



EASTERN SIERRA CONTINUUM OF CARE (CoC) MEETING

March 11, 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

Absent: Eryn Dobyns,

Other: Danielle Murray, Morningstar Willis-Wagoner, Marissa Black, Olya Egorov, Melissa Best-Baker, Rebecca Samaha, Tianna Arbulu, Stefani Jackson, Amy Wyatt, Ash Ortiz, Sara Alden, Francie Avitia, Isaura Ocampo, Kara, Erin CILS

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

Ms. Robertson- Read an article that said there are more than 650,000 unhoused individuals, number of first-time homelessness is up 25%.

Ms. Scott- the Proposition 1 impacts at local level mitigated because we are small counties, Proposition 1 has not passed yet, still waiting to see if it will pass. If it does pass there will be some reforms to MHSA and how funds could be used in each county. Part of purpose of changing MHSA is to bring more focus to supportive housing for individuals with mental illness. Funding that we receive for MSHA will be broken up slightly differently and a new category for 1/3rd of funding to be focused on housing. Another part of Proposition 1 is a \$6.3 billion bond measure that would allow counties to borrow funding to build new facilities to house individuals who are experiencing SMI. Probably will not be realistic for small counties to build local facilities. Continuing to watch and track. Would be effective July 2026.

3.0 Approval of Minutes (Action Item): Review and consider approval of draft minutes from February 12, 2024.

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

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

Nayes: -0-

Absent: Ms. Dobyns

4.0 HHAP 5 Application (Action Item): Receive update on HHAP 5 application and suggested budget, and consider approval of recommendation to submit the HHAP 5 application as a collaborative application that rolls Inyo County, Mono County, and ESCoC allocation into one application/contract.

Ms. Wyatt- Preparing HHAP 5 application as a collaboration between CoC, Inyo, and Mono; Alpine did not get an allocation because they did not count anyone in the 2023 PIT Count. There was a meeting a few weeks ago about the financial side of HHAP. Approval of proposed budget. Amount available- \$247,950.12 between the three entities. Of that, 7% admin costs (\$17,356.50); Proposed split allocation 50/50 between Rapid Rehousing (\$115,296.81) and Prevention/Shelter Diversion (\$115,296.81). 10% must be dedicated to youth. Action today is to approve the budget and the collaborative applicant's submittal of the application.

Ms. Greenberg asks what services look like under both categories. Ms. Wyatt states it is flexible. Had client whose car broke down; amount was approved to repair car because it affects income, which could affect housing. Usually up to 24 months of rent, can cover move in costs, security deposit, first and last months rent. Moving truck and storage fees if needed. Also pays for case management services. Can also have landlord liaison type services. Rapid Rehousing= must be residing unsheltered, emergency shelter, or transitional housing. Prevention= imminent risk of homelessness. Must be able to provide a legal document that puts them at imminent risk of homelessness. Pay for them to move to another unit or house.

Ms. Scott- We have some projects moving forward that can be used under that permanent supportive housing category- funded under HHAP 4- for this round because counties have been receiving funding under social services programs that are going to be going away- Rapid Rehousing and Prevention will help offset loss of programs.

Ms. Greenberg- How will the CoC be getting Board of Supervisor approval in Inyo County and Mono County? Ms. Kreitz attended the meeting for the fiscal side so she provided some input. The lead entity is CoC, there will be an MOU in place for Mono and Inyo as a joint MOU. CalCH states it does not have to go to BOS- whoever is authorized to sign on behalf of county is the one who signs MOU. Must apply jointly but there is an option of having separate contracts. With such limited funding it was decided best to have one contract.

Both Inyo and Mono must go to board for MOU. Ms. Kreitz says Mono can

get it on next week's agenda. Ms. Scott states can get it on before the 27th.

Ms. Wyatt states the actual project will be ready in Summer 2024. Each county and CoC will have the same responsibilities, MOU puts in place the collaboration between CoC, Inyo County, and Mono County and making sure all parts of application are brought to fruition.

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

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

Nayes: -0-

Absent: Ms. Dobyns

5.0 CES Verification Form (Action Item): Consider approval of ESCoC Coordinated Entry System Verification Form to be used as part of the mainstream referral packet for vouchers issued by Stanislaus Regional Housing Authority.

Ms. Egorov- We are seeking approval on the verification form so that we can start the mainstream voucher application, which needs to be attached as part of the application packet. Every time we send in a mainstream voucher application, need to make sure this form is uploaded to the person's CES application.

Ms. Best Baker asks who signs the form. Ms. Egorov states this is signed by the end user.

Ms. Egorov states their staff have not been formally trained yet. Ms. Black states Stanislaus Regional Housing Authority can go over the packet and discuss the purpose of the forms.

Clarification- Mainstream vouchers are available for folks where one member in the household meets definition of disabled. Ms. Egorov asks if a client is already provided SSDI benefits, do they need another signature from a doctor.

Ms. Black states that the original proof of disability is enough.

Ms. Greenberg states MCBH and ESCH are about to lease up two local housing projects that are focused on folks who may meet the requirements for Mainstream Vouchers. If we can get applications in, how fast do you think it would take to process? Quickly since it is through Coordinated Care.

Ms. Robertson asks if the Housing Choice waitlist is open. Ms. Black states it is open for in-place preference (clients where they are already renting units

and landlord will accept voucher)

Ms. Scott asks how information is made available for vouchers? Ms. Black states it has been a continuous opening since 2020 so there have been no new notices. They can go to website and follow link for open waitlist.

Ms. Black states if a client hasn't heard back about their application, it is because they haven't been contacted yet. Clients can always call and ask.

Ms. Robertson made motion to approve and was seconded by Ms.

Greenberg

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

Nayes: -0-

Absent: Ms. Dobyns

6.0 Permanent Supportive Housing (Informational Item): Receive information regarding the lease up of permanent supportive housing at the Sawyer in Mammoth Lakes.

Ms. Greenberg- Sawyer has 81 units of affordable housing in central Mammoth Lakes and there will be 13 units of permanent supportive housing on the complex. Currently determining some eligible households. Income verifications, background checks etc will be done by Buckingham staff next week. Hopes they will move in mid-April.

Ms. Avitia asks if there is a time frame for Innsbruck Lodge. Ms. Robertson states 5 units available in April, will be moving forward with those units, will have to wait for remaining units for when electrical comes in.

7.0 HHAP 1,2,3 Budget Subcommittee (Informational Item): Sub-committee meeting pending to review and recommend use of additional HHAP 1 and 2 funds that are not already encumbered and to review HHAP 3 budget as submitted, recommend budget amendments if applicable, and develop recommendations for encumbrance.

Ms. Scott states regarding HHAP 1 and 2, Inyo is transitioning remaining funds from IMACA to Inyo; contract amendment with state is signed by Inyo and IMACA. Amendments sent to CalICH; once complete, IMACA will be transferring funds over to Inyo County. We will have some funding go to Innsbruck. For HHAP 3- application was submitted in the middle of the transition between IMACA and Inyo and the budget was kind of thrown together. The sub- committee will meet to determine how to better utilize funds. Will have meeting by late March.

8.0 Roundtable

Ms. Robertson states next ESCH board meeting will be held April 6 8pm

Ms. Scott states that some staff at HHS Inyo had a meeting with provider St.

Vincent's that is contracted to provide ECM (Enhanced Care Management) and CS (Community Supports) through CalAIM. They originate out of LA county but have local care coordinators and housing navigators. They hired staff for Inyo and Mono County and have some ability through CalAIM for individuals who meet certain criteria to receive support through Housing Navigators. Want to link in their navigators into some of the COC meetings. Primarily right now focused on individuals who had been homeless and had been in an inpatient hospitalization setting and need help relocating.

9.0 Future Agenda Items

1. Referral Protocol for Innsbruck Lodge
2. Governance Charter Workgroup
3. HMIS/CES Update
4. Update on ESCoC Board Vacancies – pending updated Governance Charter
