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

Teleconference locations:

Karuk Tribe
635 Jacobs Way
Happy Camp, CA 96039

Partnership HealthPlan of California
4665 Business Center Drive
Fairfield, CA 94534
(Please contact Partnership if you expect to attend from this location)

Northern Valley Catholic Social Services
2400 Washington Ave.
Redding, CA 96001

Disability Action Center
2453 Athens Ave.
Redding, CA 96001

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

1. Call to Order/Quorum Established/Introductions

Duane Kegg, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:36pm. A quorum was established.

Present: Members Sarah Springfield, Brittany Collier, Christina Brown, Nancy Ogren, Michael Aiuto, Duane Kegg, Sarah Collard, Mark Gilman, Trish Barbieri, and Rachael Clem. Alternate Member Jonmichael Patterson. Staff/participants/public attendees Jessica Skillen, Tara Kilcollins, Dawnmarie Autry, Lorenzo Love, Maddelyn Bryan, Eric Parsons, Sasha Hight, Susan Cervelli, Cal Conklin, Francine Ortiz, and David Krell.

Zoom: Participant Rachelle Callan.

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

Ogren motioned to approve the minutes from December 6, 2023. Collard seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Sasha Hight introduced Francine Ortiz, a new driver for Six Stones Wellness Center who will assist clients to access wellness groups.

Tara Kilcollins thanked those who attended the Basecamp community meeting.

4. Committee Updates

a. Executive Board Update—Dr. Collard

Collard stated that the Executive Board continues to develop a new structure for the CoC. The City of Redding received some HHAP-4 funding. They also hired a new CoC staff member who started yesterday. Collard anticipates the new staff member will want to talk with the Advisory Boards about their specific needs.

5. New Business

a. Discussion of Warming Center Criteria—Duane Kegg

Kegg explained that the criteria for setting up a warming center is not set to a specific temperature. For example, the City considers multiple factors such as the combination of precipitation and low temperatures overnight. Kegg said he is working with Member Aiuto to develop the criteria. Aiuto noted that he conducted outreach on the topic and found unsheltered individuals were staying mostly dry thus far. Discussion ensued about the possibility of opening a warming center this weekend.

Cal Conklin urged the Board to consider helping unsheltered individuals between warming center nights. He noticed a problem of damp sleeping bags/bedding for those individuals even during less extreme weather. He recommended the Board find a way to provide tarps to unsheltered households.

b. Discussion of Representation on Advisory Board—Trish Barbieri

Barbieri expressed concern that the Advisory Board did not represent all organizations involved in addressing homelessness nor all geographic areas impacted by homelessness. In particular, she believed the Advisory Board was mostly Yreka-centric. Discussion ensued about past participation on the Board and potential entities who should be included in the future. Members tasked Maddelyn Bryan with producing an outreach flyer. Members agreed to send lists of who they would like to invite.

6. Old Business

a. **Discussion/Possible Action: Distribution of HHAP-4 (Attachment B)—Dr. Collard**

In answer to the Board's question from last month, Collard shared that the distribution from the state was based on the 2022 PIT and thus the CoC thought it appropriate to base the County portions on the 2022 PIT Count.

b. **Approval of Budget Summary and Funding Sources (Attachment C)—Dr. Collard**

Collard clarified that the Executive Board discovered a discrepancy in the original budget that they needed to adjust accordingly.

c. **Pet Assistance Program—Duane Kegg**

Kegg introduced the Pet Assistance and Support (PAS) grant program through HCD. Discussion ensued about its potential usefulness for Basecamp when the shelter opens.

d. **Resource Fair—Duane Kegg**

Kegg explained that he needs to hear back from more people. Interested parties for the resource fair included: YES, Six Stones, United Way, NVCSS, Food Bank, Lions. The Board requested that Maddelyn Bryan send out a calendar invite for an ad hoc committee to start planning the resource fair.

7. Member Updates

a. **HDAP Community Letter (Attachment D)—Trish Barbieri**

Barbieri shared that CDSS makes housing program allocations available for counties to accept. Social Services applied for $100,000 and provided a match for the Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP). HDAP is already an active program at Social Services that offers shelter/housing assistance while also providing disability benefit advocacy to its customers. One of the organization's Housing Social Workers is SOAR certified. Barbieri referred members to an attached letter, a notice for other providers and the community, which is a requirement of the program.

b. **Shower Truck Update—Maddelyn**

As requested in the last meeting, Maddelyn provided an update on the mobile shower truck project. She received permission to draft a contract through the end of the year. The contract will have to go before the Board of Supervisors for approval. She hopes to get it on the agenda for the January 16 meeting. Cal asked about interim shower options in the meantime. Sasha

Hight clarified that showers are sometimes provided by Six Stones for clients. YES can also provide showers to individuals in the eligible age group.

8. Discussion Items for Next Meeting

Dawnmarie—SB 1338
Duane—PIT, resource fair, PAS
Rachel—United Way HMIS update
Basecamp update

9. Adjournment

Ogren motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:56pm. Collard seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting
February 7, 2024
1:30pm-3:00pm

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