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Siskiyou County Advisory Board Meeting
August 5, 2026
1:30pm – 3:00pm
Red Oak Room, Behavioral Health, 2060 Campus Drive, Yreka
Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87395135252?pwd=TWcPbTguEJWBbbYCyQRTIjhd4DeWaX.1

Teleconference locations:

Karuk Tribe
635 Jacobs Way
Happy Camp, CA 96039

Dunsmuir City Hall
5915 Dunsmuir Avenue
Dunsmuir, CA 96025

United Way of Northern California
3300 Churn Creek Road
Redding, CA 96002

1. **Call to Order/Quorum Established/Introductions**
   Nancy Ogren, Corey Watson for Trish Barbieri, Sarah Collard, Josh Tygart, Denise Patterson, Anne Escobar for Sara Spence, Ashley Lemos

2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from July (Attachment A)**
   Board members will review and approve minutes from July 1, 2026.

   The motion to approve the minutes was made by Sarah Collard. and seconded by Denise Patterson.

   Ayes: Nancy Ogren, Corey Watson, Sarah Collard, Josh Tygart, Denise Patterson, Anne Escobar, Ashley Lemos
   Nays: None.

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

Advisory Board Members:

Nancy Ogren, Chair
Siskiyou Co. Board of Supervisors

Michael Aiuto
Homeless Advocate

Trish Barbieri
Social Services Division

Christina Brown
Fairchild Medical Center

Vacant
United Way

Sara Johnson
Siskiyou Co. Office of Ed

Sarah Collard, Ph.D.
Health and Human Services Agency

Joshua Tygart
Yreka Police Department

Steven Bryan
Community Resource Collaborative

Corey Middleton
City of Yreka

Denise Patterson
Yreka Food Bank

Sara Spence
Karuk Tribal Housing Authority

Ashley Lemos
Youth Empowerment Siskiyou

Vacant
City of Dunsmuir

Carla Charraga
Siskiyou Domestic Violence & Crisis Center

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.

There were no public comments made.

4. Committee Updates

a. Executive Board Update—Maddelyn Bryan

Maddelyn stated that the Executive Board had been trying to work on what has been a difficult HUD Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) process, with a lot of litigation going on, but the county was finally able to get things turned in. One of the biggest issues was that the NOFO was published without numbers, so people did not know how to apply.

She noted that HUD has stated the priorities need to be transitional housing and street outreach. The Executive Board has established a rating and ranking committee to review Tier 1 and Tier 2 funding.

The Executive Board also approved to no longer follow the Brown Act, now that the CoC has a non-profit lead agency. Instead, the Executive Board approved using the Rosenburg Rules of Order instead. She expressed that this was a good thing, as it should make organizing meetings easier

In addition, the Executive Board also approved the updated governance charter. The main change was regarding whether the Brown Act references should be removed, with changes to be effective now. The Advisory Board will look into the Rosenburg's Rules of Order to see how the rules differ from the Brown Act in the next month's agenda.

For HHAP-5, the county has met the requirements for the first disbursement, and has requested the second disbursement. For HHAP-6, the contract from HCD has yet to be finalized.

b. PIT Committee—Maddelyn Bryan

Maddelyn stated that the PIT Committee reviewed a report of the housing inventory count (HIC). The HIC is a count of the beds that are available for people who are experiencing homelessness at the same time the PIT count is done. From last January, there is a HIC report the county is working on and should be approved soon.

She also noted that the next Point-In-Time (PIT) Count would be on January 25th.

5. New Business

None.

6. Old Business

a. Local Membership Policy 2.0 with Changes (Attachment B)—Eric Yan
Eric presented his edits to the document to the Advisory Board, starting with the section on representation and overrepresentation. He mentioned that in the last meeting, people took issue with having "no more than one voting member from the same organization" and the census was that "organization" was too broad of a category. He changed it to "no more than one voting member from the same interest, program, or population group," and then added in "multiple members representing the same population group may serve simultaneously, provided they do not represent the same specific program." This would help include service providers who serve the same population but have different programs.

Nancy Ogren expressed that the change made things a lot better as it narrowed things down while not excluding anyone. Everyone agreed with Nancy and expressed support for the change.

The next change added was "the Advisory Board will use its discretion to limit total membership while actively preserving the broad diversity of perspectives." This was supported by the Board members.

Another change Eric made was, "Organizations of a specific size and larger can request additional voting representatives subject to Board approval." Maddelyn believed this change was redundant was it was already covered in the first bullet point. Eric responded, pointing out that his point was more so that if an organization is really large, there could be multiple different perspectives within that organization that one person alone could not easily represent. It was about including a diversity of voices rather than a specific number of people on the Board.

Eric then moved on to Advisory Board membership terms. He changed the maximum number of voting members allowed from 15 to 19, based on feedback from the last meeting. Everyone present supported this change.

He also removed a rule from the membership terms, with the rule stating "members shall serve for a term of X years and may be reappointed," since the Siskiyou Advisory Board does not do reappointments.

The next section discussed was Advisory Board meeting attendance, such as what makes someone be considered inactive. Eric put down on the document that a member may be considered inactive if they miss more than 3 consecutive meetings without prior notice, or attend less than 75% of regular meetings within a 12-month period, even if they notify beforehand of their absence.

When it came to the lack of attendance by a member, Eric added in another rule, that the Board may attempt to contact the alternate to replace the original member. Maddelyn pointed out that the Board used to have something in their old rules that specified a process for how the Board could terminate membership, and asked Eric to look into if the CoC already had a policy in place on a membership termination process. If there was already a NorCal CoC membership termination process in place, she suggested placing that policy into the Advisory Board to avoid duplication of policies.

Eric moved on to Advisory Board participation, and added in new things the Board members would be expected to do, such as “support implementation of Advisory Board responsibilities, including the creation and setup of agendas if others are not available.”

He remembered how in the last meeting, people talked about how Board members should actively participate in the planning and execution of the Point-In-Time Count. He wrote down some things people could do, such as “donating supplies, getting the word out, doing surveys,” before asking if anyone had anything they wanted to add regarding how someone could contribute to the Point-In-Time Count.

Corey Watson recommended that instead of “getting the word out,” it should be “assisting in public distribution of information” or “public outreach.” Everyone else on the Board agreed “public outreach” was better worded.

Maddelyn brought up another way people could contribute, through “participating in planning committees.” Eric continued his list, bringing up “contribute to the development of data to help communities prioritize the most vulnerable populations for housing resources.” Corey expressed concerns over data sharing in response to Eric. Maddelyn suggested shortening the contribution of “data entry” or “data cleanup.” She also suggested editing the document to state that the list of contributions someone could make to the PIT Count was “non-exhaustive” as to give room for flexibility.

Eric then presented his next edit in the Advisory Board participation section, which was “[each member] provide an annual presentation or update on [their] services and how it is relevant to the Siskiyou Advisory Board.” Nancy stated that she did not want to scare people away from the Board by making them do presentations, because not everyone is cut out to public speaking. Maddelyn recommended language that would specify people could do informal presentations to ease off the pressure.

She went further, suggesting that instead of requiring an annual presentation, it could be an “informal review” of services related to homelessness for one’s organization instead, just to make things more friendly.

The next section brought up by Eric was the expectations of an alternate. He made changes requiring alternates to affirm they are ready and willing to be an alternate, so the Board can confirm they are opting in. Another change made was that alternates will need to be up-to-date with information presented in meetings, in case they need to step in.

As everyone was in agreement with the changes, Eric moved on to the section about onboarding new membership. A change he made was that "new members, as well as their alternates, will be offered a packet containing information on the NorCal COC in the Advisory Board, and then individuals can set up one-on-one meetings for further questions." The packet will include explanations of abbreviations and acronyms of project names, the structure of HUD, and a brief explanation from each provider on what they do.

Josh Tygart suggested that a member directory would be good to have in a member packet, so people know what their resources are.

The next section discussed was day-to-day operations, and what members were expected to do. The things listed were "organizing and participating in Advisory Board meetings, work under smaller subcommittees on specific housing topics, keep up with information related to local housing news and policy, [etc.]" Nancy noted that the bullet point about members being expected to help with HMIS tracking could be removed, as most members do not do anything directly related to HMIS.

In Nancy's eyes, the Board was more of an advisory board than a hands-on working board, so it was unclear if the Board should be reviewing HMIS data. Maddelyn noted that the Board could review HMIS data if its members wanted to, with Corey adding on that the aggregate data in HMIS is connected to housing policy in the county. Therefore, it might be helpful if the Board reviewed HMIS data.

Maddelyn suggested the Board could review system performance through HMIS, the PIT count, and other data sources. However, she also pointed out that the CoC has struggled with data quality, and it may be a bad idea to share inaccurate numbers with the Board, even if the CoC has been getting better with accuracy in recent times. She raised the idea of reaching out to the NorCal CoC to see if they could pull a Siskiyou County-wide data aggregate report for the Board.

Since most Board members do not have direct interactions with HMIS, after listening to feedback, Eric changed "manage HMIS" to "review HMIS reports, system performance, PIT count, and other data reports." Nancy agreed with this change, believing it would give the Board more credibility as an oversight organization and advisory group, so that the members could better monitor what is going on.

The last section of the document was regarding a sample Advisory Board Meeting Agenda, starting with Quorum, Approval of Meeting Minutes, etc. The sample agenda ends with Discussion Items for Next Meeting and then finally Adjournment. The only suggestion made to the sample agenda by the Board was swapping the placement of Annual Presentations and Public Comments.

7. Member Updates

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a. **Yreka Basecamp—NVCSS**
Sasha Hight announced that Jaz Johnson was stepping down from his program management position. NVCSS is in the process of hiring someone to replace him, and has recently made an offer. Overall, everything is going well.

b. **HDAP Community Letter (Attachment C)—Maddelyn Bryan**
Maddelyn stated that Social Services had applied for a non-competitive allocation of $100,000 for the Housing and Disability Advocacy Program. The program has existed now for a few years, and offers direct financial assistance for housing, wraparound supportive services, and disability benefit advocacy. She noted that the target population is people who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness, and who would likely be eligible for disability benefits.

Some people think the program is for people who are on SSI, but Maddelyn clarified that it is actually for people who don't have SSI yet.

Maddelyn noted that the letter goes to Community Partners, which through the CoC, is the county's main way of doing outreach for the program. [59:54]

c. **HHSA Staffing Update—Maddelyn Bryan**
Maddelyn described the restructuring the county government had been doing for housing, first noting that she and other housing staff members had all been moved to a new building. Everyone is now at 750 South Main Street, which includes a combined Social Services and Behavioral Health housing team.

She also introduced Dawn Fraley, the new housing social worker supervisor.

Maddelyn noted that due to the fact that the housing team had been extremely low staffed at one point, they now have a massive backlog of applications and referrals. The housing team is now starting to work through those documents, but it will still take a long time to complete.

d. **Other Updates—All Members**
Sasha Hight noted that she and her team at Six Stones had just started doing ECM with their case manager, and it is going well.

8. Discussion Items for Next Meeting

Sarah Collard suggested an action item for the next meeting for approving the new changes to the Board's membership policies.

9. Adjournment

The motion to adjourn was made by Sarah Collard, and seconded by Denise Patterson.

Ayes: Nancy Ogren, Corey Watson, Christina Brown, Sarah Collard, Josh Tygart, Anne Escobar, Ashley Lemos

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Nays: None.

Next Meeting
September 2nd, 2026
1:30pm-3:00pm

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