



**Lake County Continuum of Care  
August 2020 Meeting  
Join Zoom Meeting**

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**Meeting ID: 860 0922 1587**

**August 06, 2020**

**3:00PM**

**Meeting Called to Order:**

**Attending:** Sandra Stolfi, Cindy Storrs, Doreen Gilmore, Chris Taqliaferro, Adam Siegenthaler, Patty Bruder, Annie Barnes, Deanna Fernweh, Scott Abbott, Shannon Kimbell Auth, Tina Scott, John Mitchell, Justin Ammon, Linda Hedstrom, Will VanSant, Wendy Gattoni, Phylis Kowalski, Allison Panella, Melinda Lahr, Robyn Bera, Kim Guerra, Tiffany Montiel, Meredith Noyer, Kim Tangermann,

**Welcome and Vision Statement:**

**Motion to approve June Minutes**

**Votes:** Performance review chair position. Dolores Ferrel, Praises of Zion church

**Bylaws:** were sent out and signed.

1. Working document that we will go over and adjust or change as we go through each meeting

**Grant Updates, Scott Abbott,**

1. CESH 2019 not received yet. Once received will bring out notice
2. CARES grant: 670k has been allocated.
3. ESG-NCO application has been turned in.
4. HHAP-have to send out NOTA. Organization should be expecting to see the press release in the next week. We will also send it out to the COC.
5. COVID emergency response funding was used on the shelter. Reported to the state last week.

**Committee updates:**

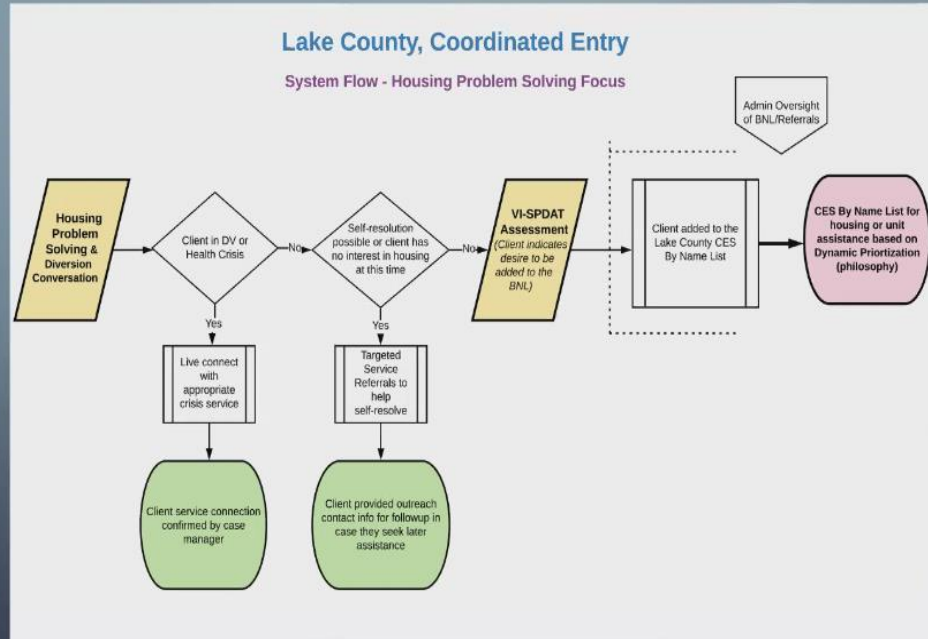
- *HMIS:* Shannon Kimbell-Auth-
  - HMIS is moving forward.
- *PIT:* Chris-
  - Looking for new point in count time committee chair. Jordan no longer with us.
- *Strategic Planning:* Doreen-Strategic plan chair.
  - Have sent our plan to outside of the county for evaluation and help. Should have it back next month.
- *HMIS and Coordinated Entry System:* Discussion of combining HMIS/Coordinated Entry committee chair positions.



- Cindy motioned for Shannon to be removed as HMIS chair and put on the agenda to be voted in as PIT chair.
- Teddy Pierce: Lake County CA-529 Continuum of Care update:
- Decipher will be stepping in to provide HMIS and COC guidance.
- Adam Siegenthaler- HMIS czar for Sonoma County.
- Going over Lake County HMIS Coordinated Entry wiki
- Going over HMIS system growth reports
- Lake County Improvements in 2020
  1. Goal of the COC is to act as a funding recipient, planning and oversight body.
  2. PIT count and housing inventory done.
  3. Vendor procurement.
  4. HUD following Lake closely and is very happy with the COC progress.
- The PIT count was superior. Have done a comprehensive job.
- Having a housing resource list also helped.
- Jordan did excellent with PIT count.
- HUD has expressed they are very happy with Lake County and their process.
- Currently 60% of CBO's installed in HMIS systems.
- 15 programs
- 125 unique users
- Lake County HMIS STATS, basic to date.
  1. American Indian or Alaska Native 6
  2. American Indian or Alaska Native/Native 1
  3. American Indian or Alaska Native/White 4
  4. Asian 2
  5. Asian/Black or African American/Native 1
  6. Black or African American 3
  7. Black or African American/White 11
  8. Data not collected 15
  9. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander 1
  10. White 80
- Will compare to PIT count after all entries are completed.
- Lake County HMIS Client Ethnicity Summary
  1. Hispanic/Latino 37
  2. Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino 83
  3. Data not collected 4
- Lake County HMIS Client Gender Summary
  1. Female 63
  2. Male 61
- Households 129. Only 7 reported having additional household members.
- Average median age is 33 years old which is much younger than Sonoma County at 50 years old



## LAKE COUNTY – COORDINATED ENTRY PLANNING



**Program Coordinating Committee Updates:** N/A

### Member/Organization Announcements and Further Discussion:

- *VA suicide prevention presentation:* Will Van Sant VA homeless outreach social worker
  - More than 42000 deaths by suicide per year. Every 12.3 minutes someone dies by suicide.
  - It is estimated that more than 1 million people attempt suicide every year. One attempt every 35 seconds.
  - 18% of all deaths by suicide among U.S. adults were Veterans.
  - S.A.V.E
    1. Signs of suicidal thinking.
    2. Ask the questions.
    3. Validate the experience.
    4. Encourage treatment, expedite getting help.
  - Do not keep the suicidal thoughts a secret.
  - Call 911 if needed.
  - Reassure that help is available.
  - Crisis lines. 1-800-273-8255

### *North Coast Opportunities Presentation: Robyn Bera*

- New Digs Rapid Rehousing program
- Video presentation of NCO



- New Digs believes in the housing first model. “People must first have stable, permanent housing before they can move forward with reaching their goals.”
  1. Housing First
  2. Must be homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness
  3. Short-term financial assistance and housing stabilization
  4. Resource and Referral
  5. Goal Setting
  6. Avoidance of future homelessness
- Grown and expanded over the last 18 months.
- Now 5 full time staff operating 7 grants.
- Also include landlord development and support
- Skills and job placement
- Property rehabilitation
- Approaching homelessness is a multitier approach.
- Grants:
  1. Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
  2. California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH)
  3. Housing Support Program (HSP) in Partnership with Lake County Dept of Social Services.
  4. Accept Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP) in Partnership with Lake County Dept of Social Services.
  5. Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP)
  6. Workforce Accelerator Fund (WAF)
  7. Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP)
- HEAP/WAF grants identify properties that need repairs. Currently working to employ people to make repairs to homes in 6 month program. Then will be able to obtain skills to get a job, maintain etc.
- Intensive housing placement activities.
- 6 month program called step up. Pay 20% of rent on up to month 6 where they are paying 100%
- Housing Navigation:
  1. Developing Landlord Relationships
  2. Mitigation
  3. Repair Work
  4. Maintaining a list of Rental Inventory
  5. Increasing Housing Inventory (WAF)
- Goal is to house at least 10 families in WAF construction project. Targeting 18-24 year olds. Opportunity to gain job skills. Have limited qualified skilled workers in the county.
- Housing case management video.
- Housed 70 clients since the start of 2019. Most of those clients are maintaining housing on their own, without our support.
- Maintaining relationships with about 30 landlords across the county, many of which come to us first with new listings.



- Please refer clients.
- Invite us to outreach events.
- Find properties in need of rehabilitation.
- Share rental information
- Explore shared housing.
- COC commitments and funding strategies.

**Motion to adjourn:** 4:39 pm