

**Plumas-Sierra Counties  
CoC Advisory Board Special Meeting  
December 15, 2020  
2:00 PM**

**Approved Minutes**

**1. Call to Order/Establish a Quorum/Introductions:**

Special meeting was called to order at 2:02 PM.

Voting Members present: Tracey Ferguson, Laurie Marsh, Aimee Heaney, Cathy Rahmeyer

Introduction of Participating Members: Trisha Boss, Sandy Henley (Assistant Director, Plumas County Public Health Agency) Caedy Minoletti, and Tammy Muldoon

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

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.

No public comment was provided.

**3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 24, 2020**

Board members reviewed for approval the meeting minutes from November 24, 2020.

Motion: Cathy Rahmeyer made a motion to approve minutes with a change to a minor spelling error made on page 4; Aimee Heaney seconded; minutes were unanimously approved with the correction.

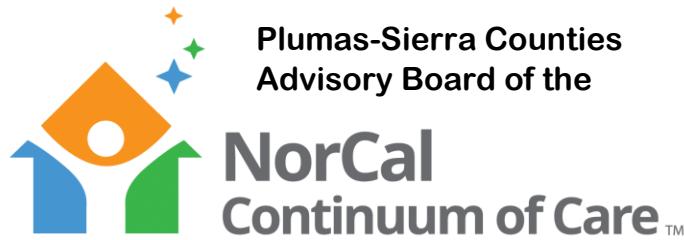
**4. Discussion**

**A. NorCal CoC Executive Board Meeting Updates – Tracey Ferguson**

**• HEAP Interest Allocation Update**

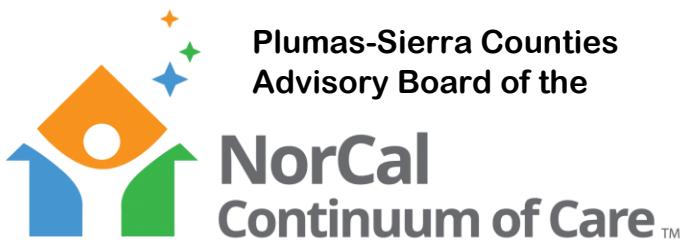
Three agencies were eligible for monies – Del Norte HHS, Faithworks from Shasta County, and the Siskiyou Community Resource Collaborative. Executive Board approved to split these funds equitably between the three entities.

**• HHAP and HEAP Round 1 Status**



No updates from Executive Board. Plumas County is working with PCIRC for Round 1. Cathy Rahmeyer reports that PCIRC just received contracts with NorCal and Sierra County; they are waiting on Plumas County's contract. Annual progress reports for HHAP Round 1 are due Jan. 1, 2021; there is a question if the report needs to be submitted if no funds have been expended yet; for HEAP reporting: Trisha Boss says if no funds have been expended, they ask to report \$0.00 expenditures. HCD is asking for additional information this reporting period, including racial equity measures. PCIRC received HEAP Round 1 for both Plumas and Sierra counties.

- HHAP Round 2 NorCal CoC allocation methodology (PIT Count)  
2020 PIT count is the methodology being used for HHAP Round 2 NorCal CoC allocations.
- ESG CV NorCal CoC allocation methodology (NOFA process)  
The Executive Board is using the ESG NOFA for CV funding. Agencies who met threshold requirements from Round 1 would only be eligible for Round 2. Round 1 and Round 2 allocations total \$2 million.
- 2021 PIT (methodology, survey questions, and mobile app)  
Unsheltered count methodology and new information released by HUD concerning requirements. Executive Board wasn't comfortable making a final decision without feedback from the PIT Committee members and their recommendation for counting unsheltered individuals. At this time, the PIT Committee moved with a recommendation for a full survey including the unsheltered count. Cathy Rahmeyer added that PCIRC will do the full survey, but they have requested of HUD to have a contingency plan for health and safety of participants and staff.  
Use of mobile app: NorCal CoC is allowing use of the mobile app, the City of Redding provided funding to purchase the app. Cathy Raymeyer stated that in the past, PCIRC used paper surveys and uploaded data to the app during off time. Shasta County hadn't been using the mobile app, only paper.
- Amended (9-17-2020) Governance Charter, page 9, "Executive Board"  
The "capacity to represent county" clause was removed and eligibility on Executive Board section was clarified. The purpose is to bring more inclusion, diversity, and representation to the Executive Board necessitated refining the clause.



- NorCal CoC 2020 PIT Count submittal to HUD (Governance Charter policy for funding methodology, “most recent” HUD approved PIT), the 2020 Count will be used.

HUD confirmed 2020 PIT count acceptance and use by NorCal CoC for funding methodology.

**B. HCFC Grants Funding Source Coding Guidance for HMIS**

HDIS will pull data from each agency's HMIS and use uniform funding coding. Cathy Rahmeyer will be meeting with the Lead Agency HMIS coordinator, Medea Henderson, to establish these codes.

**C. PLHA Year 1 Award and State HCD Standard Agreement with Plumas County**

Tony Hobson is working with the State of CA HCD on getting the standard agreement (SA) approved. Year 1 allocation will be approximately \$121,000. Sierra County is working with prior NPLH consultants, Housing Tools, to apply for Year 1 funding in 2021.

**D. NPLH Non-Competitive Application (Round 4 extension request)**

Plumas County will be submitting a Round 4 extension request due February 15, 2021.

**E. NPLH Development Sponsor MOU Update**

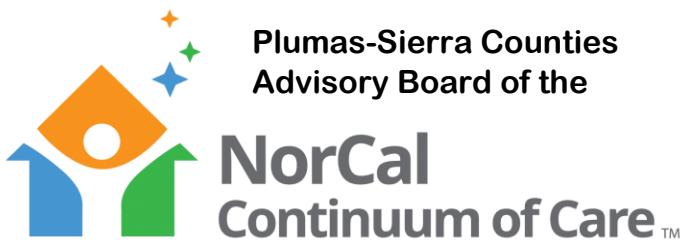
Tracey Ferguson, Tony Hobson, and the Development Sponsor team and their legal counsel have been working to finalize the MOU with edits. Plumas County Counsel will be reviewing the MOU with comments anticipated in January 2021. Concurrently, a MOU will need to be drafted between Plumas and Sierra counties concerning collaboration on this project (Lea Salas and Tony Hobson).

**F. Plumas-Sierra Counties CoC Advisory Board Email Distribution List**

The Advisory Board plans to expand its distribution list to reach more stakeholders for Advisory Board awareness of activities and participation. Possibilities include 20,000 Lives distribution and outreach at meetings; possibly presenting at the Plumas County Behavioral Health Commission meetings; Sierra County can present to their Behavioral Health Board and distribute through their Emergency Services e-mail list. Distribution may include a master list for sharing the agenda and a pared down list of ongoing work and projects for a larger audience.

**G. Plumas County Community Health Assessment (October 30, 2020) – Sandy Henley**

Leila Srouji is PCPHA's new division chief; she worked with Zach Revene to complete the current CHA. Sandy Henley, Assistant Director of PCPHA, mentions consistent correlations with homeless individuals for intersection



between housing and health outcomes. The primary purpose of the Assessment is to identify needs and problems before identifying possible solutions. Plumas County has a higher percent of veterans; around 10% in Plumas compared to 4% overall in state of CA. A higher percentage of veterans are homeless. Plumas County has a higher high school graduation rate but the number of 4-year degree holders is lower than the state average as well as the nation's average. Housing costs and shortages can impact college completion, and upward mobility is affected by lack of education. Plumas County's poverty rate is lower than the state and nation, but the rate of unemployment is higher at 8%, while the state is 4%, and median household income is below the state rate.

All these issues affect the ability to obtain housing, and wages are not keeping up with housing costs and affordability; Plumas County suicide rates are higher and intimate partner violence is much higher than it was in 2014 assessment period, and this effects homelessness; rates of substantiated child maltreatment and ACES are higher than the state rates; these are important and indicate putting kids at higher risk for entry in foster system and as kids age out of this system, they are more susceptible to homelessness.

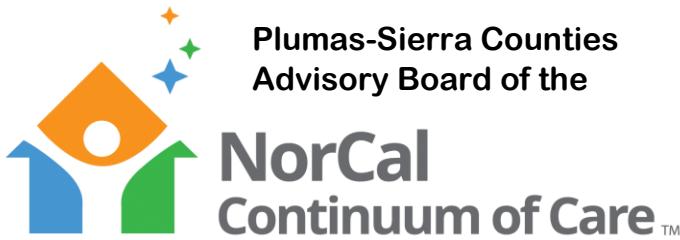
Rural challenges include transportation and lack of connectivity and lack of resources, such as distance learning and access to telemedicine services; rate of disability is significantly higher in the county vs. the state, and it places individuals at higher risk to experience housing challenges, in addition to lack of supports in a rural area. Social determinants of health and census figures are tracked to identify predictions of life expectancy; Plumas County residents experiences the same impacts of health similar to the statewide data.

In March 2021, DHCS will allow small counties to pursue a different method of managed care, like in Modoc County's Partnership health plan. Partnership has a history of commitment to housing as it pertains to health and wellness. A primary goal is keeping housed persons healthy and out of the ER.

20,000 Lives stakeholders will participate in the solutions process for strategic planning alignment.

Leila Srouji's internship covered work on the Community Health Assessment in a small population and using a toolkit for social determinants of health; racial and ethnic diversity numbers are smaller here than in larger areas; and there are separate rural challenges and social determinants of health; limited choices and access to services. Difficult to mark stability with such small numbers and must use a different approach to markers.

Highlights Appendix I of the CHA with summary of focus group.



H. HMIS Implementation Update – agency partners

No updates from Cathy Rahmeyer, HMIS subcommittee representative, or the Lead Agency.

I. COVID-19 Update – agency partners

COVID-19 updates for PCIRC - staff exposures have occurred and required lockdowns and quarantines, causing staffing strains working with high risk populations. COVID-19 is impacting food securities. PCIRC is experiencing a huge influx of requests and new clients.

Sierra County - at the local level, 3-4 cases per week for the last 6 or so weeks.

Sandy Henley at PCPHA states that a vaccine is on the way and Public Health has about 160 vaccines for first responders and healthcare workers. Key to ending this is widespread vaccination to get our population vaccinated at 80%. PCIRC mentions staff are essential workers in working with homeless, parolee/ probationers, and they are at a higher priority than the general public; interested in vaccines for staff when available.

## 5. New Business/Action Items

A. Add standing item called **“Addressing Homelessness”** to Plumas-Sierra Counties CoC Advisory Board meeting agenda with the objective to document the response to homelessness issues and the need for services. Qualitative and quantitative discussions coming from agencies serving the homeless in Plumas and Sierra counties could include prior month’s information on housing the homeless, food and other services, and relevant data that could demonstrate items like gaps in services or where opportunities and success are occurring – discussion and possible action

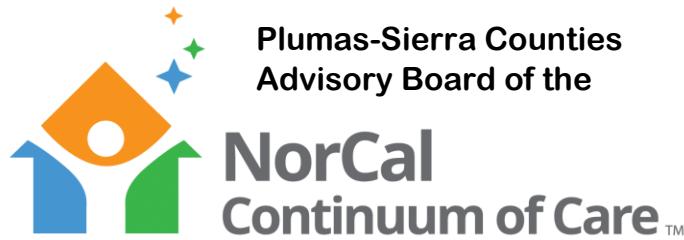
Discussion: relating to strategic plan to address homelessness. PCIRC, PCBH, and hospitals/PCPHA to participate in sharing this information.

Motion: Cathy Rahmeyer made a motion to add a standing item called “Addressing Homelessness” to the regular meeting agenda, Laurie Marsh seconded; all in favor, the motion unanimously passed.

B. 2021 Plumas-Sierra Counties CoC Advisory Board Calendar – discussion and possible action

Discussion: Chair opened discussion confirming that the regular monthly meetings’ day and time still work for voting and participating members.

Motion: Aimee Heaney made a motion to adopt the regular schedule for the 2021 calendar, Cathy Rahmeyer seconded; all in favor, the motion unanimously passed.



- C. New Member Applications (standing item)  
None
- D. Requests for Letters of Support (standing item)  
None

## **6. Committee Updates**

- A. 2021 PIT Count (January 26, 2021)

Cathy Rahmeyer stated that local PIT Count coordination will be prioritized after the Christmas season. They are offering Zoom training for volunteers. The Sierra County PIT is very small and Laurie Marsh interfaces with organizations and agencies whom she knows provide services for known homeless individuals.

- B. HMIS/CEP: there is nothing new to report; however, they are still meeting.
- C. Other: None

## **7. Agency Updates**

PCIRC's Angel Tree and coat drive are ongoing.

The LDS church is delivering 40 meals to PCIRC's high-risk clients.

Sierra County has an Angel Tree program as well.

## **8. County Updates - None**

## **9. Discussion Items for Next Meeting - January 26**

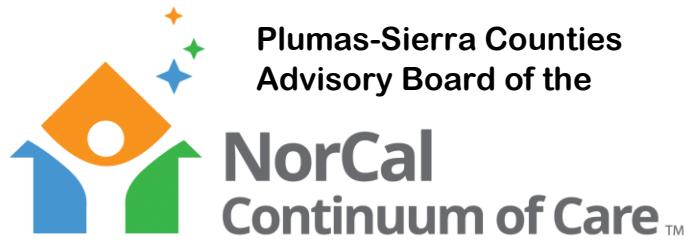
- NPLH noncompetitive application
- Update on HHAP Round 2 application submissions
- Executive Committee Updates
- Review annual membership policy
- Review Plumas-Sierra Counties 2019-2024 Strategic Plan
- ESG competitive grant update

## **10. Adjournment**

Cathy Rahmeyer motioned to adjourn and Aimee Heaney seconded; the motion passed; the meeting adjourned at 3:31 PM.

**Next Meeting:** January 26, 2021 (10:00AM)

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