

LCCoC Monthly Meeting

2 September 2021

Attendees

- Chris Taliaferro – *LCCoC Chair*
- Tina Scott – *LCCoC Vice Chair*
- Brian Robinson – *LCCoC HMIS/Coordinated Entry Chair*
- Doreen Gilmore – *LCCoC Strategic Planning Chair*
- Reverend Shannon Kimbell-Auth – *LCCoC PIT Chair*
- Caitlen Murray – *Performance Review Chair*
- Sheryl Almon – *LCCoC Grants Selection Chair*

- Ana Santana – *Healthy Start Program Director*
- Angelina Fagundo – *Elijah House*
- Annie Barnes – *Sunrise Special Services Foundation, Inc.*
- Camille Cummins – *North Coast Opportunities*
- Caressa Hearp – *Hope Center*
- Carmen Sonato – *Lake Family Resource Center*
- Cindy Sobel - *Hospice*
- Derek Fiedler-Riddle – *North Coast Opportunities*
- Holly Masterson – *Lake County Office of Education*
- Joan Mingori – *Clearlake Chamber of Commerce*
- Kim Guerra – *Redwood Community Services*
- Linda Hedstrom - *Consultant*
- Loree Lewis-Crandell – *Creating A Pathway Everyday Living*
- Mary Wilson – *Lake County Office of Education*
- Michele Dibble – *Lake County Department of Social Services*
- Melissa Kopf – *Lake County Behavioral Health*
- Rachelle Damiata – *Adventist Health*
- Rebecca Linn – *Lake County Department of Social Services*
- Sandra Stolfi – *Department of Veterans Affairs*
- Scott Abbott – *Lake County Behavioral Health*
- Sonjia Menchaca – *Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake*
- Steve Bartholomew -
- Tiffany Montiel – *Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians*
- Todd Metcalf – *Lake County Behavioral Health*
- Trevor Thomson – *Nations Finest*
- Wendy Gattoni – *Catholic Charities*

Call to Order – 3:00 P.M.

New Membership

- Joan Mingori
 - Retired from Lower Lake High School as a Career Counselor. Has worked in the education field for years. Volunteered to work at the Clearlake Chamber of Commerce as a manager to help with the homeless living in the parks.
- Unanimously voted to approve new members.

Motions

Performance Review Committee Chair

- Motion to vote in Caitlen Murray as Performance Review chair.
 - Unanimously voted yes.

August Meeting Minutes

- Adopted with no amendments.


CoC Committee Updates

HMIS / Coordinated Entry – Brian Robison

- Coordinated Entry Draft was presented to HUD Technical Assistance. Input for review and adjustments.
- Emergency Housing Vouchers have been approved. Partners have started going through training on this.
- EHV Access Points, large commitment from Behavioral Health, another one by Elijah House. Making huge progress, but a problem is there are not a lot of resources for the access points, being creative on how to do this. Working with Giliana Morshedi.

Strategic Planning – Doreen Gilmore

- Edit on Gap Analysis, please give input before we post it on the website. Added resources, Catholic Charities, Pomo Indians, Nations Finest. Updated acronyms.
- 3 members of the CoC meeting went to training on Diversity.
- Put together a Community Survey to get input from the community on the direction our CoC should be moving towards. Ends on October 31, 2021.



Lake County Continuum of Care
2021 Community Survey

The Lake County Continuum of Care (LCCoC) invites you to participate in the 2021 Community Survey. This survey will help us prioritize the populations we serve and the projects the LCCoC will fund. Please answer the following questions:

Please check an identifier: LCCoC member (agency or individual)
 Interested community member
 Potential client/ or client of services for at-risk or experiencing homelessness

#1. The Lake County Continuum of Care uses a Coordinated Entry System (CES), to prioritize clients we serve in Lake County. The Housing Urban Development (HUD) program gives us guidance on how to prioritize residents who are experiencing homelessness. Using the Coordinated Entry System, the Lake County Continuum of Care must prioritize and serve the chronically homeless, individuals with significant challenges and functional impairments, high utilizers of crisis or emergency services, domestic violence victims, veterans, and children and youth. Other priorities can be determined by the community. Please assist us in prioritizing who we additionally can serve, by selecting **ONE** of the following:

Seniors with no Vulnerabilities Families with Older Children
 Transitional Aged Youth Non-Life Altering Disabilities
 Tribal Members Migrant Individuals/Families
 Other Ethnic, Race or Gender (Please specify) _____
 Community Members Hard to House: Justice System Involvement, Eviction History, Credit Issues, Pets (These types of questions are presented in the CES Assessment)
 Other – Please identify: _____

#2. The LCCoC receives funding for services from specific grants, that cover five project types. The five project types are:

- Emergency Shelter
- Transitional Housing which offers up to 24 months of rental assistance and services
- Rapid Rehousing that includes housing identification (recruiting landlords), move in and rental assistance (deposits, first month's rent, last month's rent, utility assistance and temporary and limited rent) and case management services
- Save Haven, funding for domestic violence housing
- Permanent Supportive Housing for Veterans, individuals with mental health and physical disabilities, and transition age foster youth



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Please select **ONE** of the five housing project types, that you would like the Continuum of Care to prioritize and focus more funding:

- Emergency Shelter Transitional Housing Rapid Rehousing
- Safe Haven Permanent Supportive Housing

#3. The LCCoC applies for funding from the federal and state governments. We can work on applying for funds to support specific housing projects. Please indicate your **top two (2)** housing projects you would like the LCCoC to apply for funding, with # 1 being your highest choice:

- Unaccompanied and Transition Aged Youth Home Tiny Home Village
- Home-Key Project with designated Motels Safe Parking Project on County Land
- Support for Veteran Transition Housing Support for Tribal Housing
- Support for Behavioral Health Housing Other: _____

#4. The LCCoC may be able to offer more services through available funding sources. Please indicate your **top two (2)** choices for services to be funded:

- Navigators to help find housing Staff time for Case Management Services
- Housing Problem Solving Staff time Referral Services (Access Points)
- Street Outreach Programs Health Services Counseling
- Food Clothing Hygiene Supplies
- Credit Assistance Utilities Assistance Transportation
- Employment Assistance Budgeting Education Life Skills
- Youth Services

This survey can be taken starting September 2, 2021 by Survey Monkey or on paper and scanned to Melissa Kopf melissa.kopf@lakecountycal.gov The survey ends October 31, 2021.

Thank you for participating in the Lake County Continuum of Care Community Survey. Your responses are important in building a program plan for Lake County.

- Derek Fielder stated he took the survey on survey monkey and was having issues with numbers 3 and 4. Doreen will look into it.
- Linda Hedstrom thinks we are missing the boat on gap analysis, seasonal versus migrant workers in Lake County. Linda states we should be going after many other money opportunities in the upcoming years that have been ignored in Lake County.

Point In Time – Rev. Shannon Kimbell Auth

- Focusing on Equity report and Symtec Contract. Put together the leadership for each committee moving forward.
 - Tribal – Katie Ray

- HIC Count – Tina Scott
 - Equity Incentive Bags – Faith Hornby
 - Location – Carrie Manning
 - Veterans – Chris Taliaferro
 - Education – Mary and Holly
 - Law Enforcement – Chief White
- Article in local paper talked about gentleman who has been homeless for 30 years in the Middletown area of Lake County. Our PIT Count partnered with miracle messages and due to our new partnership we were and was able to get this gentleman home to his family in Tacoma Washington. Link to the article: <https://www.record-bee.com/2021/09/01/30-years-of-homelessness-ends-for-one-man-thanks-to-innovative-partnership/>
 - Next meeting will be on September 20th. Focusing on what we want our custom questions to be for the next PIT count. Tribal subcommittee bringing to the table a better way to identify tribal membership. Second focus the story of homeless is Lake County. Asking more family, fire or Covid questions.
 - Still going to be digital the next PIT count. Digital count prevents errors from happening as paper copies allow data to not be collected.
 - January 27, 2022 is the next PIT Count. This next count we will be doing a better job of counting sheltered homeless in Lake County. Wants to be able to count McKinney Vento numbers better this coming year.
 - 145 new individual homeless from the Cache fire. We cannot count people right now, but we will be looking at a question about homeless caused due to fires on our digital PIT count.
 - Linda Hedstrom stated that all data collected even if it doesn't meet technical definition of homeless still can use it for other grants. Shannon and others agreed that all data captured will be shared.

Interfaith – Debra Fielder

- Not present, nothing to report.

Grant Selection – Sheryl Almon

- Next meeting date will be September 8.

- California Housing Coordinating and Finance Council doing Funding under HEAP. Big dollars and we are going to be reaching out for them.
- Modifying grants scoring criteria to meet. Rating and Ranking new tool, investigating on how to get us using it.
- Scoring deals with performance. Ranking our tools and our process with database evaluations, completion of projects, methodology, and objective performances. Working with HMIS group to get this data.
- Read through state NOFA. Emergency Housing money available, will be looking into it.

Performance Review – Caitlen Murray

- Setting up zoom meeting for the third Thursday of every month. Will be posting that on the webpage.

Homeless Liaison and Secretary – Vacant

- Chris asked for everyone to help fill this position.

New Business / Organizational Announcements

- Diversity Working Group. – Doreen stated that we want to report out in a respectful way in our local community not HUDs. Asking for volunteers to review documents and report out to race. Shannon went back to equity training about using the word BIPOC. Link provided below for information on it. <https://www.thebipocproject.org/> If you are interested please reach out to Chris.
- Scott Abbott gave updates.
 - Have awarded contracts with ESG COVID Round 2 to Adventist Health.
 - Awarding contract to Adventist Health for Pathways Hub and Coordinated Entry Central Operator
 - Upcoming. Round 2 of HHAP Grant. Fully done agreement with state. Putting together RFP on it now.
 - Upcoming. Regular ESG grant. CoC approves it, but direct contract with state.

- Applying for HHAP Round 3, recently announced, slated to get \$569,940.13 will be coming to Lake County.
- Federal HUD doing competitive grants this year. We have never qualified before to apply for this but due to all our work we are going to apply. Working with Homebase on how to get the most out of this competitive grant.
- Melissa Kopf states that Tuesday, September 7 is launch date for EHV. Only allowing referrals to access points. All Peer Support Centers as well as Elijah House are the access points. They have all been through training.
- The Harbor on Main is receiving calls about EHV. Remind people that there is a process on how referrals are happening and that the individual organizations do not have the EHV vouchers.
- Trevor Thomson from Nations Finest gave an update on Wildfire grant that they have. Lot cleanup, counseling, housing assistance, etc. If you would like more information the link is provided. lakecountywildfire@nationsfinest.org

Adjourn – 4:15 PM.