



**Plumas-Sierra Counties
CoC Advisory Board Regular Meeting
October 25, 2022
10:00AM**

Minutes

1. Call to Order/Establish a Quorum/Introductions

The Chair called to meeting to order at 10:16am.

A quorum was established. Voting members in attendance were Tracey Ferguson, Aimee Heaney, and Cathy Rahmeyer. Participating members in attendance included Anne Nielson, Plumas County Behavioral Health, Wendi James, Plumas County Office of Education, and Denise Pyper, stakeholder. Guests included Bill Cook of Plumas County Veterans' Services, and Kristy Pierson and Sharon Sousa of Plumas County Behavioral Health.

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

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from August 23, 2022

Board members reviewed for approval the regular meeting minutes from August 23, 2022.

No discussion or changes. Cathy Rahmeyer moved to approve as submitted. Tracey Ferguson seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 7, 2022, Special Meeting

Board members reviewed for approval the special meeting minutes from September 7, 2022.

Cathy Rahmeyer moved to approve as submitted. Aimee Heaney seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

5. Discussion

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

i. Lead Agency HHAP Analyst Hired - Executive Board (EB) has authorized the monies to hire an analyst for Lead Agency (LA) for HHAP grants. LA has hired and onboarding is happening. Grantees will have technical assistance (TA) available. Will this person attend Advisory Board meetings? Tracey Ferguson will get more information on the roll out of this relationship.

ii. HHAP Round 3 - Back and forth occurring between State Housing and Community Development (HCD) and Lead Agency contract execution.

- iii. ESG 2022 Non-Competitive Allocations Update - PCIRC was awarded \$40,000, which has now been withdrawn by action of the Nor Cal CoC EB due to the sanction on PCIRC.
- iv. ESG-CV Funding Update - Recommendation letter submitted from NorCal to HCD. PCIRC under ESG-CV grant, is being reviewed by the State HCD and working with LA to understand eligible activities under ESG-CV grant. PCIRC has been sanctioned for not following ESG-CV grant ambiguous rulemaking concerning eligible ESG-CV activities and grant procedures. While sanction ruling is in place, PCIRC is ineligible for any other ESG funding. HCD and HUD have agreed with LA concerning the sanction and return of ESG-CV funding. Funds were awarded in March 2020, and the audit and findings were made in 2022, after LA had approved these grant activities.
- v. HMIS Updated Forms and Agreements - There are updated forms and agreements that will be coming concerning Homeless Management Information System (HMIS): client informed consent and Release of Information; prior practice included verbal consent given due to COVID and remote discussions (one of the areas PCIRC got in trouble for doing remote consenting); data confidentiality and security agreement; research agreement for data.
- vi. Care Court Implementation - The act was passed and signed by Gov. Newsom. The first cohort of counties to implement new Care Court includes Tuolumne and Glenn counties, which will be smaller county models for us to look to. Implementation will be set for 2023 and for other counties in 2024. PCBH is waiting to see how the initial cohort shakes out the wrinkles before it comes to our county.

6. New Business/Action Items

- A. Continuing State of Emergency Teleconferencing (standing item) - The state may be lifting the State of Emergency for the pandemic at the end of February 2023. Tracey Ferguson motioned to maintain the current emergency teleconferencing and Aimee Heaney seconded; the motion was unanimously approved to continue teleconferencing.
- B. HHIP Update

Cathy Rahmeyer was on the update call; NorCal was open to giving Blue Cross/CA Health and Wellness the paperwork to get their users trained in HMIS. PCIRC is the contracted agency in Plumas and Sierra County Behavioral Health is that in Sierra County. They are making it as flexible as possible to get these monies used. PCIRC will be using the bulk of the monies to get the navigation center operational.
- C. HHAP Round 4 Draft Application

In HHAP 4 application, being able to provide PIT data for 2022; Tracey Ferguson displayed data tables for numbers to be served and different activities for those served; eligible use with youth set aside percentages of funding for activities. Spending percentages were pulled from HHAP Round 3. AB needs to consider distribution estimates for HHAP Round 4 funds.
- D. Addressing Homelessness (standing item)

PCIRC: Cathy Rahmeyer stated they are moving into the new building to set up; the interior needs to be completed and parking lot paved prior to being able to see people in the building. Hoping for a grand opening in mid-December. Preparing for Thanksgiving

and seeking donated items. Aimee Heaney will send out distribution list a needs list. No residents in Ohana House because it's on hold. Probation budget came through and there's a line item for PCIRC services. The DA did not get Prop 47 monies renewed. \$45,000 funded to PCIRC for Pathways Home. Sheltering and permanent housing for local offenders (75-85 served). PCIRC has no rapid rehousing monies; and they are running out of resource assistance funds for energy subsidies to residents in need.

PCBH: Sharon Sousa shared that the transitional housing contract is still on hold. They have ten units at EA; they are doing a coat drive at Wellness Centers. WC in Quincy will be having an open house on 11/16/22. Coat drive is open to all who need one in any community. Bridge between PCBHC and AB doing a crossover meeting with the two entities. Next PCBHC meeting is November 2, 2022 at 1:00PM. Denise Pyper resigned from the Commission; she agrees with Cathy Rahmeyer that the overlap to identify gaps and needs would be beneficial. Kevin Goss is the Board of Supervisors' representative and the Commission Chair.

E. New Member Applications (standing item)

None submitted.

7. Committee Appointments (standing item)

A. HMIS/CEP Committee Member Sierra County – no update

B. PIT Committee Alternate Sierra County – no update

8. Requests for Letters of Support (standing item)

No requests.

9. Committee/Workgroup Updates

A. PIT Committee - PIT committee determinations for 2023 Count is forthcoming.

B. HMIS/CEP Committee - Cathy Rahmeyer stated there was no HMIS Committee quorum.

10. Agency Updates

11. County Updates

Fire Recovery: FEMA granted individual assistance (IA) for direct housing; 16 households equaling 15 units were designated at the Westwood Park in Westwood and one at Evergreen in Quincy. This assistance will expire Feb 24, 2023. They are going through a sales, then donations process for these units. First right of refusal is for the occupant to buy the unit at fair market value. Donations would be to eligible voluntary organizations such as tribal organizations, like Maidu Summit Consortium, or housing agencies, such as PCIRC.

Plumas: Builder / Developers Forum was a success over 80 participants attended with K2 Development Companies keynote speaker, Daniel Knott. A follow up forum is anticipated for spring 2023.

12. Discussion Items for Next Meeting

- HHAP Round 4

- Special meeting scheduled for November 17, 2022 at 8:30am to 10:30am.

13. Adjournment

Cathy Rahmeyer moved to adjourn the meeting until November 17, 2022 (8:30AM). Aimee Heaney seconded. Unanimously approved. Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:50am.

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