



## EASTERN SIERRA CONTINUUM OF CARE (CoC) MEETING May 8, 2023, 1:00-2:30 PM

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Inyo County Health and Human Services

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### AGENDA

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#### 1.0 Call Meeting to Order and Introductions

Board attendance: Marilyn Mann, Anna Scott, Kathy Peterson, and Patricia Ann Robertson, Amanda Greenberg – Absent: Jennifer Kreitz, and Nichole Williamson

Other Attendees: Shane Scott, Melissa Best-Baker, Kelly Barceloux, Erin Dobyns (Alpine), Darcia Blackdeer-Lent, Kris Kuntz (Anthem), Holly DeVincent, Sara Alden, Olya Egorov, Vanessa Ruggio, Gina McKinzey, Isaura Ocampo (MLH), Audrey Bear, Morningstar Willis-Wagoner, Kari Fraki - Reno VA, Sherry O'Connell

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

Ms. Robertson announced that Mammoth Lakes Housing has hired two housing navigator positions - one funded by Mono and one by Alpine: Olya Egorov and Isaura Ocampo. Ms. Robertson also announced that Innsbruck will be available by fall 2023.

#### 3.0 Approval of Minutes (Action Item): Review and consider approval of draft minutes from March 20, 2023

Ms. Peterson moved to approve, second from Ms. Peterson. Motion approved: 4 Ayes, 2 absent

#### 4.0 Approval of CoC Board Application: Review and consider approval of CoC Board application for Amanda Fenn Greenberg, Mono County Behavioral Health

Ms. Mann moved to approve, Ms. Peterson seconded motion. Motion approved: 4 Ayes, 2 absent  
Ms. Greenberg added to voting membership for remainder of meeting.

#### 5.0 HIC/PIT Count Submission (Informational Item): Receive update on 2023 HIC/PIT

Ms. Wyatt from Thurmond Consulting helped with submission (report in packet) and provided a summary of the data for the 2023 count. She explained that the report reflects the CoC region and does not break down data by County. Also, the 2023 PIT does not reflect Alpine County as they did not participate on the January PIT count. Alpine will be doing their own count during summer 2023. Ms. Wyatt reviewed the definitions of homelessness as required by HUD to clarify that individuals who are "couch surfing" are not included in the homeless count. Ms. Robertson commented that it would be helpful to see a year-to-year comparison so that trends can be identified and stated that it would also be helpful to see data broken down by county. Ms. Mann

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pointed out that the total number of unhoused individuals was 69, which is a significant decrease from the past year and does not match the perceived increase in the number of people contacted the night of the count. The group discussed whether a difference in methodology from year to year might explain that difference. Ms. Wyatt will look at past methodologies used and assess the need to make adjustments to methodology in future years.

- 6.0 ESCoC Board Retreat (Discussion Item):** ESCoC Governing Board will convene 5/31/23 for a retreat facilitated by Thurmond Consulting for the purpose of discussing regional capacity and strategies to meet HHAP goals.

Ms. Scott provided information on the Governing Board retreat that will be held in Mammoth Lakes and explained that the board will not be moving forward with a broad strategic plan until we can fully update our governance documents and have an opportunity to bring on more membership. Current strategy is to focus funding on our current projects.

- 7.0 HHAP 1, 2 (Action Item):** Receive update on HHAP Round 1 and Round 2 funds and

1. Consider approval of revised HHAP 1 and HHAP 2 budgets that indicate the amount of funds obligated to existing projects

Ms. Scott explained that she, Ms. Mann and Inyo County Counsel met with Cal ICH 4/12/23 to discuss revisions to the contract language for the HHAP 1 and HHAP 2 contracts. CalICH was amenable to clarifying Inyo's responsibilities and to specifically addressing the eventual disposition of the proceeds of the sale of the Navigation Center IMACA purchased with HHAP 1 funding. Goal is to have the agreement ratified by end of May. There is a deadline to obligate 50% of HHAP 2 funding by 5/31/23. CalICH indicated that a contract or MOU is preferred, but that a budget approved by the ESCoC would be sufficient. We are asking the ESCoC Board to consider approval of the attached budgets, delineating the intended expenditures for HHAP 1 and HHAP 2. The capped administration costs and minimum youth set-aside amounts are appropriately charged to each funding stream and the remaining funds are allocated according to previous direction of the CoC Board. The change simply disconnects 1 from 2 and retains the obligations already approved by the board. Ms. Robertson moved to approve budget clarification, and Ms. Peterson seconded. Motion approved: 5 ayes 2 absent

- 8.0 HHAP 3 (Informational Item):** Receive update on HHAP Round 3 funding

Ms. Scott explained that the agreement was signed by Inyo in January 2023- funds just received. No expenditures to report. For this application, there are no admin funds in budget, but there are funds in certain categories that we intended to use to offset staffing costs for the Inyo portion.

- 9.0 HHAP 4 (Informational Item):** Receive update on HHAP Round 4 application
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Ms. Scott explained that the funding award was received on 3/28/23 in the amount of \$360,701.40. 10% (\$36,070.14) must be used specifically for homeless youth services and there is still a 7% admin cap (\$25,429.10). That leaves \$299,202.20. During the last meeting, the Board indicated that those funds be budgeted in Permanent Supportive Housing to support existing projects. Contract is scheduled to be on the Inyo BOS agenda for 6/6/23.

**10.0 Collaborative Applicant Planning Grants (Informational Item):** Receive an update regarding 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 planning grants

Ms. Scott stated that there are no expenditures to report. Inyo has received 2021 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 cost 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.

**11.0 CSAC AT HOME Coalition for Accountability (Informational Item):** Receive an update on the proposal from the California State Association of Counties

On May 2, 2023, the Inyo County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution to join CSAC's AT HOME Coalition and support the AT HOME plan. A copy of the presentation and resolution are included with the agenda. The plan aims to establish a comprehensive approach to address homelessness by setting clear roles and responsibilities for all levels of government.

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

Governance Charter Workgroup continuing to meet with HUD TA provider, Abt Associates to update the charter. We expect that the charter will be presented to the CoC for review and approval during Summer, 2023.

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

Agreements pending Inyo BOS approval. No updates to report at this time

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

Ms. Scott reported that Inyo is in process of backfilling our employee who left. Ms. Mann acknowledged that Inyo moved back- without a lot of discussion- to using the VSPDAT, as it is good at rating and ranking and meets requirements for Section 8 vouchers. Ms. Egorov stated that the tool itself works pretty well the issue was uniformly putting in the information using the HUD definition. She also pointed out that agencies can't add an individual in HMIS until they are homeless.

**15.0 Roundtable**

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Ms. Barceloux provided an update on the sale of the navigation center: no offers; Ms. Robertson reported MLH is working to try and preserve Valley Apartments; MLH has received some funding to help with emergency housing for displaced individuals in Mammoth Lakes due to emergency and households within Mammoth Lakes who are employees of Alterra as a result of the emergency; Ms. Robertson asked how will people have access to PIT/HIC data and Ms. Wyatt explained that it has to go through the data validation process around July. HUD does a generic report they provide to Congress. CoC will need to post the data on the Inyo County website with note that they are pending validation by HUD.

### 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

### 17.0 Next meeting

Next meeting June 12 from 1-2:30. this will continue to be by zoom and that link will stay the same for the next several meetings. Calendar invites went out yesterday to the current distribution list. Ms. Robertson made a request to add Stanislaus County Housing Authority to the ESCoC distribution list for future meetings.

### 18.0 Adjournment