



**Siskiyou County Advisory Board Special Meeting**  
**July 17, 2024**  
**1:30pm – 3:00pm**  
**Red Oak Room, Behavioral Health, 2060 Campus Drive, Yreka**

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

Nancy Ogren, Member, called the special meeting to order at 1:36 PM. A quorum was established.

Present: Members Michael Aiuto, Christina Brown, Rachael Clem, Mark Gilman, Nancy Ogren, Denise Patterson, Alternate Member Maddelyn Bryan

Staff/participants/public attendees: Dawnmarie Autry, Lorenzo Love, Eric Jauregui, Rico Gutierrez, Sasha Hight, Bob Mason, Tara Kilcollins, John Westfall, Melissa Willick, Alexandra Agron, Regina Hanna

Zoom: Alternate Member Ann Escobar, Participant Alan Barreca

**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from June (Attachment A)**

Christina Brown motioned to approve the minutes from June 5, 2024. Rachael Clem seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

Dawnmarie Autry commented that she would like to see more assistance for individuals living without cooling and heating, including those experiencing homelessness. Individuals are often unaware of cooling center events and are not able to access transportation to the cooling center. Individuals living on the hill need more support during these heat waves. Maddelyn Bryan responded that she and Rico Gutierrez handed out hydration supplies to individuals living on the hill last week. Maddelyn outlined current HHSA homeless outreach efforts, including the shower truck and outreach worker.

Lorenzo Love suggested that a cooling center closer to the hill would offer easier access to the cooling center and supplies for individuals living on the hill. He offered to give

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**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



individuals a ride to the cooling center, but they didn't want to leave their belongings. Sasha Height responded that she usually provides transportation for these events, but she was out sick.

Tara Kilcollins noted that she was concerned about individuals living along the greenway in Yreka being told they need to leave during the hottest time of the year. Also, a wooden bridge in Yreka is broken and this is a safety issue. Tara is requesting that the bridge be repaired. She also requested that Mark Gilman describe the eviction notice for those living along the greenway.

Mark Gilman responded that the Yreka Police Department (YPD) is trying to mitigate fire risk. The unhoused population is cooking outside next to tall dry weeds. Bob Buker is no longer the liaison officer, so Mark is filling in. Mark talked to individuals living along the greenway and explained the fire risks to them and why they would have to move. The YPD is providing individuals weeks of notice and offering to help them move before cleanup begins. There is no camping allowed on public property in Yreka, but the YPD is not enforcing this on the hill since it is a maintained fire safe area. There are 21 camps and approximately 40 people that are living along the greenway that need to relocate.

#### **4. Committee Updates**

##### **a. Executive Board update - Sarah Collard**

Maddelyn Bryan shared that Trish Barbieri attended this meeting as Sarah Collard's alternate. The Board discussed the HHAP-4 application deadline. The deadline was extended to July 29<sup>th</sup>. The meeting minutes are posted on the CoC website if anyone would like to learn more about this meeting.

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

Maddelyn Bryan noted that the Committee continues to make updates to HMIS forms. She suggested that everyone download HMIS forms directly from United Way's website to ensure they are using the latest versions. The Committee will circulate a survey to gather input from end users, which will be assessed to enhance the VI-SPDAT and the information collection framework.

#### **5. New Business**

##### **a. Action Item; Approval of new executive board member and alternate executive board member (Attachment B) – Sarah Collard**

Maddelyn Bryan shared that Sarah Collard would like Maddelyn to be the Executive Board Member and for Sarah to become the Alternate Board Member. Mark Gilman motioned to approve. Rachael Clem seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

##### **b. Discussion; Resource connections for unhoused individuals – Dustin Rief**



Since Dustin Rief could not attend this meeting, this discussion item will be moved to the August agenda.

## **6. Old Business**

## **7. Member Updates**

### **a. Basecamp updates – County staff/NVCSS staff**

Tara Kilcollins shared that the final phase of construction is underway, pending the availability of the concrete contractor. The firewalls were installed and will be inspected. A new mural was painted inside the building by a local artist. Basecamp applied for a temporary occupancy permit and the City's inspector did not approve.

### **b. Crossroads update – Sarah Collard**

Maddelyn Bryan noted that the Siskiyou Crossroads Grand Opening was held last week. Crossroads is processing applications and will begin signing leases in late July. Those interested in the low-income units can apply through RCHDC.org. For the units reserved for people exiting homelessness with a serious mental illness, applicants are selected through Coordinated Entry. For those wishing to apply, they can connect to an access point (Youth Empowerment Siskiyou, Behavioral Health, Rico Gutierrez, Social Services) and complete a Coordinated Entry intake. Once in Coordinated Entry, new Crossroads applicants are selected based on highest vulnerability.

### **c. Pallet shelter update – Maddelyn Bryan**

Maddelyn Bryan shared that Northern Valley Catholic Social Services (NVCSS) was selected as the service provider for the Pallet shelter. The County has been working with the City on the development. The engineered drawings are complete. The next step is to collect bids on site preparation. Discussion ensued on tiny home projects in other states, more details about this project, and future housing options in the County.

### **d. Letter to Community Partners HSP (Attachment C) – Maddelyn Bryan**

Maddelyn Bryan stated that this program provides an annual allocation that has been significantly reduced this year due to state-wide budget cuts. Information on this program is available in the letter included in the agenda packet. Housing Support Program (HSP) is a flexible program, and the County uses it based on the needs of each CalWORKs-eligible family.

## **8. Discussion Items for Next Meeting**



Action item; HHAP-5 budget update – Maddelyn Bryan

Discussion; Resource connections for unhoused individuals – Dustin Rief

## **9. Adjournment**

Rachael Clem motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:27 PM. Maddelyn Bryan seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Next Meeting**

August 7, 2024

1:30pm-3:00pm

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