



EASTERN SIERRA CONTINUUM OF CARE (CoC) MEETING

Sept 11, 2023, 1:00-2:30 PM

Inyo County Health and Human Services

Zoom: **Join on your computer** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83070482119>

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AGENDA

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1.0 Call Meeting to Order and Introductions

Members: Anna Scott, Amanda Greenberg, Jennifer Kreitz, Kris Kuntz

Absent: Patricia Robertson, Nichole Williamson

Other: Amy Wyatt, Morningstar Willis-Wagoner, Isaura Ocampo, Arlene Brown, Monica Kyle, Isaiah Rich, N Kumar, Melissa Best-Baker, Danielle Murray, Rebecca Samaha, Francie Avitia

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

Ms. Ocampo relayed a request from Mono County staff members who would like a more in-depth look at the HMS system. They desire to understand how the system works in more detail than they have. There was also an indication that a refresher for the Housing Navigators would be helpful. Ms. Scott asked for clarification- would this be general training or for users who need more in-depth support around technical aspects of the system? Ms. Ocampo clarified a more general training is desired.

Ms. Kyle from the IRS announced her presence and advised she is on the lookout for partnership and outreach opportunities.

Ms. Brown from Crossroads Recovery Center announced her presence.

Ms. Wyatt announced that the 2023 Emergency Solutions Grant was published with a due date of 10/16/23 and that anyone interested in applying should reach out to her. There are several different types of projects that are eligible. Competitive- Emergency Shelter, Rapid Rehousing, Street Outreach. Would be competing against 6 to 11 other CoC's. Noncompetitive is for Rapid Rehousing activities.

3.0 **Membership Updates (Informational):** Receive information on Kathy Peterson's resignation from Governing Board.

Ms. Scott announced that Ms. Peterson has resigned from the governing board and will identify staff to send to meetings in the future. Likewise, Ms. Williamson from Alpine County has found it difficult to attend meetings and has plans to resign as a board member. This is



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not official yet, but she indicated that another Alpine County representative may be available to replace her. Ms. Krietz expressed an interest in having a brainstorming session to investigate ways to connect with stakeholders with lived experience, something that has been a challenge in the past. Ms. Brown indicated that Crossroads is filled with people with lived experience; Ms. Scott will contact her directly.

4.0 Approval of Minutes (Action Item): Review and consider approval of draft minutes from August 14, 2023

Ms. Greenberg made motion to approve and was seconded by Ms. Kreitz

Ayes: Ms. Scott, Ms. Greenberg, Ms. Kreitz, and Mr. Kuntz

Nays: -0-

Absent: Ms. Robertson, Ms. Williamson

5.0 FFY 2023 CoC Program Competition (Informational Item): Receive update on timeline and activities. Request for all ESCoC members to complete the Consolidated Application Survey by end of day on September 11, 2023: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ESCoC2023ConApp>

Ms. Wyatt provided an update on the CoC Competition application. The consolidated application is due 9/28/23 and we have requested that survey responses be completed by today, 9/11/23. Thurmond Consulting will finalize the application and then publicly post it on the Inyo County website. The planning grant award is now \$50,000 vs \$3,000 from previous years. The CoC rating and ranking workgroup met to review two apps, which will be discussed in the next action item. Ms. Wyatt explained that one requirement of the CoC Competition application requires the CoC to provide training for survivors of domestic violence. Wild Iris will be conducting training via zoom that will be recorded, 9/12/23 from 10-11:00.

6.0 Consolidated Application Bonus Funding Applications (Action Item): Review and consider approval of Application Ranking work group's recommendations for funding.

Formally approve working group's recommendation. The first application is from Mammoth Lakes Housing (MLH) with a Supportive Housing Project. The second app is Helping Hands-Supportive Services. Ms. Wyatt explained that the CoC can only recommend one app. Both applicants were strong, but the highest scoring application was from MLH for Innsbruck Lodge and the rating and ranking workgroup recommends approval of the MLH application.

Ms. Kreitz made motion to approve and was seconded by Ms. Greenberg

Ayes: Ms. Scott, Ms. Greenberg, Ms. Kreitz, and Mr. Kuntz

Nays: -0-

Absent: Ms. Robertson, Ms. Williamson

7.0 Roundtable

Ms. Brown announced the Bishop location for Crossroads, 536 W Line Street, will be opening in one week. There is no exact date for the sober living home to open, but it will be located on the Bishop Paiute Reservation and open to anyone 18 years and up. They hope to have a family unit set aside for people in recovery, and will have 4 female and 4 male units.



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Mr. Kuntz indicated that those interested in the ESG grant opportunities should reach out to him as they are trying to build out their CalAIM housing and Ms. Brown indicated interest. Mr. Kuntz also asked for the reason for choosing MLH over Helping Hands. Ms. Wyatt indicated that the primary reason is that there is only \$10,566 available in funds, and that entity requested more than \$140,000 for supportive services, HMIS, and rural costs.

Ms. Krietz announced that there are two upcoming housing community workshops, one is in June Lake on 9/12/23 and one in Lee Vining on 9/12/23. Ms. Greenberg requests Ms. Krietz to provide a summary at the next COC meeting.

Ms. Krietz indicated that 10/9/23 is a county holiday, Ms. Scott will send out a poll to see if the meeting can be moved to the following week.

8.0 Future Agenda Items

1. Governance Charter Workgroup
2. HMIS/CES Update
3. HHIP Implementation
4. Program overview from Stanislaus Regional Housing Authority
5. Accounting of Collaborative Applicant planning grants (2019-present)
6. Accounting of HHAP funds expended (Rounds 1-4)
7. Update on ESCoC Board Vacancies – pending updated Governance Charter

9.0 Next meeting – October 9, 2023 1:00-2:30

10.0 Adjournment