



Siskiyou County Advisory Board Meeting
September 4, 2024
1:30pm – 3:00pm
Red Oak Room, Behavioral Health, 2060 Campus Drive, Yreka

1. Call to Order/Quorum Established/Introductions

Duane Kegg, Member, called the meeting to order at 1:32 PM. A quorum was established.

Present: Members Duane Kegg, Michael Aiuto, Christina Brown, Sarah Collard, Mark Gilman, Barbra Risling
 Alternate Member Steven Bryan

Staff/participants/public attendees: James Elliott, Luther Findley, Dawnmarie Autry, Lorenzo Love, Tara Kilcollins, Edie Everage, Reba Melfa, Cal Conklin, Emily Tuholski, Erika Cavener, Sarah Johnson, Todd Greenley, Rico Gutierrez, Daniel Bonham, Mercedes Billings, Jenny Florence, Eric Jauregui, Joanne Johnson, Alexandra Agron

Zoom: Members Sara Spence and Trish Barbieri
 Participants: Nameta Vij, Joelle Chinnock, Disability Action Center

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

Mark Gilman motioned to approve the meeting minutes from August 7, 2024. Sarah Collard seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

Daniel Bonham provided an overview of the Mobile Crisis program, which began in March 2024 and operates 24/7. This initiative deploys mental health crisis workers to address substance abuse and mental health emergencies. The discussion covered various topics, including the types of calls Mobile Crisis handles, the dispatch process, and coordination with local police.

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

Barbra Risling
 Youth Empowerment Siskiyou

Dustin Rief
 City of Dunsmuir



Dawnmarie Autry urged the Advisory Board to start planning for winter weather. Ms. Autry stressed the importance of creating a warming shelter near unhoused populations, especially near the hill.

Tara Kilcollins shared that her team collected donations for Crossroads No Place Like Home (NPLH) tenants. Northern Valley Catholic Social Service (NVCSS) received more donations than anticipated and was able to make full welcome baskets for all 24 NPLH units.

4. Committee Updates

a. Executive Board update – Maddelyn Bryan

Joanne Johnson provided a summary of the last two Executive Board meetings, which included the following items:

- Most HHAP-4 applications were approved, with the exception of Shasta County, which was oversubscribed. Shasta County will make local recommendations and resubmit for approval.
- The fiscal year 2024 NOFA for CoC funding was finalized and approved. It has been shared with the email list.
- Sarah Collard was approved as the new alternate Executive Board member. Maddelyn was already approved as the new Executive Board member.
- The Board is inviting new members to join the Governance Charter Committee.
- A request from Partnership for HMIS data sharing was discussed but not approved, pending additional information.

b. HMIS/CES Committee – Maddelyn Bryan

Joanne Johnson shared that this meeting was cancelled so there are no new updates.

c. PIT Committee update – Duane Kegg

Duane Kegg shared that the new PIT Administrator is working on updating forms for the 2025 PIT count.

5. New Business

a. Action Item; membership application from Carla Charraga, the Executive Director of the Siskiyou Domestic Violence & Crisis Center (Attachment B) – Maddelyn Bryan

Sarah Collard motioned to approve Carla Charraga's membership application. Mark Gilman seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed by unanimous vote.



- b. Action Item; membership application from Steven Bryan, the Executive Director of the Siskiyou Community Resource Collaborative (Attachment C) – Maddelyn Bryan**

Sarah Collard motioned to approve Steven Bryan's membership application. Mark Gilman seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

- c. Action Item; updated membership application from Brittany Collier, the Community Schools Director for Yreka High School District (Attachment D) – Maddelyn Bryan**

Sarah Collard motioned to approve Brittany Collier's membership application. Mark Gilman seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

- d. Action Item; requesting approval for Governance Charter Committee to update and make changes to the Governance Charter – Maddelyn Bryan**

Mark Gilman motioned to approve. Sarah Collard seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

- e. Discussion and possible action; updating membership on HMIS Committee – Maddelyn Bryan**

Joanne Johnson shared that the Executive Board asked all Advisory Boards to review their representatives for the HMIS Committee. Currently, Maddelyn Brian is the HMIS Committee member and Tara Kilcollins is the alternate member. Ms. Johnson asked meeting attendees if they would like to nominate anyone else to serve on the HMIS committee, and there was no response. Maddelyn Bryan and Tara Kilcollins will remain as the HMIS Committee member and alternate member.

- f. Discussion; City of Yreka's response to Gov. Newsom's Executive Order and interim solutions for the local unhoused population until housing becomes available – Dawnmarie Autry/Duane Kegg**

Dawnmarie Autry proposed setting up an urban campground for tent and car camping, suggesting the County yard as a potential location. Duane Kegg pointed out that urban campgrounds require significant resources to operate and recommended looking into Medford's Rogue Retreat as a model. Discussion ensued about the enforcement of Yreka's new encampment policy and the feasibility of establishing an urban campground in Siskiyou County.



g. Discussion; meeting with unhoused individuals to share information on County and City policy updates regarding encampments – Mike Aiuto

Mike Aiuto noted that unhoused community members were interested in attending a meeting to learn more about new encampment policies. Mr. Aiuto suggested that having this meeting at the shower truck may result in higher attendance. Discussion ensued about the best date for the meeting and Mr. Aiuto recommended September 24th.

6. Old Business

None.

7. Member Updates

a. Basecamp updates – County staff/NVCSS staff

Tara Kilcollins shared that NVCSS is aiming for an opening date of October 1st. This timeline is dependent on passing City building inspections.

b. YES shelter and transition update – Barbra Risling

Barbara Risling shared that the 6-bed emergency shelter for ages 18-25 has some availability. She encouraged Board members and attendees to refer individuals to YES who meet this age criteria and are in need of shelter. Ms. Risling also mentioned that YES is hiring new shelter staff. YES is also in the process of rezoning so they can add additional beds to the youth emergency shelter.

c. Crossroads update – Sarah Collard

Sarah Collard noted that Crossroads has been working on filling apartments and that the County is in the process of hiring a peer support staff member to work onsite.

d. Pallet shelter update – Maddelyn Bryan

Joanne Johnson shared that the County finalized a contract with Pallet for the purchase of the shelter structures.

8. Discussion Items for Next Meeting

- Discussion; Progress on urban campsite – Duane Kegg



- Discussion; Progress on communication with the unhoused community about encampment resolutions – Mike Aiuto/Duane Kegg
- Basecamp update – NVCSS staff

9. Adjournment

Mark Gilman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3:10 PM. Sarah Collard seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Next Meeting

October 2, 2024

1:30pm-3:00pm

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