Alan Barreca

# 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from March (Attachment A)

Susan Cervelli motioned to approve the minutes from March 6, 2024, as presented. Denise Patterson seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

Lorenzo Love stated that the Advisory Board meeting information is difficult to find on the County of Siskiyou website. He requested that the website and meeting information be easier to find.

Jason Ledbetter reported that Danco may be able to begin construction on a grant-funded housing project in Yreka.

#### **Advisory Board Members:**

**Duane Kegg, Chair** City of Yreka

Michael Aiuto
Homeless Advocate

Trish Barbieri Social Services Division

Christina Brown Fairchild Medical Center

Rachael Clem United Way

**Brittany Collier** Siskiyou Co. Office of Ed

Sarah Collard, Ph.D.

Health and Human Services Agency

Mark Gilman Yreka Police Department

Michelle O'Gorman Community Resource Collaborative

Nancy Ogren Siskiyou Co. Board of Supervisors

Denise Patterson

Yreka Food Bank

**Sara Spence**Karuk Tribal Housing Authority

Sarah Springfield Youth Empowerment Siskiyou

Mike Aiuto shared his thoughts on local homeless housing projects. He believes there are a lot of great projects in progress and that the Board is taking meaningful steps in the right direction.



#### 4. Committee Updates

a. Executive Board Update - Dr. Collard

Maddelyn Bryan, Dr. Collard's alternate, mentioned that the Executive Board Committee discussed Partners II and noted the program is underutilized. They also discussed the updated Governance Charter, the transition in Lead Agency, and HHAP- 4. Jaz Johnson asked how the funds from Partners II can be utilized. Maddelyn Bryan responded that applicants are selected for this program through Coordinated Entry.

#### b. HMIS/CES Committee – Maddelyn Bryan

Maddelyn Bryan noted that there has been a long pause in HMIS Committee meetings since transitioning to United Way as the new HMIS Administrator. Recent approval of new policies and procedures by the HMIS Committee was highlighted. Additionally, Maddelyn Bryan recognized that the switch to United Way will necessitate substantial cleanup efforts. Tara Kilcollins asked what type of cleanup United Way is doing. Maddelyn Bryan stated that United Way is focused on getting MOUs in place and is still discovering what needs to be updated.

#### 5. New Business

a. Action Item; Approval of new membership item (Attachment B) – Maddelyn Bryan

Maddelyn Bryan introduced Barbra Risling's membership application. This application, if approved, appoints Barbra Risling as a voting member of the Advisory Board and appoints a new alternate, Erika Alvarez.

Sara Spence motioned to approve the membership application. Steve Bryan seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

#### b. Partners 2 RFP (Attachment C) - Dr. Collard

Maddelyn Bryan shared that Shasta County released a Request for Proposal (RFP) to run Partners II, a CoC-wide program, and hopes to receive an application. Discussion ensued about the responsibilities for this role and where to find them, the possibility of not receiving any applications, and the reason Shasta County is not willing to run this program. Maddelyn Bryan finished this discussion by inviting questions from attendees and offering to take these questions back to Dr. Collard.

#### 6. Old Business

a. Discussion and possible action: HHAP 4 budget (Attachment D) – Dr.
 Collard

Duane Kegg asked if the HHAP-4 budget has been approved. Maddelyn Bryan stated that all counties in the CoC delegated the funds to the NorCal CoC. The City of Redding is working on a budget amendment and the Executive Board approved a joint CoC project. There is over



\$650,000 available, with CoC and County funds combined, and we need to decide how to allocate this funding. We can fund shelter, rapid rehousing, prevention, system support or street outreach. Maddelyn Bryan recommended against using the funds for development because there are not enough funds for this type of project. Discussion ensued about where to allocate the funding. Steve Bryan motioned to approve allocating the ten percent youth set aside to systems support, forty-five percent to rapid rehousing and forty-five percent to homelessness prevention. Mark Gilman seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 7. Member Updates

#### a. Basecamp updates - County staff/NVCSS staff

Tara Kilcollins shared that Basecamp received their permit today from the City of Yreka, but they could not pay for it because they do not have a credit card accepted by the City. NVCSS will find a way to pay for it this week. Then, the contractor will submit bids for the remaining work, including expanding plumbing and piping and adding additional showers and toilets. After a question from Dawnmarie Autry about why the City is charging Basecamp for the permit, Tara Kilcollins clarified that it is in Basecamp's grant-funded budget to pay for the permit and NVCSS's inability to pay for the permit today is a small logistical hurdle, not a financial issue.

Tara Kilcollins reported that CalFresh will pay for raised garden beds at Basecamp. Basecamp is also planning to purchase some chickens and a worm compost. This will be a nice place for people experiencing homelessness to spend time and it will help give people purpose. Discussion ensued about the location of the resource fair that will be held once Basecamp opens.

#### 8. Discussion Items for Next Meeting

Duane Kegg requested an update on Basecamp.

Mark Gilman requested an update from Maddelyn Bryan on the Pallet shelter project.

Christina Brown requested an update on Beacon of Hope from Michelle O'Gorman/Steve Bryan.

#### 9. Adjournment

Duane Kegg motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:51 PM. Mark Gilman seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting May 1, 2024 1:30pm-3:00pm



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