



EASTERN SIERRA CONTINUUM OF CARE (CoC) MEETING July 10, 2023, 1:00-2:30 PM

Inyo County Health and Human Services

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- 1.0 Call Meeting to Order and Introductions**
- 2.0 Public Comment:** This time is set aside to receive public comment on matters not calendared on the agenda.
- 3.0 Approval of Minutes (Action Item):** Review and consider approval of draft minutes from June 12, 2023
- 4.0 HHIP Implementation (Informational Item):** Receive update on HHIP implementation with Managed Medi-Cal Plans
- 5.0 Alpine County Summer PIT Count (Informational Item):** Receive overview of Alpine County's plan for a PIT count this summer
- 6.0 IRS Rural Symposium (Informational Item):** Receive information on the Internal Revenue Service's virtual Rural Symposium scheduled for July 12, 2023, 11:00 am PST
- 7.0 HIC/PIT Count Submission (Informational Item):** Receive update on January 2023 HIC/PIT data validation
- 8.0 CSAC AT HOME Plan Letter of Support (Informational Item):** Receive update on submission of a ESCoC letter of support and summary of state budget actions related to homelessness
- 9.0 HHAP 1, 2 (Informational Item):** Receive update on HHAP Round 1 and Round 2 funds
- 10.0 HHAP 3 (Informational Item):** Receive update on HHAP Round 3 funding
- 11.0 HHAP 4 (Informational Item):** Receive update on HHAP Round 4 funding
- 12.0 Collaborative Applicant Planning Grants (Informational Item):** Receive an update regarding 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 planning grants
- 13.0 Governance Charter Workgroup (Informational Item):** Update on annual Governance Charter revisions



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14.0 HMIS/CES Update (Informational Item): Subcommittee to meet briefly following this meeting to discuss meeting cadence and schedule

15.0 Roundtable

16.0 Future Agenda Items

1. Update on ESCoC Board Vacancies – pending updated Governance Charter
2. Stanislaus Regional Housing Authority MOU

17.0 Next meeting – August 14, 2023 1:00-2:30

18.0 Adjournment



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1.0 Call Meeting to Order and Introductions

Board Members Present: Jennifer Kreitz, Marilyn Mann, Anna Scott, Amanda Greenberg, and Patricia Robertson **Absent:** Kathy Peterson and Nichole Williamson

Community Partners Present: Melissa Best-Baer, Heidi Dougherty, M. Gonzales, April Powell, Erin Dobyns, Isaura Ocampo, Kimberly Ryan (Stanislaus Regional Housing), Kris Kuntz, Marissa Black (Stanislaus Regional Housing), N. Kumar, Olya Egorov, Rebecca Samaha, Sean Miragliotta, Stefanie Jackson (OVCDC), Vanessa Ruggio, and V. Haren (VHARENFrakiK)

2.0 Public Comment: This time is set aside to receive public comment on matters not calendared on the agenda.

No public comment

3.0 Approval of Minutes (Action Item): Review and consider approval of draft minutes from May 8, 2023 Ms. Mann made a motion to approve the minutes from May 8, 2023. The motion was seconded by Ms. Scott. Motion passed with following votes: Ms. Mann – Aye; Ms. Scott – Aye; Ms. Robertson – Aye; Ms. Greenberg – Aye; and Ms. Kreitz – Abstain

4.0 Selection of Officers (Action Item): Accept nominations and consider approving Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Secretary Ms. Kreitz made a motion to appoint Anna Scott as Chair, Patricia Robertson as Vice-Chair, and Amanda Greenberg as the Secretary. Ms. Mann seconded the motion. Motion passed with following votes: Ms. Mann – Aye; Ms. Scott – Aye; Ms. Robertson – Aye; Ms. Greenberg – Aye; and Ms. Kreitz – Aye

5.0 Approval of CoC Board Application (Action Item): Review and consider approval of CoC Board application for Kris Kuntz, Anthem Blue Cross, Program Director Housing and Homeless Strategy Ms. Kreitz makes motion to approve Kris Kuntz to the ESCoC Board. Motion seconded by Ms. Mann. Motion passed with following votes: Ms. Mann – Aye; Ms. Scott – Aye; Ms. Robertson – Aye; Ms. Greenberg – Aye; and Ms. Kreitz – Aye

6.0 HIC/PIT Count Submission (Discussion Item):

1. Receive update on 2023 HIC/PIT data validation – Our PIT numbers were submitted – they were lower than pre-pandemic and the most recent PIT. We are currently working with our



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consultant to validate the numbers given the percentage of decline. Discussed the challenges for Alpine to conduct in January given the geography and weather. Alpine's stated intent to not participate in January and to do a summer count instead raised the issue that there is funding available to support this and while it is not recognized by HUD, it could provide some information that would better inform strategies and planning. Ms. Greenberg suggested waiting to do this in summer of 2024. This allows for better planning and the decision to do so would also be informed by Thurmond Consulting regarding the impact this would have on funding streams (e.g. would it negatively impact us if numbers are higher). Discussion around having more information on pros/cons of having a summer-based count.

2. Discuss possibility of adding summer PIT count (re-establish HIC/PIT subcommittee) – See number 1 above. Table until after we have more information and get feedback from Alpine regarding how their count went – challenges and benefits

- 7.0 **ESCoC Board Retreat (Informational Item):** Review 5.31.23 ESCoC Governing Board retreat May 31, 2023, the Board (with the exception of Ms. Williamson) met with Thurmond Consulting to help the consulting firm better understand the CoC and the challenges, as well as identify the CoC vision. Discussed a number of issues, including data needs, data tools, working through making sure that the data tool used is meeting requirements for prioritization, looking at benefits of Summer HIC/PIT Count, and establishing a quarterly HMIS meeting sub-committee.
- 8.0 **HHAP 1, 2 (Informational Item):** Receive update on HHAP Round 1 and Round 2 funds
 1. Obligation Certification for HHAP 2 submitted May 30, 2023
Last month the Board approved a revised budget for HHAP 1 and HHAP 2 to recognize how funding will be used by the Round of funding. Ms. Mann provided an update regarding the status of the contract. Inyo County Board of Supervisors approved the final amendment to the State's agreement with IMACA, adding Inyo County as a second Contractor.
- 9.0 **HHAP 3 (Informational Item):** Receive update on HHAP Round 3 funding –
Ms. Scott provided an update on both 3 and 4 rounds of HHAP. No expenditures at this time.
- 10.0 **HHAP 4 (Informational Item):** Receive update on HHAP Round 4 funding
Ms. Scott provided an update that the HHAP 4 agreement was approved by Inyo BOS on 6/6 and the signed agreement has been returned to Cal ICH. No expenditures to report.
- 11.0 **Collaborative Applicant Planning Grants (Informational Item):** Receive an update regarding 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 planning grants
No expenditures to report. Inyo has received 20-21 planning grant and is working on arrangements to transfer the funds from HUD. Inyo also received notification that IMACA intends to transfer the 2019 and 2020 planning grants to Inyo. Inyo has requested clarification from HUD to confirm that costs incurred during FY 21/22 and FY 22/23 can be applied to these earlier planning grants. Once confirmed, Inyo will sign the transfer agreement.



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12.0 Governance Charter Workgroup (Informational Item): Update on annual Governance Charter revisions

Working with HUD Consultants (Abt Associates) to update the Governance Charter, as well as working with Thurmond Consulting to fine tune to our CoC. Hope to bring this to the Board later this summer and thereafter will review annually as required.

13.0 HHIP Implementation (Informational Item): Receive update on HHIP implementation with Managed Medi-Cal Plans

Working with both Health Plans to coordinate on the regional funding available to support CoC programming/administration. The agreements are on the calendar for the June 27, 2023, Inyo Board of Supervisors meeting. Both health plans have new dollars they want to put back into the community. Mr. Kuntz reported that the items going to the Board are initial investments and health plans want to look at how and what resources will best support the communities.

14.0 HMIS/CES Update (Discussion Item): Receive an update on HMIS and CES agreements and access for partner agencies

Reported last meeting that our staff person who was taking a lead on the HMIS had taken a new position outside the County and we will be recruiting to replace.

1. Establish subcommittee to work on HMIS functionality and documents
Discussion regarding identifying subcommittee. Ms. Robertson recommended her two housing navigators as being willing to participate as end users of the system. Ms. Robertson and Ms. Greenberg indicated a willingness to participate, as did Ms. Samaha from Anthem. Inyo County will identify a designated person from the perspective of the HMIS lead agency.

Subcommittee will work to envision the set-up of the HMIS so we can have a meaningful conversation with Bell to develop it out. This group will also discuss how to combine the universal descriptive elements for HUD (SVPEDAT) and the assessment that ChangeWell developed. CoC will need to use system funding from HHAP to pay Bell Data systems to build out the assessment and the projects.

15.0 Roundtable

Stanislaus Regional Housing Authority introduced themselves and indicated that they had an MOU with IMACA for services such as EHV (Emergency Housing Voucher) vouchers. They have a lot of vouchers (100 or so) that can be administered. Need to set up a separate meeting to identify partner(s) to help with administration. Stanislaus also looking for a local resource to do the housing inspections for the long-term vouchers. Request they provide an overview of services at future meeting.

Ms. Kreitz received a request from Supervisor Griffiths from Inyo County for CoC support of



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CSAC's AT HOME initiative. Discussion ensued and there is general support of the letter and Inyo will draft and send out for review prior to sending out and will bring it back to the next meeting for ratification. Ms. Robertson reported that Mammoth Lakes Housing has voted to accept the rebranding of their agency to Eastern Sierra Housing– 5-year strategic plan update to incorporate any new goals and solutions.

16.0 Future Agenda Items

1. Accounting of Collaborative Applicant planning grants (2019-present)
2. Accounting of HHAP funds expended (Rounds 1-4)
3. Update on ESCoC Board Vacancies – pending updated Governance Charter
4. **Stanislaus Regional Housing Authority**

17.0 Next meeting – **July 10, 2023 @ 1pm**

18.0 Adjournment



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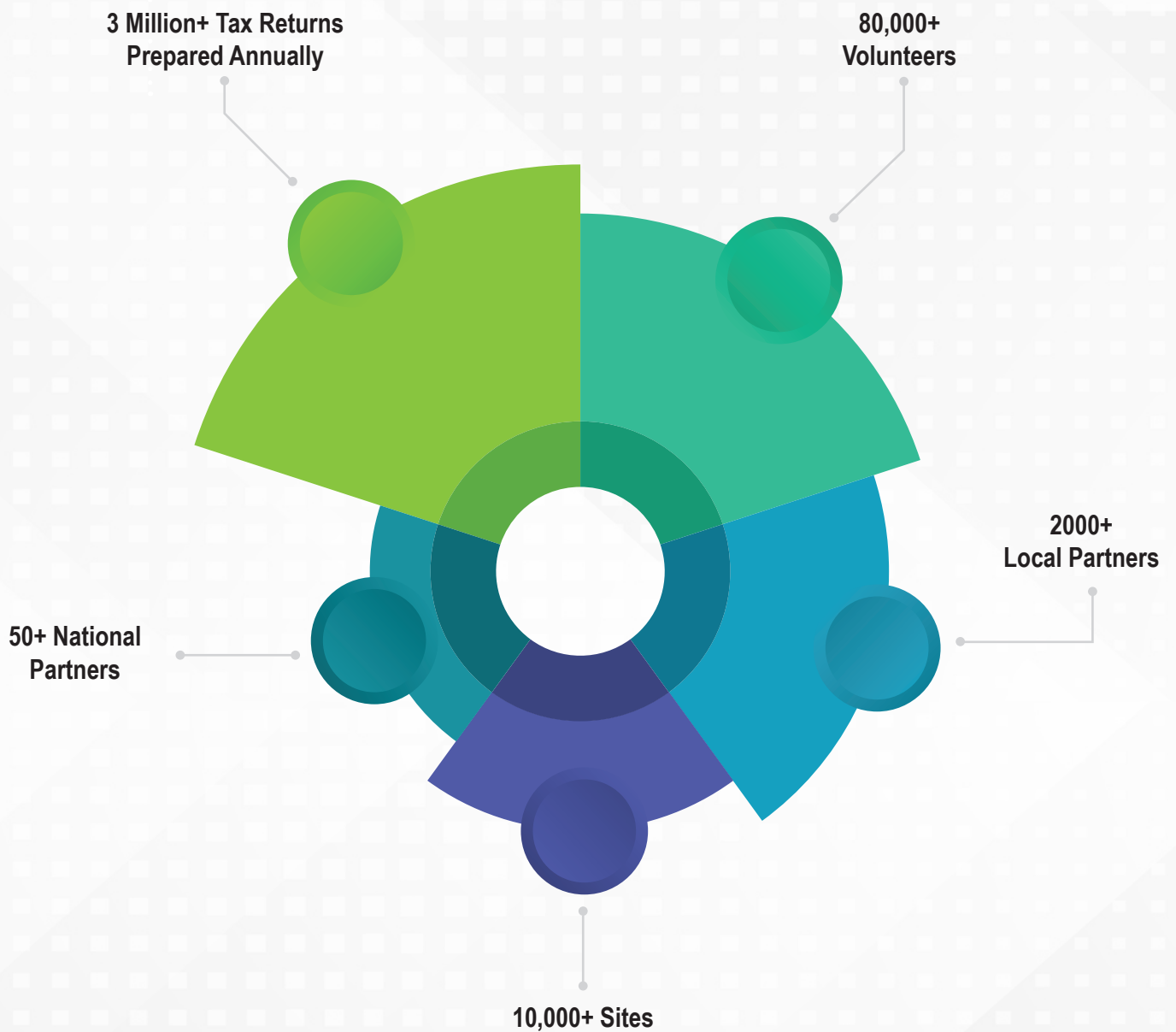
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ESCoC Board Membership: Anna Scott, Chair; Patricia Robertson, Vice Chair;
Amanda Fenn Greenberg, Secretary; Marilyn Mann; Kathy Peterson; Nichole Williamson; Kristopher Kuntz

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Resolution of the Eastern Sierra Continuum of Care in Support of the CSAC 'AT HOME' Plan

WHEREAS, homelessness is an urgent humanitarian crisis with an estimated 172,000 unsheltered individuals across California; and

WHEREAS, the undertow of massive economic and systemic inequities, as well as a tangled web of decisions made by well-intentioned policies and programs built over decades, continues to stymie efforts to support those who are unhoused or at risk of becoming unhoused; and

WHEREAS, unlike other areas of government such as education, child welfare, infrastructure and many other policy areas, California lacks a comprehensive plan to address those who are unhoused and at-risk of becoming unhoused effectively and equitably; and

WHEREAS, the current approach to addressing homelessness is fragmented and lacks clear lines of responsibility, accountability and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, to make meaningful progress in helping those who are unhoused and housing insecure, the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) offers a first-of-its-kind comprehensive approach to address homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the AT HOME plan includes broad goals and specific policy proposals to ensure clear lines of responsibility and accountability for every level of government and improve the way California collectively responds to those who are unhoused or at risk of becoming unhoused; and

WHEREAS, the six pillars of AT HOME stand for Accountability, Transparency, Housing, Outreach, Mitigation, and Economic opportunity; and

WHEREAS, AT HOME elevates homelessness as an important shared California priority, similar to how education, child welfare, infrastructure, etc. are prioritized; and

WHEREAS, our organization is aligned with the goals and policies of the AT HOME plan and AT HOME Coalition for Accountability;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Eastern Sierra Continuum of Care supports the CSAC AT HOME Plan and hereby joins the AT HOME Coalition for Accountability;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Eastern Sierra Continuum of Care joins a growing coalition of local government, public safety, social justice, health, labor, housing, community and other organizations throughout the state seeking a comprehensive system to make material progress on homelessness in California.

We direct staff to email a copy of this adopted resolution to the California State Association of Counties at fmcting@counties.org.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this day 26th of June, 2023.

Anna Scott, Chair, Eastern Sierra Continuum of Care, CA 530



CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

Homelessness Trailer Bill Update

JUSTIN GARRETT | DANIELLE BRADLEY

June 29, 2023

The Housing and Homelessness budget trailer bill ([AB 129](#)) contains significant changes to the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) program. Many of the provisions are consistent with the AT HOME plan and reflect the advocacy of CSAC, counties, and partner organizations. The required regional collaboration, comprehensive homelessness plan development, and the identification of specific roles and responsibilities for each jurisdiction will help further efforts toward the establishment of a comprehensive homelessness response system. Unfortunately, there is no commitment to ongoing funding for the HHAP program. This lack of multi-year funding will limit the effectiveness of these new provisions and hinder the ability of local governments to make long-term progress to address homelessness.

AB 129 was passed by the Senate this morning and is anticipated to be passed by the Assembly this evening. CSAC has already started to engage with the Administration on implementation related to tools, resources, and timeline considerations needed to effectively comply with these program changes. Below is a summary of the key highlights of the HHAP program language in AB 129.

HHAP Funding Amounts

The budget agreement provides funding for HHAP in 2023-24 without an ongoing funding commitment.

- Establishes Round 5 of the HHAP Program to be funded at \$1 billion in 2023-24
- States legislative intent to provide funding for the HHAP program in 2024-25
- Makes one percent of funding (after state administrative costs) available to develop required regional plans

- Provides 80 percent of funding as base allocations
- Maintains existing HHAP distribution ratios for big cities, continuums of care (CoCs), and counties (42%, 30% and 28% respectively)
- Applicants have the option of designating another applicant in their region to serve as the fiscal agent for administration of the funding
- Eliminates bonus funding
- Sets aside 17 percent as supplemental support for Homekey
- Provides two percent for tribal applicants
- Advances redeployment of bonus funding allocated in prior years as supplemental HHAP funding

Required Regional Plan

The trailer bill includes new requirements for regional coordination, comprehensive plan development, and identification of roles and responsibilities.

- Requires counties, big cities, and CoCs to apply as part of a region, to coordinate on the development and submission of a regionally coordinated homelessness action plan, and to be a signatory on the plan
- The plan must include:
 - Identification of roles and responsibilities for all participating jurisdictions regarding outreach and site coordination, siting and use of available land, the development of shelter, interim, and permanent housing options, and the coordination and connection to the delivery of services
 - Small cities (those with population under 300,000) may elect to engage and collaborate on the plan and will have roles and responsibilities identified
 - System performance metrics on a range on homelessness metrics
 - Key action towards accomplishing performance metrics including sources of funding, lead entity on each step, timeframe, and how to measure success.
 - List of actions to prevent individuals falling into homelessness as they exit institutional settings

- Explanation of how each jurisdiction is using the list of identified federal, state, and local homelessness funding
- Explanation of how region is connecting individuals to eligible wrap around services
- Actions to address racial and gender equity
- The plan development shall include a public stakeholder process with at least three public meetings
- Specific entities invited to the plan development include those with lived experience, local department leaders, service providers, managed care plans, and street medicine providers
- Requires the HHAP application to be available by September 30, 2023, and for the regional plan to be due no later than 180 days from the date the application is available.

Uses of HHAP Funding

The trailer bill lists a broad range of eligible uses of HHAP funding in three categories.

- Reorganizes and expands uses of HHAP funding into three major categories – (1) Permanent housing solutions; (2) Interim housing solutions; and (3) Services for people experiencing homelessness
- Applicants must demonstrate that the region has dedicated resources to permanent housing prior to using funding for new interim housing solutions
- Permanent housing solutions include rental subsidies, landlord incentives, move-in expenses, operating subsidies, rapid rehousing, diversion support programs, services for people in permanent housing, and capital for permanent housing
- Interim housing solutions include navigation centers, operating expenses in existing congregate care sites, operating expenses in new and existing non-congregate care sites, motel or hotel vouchers, services to people in interim housing, capital funding for new non congregate shelter sites, capital funding for clinically enhanced shelter sites, and youth-focused services in transitional housing
- Services for people experiencing homelessness include street outreach, services coordination, systems support, and improvements to emergency shelters
- Applicants are allowed to use funding for additional purposes with approval of Council

Accountability Provisions

The trailer bill includes mechanisms for the California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH) to monitor progress, provide technical assistance, and potentially withhold funding until improvement.

- Counties, CoCs, and big cities within a region must sign an MOU, while small cities may also sign and commit to participation
- The second installment (50% of the base allocation) will be contingent on submission of a regional plan update
- The council may withhold the second installment from a jurisdiction that repeatedly fails to take action as specified in the regional plan or that takes action adverse to achieving the objectives of the plan until the jurisdiction comes into compliance
- The council shall provide technical assistance to jurisdictions to help ensure compliance
- The council may monitor expenditures and programmatic activities to ensure compliance

Supplemental Funding

The trailer bill establishes additional requirements for eligibility for the Homekey set aside and redeployed bonus funding.

- In 2023-24, \$100 million will be provided to Round 5 applicants as supplemental funding to applicants upon approval of regional plan
- In 2024-25, \$260 million will be provided to Round 5 applicants as supplemental funding as long as applicants have an approved regional plan and counties and cities demonstrate that they have a compliant housing element
- For the supplemental Homekey funding, a city or county must have an approved regional plan and demonstrate that they have a compliant housing element in order to apply