



**Lake County Continuum of Care**  
February 2020 Meeting  
Lake County Office of Education  
1152 S Main St Lakeport, CA 95453  
Thursday, February 6th, 2020  
3:00pm-4:20pm

**Attending:** Annie Barnes, Carrie Manning, Chris Taliaferro, Cindy Storrs, Elisabeth VanVranken (sp?), Thomas Leon Brown, Delores Ferrell, Doreen Gilmore, Janet Taylor, Jordan O'Halloran, Joyce Adams, Kelli Page, Kim Tangermann, Kimbralee Guerra, Melissa Hurley, Morgan Hunter, Patty Bruder, Robyn Bera, Ronni Duncan, Scott Abbott, Shannon Kimbell-Auth, Tiffany Montiel, Tina Scott, Juliana Kim, Kati (Sp?) Barth, Deanna Fernweh, Anina VanVoorene

**Meeting Called to Order:** 3:01 pm by Chairman Chris Taliaferro

**Welcome:** Introductions (name and organization), vision statement

**Motions:**

Motions to approve January Minutes:

- Shannon moves to approve, Delores Seconds. All in favor no oppositions or abstentions

Motion to appoint Tina Scott as Vice Chair of CoC

- All in favor, no opposition or abstentions

Motion to appoint Doreen Gilmore as Strategic Planning Chair

- All in favor no opposition or abstentions

Nomination to appoint Cindy Storrs to Performance Review

- Kim makes motion, and Shannon Kimbell-Auth seconds
- Votes: all in favor, no opposition or abstentions

**By Laws:** Opportunity to review and update in each meeting; can be located on the COC Website ([www.lakecoc.org](http://www.lakecoc.org)).

- Chair recommends members review by next meeting and bring any suggestions or changes so that it is current and up to date

Hud TA Grant:

- Grant specific to COC's to help plan and strengthen COC so we can compete for other grant funding.
- Will only receive \$6000.00 for planning but this is a benefit as HUD will recognize Lake County as a legitimate COC
  - Will set us up to be in compliance to receive more HUD (federal) funding
  - Could make Lake Co eligible to receive hundreds of thousands of dollars
- Compliance with HUD looks like:



- Need to have policies and procedures
- HMIS up and running
- Coordinated Entry
- Goal would be that by next September our COC could apply for this funding
- NEXT: Currently waiting on HUD to release the TA grant funds

### **CESH Grant Update:**

- COC Awarded 2019 CESH Grant
- Will be putting out a Notice of Funding Availability for organizations to apply
- Approximately \$250k project

### **CoC Committee Updates: (See attached report summary)**

- PIT:
  - Chair shares positive sentiments of the event
  - Pastor Shannon shared data summary report
    - Data: 332 surveys, 43 observations (572 people) higher than last year a little lower than two years ago
    - Jordan O'Halloran has raw data if anyone would like a copy breakdown of data for specific cities; Pastor Shannon provided a summary to COC members
    - Significant decrease of the number of children being counted- 6% from 20%
    - Double the number of veterans
    - Improved ability to identify specific locations in the data
    - Questions about the fires did not reach all 500+ and not all surveyors completed the last page
      - 177 specifically said they had been displaced because of the fire and 107 identified which specific fire impacted their housing
      - Mendocino Complex is the highest recorded fire impacting housing
      - Increase in length of stay (experiencing homelessness in Lake County) average of 18 years
    - Questions about Foster Care did not ask for specific as to who or how impacted by Foster Care system
    - 1:3 answered "yes" to Diabetes, Heart Disease and Cancer
    - Highest response to Where did you sleep last night: "Place not meant for habitation"- 348 survey recipients
    - Oldest 94, youngest is 5 months



- Partnership Health Data report indicates that 3,370 unduplicated individuals in Lake County are experiencing homelessness; this data is not included in the data submitted to HUD for PIT Count
- Did not receive McKinney-Vinto homeless number which may have impacted how many children experiencing homelessness were captured
- Hospitals and Jails are not included nor are the SUD treatment programs who may still serve people previously experiencing homelessness prior to entering into program and may experience homelessness upon discharge
- Did capture individuals housed by NCO vouchers
- Some data was too difficult to disseminate to capture trends
- Report will be on COC website but for more specific breakdowns request info from Jordan
- Average length of time of individuals surveyed experiencing homelessness is about 4.5 years
- First time homeless: 182
- Suggestion to include TBI in data report due to the correlation between TBI and individuals experiencing homelessness
- Passed out over 160 canned goods
- Lessons learned:
  - Food set up at the sites and before the day of the count
  - More sites (bus stops/hotels/casinos)
  - People going into the field need to have a check-in system (mapped out locations)
  - More training than just throughout the bag stuffing day
  - Increased collaboration with law enforcement
  - SPCA of Clearlake was successful vaccination
  - Bus Stops made it difficult to capture all information due to transit schedules
- Appreciation to Jordan for her hard work, positive attitude. MANY KUDOS!!!!!!
- HMIS:
  - No new update as of yet
  - Agencies need to know what they still need to submit to Todd Yokum at LCBHS
    - Can contact him directly at 707-274-9101
  - Agencies with HMIS project setup forms can be given to Scott Abbott
  - Need another Privacy training; but need to catch up with the setup of HMIS before we can coordinate another user training
  - Clarity has been paid; some challenges with contracts (language, minor edits) though we are technically without a contract they are still supporting us as we wait for the details to be ironed out
- Strategic Planning:



- Had first meeting. Function of the committee is to understand the population of individuals experiencing homelessness, need coordinated entry and prioritization, needs assessments to guide the COC. Utilize data to determine where the highest needs of services and supports are
- First element was to identify population which the PIT Count has supported
- Need more focused survey to capture information about our community and understand barriers to accessing services. Survey could capture information like:
  - Do you have a phone?
  - How do you communicate within the community?
  - Where do you get your news?
  - Do you have a car?
- This would be helpful when doing coordinated entry and determining prioritization for program eligibility
- Would like to get the survey questions developed to present by the next meeting
- Third Wednesday and 3:00 at the NCO Meeting Room (850 Lakeport Blvd) alongside the shopping center where the old bowling alley
- Executive committee has a phone conference with HUD for some technical assistance around Strategic Planning
- If anyone has any suggestions to add to the survey please contact Doreen Gilmore ([dgilmore@lakecoe.org](mailto:dgilmore@lakecoe.org))
- **Inter-Faith:**
  - Shower trailer anticipated to be repaired tomorrow, as soon as this is confirmed sites will be contacted
- **Program Coordinating Committee Updates:**
  - Kelli brought a stack of needs assessments for individuals 60 and older
  - Will inform the Area Agency on Aging on the needs of this population to be reported to the state. Would be willing to share this information back to agencies and the COC
  - Please contact Kelli Page (707) 995-4210, for more surveys. She is willing to pick up
- **NOFA for CESH or HEAP:**
  - Scott anticipates funding within the next two weeks
  - HEAP Recipients: no feedback from first quarter reports; Next report due in March
- **HHAP Grant:** project proposal would be to open the transitional shelter (south and north county)
  - Suggestion for that south county funding to go to Hope Center
  - City of Clearlake willing to match funds up to 500k for hope center, urgency around finding a match for funding so they can move forward
  - Application is due next week
  - Can email Linda Hedstrom [lmhedstrom@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lmhedstrom@sbcglobal.net)



- **New Business and Member/Organization Announcements:**
  - *NCO New Digs:* New Employee announcements
    - Looking for potential properties for rentals
    - Needs contractors to work with NCO at affordable rate
- *HOME SLE Program:* (see attached Information sheet)
  - Now accepting referrals for first two rooms; becoming available soon
  - This is not your formal SLE as we are a housing program not an SUD program.
  - No drug testing, minimal requirements (see flier)
- *Utility Assistance Program:* has been receiving referrals; still no “home base” – everyone who has been referred has received assistance (propane, water, PG&E, kerosene). Please do not contact the church directly, please submit referral to Delores
  - City of Lakeport has raised their deposit fees for utility assistance. Would need to be connected to agency to be referred
  - Not income-based, must be experiencing homelessness or at imminent risk of experiencing homelessness
  - Budget of \$5500/month; first come first serve- preference to one-time support per utility
- LCBH has opened Middletown Family Support Center: Open House event February 14<sup>th</sup>; will host parent cafes, play groups, classes, etc.
  - Welcoming Thomas Brown back to Circle of Native Minds (Cultural specialist and team lead)
- Housing CA (largest homelessness and housing conference in country) registration is now open
  - Early bird reg is open and ends next week.
  - Patty (NCO) Todd (LCBH) and Shannon (AH) will be presenting at this conference
  - Shannon Kimbell-Auth will send out link to COC Mailing list

**Adjourn:** 4:05pm