



**Plumas-Sierra Counties  
CoC Advisory Board Regular Meeting Minutes  
June 28, 2022  
10:00AM**

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

The meeting was called to order by the chair at 10:04am. A quorum was established with voting members present, including Tracey Ferguson, Aimee Heaney, Cathy Rahmeyer and Laurie Marsh for Lea Salas.

Participating members present were Wendi James, Anne Nielson, Denise Pyper, and Kate Manganaro.

There were no guests present.

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

There was no public comment.

**3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 24, 2022**

Board members reviewed for approval the regular meeting minutes from May 24, 2022. Laurie Marsh made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Aimee Heaney seconded, and the motion was approved by roll call vote. All in favor. None opposed.

**4. Discussion**

A. NorCal CoC Executive Board Meeting Updates – Lea Salas and Tracey Ferguson

i. NorCal CoC Governance Charter

Executive Board (EB) meeting for June 16, 2022, with discussion of the Governance Charter (GC) changes. EB making slow progress as they work through the items of responsibilities of the EB officers. Aimee Heaney asked if the EB could reference other CoC GCs in the state as a best practice model. Tracey Ferguson will bring this up at the next meeting where the GC is discussed.

ii. ESG 2022 NOFA Update

Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) should be released in July 2022.

iii. ESG-CV Update

The State met its allocation threshold of spending down 50% of these funds. PCIRC reimbursement for their expenditures is ongoing. NorCal CoC is not

offering an extension of reimbursement to spend down these dollars. Deadline is July 30, 2022. Tracey Ferguson will call Keith Anderson at LA to inquire about process and advocate for an extension for PCIRC.

iv. HHAP Round 3 Update – submittal deadline June 30, 2022

Keith Anderson is working with CA State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and will submit the NorCal application for HHAP Round 3 by the deadline.

B. Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program (HHIP) Status – Anthem and California Health and Wellness (Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans in Plumas and Sierra counties)

Cathy Rahmeyer and Laurie Marsh met with the HHIP staff for managed care plans. This program has a broad array of funded eligible activities. Plumas County's allocation is \$500K and Sierra's is \$66K. When they get further along, they will contact counties to finalize memoranda of understanding (MOUs) in August/September 2022 and will connect regularly. June 30, 2022 is the managed care deadline. This program funding stream does not go through the NorCal CoC, but goes directly to local organizations, such as PCIRC. Anthem and CA Health and Wellness will partner with PCIRC. The DHCS CalAim program activities has similar supports for homelessness and housing.

**5. New Business/Action Items**

A. Continuing State of Emergency Teleconferencing (standing item) – discussion and possible action

Tracey Ferguson recommended that we resume virtual meetings, as in person meetings were not well attended. Tracey Ferguson motioned to approve virtual only meetings to be revisited at each meeting. Aimee Heaney seconded. The motion was passed unanimously with a roll call vote. All in favor. No opposed.

B. Plumas-Sierra CoC Advisory Board (AB) Secretary Alternate – discussion and possible action

Anne Nielson from Plumas County Behavioral Health (PCBH) department agreed to be the AB Secretary alternate for Aimee Heaney. Aimee Heaney motioned to approve and Cathy Rahmeyer seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. All in favor. No opposed. Anne Nielson will provide her participant membership application to Aimee Heaney for the record.

C. Plumas-Sierra CoC Advisory Board Chair Alternate – discussion and possible action

Sharon Sousa, who is the interim director of PCBH, was recommended as the AB Chair's alternate. Further discussion and action were tabled.

D. Plumas County Executive Board Member Alternate – discussion and possible action

Sharon Sousa, who is the interim director of PCBH, was recommended as the EB Plumas County alternate. Further discussion and action were tabled.

E. Addressing Homelessness (standing item)

PCIRC: Crisis line is busy. There is an increased need for motel sheltering. The High Sierra Music Festival (HSMF) strongly impacts Plumas County and PCIRC's resources,

in addition to the hospitals and Behavioral Health, as many struggling individuals remain long after the festival's end, many of whom are stranded in county. It's suggested that John Steffanic, Fair Manager, is made aware of the aftereffects of the festival.

PCBH: Anne Nielson added that there are no openings for the PRS or EA transitional housing programs. There will be one unit at Plumas Commons available by the end of August. Emergency lodging is okay and they have not placed anyone in the recent past.

Tracey Ferguson: Dixie Fire recovery crisis counseling services being offered through North Valley Catholic Social Services.

Sierra County: Laurie Marsh discussed a new program that is being proposed, targeting mentally ill homeless individuals through a Care Court. They are suggesting that some counties do pilot programs of Care Court. This is a legislative push to force counties to use unused MHSA dollars redirected to the courts. Legislators are pushed by constituents to do something when they perceive that the funds are not being utilized. Cathy Rahmeyer added that some people remain homeless by choice and that homelessness is not illegal.

Denise Pyper added that this is a very complicated issue for families helping their mentally ill relative who are hard to serve. Many parolees are also mentally ill. Cathy Rahmeyer asked whether this is part of the State making counties responsible for providing services and funding for mentally ill parolees. Post-release community supervision (PRCS) is what probation departments are required to handle for parolees' community supervision, but no one case manages the parolees or offers them support other than local organizations, like PCIRC.

Foster and Homeless Youth Program (PUSD): Wendi James is working with county youth, purchasing clothing for kids; the youth summit is upcoming in August at Sierra Nevada Journeys' Grizzly Creek Camp for Lassen and Plumas County foster youth.

Kate Manganaro discussed that they are closing the new youth drop-in center in downtown Quincy. She stated that they didn't have enough kids participating – just one student – so they wanted more robust programming and decided to use the funds in other ways to target more kids. Plumas County Public Health Agency's (PCPHA) staff for prevention and youth services is Danielle Blust.

Denise Pyper is a new member on the Plumas County BH Commission. She stated that Tony Hobson, former BH Director, was doing really good work, and Denise Pyper wanted to be a part of the new BH director section through being a BH Commission member. It's a big transition period for PCBH and she is supportive of the Interim Director, Sharon Sousa. The next BH Commission meeting will be on 7/6/22, and public meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of each month. They are hybrid meetings now. All are welcome to join.

**F. New Member Applications (standing item)**

None were received.

**6. Committee Appointments (standing item)**

A. HMIS/CEP Committee Member Sierra County – The chair asked if there has been any movement on these appointments. Laurie Marsh will be the primary member for this subcommittee, and the paperwork has been submitted.

B. PIT Committee Alternate Sierra County – No alternate has been identified.

C. Policy and Procedures Committee – there will be appointments for this new NorCal CoC committee. Under discussion at EB. Likely need a Plumas and Sierra representative.

## **7. Requests for Letters of Support (standing item)**

None were received.

## **8. Committee/Workgroup Updates**

A. PIT Committee – no update.

B. HMIS/CEP Committee – there are weekly meetings that Laurie Marsh and Cathy Rahmeyer are participating in. Paul Tunison with LA is the coordinator. Rahmeyer sates the weekly meetings could be more productive. Tracey Ferguson will inquire with EB about the format of the meetings and objectives in order to improve the experience for Plumas and Sierra counties. They review every list with him on a weekly basis. PCIRC always has a goal of permanent housing and they work to support folks in that goal. There continues to be little partnership with the Housing Authority (HA) or coordination with the Housing Choice Voucher program.

## **9. Agency Updates**

There was nothing additional shared.

## **10. County Updates**

None

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

- NorCal Executive Board Updates
- Funding Updates – ESG and HHAP 3
- Care Court Update

## **12. Adjournment**

Tracey Ferguson motioned to adjourn; Aimee Heaney seconded. All in favor. None opposed. The Board adjourned at 11:17am.

**Next Meeting:** July 26, 2022 (10:00AM)