

**Plumas-Sierra Counties
CoC Advisory Board Regular Meeting
January 26, 2021
10:00AM**

Draft Minutes

1. Call to Order/Establish a Quorum/Introductions: 10:05am

Voting Members Roll Call: Tracey Ferguson, Cathy Rahmeyer, Lea Salas, Aimee Heaney

Others Present: Caedy Minoletti, Wendi James, Laurie Marsh, Denise Pyper

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.

Public Comment: None provided.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 15, 2020 and January 7, 2021.

Board members will review for approval the meeting minutes from December 15, 2020, and the special meeting on January 7, 2021.

Changes: Add "Special" in meeting description for January 7, 2021.

Lea Salas motioned and Cathy Rahmeyer seconded; motion passed.

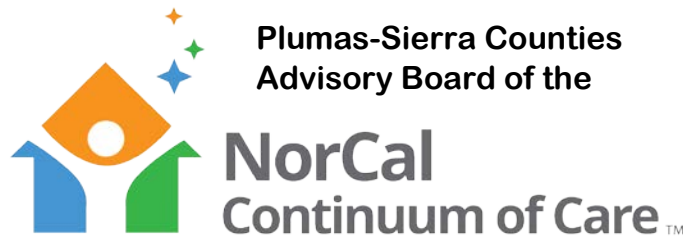
HHAP Round 2 – NorCal CoC edits by Tracey Ferguson

Aimee Heaney motioned and Lea Salas seconded; motion passed.

4. Discussion

A. NorCal CoC Executive Committee meeting updates – Tracey Ferguson

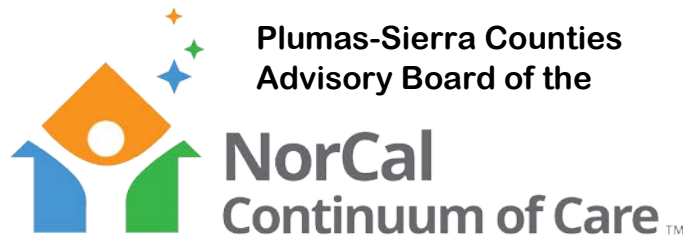
- HHAP Round 2 funding update: turnover and changes to the Executive Board membership; Barbara Longo of Lassen County has been appointed chair; there was a vacancy in the co-chair position; Tracey Ferguson was appointed co-chair; Lea Salas is the Sierra County representative; there was a vacancy for Del Norte County and Roy Jackson is the new representative for Del Norte; Board meetings are open to all 3rd Thursday monthly at 1:00pm.
- Lead Agency Organization Overview and Funding Summary: seven-county COC organization showing lead agency which is Shasta Community Action Agency; lead agency responsibilities and support to



seven counties; funding categories and allocations by category; 7-county consortium with lead agency history; composition, logistics, and timing of the NorCal CoC, Governance Charter subcommittee of the Executive Board will be meeting to discuss changes, participation, and responsibilities for years 2022-23; lead agency talks with HUD (William Snow is HUD liaison) to get guidance on CoC governance; if CoC changes happen, it would be for the FY2022-23, and CoC would get TA from HUD if changes take place; Cathy Rahmeyer states that PCIRC is grateful for this partnership and CoC support from lead agency; Tracey Ferguson asks if more money can come in through the CoC to counties; how do we attract more HUD money to the CoC and how do we substantiate the need? See attached PowerPoint slides.

- NorCal CoC Strategic Plan 2018-2020; update by Executive Board members; directed lead agency to create an action item for February 2021 Agenda to extend Strategic Plan to mid-year 2021 (June 30, 2021) in order to have time to create a 2021-2023 Strategic Plan.
- NorCal CoC 2019 Governance Charter Update: Subcommittee formed including Barbara Longo, Tracey Ferguson, and Lea Salas to make amendment recommendations to the Executive Board. Due to HUD March 30, 2021. Once specific amendment required by HUD is to include HMIS information.
- Using 2020 PIT Count for Funding Methodology (Lassen County letter): HHAP Round 2 allocation methodology was based on PIT count methodology (2020 PIT). Lassen has an official 2020 PIT count as “0” because they didn’t use the same count date as the NorCal CoC wide date reported to HUD. As a result, it makes Lassen not eligible for future funding should PIT methodology (2020 PIT count) be used for other grant funding methodology. Cathy Rahmeyer states that Lassen made a choice to keep the incorrect date. Lea Salas states this will have long-term impact for them. 2nd year of funding loss will be greater than the first year of funding loss. Rahmeyer states she believes the bulk of Lassen County sheltered costs come from donations to their faith-based ministries.
- ESG CV-1 and CV-2 NorCal CoC Allocation Award and NOFA Update: \$2M has been awarded to NorCal CoC for ESG CV-1 and CV-2 but there are no updates on publication of the NOFA.

B. HHAP Round 2 Application Submittals. Plumas County will work with PCIRC to submit.



- C. NPLH Non-Competitive Application Round 4 Extension Request Status. Forms due Feb. 15, 2021. Plumas is working with Development Sponsor to submit by deadline. Sierra County will do a separate extension application indicating partnership with Plumas on NPLH housing project.
- D. NPLH Development Sponsor MOU Update. PCBH submitted draft MOU to County Counsel in mid-December 2020. No comments have been received by Director Hobson. Anticipated to be executed in February 2021. A separate MOU will be developed between Plumas and Sierra counties.
- E. CA ESG Competitive Grant Update (PCIRC). No update from state on grant award. Pending. Decision should have been on January 8, 2021. Award amount expected is \$100K.

5. New Business/Action Items

- A. Annual Review of Plumas-Sierra Counties CoC Advisory Board Membership Policy. Review membership policy document each year; consider expanding participant base, including City of Portola and other Plumas County agencies and same for Sierra County and City of Loyalton; review the distribution list and who receives information; revise and include new agency personnel, such as Wendi James' (PCOE youth foster liaison) contact information for this meeting; differentiate voting vs. participant members; new members to fill out the application.
- B. Annual Review of 2019-2024 Plumas-Sierra Counties CoC Strategic Plan. Align local Advisory Board Specific Plan with the NorCal cycle. Section in Governance Charter speaks to specific plans and priorities. The Plumas-Sierra Counties CoC Strategic Plan aligns with these 3 priorities. Shall we do this regularly? Give ourselves a report card for annual outcomes. Dovetail these with our Plan to address homelessness. Lea Salas states that Executive Board will direct each Advisory Board to review a section to check for alignment. Recommendation made to periodically review Plumas-Sierra Counties CoC Strategic Plan annually, each spring.
- C. Addressing Homelessness (standing item). Wendi James (wjames@pcoe.k12.ca.us), PCOE's Homeless and Foster Youth Liaison, has met with PCIRC and is working with a few families and unaccompanied minors, such as seniors living with other people's families and needing credit to finish high school; Tracey Ferguson requests PCOE data to share; Wendi James is applying for a grant. The February 2021 agenda will include a report out from her.
- D. New Member Applications (standing item) – None were submitted.
- E. Requests for Letters of Support (standing item) – None were submitted.

6. Committee Updates:

2021 PIT Count (January 26, 2021). Planning in progress. Sheltered only (motels, Ohana House, TSLE, and PCBH transitional housing); no unsheltered count this year. Sierra County: Laurie Marsh completes mostly unsheltered counting and will survey her contacts; PCIRC completes Sierra County's sheltered count; due to COVID-19 requirements, unsheltered polling is completed per safely guidelines by county department staff.

7. Agency Updates:

Lea Salas shares that Housing Tools has sent Sierra County a proposal for applying for the permanent local housing (PLHA) grant for FY2021-22 and using these funds for NPLH, especially for case management; she reports a considerable uptick of COVID-19 cases at small gatherings. School is planning on reopening on Feb. 1, 2021, for elementary education in a split day format; no update on high school in-class return date.

Cathy Rahmeyer reports that PCIRC traffic has increased three-fold in intakes and homeless sheltering – there is no affordable housing inventory. Lea Salas asks about evictions: folks have stopped paying rent and utilities, and this is having a rippling effect on the landlords' sustainability and stability. We need a long-term solution to the motel voucher situation, as this is very expensive. PCIRC is looking at tiny house models; Scott McAllum is PCIRC's new executive director.

Tracey Ferguson will reach out to Board Clerk concerning inviting and including new Supervisors (e.g., Hagwood or Ceresola). Question was raised if it is time that we request county board of supervisors recognition of Advisory Board for Board participation and periodic updates.

8. County Updates: None

9. Discussion Items for Next Meeting:

- NorCal Strategic Plan and Part 1 of Plumas-Sierra Strategic Plan
- Regular updates from NorCal Executive Board
- Round 4 of NPLH extension update
- Homeless and Foster Youth Liaison reporting under "Addressing Homelessness" updates
- Acknowledgement by county boards of supervisors
- Invitation to county supervisors
- Distribution list update

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Tracey Ferguson and seconded by Aimee Heaney; meeting adjourned at 11:45am. **Next Meeting:** February 23, 2021 (10:00AM).