



PLAN FOR ACCELERATING TRANSFORMATIVE HOUSING (PATH) INNOVATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

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DATE:

Thursday, April 17th, 2025, 9:30 am – 11:00 am

RECORDING OF MEETING:

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Time	Agenda Item	Presenter/Facilitator
9:30	Welcome and Introductions	- <i>Matt Lemon, Focus Strategies</i>
	Working Group Meeting Norms	- <i>Matt Lemon, Focus Strategies</i>
9:45	Point-In-Time (PIT) Count Update – Update on survey data collection and extension of timeline	- <i>Janel Fletcher, H3</i>
9:50	Conference Updates – Reflections on the recent Housing California Conference and National Alliance to End Homelessness Conference	- <i>Jamie Schechter, H3</i> - <i>Shelby Ferguson, H3</i> - <i>Mary Juarez-Fitzgerald, H3</i>
10:00	Federal Changes and HUD Updates – Update on SNOFO technical assistance and other federally funded programs	- <i>Jamie Schechter, H3</i> - <i>Shelby Ferguson, H3</i>
10:15	Data Integration Project – Background on PATH CITED application to improve data sharing for care coordination	- <i>Kim Thai, H3</i> - <i>Ryan Rae Tapie, H3</i>
10:30	Stakeholder Spotlight: Youth Action Board (YAB) – Presentation on the Youth Empowerment Summit	- <i>Juno Hedrick, Lived Experience Advisor and Vice Chair and YAB Lead</i> - <i>Leon Saelee, YAB Lead</i>
10:50	Announcements	- <i>All</i>
10:55	Next Steps	- <i>Matt Lemon, Focus Strategies</i>



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Welcome and Introductions

Committee Members in Attendance: Wayne Earl, LeAnn Matthews, Shawn Ray, Tony Ucciferri, Juno Hedrick, Shawn Ray

Staff and Consultants: Jamie Schecter (H3), Shelby Ferguson (H3), Janel Fletcher (H3), Kimberly Thai (H3), Ryan Tapia (H3), Matt Lemon (Focus Strategies), Allison Mabbs (Focus Strategies)

Additional Attendees: Rickie Lynn Harris, Anya Kushwaha, Kristin Kane, Brianna Ramos, Jared Murti, La Tanya Johnson, John Eckstrom, Marjorie Oliver

Meeting Norms

Matt Lemon described norms for virtual meetings including raising your hand (virtually), saying your name before speaking, and maintaining a safe and respectful environment. Individuals who behave in a manner that threatens safety or does not align with norms may be asked to leave. As of this month's meeting, the meeting format has shifted to a webinar format, where committee members, presenters, staff, and consultants are panelists, and additional attendees can request permission to speak. All meeting norms remain the same.

Point-In-Time (PIT) Count Update

Janel Fletcher provided a brief update on the 2025 Point-In-Time (PIT) Count data. PIT Count data is used to learn about population demographics and estimate needs and causes of homelessness. H3 wrapped up this year's community surveys on March 21st and collected over 430 responses. This year, there is not yet a set due date for when communities need to submit their PIT Count data to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Once there is an update on the due date, H3 will submit the data to HUD and then publicly share this year's PIT data. The PIT Count required the hard work of volunteers across Contra Costa County and H3 thanked community partners for their participation in this year's count.

Conference Updates

Jamie Schecter shared an update on Contra Costa County's attendance at this year's Housing California Conference in Sacramento. Attendees at this conference were a mix of affordable housing developers and homeless service providers. There were several sessions and presentations that involved Contra Costa County staff and providers.

H3 staff and partners presented on the Permanent Supportive Housing project, El Portal Place's partnerships and collaborations with a private developer, Hope Solutions, the Public Housing Authority (PHA), and the City of San Pablo. Nicole Green, Reentry Specialist from the Contra Costa Office of



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Education, presented with Homebase on AB109 funding for those with legal system involvement. Members of Hope Solutions' Board presented on their resident empowerment program.

Shelby Ferguson shared an update on H3 staff's experiences attending and presenting at this year's spring National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) Conference in Los Angeles. Conference sessions were focused on unsheltered homelessness. Staff enjoyed sessions on low barrier shelters, lived experience in peer support, connecting health services to homelessness programming, and equity. H3 staff presented on the County's Encampment Resolution Funding (ERF). If committee members are interested in any session materials from the NEAH conference, they can reach out to Shelby.

Federal Changes and HUD Updates

Jamie Schecter provided an update on how recent federal changes impact the community's Unsheltered Special Notice of Funding Opportunity (SNOFO) projects. SHELTER Inc. and H3 both received funding through the last SNOFO which also included HUD technical assistance. As of February 25, 2025, the technical assistance portion of the SNOFO contracts has been terminated. H3 is scheduled to meet with HUD staff in May to learn more about what technical assistance may still be available in the future. Jamie Schecter expressed optimism that the awarded projects will be successful even without HUD technical assistance. The projects funded through the SNOFO align with work already being done in the community and both Shelter Inc. and H3 have experience with these types of projects. The technical assistance initially provided was viewed as a bonus for these projects, not a necessity, and H3 will continue to offer support and technical assistance to SHELTER, Inc. as needed

Jamie Schecter also provided an update that the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) has been put on administrative leave. USICH oversees the federal strategic plan on homelessness. With USICH on leave, there will be absence of guidance at the federal level. Contra Costa County plans to look to state and local planning to help guide current community work.

Data Integration Project

Kim Thai and Ryan Rae Tapia shared an overview of the Data Integration Project. H3's Data team and Contra Costa Health's Business Intelligence team have been working on this project for some time. The goal of this project is to expand existing bi-directional data sharing between the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and EPIC data system to improve care coordination and reduce duplication of services between health care and homelessness services. The project is building off existing infrastructure created for Whole Person Care integration.

Kim Thai provided details on what data is currently being exchanged across the two data systems. From HMIS, active homeless programs and contact information is shared with the EPIC system. The data is limited to specific programs and is in a static format. The integration project aims to shift to more dynamic data-sharing with expanded program information.



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From the EPIC system, CalAIM authorization dates, Contra Costa Health Provider effective dates, and limited case worker information are shared with HMIS. The integration project will expand data sharing to include all current care team staff and a high-risk flag for when participants are admitted into care in the hospital, psychiatric in-patient services, or detention health services. The high-risk flag would include details of the event to help with care coordination.

Shawn Ray inquired about the details of the high-risk flag. Kim Thai and Ryan Rae Tapia responded that it would allow for H3 staff and HMIS users to coordinate with the discharge teams for clients in in-patient medical facilities and develop discharge plans. An example is working with the discharge team to help clients transition from medical care into a shelter bed. Shawn Ray followed up asking about why the flag would be called “high-risk”. Kim Thai responded that the naming convention came from the EPIC data system. Jamie Schechter added that the “risk” refers to the potential for these clients to fall through system gaps if not flagged for care coordination.

Ryan Rae Tapia provided an update on project status. A significant portion of the project is still in the discovery phase. Staff are currently working to define both data and implementation workflows – what data elements they want to share, where those data elements should appear in the different systems, and how they should be used.

Wayne Earl inquired about the likelihood of clients in in-patient care actually being able to be discharged to shelter beds, and if there is awareness of all the shelter resources by staff that will use this high-risk flag data. Jamie Schechter offered that discharge planning will vary by client, and what resources are available. They will pilot the data sharing process first with H3 staff who are very well-versed in the available system and external resources. Ryan Rae Tapia added that they are at the beginning stages of implementation and that they will iterate over time.

Stakeholder Spotlight: YAB

Juno Hedrick and Anya Kushwaha presented on the Youth Action Board (YAB) and their experiences at the recent Youth Empowerment Summit hosted by the California Coalition for Youth in Sacramento. The summit brought together stakeholders and YABs from across the state of California to discuss preventing, intervening, and ending youth homelessness.

The summit spanned three days and Juno Hedrick and Anya Kushwaha summarized activities on each day of the summit. Day 1 of the summit included sessions on advocacy, data on the unmet needs of homeless youth, selfcare workshops, and a networking dinner. Day 2 of the summit focused on skill development for YAB members with sessions on trauma informed care, leadership training, suicide prevention, and an awards luncheon. Day 3 of the summit centered around advocacy and legislative action. YAB members were provided opportunities to meet with district officials and participated in a rally at the capital where leadership from the Contra Costa County YAB spoke.



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Juno Hedrick shared key takeaways from the summit and the YAB's planned next steps. They highlighted the importance of advocacy and support in collaboration with community partners, community and connection, being present in the work while creating space for joy, and skill building, professional development, and networking. As a result of the summit, the Contra Costa County YAB is coordinating with the Alameda County YAB. Members of each group's leadership will attend each other's standing meetings moving forward. YAB members were already able to use what they learned around advocacy in a recent County meeting on Measure X funding. The YAB is planning on creating more opportunities for YAB members to connect outside the work and plans to return to next year's Youth Empowerment Summit.

Announcements

There were no announcements made.

Next Steps

Matt Lemon stated that the next PATH meeting will be a committee meeting on May 15, 2025. In addition, working group meetings are scheduled for June 19, 2025, and July 17, 2025.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:22 am.