



Siskiyou County Advisory Board Special Meeting
August 7, 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

1. Call to Order/Quorum Established/Introductions

Duane Kegg, Member, called the meeting to order at 1:33 PM. A quorum was established.

Present: Members Duane Kegg, Michael Aiuto, Trish Barbieri, Christina Brown, Sarah Collard, Mark Gilman, Nancy Ogren, Denise Patterson, Barbra Risling, Dustin Rief
Alternate Member Steve Bryan

Staff/participants/public attendees: Erika Cavener, Dawnmarie Autry, Lorenzo Love, Michael A McNair, Chastity Eiler, Luther Findley, Therese Singletary, Bob Mason, Ryan Romero, James Elliott, Maddelyn Bryan, Joanne Johnson, Alexandra Agron, Don Langford, Sasha Hight

Zoom: Member Sara Spence

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



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

Maddelyn Bryan requested several edits on item 7B, including adding a Coordinated Entry access point and correcting a program name. Dustin Rief motioned to approve the July 17, 2024 minutes with Maddelyn Bryan's corrections. Trish Barbieri seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

Mark Gilman requested to make James Elliott his Alternate Member. Maddelyn Bryan responded that Mark Gilman can make this change by sending her an email.

Dawnmarie Autry requested that the Advisory Board develop a plan following the City of Yreka Resolution 2024-38: Establishing Procedures for the Notice, Removal and Storage of Personal Property at Encampments. Although Siskiyou County is working on shelter and interim housing projects, these facilities are not yet operational. Dawnmarie Autry recommended that the Advisory Board devise a strategy to support the unhoused population during this interim period.

Mike Aiuto requested the return of the shower truck and shared that unhoused individuals feel abandoned since this program ended. Nancy Ogren responded that she is attempting to restart the program. Individuals who feel strongly about the program can call their representative or make a public comment at the Board of Supervisors meeting.

Barbra Risling introduced Ryan Romero, a new employee at Youth Empowerment Siskiyou (YES). Ms. Risling also provided a YES shelter update. YES is providing services during business hours but the overnight shelter is currently closed. YES employees are collecting names for an overnight shelter waitlist.

Maddelyn Bryan announced that Brittney Colliar, Member and McKinney-Vento liaison, accepted a new position. The individual who fills her role as McKinney-Vento liaison will likely apply for Advisory Board Membership.

Steven Bryan shared that Michelle O'Gorman is no longer an employee of the Community Resource Collaborative. Steven Bryan will apply for membership in her place.

4. Committee Updates

a. Executive Board update (Attachment B) – Maddelyn Bryan

Maddelyn Bryan shared that the Executive Board approved her membership nomination and a new data tool in concept. They also approved Plumas Crisis Intervention and Resource Center (PCRC) as the new PIT Administrator. Ms. Bryan also noted that the Executive Board is concerned about HMIS Committee membership. Additionally, Ms. Bryan mentioned that a request for proposal (RFP) was released for bonus funding for programs benefitting domestic violence victims and survivors.



b. HMIS/CES Committee – Maddelyn Bryan

Maddelyn Bryan noted that the HMIS/CES Committee is actively developing a plan to improve the assessment process, which includes providing better training and updating the VI-SPDAT. Ms. Bryan encouraged anyone using HMIS forms to download the forms directly from the United Way website to ensure they are using the latest versions. Additionally, there was a discussion about CoC boundaries and the differences between CES and HMIS.

5. New Business

a. Presentation; United Way presents on 211 – Rachael Clem

Michael McNair, the United Way 211 Program Manager, presented on the 211-access point and information service. United Way is encouraging Siskiyou County residents to call 211 for help and information. Residents can also access information from 211norcal.org. United Way refers callers to resources by maintaining a database for all agencies and services. Mr. McNair encouraged providers to check the 211norcal.org website to ensure their organization is included on the service list. Discussion ensued on the history of 211 and connection to resources during disasters.

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

Dustin Rief emphasized the critical need for resource connections for unhoused individuals, noting that stricter encampment policies in neighboring counties and Siskiyou County's location along I-5 make this issue particularly urgent. Mr. Rief proposed bringing together city managers and mayors from Siskiyou County to collaborate on this matter, suggesting that such meetings could occur quarterly. The discussion also covered available resources for those in need and strategies for involving additional leaders in addressing the issue.

c. Discussion; CA Executive Order N-1-24 regarding homelessness (Attachment C)– Nancy Ogren/Sarah Collard/ Maddelyn Bryan

Nancy Ogren asked Maddelyn Bryan to summarize CA Executive Order N-1-24. Ms. Bryan started by outlining the recent Supreme Court decision in *City of Grants Pass v. Johnson*, which established that fining unhoused individuals living on public land is not considered cruel and unusual punishment. Ms. Bryan then described California Executive Order N-1-24, which directs California agencies and departments to adopt policies generally consistent with existing Caltrans policies for managing encampments on state land, including procedures for notice and the storage of belongings. While Governor Newsom encouraged local governments to align with these policies, it is not mandatory. The order allows for the removal of encampments, not people, and imposes certain protections on how removal of encampments is handled.

Duane Kegg provided a summary of the City of Yreka's response to CA Executive Order N-1-24. Mike Aiuto requested a group meeting with the unhoused population so they can understand these local policy changes and how it affects them. Discussion ensued regarding the resource gap for unhoused individuals and concerns surrounding the Executive Order.



6. Old Business

a. Action Item; HHAP-5 budget update (Attachment D)– Maddelyn Bryan

Maddelyn Bryan explained the budget modifications that were required once the grant management responsibilities were transferred to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). Budget changes included swapping the CoC and CA budget allocations. Nancy Ogren motioned to approve the HHAP-5 budget update. Sarah Collard seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

7. Member Updates

a. Basecamp updates – County staff/NVCSS staff

Sasha Hight noted that the concrete contractor started work this week. Once he is done, the plumbers can begin work. Ms. Hight also introduced Cynthia, the new Case Manager at Six Stones Wellness Center.

b. Crossroads update – Maddelyn Bryan

Maddelyn Bryan shared that leasing for Siskiyou Crossroads No Place Like Home units began last week. Case managers are helping the new tenants move in.

8. Discussion Items for Next Meeting

- Discussion; Devise a strategy to support the unhoused population in the aftermath of the City of Yreka's resolution regarding encampments – Dawnmarie Autry
- Discussion; Communication with the unhoused community regarding the new City and County encampment resolutions – Mike Aiuto
- YES shelter update – Barbra Risling

9. Adjournment

Nancy Ogren motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:57 PM. Mike Aiuto seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Next Meeting
September 4, 2024
1:30pm-3:00pm



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