

Lassen County Advisory Board Meeting

February 6, 2025

12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

1445 Paul Bunyan Road, Aspen Room
Susanville, CA 96130

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Quorum Established.**
- 3. Regular Meeting Agenda Approval**
- 4. Approval of Meeting Minutes**
 - a. Approve January 2, 2025 Minutes (Attachment 1)
- 5. Public Comments (limited to three minutes per comment)**

Members of the public will have the opportunity to address the Board on any issue within the jurisdiction of the Board. Speakers will be limited to three minutes.
- 6. Presentation:** Narcan (Lassen County Public Health)
- 7. Presentation:** Section 8 (Plumas County Community Development Commission)
- 8. Correspondence Received**
 - a. Governor's Budget Summary 25/26 – Housing and Homelessness (Attachment 2)
- 9. New Business/Action Items**
 - a. Officer Position: Chair (Action Item)
 - b. CalAIM Grant Opportunity (Discussion)
- 10. Youth Action Board Updates**

Advisory Board Members

Krystal Dalton, Chair

Lassen County Housing and Grants

Rebecca Peconom, Vice-Chair

City of Susanville

Brett Lindsey

Lassen Family Services

Carla McDonald

Salvation Army

Cheri Farrell

Crossroads Ministries

Cody Evans

Lassen Community College

Tina Kennemore

Lassen County Adult Services

Tiffany Armstrong

Lassen County Behavioral Health

Vacant Voting Member

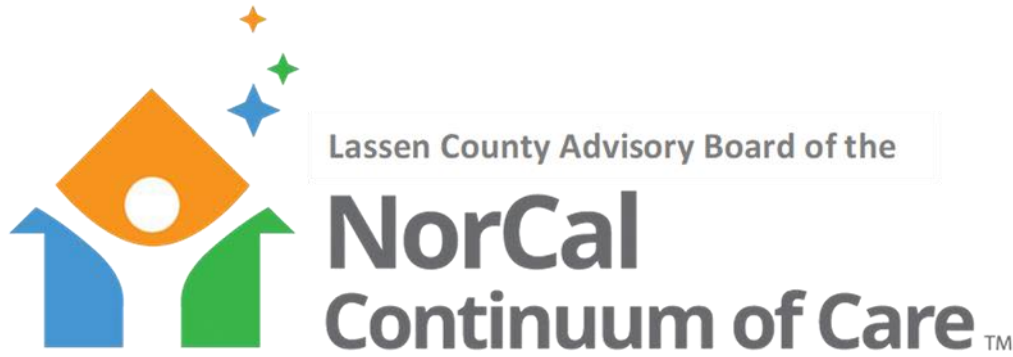
(Youth Action Board)

Vacant Voting Member

(Lived Experience)

Grace Poor, Secretary

(Non-Voting Member)



11. HMIS/CES Committee Updates

12. PIT Committee Updates

13. Executive Board Updates

14. General Updates

15. Discussion Items for Next Meeting

16. Adjournment

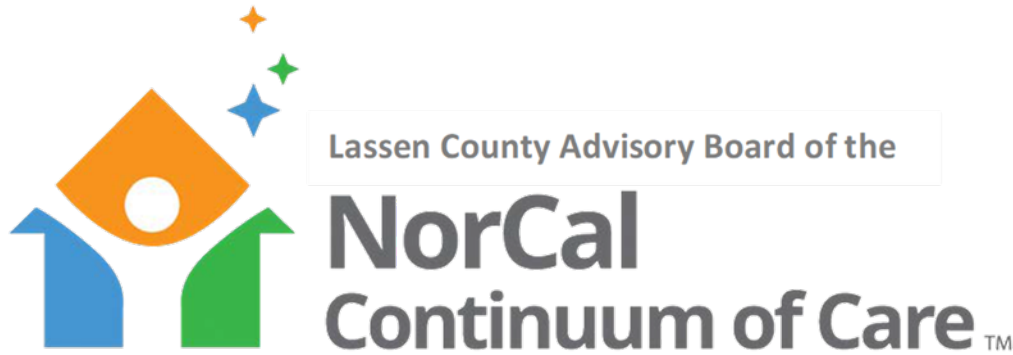
Next Meeting

Thursday, March 6, 2025

12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:13 PM by Krystal Dalton.

2. Quorum Established.

Quorum was established.

Voting Members Present:

Krystal Dalton, Rebecca Peconom, Brett Lindsey, Cheri Farrell, and Tiffany Armstrong

Non-Voting Members Present:

Madeline Koller, Percy Tejada, Maureen Curley, Rosario Medina, Layne Jones, Nicole Lamica, Anna Townsend, Grace Poor.

3. Regular Meeting Agenda Approval

Cheri Farrell made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Tiffany Armstrong. Roll call vote was taken: all approved, none opposed.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

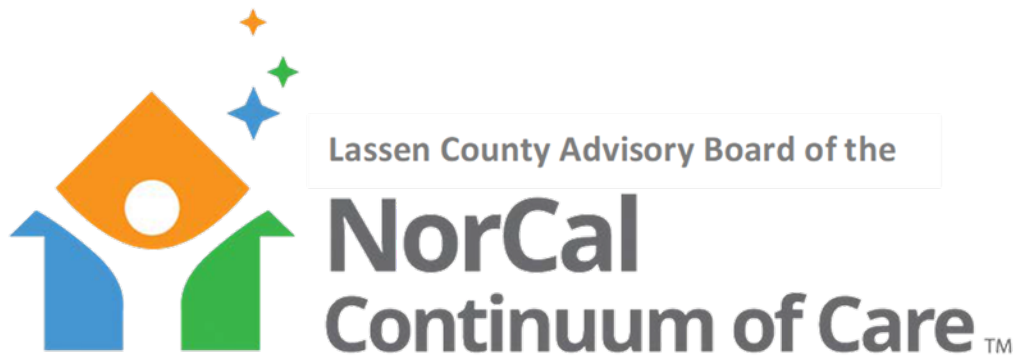
Krystal Dalton presented the minutes from the December 5, 2024 meeting. Tiffany Armstrong made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Cheri Farrell. Roll call vote was taken: all approved, none opposed.

5. Public Comments (limited to three minutes per comment)

There were no public comments.

6. Correspondence Received

There was no correspondence received.



7. Presentation: ADU Housing

Madeline Koller presented on Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU). The presentation included information on the SPHERE Handbook which was developed by the American Red Cross and the Humboldt ADU Initiative.

Presentation: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xqz_mEQdTzw

SPHERE Handbook: <https://www.spherestandards.org/handbook/>

Humboldt ADU Initiative: <https://humboldt.gov/3479/Accessory-Dwelling-Units>

8. New Business/Action Items

a. Officer Position: Chair

Krystal Dalton announced that she had been the Advisory Board chair for two (2) years and that the Governance Charter required a new appointment or a re-appointment of the chair position. Krystal asked that interested voting members email Grace Poor and a that vote would be taken at the February meeting.

b. Governance Charter Update: Alternate Voting Members

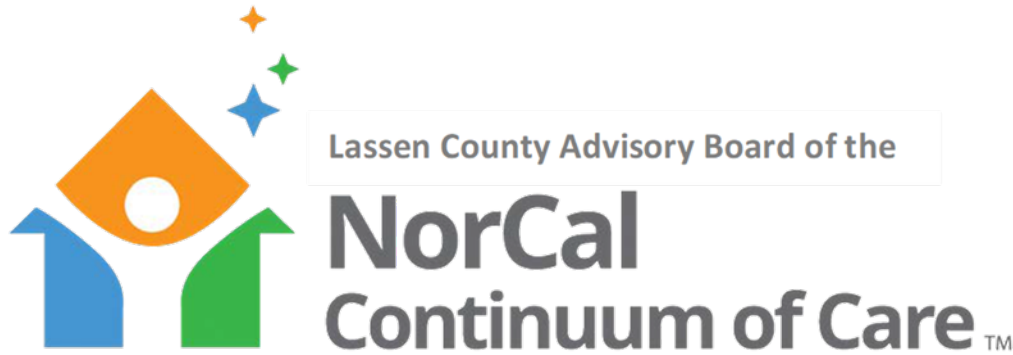
Krystal Dalton presented changes made to the Governance Charter. The changes require that individuals interested in being an alternate voting member submit a voting member application that must be reviewed and approved by the Advisory Board prior to that person acting as an alternate voting member. Brett Lindsey made a motion to approve the changes to the Governance Charter. The motion was seconded by Cheri Farrell. Roll call vote was taken: all approved, none opposed.

9. Youth Action Board Updates

Krystal Dalton presented that there is a large team working together to plan for the Youth Action Board. Next steps include: setting a planning meeting date and time; recruiting youth; and having a youth outreach event. Persons interested in participating should reach out to Krystal Dalton or Grace Poor.

10. HMIS/CES Committee Updates

Grace Poor shared that United Way of Northern California had been working with all seven counties from the NorCal CoC to clean up HMIS data for an annual Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA) report required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.



11. Point in Time (PIT) Count Committee Updates

Nicole Lamica presented on the 2025 PIT Count planning. Nicole shared that the PIT Count is scheduled for the night of January 21, 2025 and will include a sheltered count, unsheltered count, and housing inventory count. Nicole added that this year the planning team added Spaulding and Ravendale to the outreach areas.

12. Executive Board Updates

a. Partners II Update

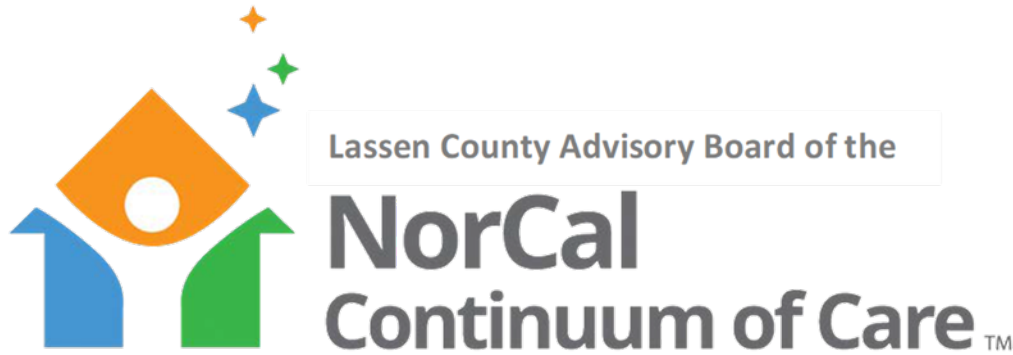
Grace Poor presented on the NorCal CoC's Partners II Program. Partners II is now being coordinated by Shasta Community Health Center. The program provides permanent supportive housing vouchers to all seven (7) counties of the NorCal CoC.

13. General Updates

- a. Cheri Farrell presented that Crossroads Ministries has been closed for two weeks with the exception of the Emergency Shelter.
- b. Nicole Lamica shared that Lassen County Housing and Grants is preparing to implement a medical respite and care coordination program that will provide short term shelter and case management to individuals experiencing homelessness.
- c. Rebecca Peconom reminded the Board that the City of Susanville Police Department is having a Homelessness Solutions Community Presentation on January 9, 2025, 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM.
- d. Brett Lindsey shared that Lassen Family Services will be providing a training with attorneys regarding tenant rights and survivor rights but that the date had not been finalized.
- e. Rosario Medina, Maureen Curley, and Percy Tejada shared that the Susanville Indian Rancheria (SIR) will be participating in the PIT Count; is working on a Tribal Homekey project; will be setting a new date/time for the Opioid Coalition; is conducting strategic planning; is focusing on community engagement; and planning to address the systemic causes of homelessness.
- f. Tiffany Armstrong shared a provider of Lassen County Behavioral Health, David Moore, is missing, and that they have had to start recruiting for a new provider. Tiffany also shared that there is an organization called Roots Food Group that provides food for special diets including, gluten free and diabetic.

14. Discussion Items for Next Meeting

- a. Roots Food Bank

**15. Adjournment**

Rebecca Peconom made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Tiffany Armstrong. Roll call vote was taken: all approved, none opposed. The meeting adjourned at 1:03 PM.

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HOUSING

The state has taken significant actions in recent years to address California's housing shortfall. This includes investing billions of state and federal dollars in a variety of affordable housing programs since 2019, enacting legislation to streamline the approval of much-needed housing, and taking executive action to make excess state properties available for housing development.

CREATING THE CALIFORNIA HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS AGENCY

Over the past six years, California has made significant progress to address its housing and homelessness crises by financing the construction of tens of thousands of new affordable homes, providing technical assistance to cities and counties, and holding accountable cities and counties that have created barriers to housing production—all of which has helped unlock thousands of housing units. As a result, housing production has increased significantly in the state from just over 70,000 homes per year before 2018 to over 115,000 in 2023. These efforts have yielded meaningful results and reflect the Administration's effort to coordinate an all-of-state government approach to addressing housing and homelessness.

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Building on this momentum, the Administration is proposing to establish a new California Housing and Homelessness Agency to create a more integrated and effective administrative framework for addressing the state's housing and homelessness challenges. This new agency will strengthen California's ability to plan, produce, and preserve housing while enhancing the state's homelessness response now and over the long term by aligning housing initiatives with complementary policy areas—such as transportation, health, climate, energy, and community planning. As a result, the agency will foster greater coordination and strategic alignment across state government.

More details will be provided in the spring through a Reorganization Plan submitted to the Little Hoover Commission. See the General Government and Statewide Issues Chapter for information on the proposed Consumer Protection Agency.

HOUSING PROPOSALS

The Administration is committed to working with the Legislature to advance policies that reduce housing costs and enhance accountability for jurisdictions to meet their state housing obligations. Additionally, the Administration is focused on policies to promote efficient land use practices that integrate housing and transportation, including removing barriers to infill housing and supporting transit-oriented development, to help achieve the state's housing and environmental goals while reducing costs for communities across California.

Accordingly, the Administration puts forth the following policy principles:

- **Reduce Costs**—The state should help lower housing construction costs by streamlining processes and removing unnecessary barriers to development, including addressing delays in project approvals and permitting. Additionally, the state should pursue policies to reduce costs associated with existing laws that hinder housing production and increase costs and development risks.
- **Enhanced Accountability**—The state should strengthen mechanisms to ensure jurisdictions meet their state housing obligations and comply with existing laws, including the Housing Accountability Act and Permit Streamlining Act.
- **Housing and Transportation**—The state should advance policies that remove barriers to infill housing near transit, including efforts to align long-term housing and transportation planning, and further the ability to utilize housing as a mitigation strategy for infrastructure projects.

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To further these principles, the Administration will propose policies to enhance the Department of Housing and Community Development's (HCD) ability to recycle funding, update housing programs to promote affordability, and expand existing California Environmental Quality Act streamlining tools to accelerate infill housing production.

HOMELESSNESS

Although recent federal data shows that the state has made progress on combating homelessness, the issue remains a priority for the Administration. The Budget continues to include \$100 million General Fund for Encampment Resolution Fund grants as committed to in the 2024-25 Budget. The Administration is open to working with the Legislature on additional funding to continue to drive progress on this critical issue; however, any future homelessness funding for local governments must incorporate stronger accountability policies, including:

- Requiring local governments to have a compliant Housing Element and a local encampment policy, consistent with state guidance, to be eligible for funding.
- Prioritizing funding for local governments with Pro-Housing Designations where appropriate.
- Allowing the reallocation of funding from local governments that fail to meet program requirements or show progress on key metrics to those that are acting with the necessary urgency.

The Administration also continues to implement billions in homelessness funding appropriated over the last several years and deployed in local communities across California. Recent rounds of homeless funding included expanded reporting and accountability requirements, such as monthly reporting of fiscal and outcome data to evaluate grantees' progress. The Administration will be increasing accountability efforts around the implementation of these funds through a number of policies including:

- **Additional Accountability on Existing Funds**—HCD will increase scrutiny of local governments' fiscal and outcome reporting through the Homeless Data Integration System so that local grantees stay up to date on those reports and will take remedial action as necessary. HCD will continue to enforce requirements that local governments show progress on implementing activities funded by the Homeless

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Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program (HHAP) before releasing additional disbursements of funds.

- **In-Depth Local Reviews**—Although the state plays a major role in setting policy and providing resources to combat homelessness, much of the work ultimately falls on local governments. To drive continued local progress, the state will partner with select local governments to review their full suite of housing and homelessness programs to identify best practices and address opportunities for growth.
- **Regional Convenings**—To help local grantees continue to make progress against homelessness, HCD will hold regional convenings with the various HHAP regions to:
 - Strengthen data and reporting programs and policies,
 - Improve the construction and implementation of regional Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs), and
 - Challenge each region to reach their goals to reduce homelessness.
- **Increased Enforcement**—The Housing and Homelessness Accountability, Results, and Partnership Unit will review HHAP Rounds 5 and 6 regional MOUs and plans to ensure local governments are following through on the commitments they have made to act regionally and in a coordinated manner across their spectrum of homelessness programs.