



EASTERN SIERRA CONTINUUM OF CARE (CoC) MEETING

January 8, 2024, 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, Patricia Robertson, Eryn Dobyns

Absent: None

Other: Jennifer Esparza, Erin Rubin, Garrick Wong, Isaiah Rich-Wimmer, Kara-Reno VA, Monica Kyle, Danielle Murray, Morningstar Willis-Wagoner, Olya Egorov, Vanessa Ruggio, Sara Alden, Melissa Best-Baker

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

Ms. Kyle states that the start date for tax filing season has been announced; outreach on earned income tax credit and child tax credit.

3.0 Approval of Minutes (Action Item): Review and consider approval of draft minutes from December 11, 2023.

Ms. Robertson made motion to approve and was seconded by **Ms. Greenberg**
Ayes: Ms. Scott, Ms. Greenberg, Ms. Kreitz, Mr. Kuntz, Ms. Robertson, and Ms. Dobyns

Nayes: -0-

Absent:

4.0 **HHAP (Informational Item):** Receive an update on the transfer of HHAP 1 and 2 funds from IMACA to Inyo County to be administered on behalf of the ESCoC. Receive general updates on HHAP rounds 3 and 4.

HHAP informational item: Talked last month about transfer of HHAP funds from IMACA to Inyo County; IMACA has provided an accounting of funds to CalICH; now just waiting for amendment and for funds to be transferred; no expenditures on HHAP at this point per Ms. Best-Baker.

Mr. Rich-Wimmer states for the application for HHAP 5: there will be a round 5 of HHAP; given an allocation by the state and we have to respond – there are criteria – need a regional plan; similar to HHAP 3 and 4 (local stakeholders, participants, counties); seeking clarification on what revisions may be needed compared to 3 and 4; will need 3 public meetings – can be part of CoC meetings; Ms. Greenberg asked if meetings are subject to the Brown Act; Mr. Rich-Wimmer doesn't think so but will check;

Ms. Scott: do CoC members believe that other public meetings should be organized or that the CoC meeting is sufficient? Ms. Greenberg: no extra meetings, please; Questions for HHAP 5 can be sent to isaiah@thurmondconsultingllc.com

5.0 2024 HIC/PIT Count Preparation:

1. **2024 HIC/PIT Ad Hoc committee report out (Informational Item)** date has been set for the count for Wednesday night, 1/24/24. Discussion on what each county will be doing on the night of the count.

Ms. Best Baker states that the committee met after the last COC meeting- January 24 is chosen PIT count date. Each county is doing things a little differently. Inyo ordered backpacks for the entire region. Wipes and Bomba socks being distributed too. Bishop and Lone Pine- Wellness centers will be doing community dinners. Some locations in the county where staff will go out to do PIT count.

Ms. Greenberg states Mono will have dinner at Wellness Center in Mammoth, send out staff to different parts of the county. Mono will also be working with Mammoth Mountain to table at the event there.

Miss Egorov says Alpine County will be doing PIT count. Working with Alpine Probation to help with PIT, drafting formal proposal this week. Ms. Esparza states Lighthouse Church will be giving out gift cards again. Miss Robertson asks if we have everything we need like tablets? Miss Egorov states she and Isaura can help bring backpacks to Mammoth.

2. **PIT Count flyer (Informational Item):** See the attached draft flyer for partners and draft Public Service Agreement (PSA).

Miss Best Baker states the PIT count flyer was created for partner agencies to be aware of count.

6.0 HMIS/CES Workgroup update (Action Item): Review and consider approval of the Coordinated Entry System Policy and Procedures. Comments received from Eastern Sierra Community Housing are to be considered in the discussion.

Last month went through the P&P for Coordinated Entry System- final P&P ready. A copy of the finalized draft is in the agenda. Ms. Robertson asks if the appendix for the Innsbruck Lodge has been removed. Ms. Best Baker states it was removed but will be added back in.

Ms. Greenberg made motion to approve and was seconded by Ms. Kreitz
Ayes: Ms. Scott, Ms. Greenberg, Ms. Kreitz, Mr. Kuntz, and Ms. Robertson
Ms. Dobyns
Nayes: -0-
Absent:

7.0 Roundtable

Ms. Greenberg asks if we have had any luck engaging with Stanislaus Housing Authority? Ms. Scott says no direct luck but was on TA call from HUD and discussed how to better engage with our Regional Housing Authority, specifically because Stanislaus has fully used their vouchers. Reaching out to look and see if we can use project-based vouchers.

In Mono County there have been some discussions between CSAC, Stanislaus Housing Authority and CalICH. Ms. Robertson states ESCH has been communicating with Housing Authority for vouchers for Valley Apartments in Bishop. The question is, has Valley Apartments ever received any competitive funding in the past from the COC? ESCH did go through COC minutes and did not see anything but would be helpful if we could find that information if it exists. Ms. Greenberg suggests reaching out to Kathy Peterson or Larry Emerson.

Ms. Egorov states that she found an application for housing choice vouchers and wants to know if anyone has used it with success. Ms. Alden says she has used it but never got any communication back.

Ms. Greenberg says that all the housing choice vouchers are allocated but what about emergency vouchers? Ms. Scott states they are still floating out there. There is a pending MOU with Stanislaus, so it is not a finalized MOU yet, but the MOU addresses the emergency vouchers. The outstanding question was how do we use these vouchers and how can we get access to additional vouchers?

8.0 Future Agenda Items

1. Governance Charter Workgroup
2. HMIS/CES Update
3. HHIP Implementation
4. Program overview from Stanislaus Regional Housing Authority and MOU

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 – February 12, 2024 1:00-2:30

10.0 Adjournment