

NorCal Continuum of Care
Plumas-Sierra Advisory Board
Meeting October 24, 2019
Start time: 10:02am
End time: 12:25pm

Final Meeting Minutes (Approved on 12/12/19)

1. Call to Order / Introductions

- a. Aimee Heaney called the meeting to order at 10:02.
- b. Attendees completed introductions.

2. Approval of Agenda

- a. Review proposed Agenda – changes or additions and action items
Approval of September 26 meeting notes minutes' approval postponed to November meeting so that the housing tools can have more time.

No calling in from outside to attend the meeting remotely

Approval of agenda with no changes: Joyce Clare moves

Second: Johanna Downey seconds

Action: Motion carried

3. Public Comment

No public comment was provided.

4. New Business

- a. November meeting date: fourth Thursday at 10am would be Thanksgiving holiday (conflict). Proposed to combine November and December meeting. November 14 will not work due to a training that day. December 12 proposed (second Thursday of the month) – Sierra County, Plumas County Planning, and Behavioral Health approves changing to December 12th.
- b. Motion to change meeting date to December 12 meeting @ 10am
 - i. Johanna Downey makes motion
 - ii. Joyce Clare seconds
 - iii. Action: motion carried

5. Housing Tools – Plumas County Needs and Available Resources Brainstorming Session: Part II

- a. Start time 10:10am
- b. Housing Tools is a consultant in Sacramento and Chico, hired by both Plumas and Sierra. Here to help get “No Place Like Home” application funding. Homeless plan.

- c. Make a plan that is community driven – meaningful to our communities. The reports and lists of responses we have provided to them has been helpful in tailoring the program to our community.
- d. Today: we will work on goals and objectives based on what was identified during the last meeting.
 - i. We have identified 7 priority areas.
- e. Once we are done with this plan, at the bottom of each section it will say: this set of goals and objectives match up with X section of the Nor-Cal CoC.
- f. Time frame was put in place for convenience, the state expects a timeline of approximately 10 years.
- g. Goal statement should be the vision we have regardless of when/where the funding is coming from. We don't have to know the funding sources right now.

Group collaborate brainstorming for objectives by timeframe:

Priority Area 1 –

- a. The contract with Nor-Cal is specific to Behavioral health. The licenses are specific to BH, other departments will need to go through their own contract process. BH could have as many as 10 licenses.
- b. 2020 would be the first year
- c. There is a need for policies and procedures. But is every county supposed to adopt one, or is each county supposed to implement their own? This will be figured out at a later date.

Priority Area 2 -

- a. One area that may have been missed is the criminal justice (co-occurring) population (esp. those exiting jail).
- b. All counties get the money, and incorporated cities
- c. SB 2: The funds can be used for unmet housing needs (construction of a project, rental assistance, provide emergency homeless shelter services, capitalize supportive services account)
- d. The state wants to see you are analyzing your unmet housing needs and are putting money into your plan/goals.
- e. Explore hiring housing staff (Lassen did this with their social services department)
- f. CBHDA is advocating for more housing board and care – mentally disabled, dementia, etc.
- g. Future: expand on what exactly a specialized population includes
- h. Section 8 housing vouchers – do we need to include anything about increasing the housing choice vouchers?
 - i. Apparently there is enough vouchers, just not enough landlords that accept the vouchers
 - ii. For landlords - Pros: stable, guaranteed money. Cons: a lot of guidelines and standards to meet.

- iii. Continue to have the conversation about getting more vouchers.
Vouchers are federally mandated.
- i. Eviction is a problem in that the tenant often is evicted due to financial reasons.
We need to provide intensive case management to help avoid this.
- j. Plumas has environmental alternatives (up to 10) and Plumas Rural Services (up to approximately 7 – multi bed units used for families) both help with transitional housing.
- k. Sierra county has no transitional housing currently.
- l. Are there any existing buildings that we could currently use for transitional housing?
 - i. Future: survey of vacant and underutilized sites that could possibly be used for transitional housing

Priority Area 3 – Outreach and Crisis Intervention:

- a. Peer-run housing for people who are in crisis and can stay there short-term (a week max).
- b. Having trained peer-advocate at the emergency room.

Priority Area 4 - Emergency Shelter and Day Services:

- a. The zone selected for an emergency shelter is the family residential zone.
- b. SB 2 law – emergency shelters year-round and permanent in at least one zone.

Priority Area 5 - Health, Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services:

- a. Sierra County has first episode of psychosis (FEP) program through SAMHSA that Plumas County might consider adopting/implementing.
- b. Sierra County does not have a pharmacy, so they provide a lot of transportation to other areas (Portola, Truckee).

Priority Areas Six and Seven were not covered.

Future: need to have a large conversation on transportation. Explore relationship with northern California legal services. Accessing education obstacles (transportation, operating hours) – inviting adult education providers to a conversation.

Next steps: The consultant will finish filling in the chart with information from today's meeting and the meeting members can talk about the new plan amongst themselves. And then give consultants feedback.

OR

Whole finished plan is aimed to be out in a finished form by the 1st of December. Look it over and provide feedback before the December 12th meeting.

- 6. Adjournment at 12:25pm