AGENDA

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY Contra Costa Council on Homelessness

Thursday, May 1, 2025	**1:00 PM**	**Location:** In person: 1025 Escobar St., Martinez Virtual: https://homebaseccc.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZclf-uspzovGdR7op72t5-X4nsGdqdpvL-X#/registration

Agenda and Slide Deck 5.1.25 **25-1648**

Attachments: COH Agenda 5.1.25
COH Slides 5.1.25

Agenda Items: Items may be taken out of order based on the business of the day and preference of the Committee

1. Roll Call and Introductions

2. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to two minutes).

3. CONSENT CALENDAR: Approve 4.3.25 Minutes and 5.1.25 Staff report **25-1649**

Attachments: COH Minutes 4.3.25 draft
COH Staff Report 5.1.25

4. Committee Report Out: a. Youth Advisory Board (YAB) Update

Juno Hedrick, Vice Chair and Lived Experience Advisor; Leon Saelee, YAB Lead and Member; and Anastasia Lockwood, YAB Facilitator and Member

5. Committee Report Out: Nominating Committee (5 min)

Jaime Jenett, H3

6. New Business: Update: System Performance Measures (10 min)

Jamie Schecter and Kimberly Thai, H3

7. New Business: Sector Report Outs from Council Members

Nicole Green, Chair and Reentry Services Representative

8. New Business: Learning Corner: Presentation on Opioid Response and Services

Elissa Kim, CCH: Alcohol and Other Drugs Program

9.   Announcements

All

The next meeting is currently scheduled for Thursday, June 5, 2025

Adjourn

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Staff Report

File #: 25-1648	**Agenda Date:** 5/1/2025	**Agenda #:**

Advisory Board: Contra Costa Council on Homelessness
Subject: Agenda and Slide Deck 5.1.25
Presenter:
Contact:

Information: Agenda and Slide Deck 5.1.25

Referral History and Update:

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s): None

CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS MEETING

AGENDA

THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025, 1 PM – 3 PM
1025 Escobar Street, Martinez
For more information about parking and access, go to https://www.contracosta.ca.gov/8368/County-Administration-Building-Access]. While the use of masking is not required, it is recommended. Masks will be available at the meeting.

MEETING PURPOSE:
The Contra Costa Council on Homelessness, appointed by the Board of Supervisors, provides advice & input on the operations of homeless services, program operations, and program development efforts in Contra Costa County.

PUBLIC ACCESS AND PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS:
The public may attend this meeting in person at the above location. The public also may attend this meeting remotely via Zoom or call-in. Log-in information and call-in information is provided below.

HOW TO JOIN THE MEETING VIA ZOOM:
Link to register: https://homebaseccc.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZclf-uspzovGdR7op72t5-X4nsGdqdpvL-X
How to Join the Meeting Via Call-In: 1-669-444-9171 / Meeting ID: 838 8249 1530

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER
1:00	1. **Call to Order -** Chair starts the meeting	Nicole Green, *Chair and Reentry Services Representative*
1:00 *15 min*	2. **Introductions** 　　a. Hybrid Meeting Norms (1 min) 　　b. Roll call of Councilmembers and introduction of guests (11 min) 　　c. Poll – Who's in the room? (3 min)	Nicole Green, *Chair and Reentry Services Representative*
1:15 *5 min*	3. **Public Comment** - Open period for members of the public to comment on items not listed on the agenda.	Members of the public
1:20 *5 min*	4. **Consent Calendar (ACTION ITEM)** – Items on the consent calendar are generally non-controversial and may not require discussion. Approving the Consent Calendar means approving the items below in one vote. Council members and the public can remove an item from the consent calendar for discussion by informing the Chair. 　　a. APPROVE minutes from the April 3, 2025 Council meeting 　　b. APPROVE staff report for the May 1, 2025 Council meeting	Nicole Green, *Chair and Reentry Services Representative*
1:25 *15 min*	5. **Committee Report Outs -** Report outs from each of the committees below. 　　a. Youth Advisory Board (YAB) Update (10 min) 　　b. Nominating Committee (5 min)	a. Juno Hedrick, *Vice Chair and Lived Experience Advisor;* Leon Saelee, *YAB Lead and Member;* Anastasia Lockwood, *YAB Facilitator and Member* b. Jaime Jenett*, H3*

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1:40
35 min
	6. **Old Business**
	    a. Funding Updates (10 min)
	    b. **(ACTION ITEM)** DISCUSS and APPROVE 2025 Quarter 1 Council on Homelessness Recommendations for Report to County Board of Supervisors (15 min)
	    c. Conference Report Outs (10 min)
		a. Jamie Schecter, *H3*
		b. Jaime Jenett, *H3*
		c. Jamie Schecter, *H3*

2:15
40 min
	7. **New Business**
	    a. Update: System Performance Measures (10 min)
	    b. Sector Report Outs from Council Members (15 min)
	    c. Learning Corner: Presentation on Opioid Response and Services (15 min)
		a. Jamie Schecter and Kimberly Thai, *H3*
		b. Nicole Green, *Chair and Reentry Services Representative*
		c. Elissa Kim, *Alcohol and Other Drugs Program*

2:55 *5 min*	8. **Announcements** – Open for all to share announcements about upcoming events and to give brief reports about recent events/trainings relevant to the Council.	All
3:00	9. **Pin It**	Nicole Green, *Chair and Reentry Services Representative*

HOW TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT:

Persons who wish to address the Council on Homelessness during public comment on matters within the jurisdiction of the Council on Homelessness that are not on the agenda, or who wish to comment with respect to an item on the agenda, may comment in person, via Zoom, or via call-in. Those participating in person should stand where they are sitting when called upon. Those participating via Zoom should indicate they wish to speak by using the "raise your hand" feature in the Zoom app. Those calling in should indicate they wish to speak by pushing "9" on the phone. All public comments will be limited to 2 minutes per speaker. For assistance with remote access contact: contracostacoc@cchealth.org or call 925-608-6700. Public comments may also be submitted before the meeting by email at contracostacoc@cchealth.org or by voicemail at 925-608-6700. Comments submitted by email or voicemail will be included in the record of the meeting but will not be read or played aloud during the meeting.

CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS MEETING

COMMONLY USED ACRONYMS

Acronym	Definition
APR	Annual Performance Report (for HUD homeless programs)
CARE	Coordinated Assessment and Resource
CCYCS	Contra Costa Youth Continuum of Services
CDBG, CDBG-CV	Community Development Block Grant (federal and state programs) and the federal Community Development Block Grant CARES Act coronavirus allocation.
CESH	California Emergency Solutions and Housing program (state funding)
Continuum of Care (CoC)	Continuum of Care approach to assistance to the homeless. Federal grant program promoting and funding permanent solutions to homelessness.
Con Plan	Consolidated Plan, a locally developed plan for housing assistance and urban development under CDBG.
CORE	Coordinated Outreach Referral, Engagement program
COVID-19	Coronavirus
DOC	Department Operations Center
EHSD	(Contra Costa County) Employment and Human Services Division
EOC	Emergency Operations Center
ESG and ESG-CV	Emergency Solutions Grant (federal and state program) and the federal Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act coronavirus allocation.
ESG-CV	Emergency Solutions Grant CARES
FMR	Fair Market Rent (maximum rent for Section 8 rental assistance/CoC grants)
HCD	Housing and Community Development (State office)
HEAP	Homeless Emergency Aid Program (State funding)
HEARTH	Homeless Emergency and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009
HHAP	Homeless Housing and Assistance Program
HMIS	Homeless Management Information System
HOME	Home Investment Partnerships (CPD program)
HUD	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (federal)
MHSA	Mental Health Services Act
NOFA	Notice of Funding Availability
PHA	Public Housing Authority
PUI	Persons Under Investigation
SAMHSA	Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration
SRO	Single-Room Occupancy housing units
SSDI	Social Security Disability Income
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
TA	Technical Assistance
TAY	Transition Age Youth (usually ages 16-24)
VA	Veterans Affairs (U.S. Department of)
VASH	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing
VI-SPDAT	Vulnerability Index – Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool

EQUITY DEFINITIONS

(adapted from C4 Innovations and approved by Council on Homelessness on 8/3/23)

Term	Definition
Individual Racism	A person's beliefs and actions that serve to perpetuate racial oppression. This can be conscious and unconscious. This may be externalized or internalized
Institutional Racism	Policies and practices at the organization (or "sector") level that perpetuate oppression. It involves unjust policies, practices, procedures, and outcomes that work better for white people than people of color, whether intentional or not.
Interpersonal Racism	The interactions between people - both within and across racial groups.
Microaggressions	Brief, everyday exchanges that send denigrating messages to certain individuals because of their group membership.
Race	A social construct created in the 17th century by white Europeans to justify the enslavement of Africans and the spread of colonialism. Understanding of race as a concept has changed over time, but the outcomes of discrimination based on race remain entrenched in our systems.
Race Equity Lens	A way of viewing the world in an integrated and holistic manner, taking into account past and present racial injustices and seeking to address them through more equitable practices and structures.
Racial Bias	Implicit and/or explicit bias that reinforces discriminatory attitudes and behaviors when interacting with people or situations.
Racial Equity	The condition where one's racial identity does not predict their social, health, or economic outcomes. Racial equity is a process of eliminating racial disparities and improving outcomes for everyone. It is the intentional and continual practice of changing practices, systems, and structures by prioritizing the measurable change in the lives of people of color.
Racism	A system of institutional, systemic oppression, and practices of individuals and society that shape cultural beliefs and values that support racist policies and practices.
Structural Racism	How these effects interact and accumulate across institutions and across history. Structural racism highlights how racism operates as a system of power with multiple interconnected, reinforcing, and self-perpetuating components which result in racial inequities across all indicators for success.
Systemic Racism	infrastructure of rulings, ordinances or statutes adopted by a sovereign government or authoritative entity, whereas such ordinances and statutes entitles one racial group in a society certain rights and privileges, while denying other groups in that society these same rights and privileges because of long-established cultural prejudices, religious prejudices, fears, myths, and Xenophobia's held by the entitled group.
White Fragility	White fragility refers to feelings of discomfort a white person experiences when they witness or engage in discussions around racial inequality and injustice. Their engagement in conversations about racism may trigger a range of defensive actions, feelings, and behaviors, such as anger, fear, and silence. These reactive behaviors reinforce continued white dominant culture.

COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

May 1, 2025 from 1:00-3:00

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WELCOME

Nicole Green, *Chair & Reentry Services Representative*

Purpose of the Meeting*: These are monthly meetings for the Council on Homelessness (COH) to conduct the business of the Council. The Council is the planning body that coordinates the community's policies, strategies, and activities toward preventing and ending homelessness in Contra Costa County.*

IN-PERSON / HYBRID MEETING

- As of March 1, 2023, all Council on Homelessness Meetings and CoH Committee meetings are required to convene in person or in a hybrid format
- All CoH members must attend in person unless using a "just cause" exemption

VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE EXEMPTION

Just Cause

- A need to care for a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner
- A contagious illness that prevents a member from attending in person;
- A need related to a physical or mental disability that is not otherwise accommodated for; or
- Travel while on official business of the body or another state or local agency.

Emergency Circumstances

- A physical or family medical emergency that prevents a member from attending in person.

HYBRID MEETING NORMS

Nicole Green, *Chair & Reentry Services Representative*

HYBRID MEETING NORMS

1. Raise your hand (actual or virtual) before speaking

2. Say your name before speaking and try to speak as clearly as you can

3. 2-minute timer for public comments

4. Make and take space – consider your privilege and the other voices who are in and not in the room

5. Minimize distractions like side conversations and cell phone use

6. Maintain a safe and respectful environment, even when disagreeing

7. If in-person meeting is interrupted for an emergency, the meeting will be suspended or cancelled, case-by-case basis.

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HYBRID MEETING NORMS

An individual may be asked to leave should they behave in a manner that threatens the safety of the group or does not honor these meeting norms.

POLL – WHO'S IN THE ROOM?

1) How many Council on Homelessness meetings have you attended?

2) Do you have lived experience of homelessness?

3) What best describes your racial identity?

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nicole Green, *Chair & Reentry Services Representative*

CONSENT CALENDAR

Nicole Green, *Chair & Reentry Services Representative*

CONSENT CALENDAR

- Items on the consent calendar are **generally non-controversial and do not require much, if any, discussion**

- Enables grouping such items together and **deciding on them at one time**

- Council members and the public can **remove an item** from the consent calendar if they **desire to discuss the item by <u>informing the Chair</u>**

Source: https://www.ca-ilg.org/resource/concept-consent-calendar

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ACTION ITEM

Approve the **consent calendar** items as listed:
- Approve minutes from the April 3, 2025 Council Meeting
- Approve staff report for the May 1, 2025 Council Meeting

1. Member makes a motion → 2. Second (every motion requires a second) → 3. Discussion → 4. Vote: Motion passes

COMMITTEE REPORT OUTS

Youth Advisory Board – Juno Hedrick, *Vice Chair and Lived Experience Advisor*; Leon Saelee, *YAB Lead and Member*; Anastasia Lockwood, *YAB Facilitator and Member*

Nominating Committee – Jaime Jenett, *H3*

YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD (YAB)

Juno Hedrick, *Lived Experience Advisor and Vice Chair*

Leon Saelee, *YAB Lead & Member*

Anastasia Lockwood, *YAB Facilitator & Member*

YAB APRIL MEETINGS

YAB Subcommittees Meetings: Communications and Outreach & Retention.

YYA Community Strategic Planning: Core and Implementation Committees.

CE Housing Needs Assessment Redesign Steering Committee.

Bimonthly hybrid YAB Meetings at H3 Offices in Concord and RYSE Center in Richmond.

YAB APRIL ACTIVITIES

UC Berkeley Innovative Approaches to Youth Engagement in Policy, Democracy, and Participatory Research.

Public Comment during Measure X Community Advisory Board Meeting on April 16.

YAB-only spaces, restorative work, community building– field trip to Japantown!

NEXT STEPS

Introduce and utilize SMART goals within each YAB Committee.

Continued collaboration with Rainbow for workshop development and YAB meeting space.

Meeting with Contra Costa Health, Community, Education, and Information to support Communications Committee and social media presence.

Continued participation in the Housing Needs Assessment Committee, and Strategic Planning Core and Implementation Committees.

Improve collaboration with CoH Oversight Committee with YAB report out at each meeting.

Wait for HUD Youth Homeless Demonstration Program FY 2024 NOFO to be re-released!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Jaime Jenett, *H3*

CITY GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE SEAT

- Jazmin Ridley stepped down from City Government Representative

- Soliciting 3-5 COH members to form Nominating Panel to review applications and nominate replacement
  - Likely week of 5/26, with COH voting at 6/5 meeting

- Likely 2-5 hours of time

OLD BUSINESS

Funding Updates - Jamie Schecter, *H3*

Discuss and Approve 2025 Quarter 1 Council on Homelessness Recommendations for Report to County Board of Supervisors (<u>ACTION ITEM</u>) – Jaime Jenett, *H3*

Conference Report Outs – Jamie Schecter, *H3*

FUNDING UPDATES

Jamie Schecter, *H3*

FUNDING UPDATES - HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS SERVICES RFP

- Board of Supervisors approved recommendations at April 15, 2025 [meeting](#)

- Nearly $6.6 million in federal, state, and local funding awarded.

- All contracts to start July 1, 2025 or later

- Sign up for Funding Opportunity updates through the [CoC Newsletter](#)

FUNDING UPDATES – COC FUNDING

- In March 2025, CoC grantees began receiving award letters. Depending on program year, some agencies began receiving grant agreements.

- The funding amounts announced in January were preserved

- HUD significantly changed language in grant agreements to enforce compliance with executive orders

- The National Alliance to End Homelessness recommends seeking legal counsel to review grant documents, however many non-profit entities do not have access to free or affordable legal counsel

FUNDING UPDATES – COC FUNDING

Contract language changes include

- Prohibits the use of grant funds to promote "gender ideology," as defined in EO 14168.
- Restricts the use of grant funds for elective abortions, following EO 14182.
- Prohibits state and local governments receiving these funds from using them to support undocumented immigrants or policies that prevent their deportation.
- Mandates that grant recipients verify the immigration status of those receiving federal benefits and deny services to those deemed ineligible.

FUNDING UPDATES – MISCELLANEOUS

- AB 109 funding
- Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round 6 – application due August 2025
- United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) reduced to "minimum presence and function required by law" by Executive Order on March 14, 2025.

DISCUSS AND APPROVE 2025 QUARTER 1 COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REPORT TO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Jaime Jenett, *H3*

RECOMMENDATION

- Publicize CCH/Contra Costa Library "Homelessness 101" events in district newsletters when quarterly event falls in their district.

- Other?

ACTION ITEM

- Approve 2025 Quarter 1 Council on Homelessness Recommendations for the Report to the County Board of Supervisors

1. Member makes a motion → 2. Second (every motion requires a second) → 3. Discussion → 4. Vote: Motion passes

CONFERENCE REPORTS

Jamie Schecter, *H3*

CORPORATION FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

CSH Summit 2025

"Building Capacity for Services and Housing Providers to Support Brave Spaces"

- Shelby Ferguson and Jaime Jenett, H3

HOUSING CALIFORNIA

Jamie Schecter, *H3*

Housing California

Annual Conference hosted by Housing California

Emphasis on affordable housing development and ending homelessness

Nearly 3,000 attendees

Housing California – Contra Costa Spotlights

Offices to Homes – session presented by H3, Hope Solutions, and Overaa Construction about the development of El Portal Place

Getting Creative with Funding: Leveraging Legal System Funds for Housing and Supportive Services – session presented by Homebase, Nicole Green, and Brilliant Corners

From the Ground Up: Residents United Network Leading the Charge on Housing Solutions – session presented by leaders from RUN, including Hope Solutions Board Member, William Goodwin

NEW BUSINESS

Update: System Performance Measures – Jamie Schecter and Kimberly Thai, *H3*

Sector Report Outs from Council Members – Nicole Green, *Chair and Reentry Services Representative*

Learning Corner: Presentation on Opioid Response and Services – Fátima Matal Sol and Elissa Kim, *Alcohol and Other Drugs Program*

UPDATE: SYSTEM PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Jamie Schecter and Kimberly Thai, *H3*

FY24 SYSTEMWIDE PERFORMANCE REPORT

- System Performance Measures (SPMs) established in 2015 by HUD

- October 1st through September 30th

- Used at federal level to determine funding for the CoC

- Used at local level to identify trends, understand impacts from program or policy changes, and to guide decision-making

- Looks at entire system, not individual programs or project types

- Does not allow for understanding differences across sub-populations

7 KEY MEASURES

1. Measure One: Length of Time Homeless

2. Measure Two: Returns to Homelessness

3. Measure Three: Number of People Experiencing Homelessness

4. Measure Four: Increase in Income

5. Measure Five: First Time Homeless

6. *Measure Six: Prevention Outreach**

7. Measure Seven: Positive Outcomes

*No data available on Measure Six. Measure Six is only available to High Performing Communities

HOW TO USE SPM FINDINGS

- Understand how the CoC has changed over time
  - Consider changes in funding sources, priorities, initiatives
  - Consider influences outside of the CoC like housing capacity and economic shifts

- Use the Program Model Performance Measures dashboards to understand performance measures at program level

- Set SPM goals for the CoC

Measure One: Length of Time Homeless

- Measure 1A: Average number of days in emergency shelter and transitional housing until exits to permanent housing

- Measure 1B: Average number of days in ES/TH/RRH/PSH (prior to move in), plus self-reported days homeless prior to enrollment, until exit to permanent housing

Measure 1A: only includes days enrolled in ES or TH
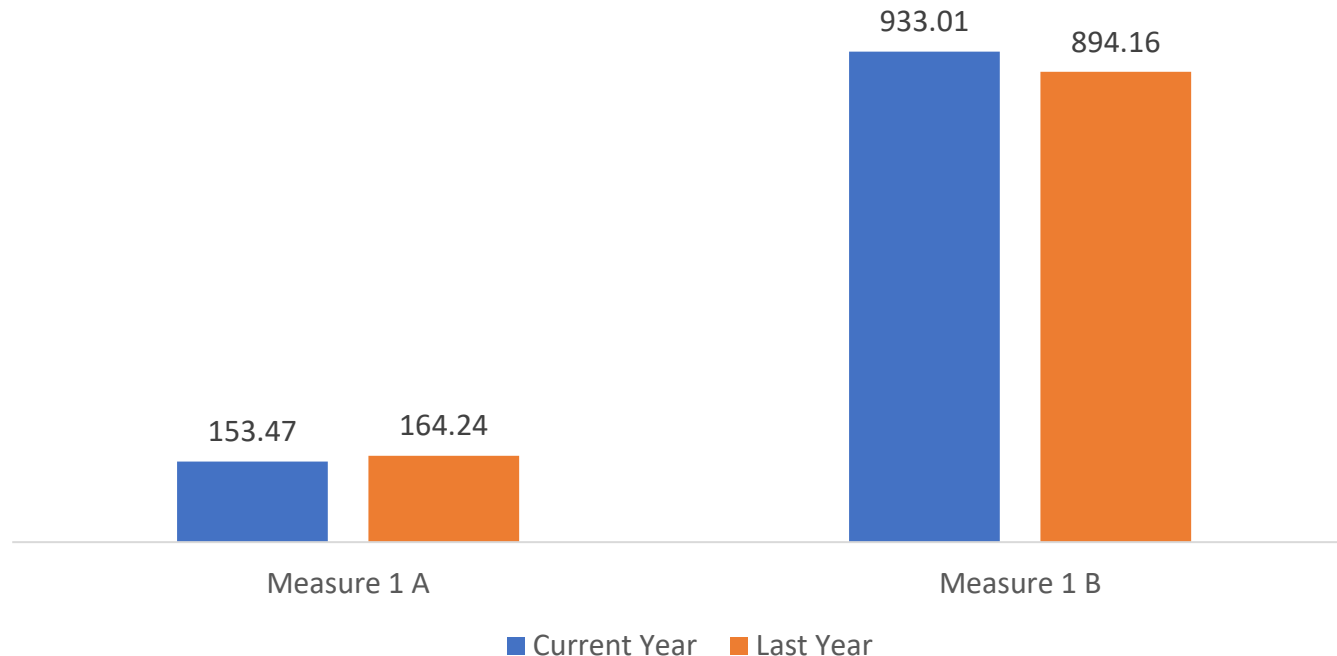
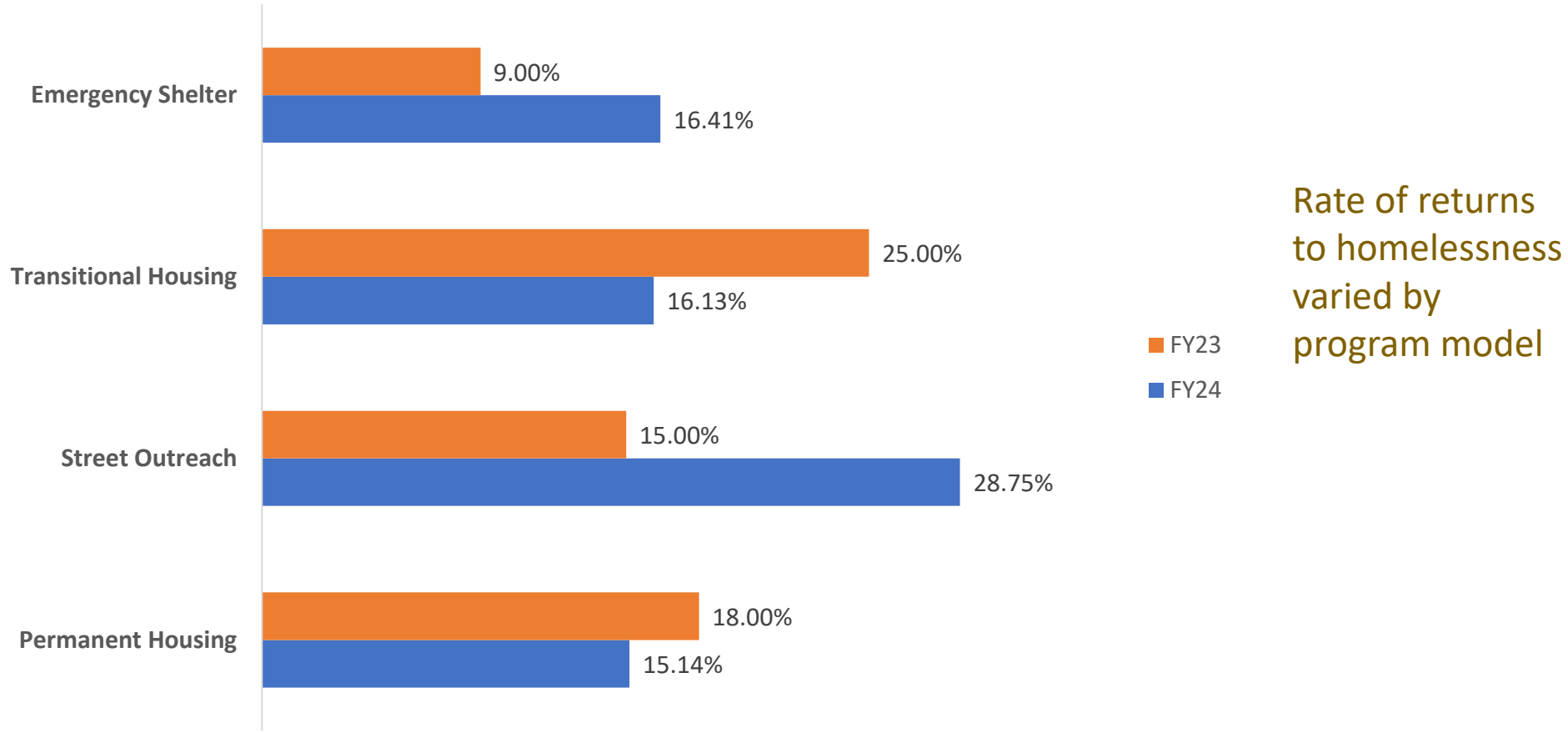**Measure 1B**: includes self-reported homelessness prior to enrollment

Bar chart:
- Measure 1 A: Current Year 153.47, Last Year 164.24
- Measure 1 B: Current Year 933.01, Last Year 894.16

Legend: ■ Current Year ■ Last Year

Measure Two: Returns to Homelessness

- Identifies all people who exited homelessness to permanent housing and returned to homeless programs within 24 months and during FY24

	Did not return to homelessness	Returned to homelessness
Last Year	763	133
Current Year	852	184
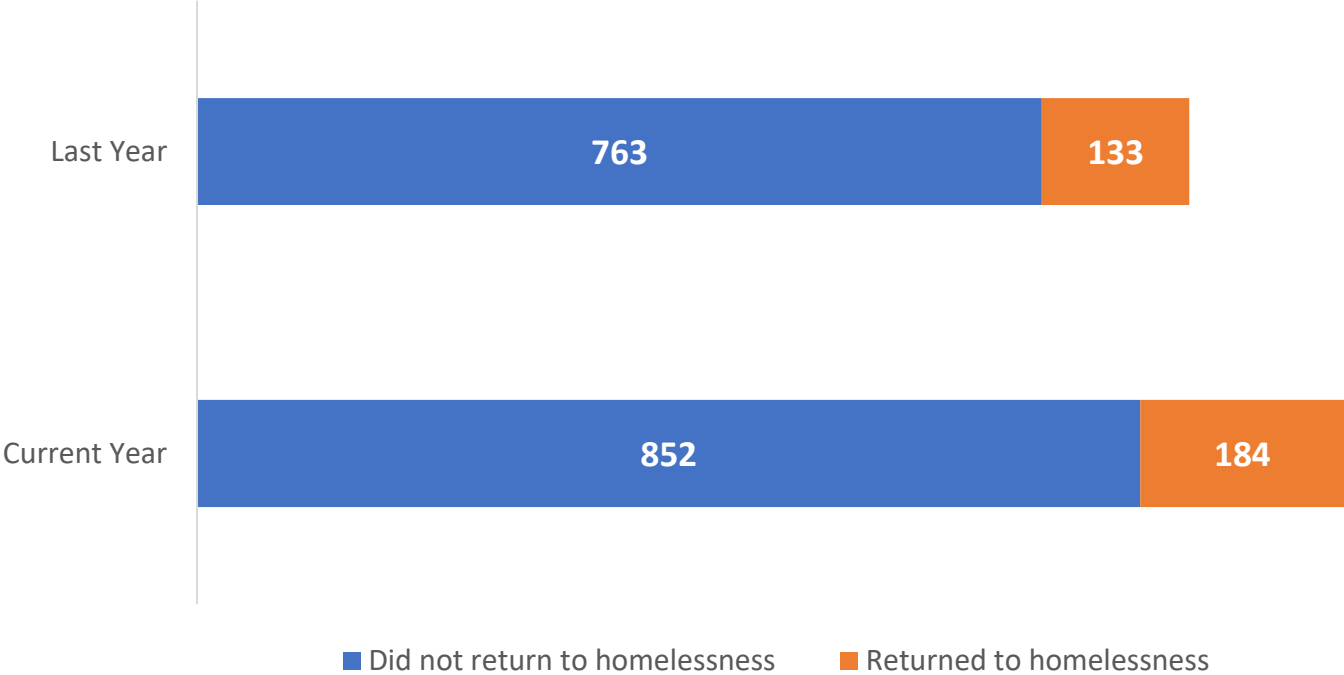
15% of people who exited to permanent housing two years prior to FY23 returned to homelessness during FY23 **In FY24, that proportion increased to 17.7%**

Measure Two: Returns to Homelessness

Measure Two: Proportion of Permanent Housing Exits that Returned to Homelessness by Program Model Category
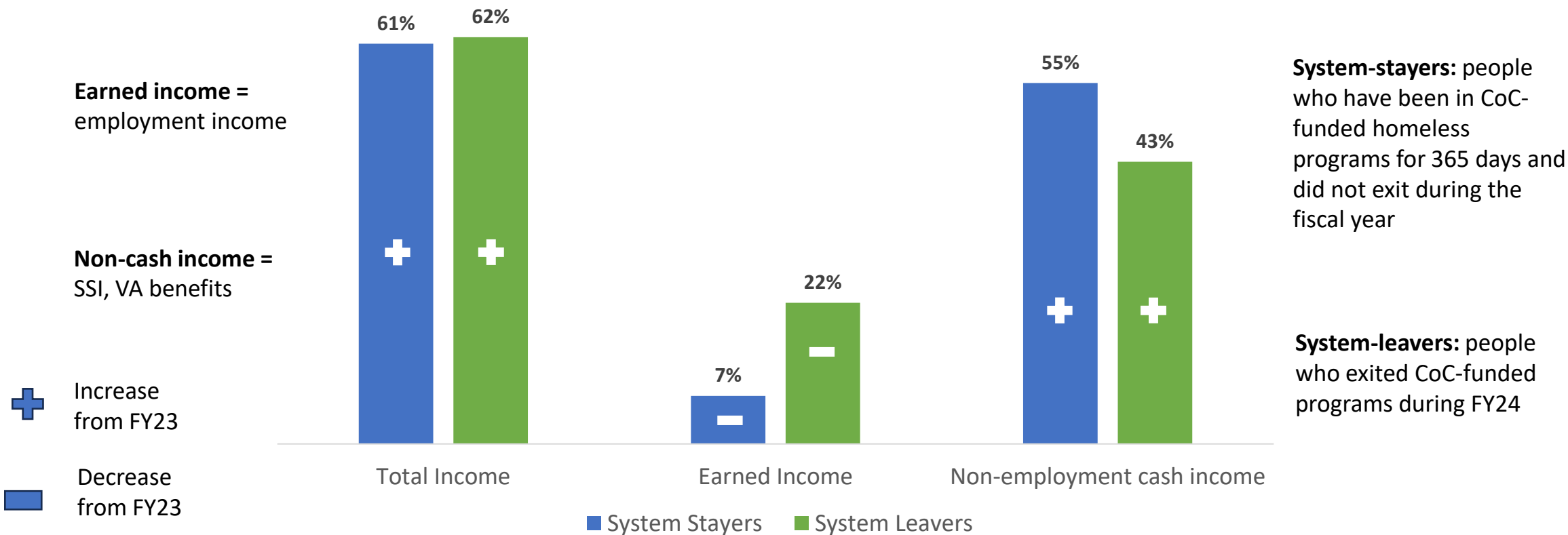

Rate of returns to homelessness varied by program model

Emergency Shelter: FY23 9.00%, FY24 16.41%
Transitional Housing: FY23 25.00%, FY24 16.13%
Street Outreach: FY23 15.00%, FY24 28.75%
Permanent Housing: FY23 18.00%, FY24 15.14%

Legend: FY23, FY24

Measure Three: Number of Homeless Persons

- Measure 3A: number of unsheltered people identified in PIT (not yet analyzed for FY24)
- Measure 3B: number of people in emergency shelters and transitional housing served in HMIS during FY24
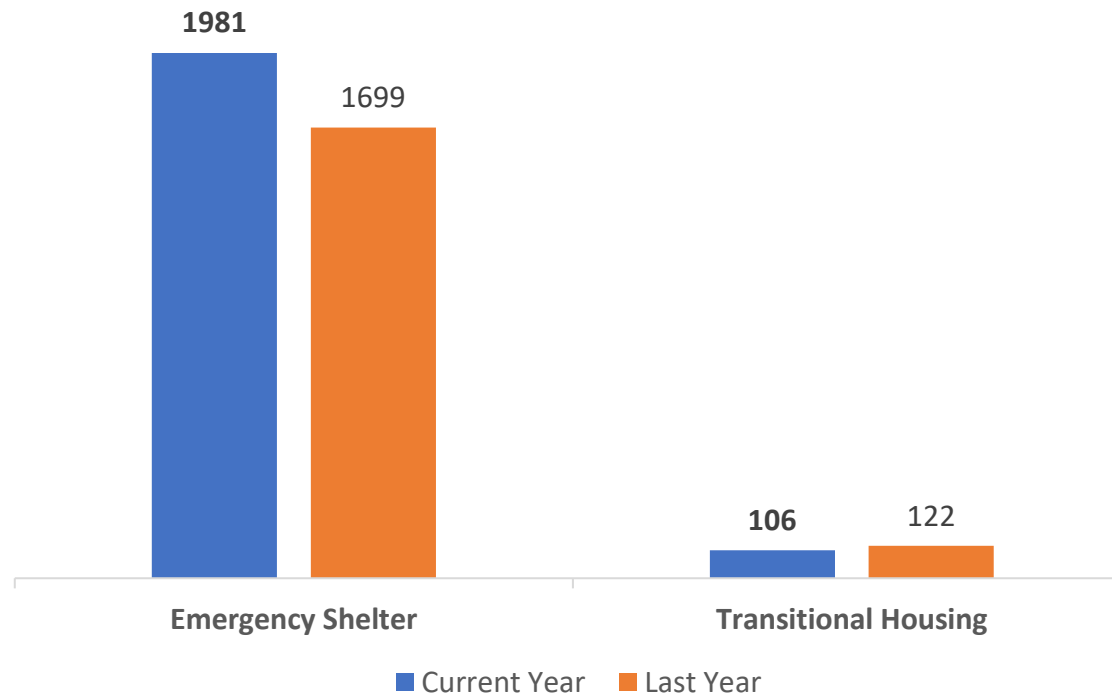
2,056 people served in emergency shelter and transitional housing in FY24

	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing
Current Year	1981	106
Last Year	1699	122

■ Current Year ■ Last Year

Measure Four: Employment and Income Growth

- Measure 4A: number of "system-stayers" with increased income
- Measure 4B: number of "system-leavers" with increased income
- Measure 4 only looks at cash income, does not include non-cash benefits like SNAP

Earned income = employment income

Non-cash income = SSI, VA benefits

+ Increase from FY23

− Decrease from FY23

System-stayers: people who have been in CoC-funded homeless programs for 365 days and did not exit during the fiscal year

System-leavers: people who exited CoC-funded programs during FY24

Chart values:
- Total Income: System Stayers 61%, System Leavers 62%
- Earned Income: System Stayers 7%, System Leavers 22%
- Non-employment cash income: System Stayers 55%, System Leavers 43%

■ System Stayers ■ System Leavers

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Measure Five: First Time Homelessness

- Measure 5A: number of people enrolled into emergency shelter or transitional housing during FY24 with no prior enrollment during the previous 24 months
- Measure 5B: number of people with enrolled into emergency shelter or transitional housing, rapid rehousing, or permanent housing with no prior enrollment
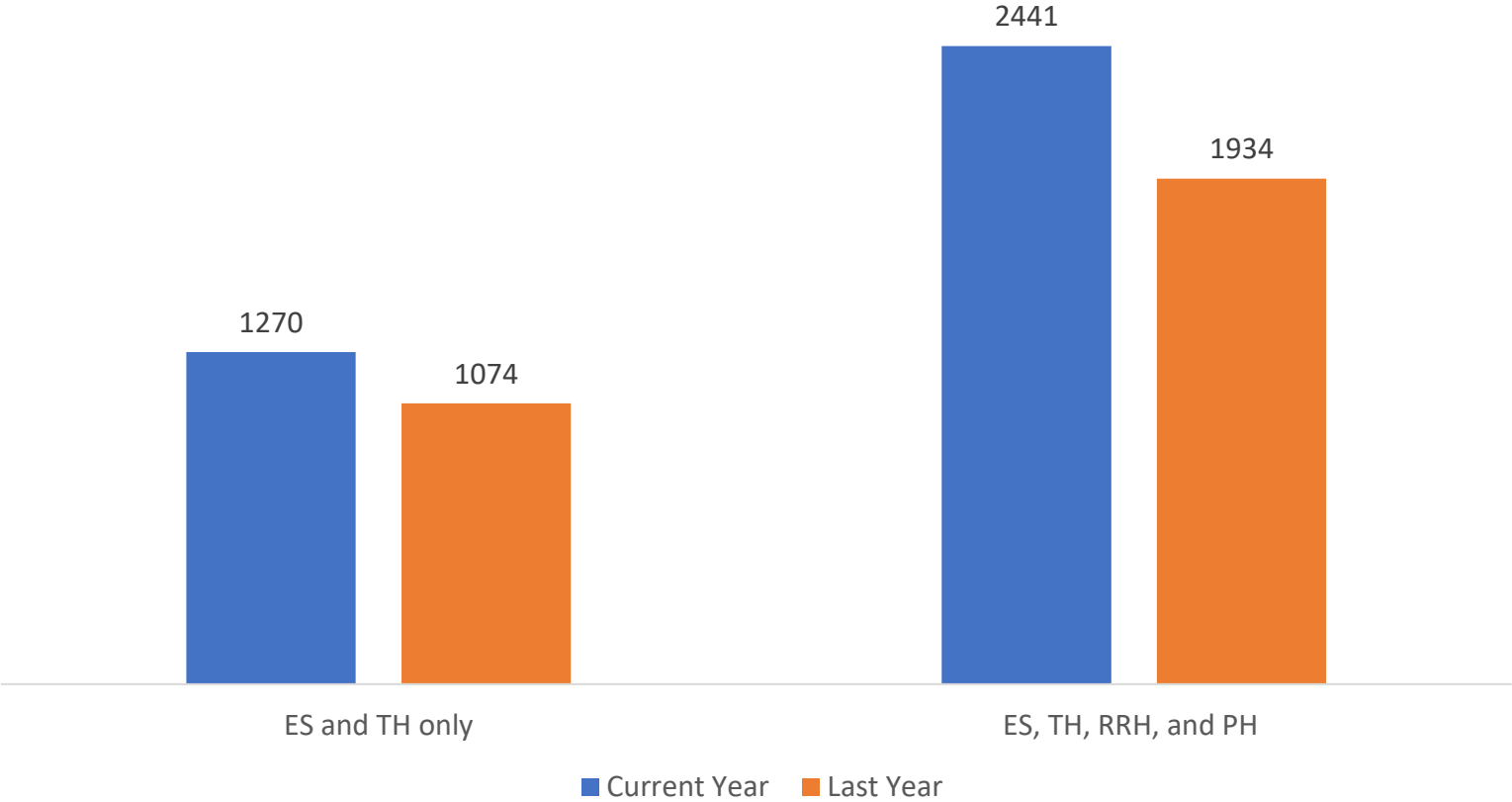
Measure Six: Homeless Prevention – Not available

- Assesses whether people who accessed prevention programs 12 months prior to the report period returned with homeless status during FY24
- Only available for designated High Performing Communities
- To be designated a High Performing Community, must demonstrate the following milestones, among many other requirements
  - Mean length of time homeless for individuals and families is less than 20 days OR
  - Mean length of time homeless for individuals and families is at least 10% lower for the most recent federal fiscal year compared to the previous year.

  AND
  - Rate of returns to homelessness is fewer than 5% OR
  - Rate of returns to homelessness is at least 20% lower for the most recent federal fiscal year

Measure Seven: Successful Outcomes

- Measure 7A: proportion of people served in **street outreach** with exits to interim housing or permanent housing

- Measure 7B: proportion of people served in **emergency shelter or transitional housing** with exits to permanent housing

- Measure 7C: proportion of people served in **permanent supportive housing** with retention in housing or exits to other permanent housing

Measure Seven: Successful Placements

Measures 7A, 7B, and 7C: Percent of Positive Exits by Program Model Category, FY24

Program Model Category	Current Year	Last Year
PSH	98%	98%
ES, TH, RRH	38%	43%
Street Outreach	30%	37%

■ Current Year ■ Last Year
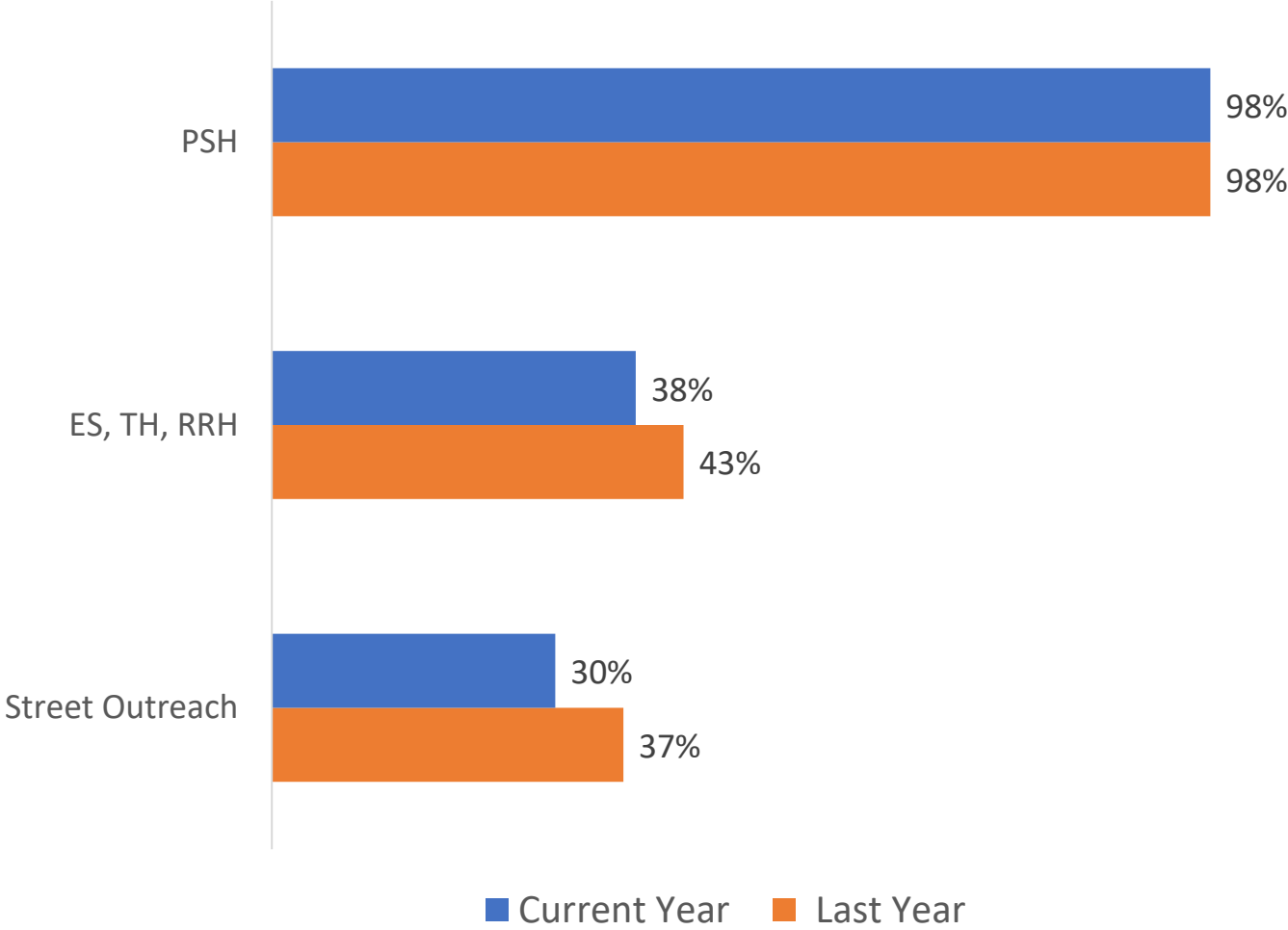
QUESTIONS?

SECTOR REPORT OUTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Nicole Green, *Chair and Reentry Services Representative*

LEARNING CORNER: PRESENTATION ON OPIOID RESPONSE AND SERVICES

Fátima Matal Sol and Elissa Kim, *Alcohol and Other Drugs Program*

PLACEHOLDER

- Placeholder

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Open for all to share announcements about upcoming events and to give brief reports about recent events/trainings relevant to the Council on Homelessness

PIN IT

Nicole Green, *Chair & Reentry Services Representative*

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **Next COH Meeting:** Thursday, June 5, 1 – 3 PM <mark>(IN PERSON)</mark>

- **Homeless Service Provider Meeting:** Thursday, May 8, 8:30 – 9:30 AM (Zoom)

- **CoC Training (Trauma-Informed Care):** Monday, May 12, 10 AM – 12 PM (Zoom)

- **Equity Committee Meeting:** Tuesday, May 13, 2 – 4 PM (IN PERSON)

- **Homeless Workforce Integration Network Meeting:** Wednesday, May 14, 10 AM – 12 PM (Zoom)

- **PATH Committee Meeting:** Thursday, May 15, 9:30 – 11 AM (IN PERSON)

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Staff Report

File #: 25-1649   **Agenda Date:** 5/1/2025   **Agenda #:** 3.

Advisory Board: Contra Costa Council on Homelessness
Subject: CONSENT CALENDAR: Approve 4.3.25 Minutes and 5.1.25 Staff report
Presenter: Nicole Green, Chair
Contact: Jaime Jenett, contracostacoc@cchealth.org

Information: Minutes from previous meeting and staff report for current meeting

Referral History and Update:

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):
APPROVE minutes from the April 3, 2025 Council meeting.
APPROVE staff report for the May 1, 2025 Council meeting

CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS MEETING

COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS MINUTES

Date: Thursday, April 3, 2025, 1 pm – 3 pm
Recording link: Available by email request to CChomelesscouncil@cchealth.org

Council Member Attendance:
- In-Person (14): Alejandra Chamberlain; Carolyn Foudy; Courtney Pal; Gabriel Lemus; Hope Dixon; LeAnn Matthews; Leslie Gleason; Mia Fairbanks; Nicole Green; Shawn Ray; Sherina Criswell; Tony Ucciferri; Wayne Earl; Yahel Moreno
- Remote (2): Juno Hedrick; Verneda Clapp
- Absent (3): Dani Jimenez; Heather Worobey; Jazmin Ridley

Staff Attendance: Jaime Jenett, H3; Jamie Schecter, H3; Mark Mora, Homebase; Tania Morales, Homebase.

Community Member Attendance:
- In-person: Jill Ray, BOS District 2; Marjorie Oliver, City of Antioch; Anya Kushwaha, H3; Caroline Miller,H3; Alicia Alfarez, SHELTER Inc.; Cynthia Chaves, SHELTER, Inc.; Leon Salee, Youth Action Board.
- Remote: Peter Myers , Contra Costa County; Gina Bills , CCCOE; Denise Clarke , Contra Costa County Office of Education; Melanie Erickson, DCD; Jaclyn Tummings , Department of Conservation and Development; Elizabeth Winstead , Department of Rehabilitation; Brianna Ramos , Fresh Lifelines for Youth; Carina Rodriguez-Pena, H3; Caroline Miller, H3; Christy Saxton, H3; Janel Fletcher , H3; Kimberly Thai, H3; Mary Juarez-Fitzgerald , H3; Shelby Ferguson, H3; Yessenia Aguilar, H3; Kristin Kane, Kaiser Permanente; Carmen Cano , Lao Family Community Development; Augustin Pizano, Lutheran Social Services; June Cummings , Resources for Community Development; Christi Rossi , SHELTER Inc.; Jacqueline Franco , SHELTER Inc.; Brittany Ferguson , STAND For Families Free of Violence; Jai De Lotto, VA CES; Teri Lundvall , Winter Nights Family Shelter Inc.; Anastasia Lockwood , YAB; Anna Cleese , xx; Emily Bero , xx; Khougen , xx; Medaja Elias , xx; Rebecca Gomez-Pellecer , xx; Veronica Fiore, xx.

CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS MEETING

AGENDA ITEM

1) Call to Order

A. Chair starts the meeting:
Presenter: Nicole Green, *Chair and Reentry Services Representative*

Nicole Green called the meeting to order.

2) Introductions

A. Meeting Norms:
Presenter: Nicole Green, *Chair and Reentry Services Representative*

Nicole Green went over the hybrid meeting norms and guidelines to help ensure that meetings are conducted in a safe and respectful environment that encourages participation and inclusivity.

B. Roll call of Council members and introduction of guests:
Presenter: Nicole Green, *Chair and Reentry Services Representative*

Nicole Green conducted a roll call of Council members and invited guests to introduce themselves in the chat.

C. Poll – Who's in the room?
Presenter: Nicole Green, *Chair and Reentry Services Representative*

Nicole Green conducted the poll activity called "Who is in the room?" with the purpose of getting a sense of who is attending the meeting. The poll was conducted via Zoom poll. All answers are anonymous, and the results are provided below:

- **Question 1: How many Council on Homelessness meetings have you attended?**

This is my first meeting:	2 (7%)
I've attended some meetings:	9 (32%)
I've attended a lot of meetings:	17 (61%)
I prefer not to answer:	0 (0%)

- **Question 2: Do you have lived experience of homelessness?**

Yes, currently	0 (0%)
Yes, within the past 7 years	1 (4%)
Yes, more than 7 years ago	6 (23%)
No	19 (73%)
I prefer not to answer	0 (0%)

- **Question 3: What best describes your racial identify?**

African American/Black	6 (18%)
American Indian/Alaskan Native	3 (9%)
Asian/Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian	3 (9%)
Hispanic/Latinx	3 (9%)
White	15 (44%)
Multi-racial	4 (12%)
I describe myself in another way	0 (0%)
I prefer not to answer	0 (0%)

3) Public Comments

A. **Open period for members of the public to comment on items not listed on the agenda**
   Members of the public:

- None.

4) Consent Calendar (ACTION ITEM)

A. **APPROVE minutes from the March 6, 2025 Council meeting**
B. **APPROVE staff report for the April 3, 2025 Council meeting**
   Presenter: Nicole Green, *Chair and Reentry Services Representative*

Members made a motion to approve the items above as a whole group:
Motion
- State of Motion:
  - To approve the consent calendar items as listed above.
- Discussion:
  - None.

- Procedural Record
  - Motion made by: Sherina Criswell
  - Seconded by: Tony Ucciferri
  - AYES: Alejandra Chamberlain; Carolyn Foudy; Courtney Pal; Gabriel Lemus; Juno Hedrick; LeAnn Matthews; Leslie Gleason; Nicole Green; Shawn Ray; Sherina Criswell; Tony Ucciferri; Verneda Clapp; Wayne Earl; Yahel Moreno
  - NOES: None
  - ABSTAINS: Hope Dixon; Mia Fairbanks
  - ABSENT: Dani Jimenez; Heather Worobey; Jazmin Ridley

5) Committee Report Outs

A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Policy Committee
Presenter: Kimberly Thai, *H3*

    i. **(ACTION ITEM)** APPROVE 2025 Oversight Committee work plan as recommended by the Oversight Committee

Kimberly presented the proposed revisions of the HMIS Client Revocation of Consent form, which is used when a client wants to take back the permission they previously gave to share their information with partner agencies. The new version is more user-friendly, with clearer language, and options for clients to set their record to private or anonymize it. The form was approved by the HMIS Policy Committee on March 11th, 2025. The next step is to translate the form into Spanish and other languages as needed. The form's submission is usually within 48 hours and may be submitted to the service provider or directly to the H3 team.

Motion
- State of Motion:
  - To approve the Revocation Form as recommended by the HMIS Policy Committee.
- Discussion:
  - None.
- Procedural Record
  - Motion made by: Tony Ucciferri
  - Seconded by: LeAnn Matthews
  - AYES: Alejandra Chamberlain; Carolyn Foudy; Courtney Pal; Gabriel Lemus; Hope Dixon; Juno Hedrick; LeAnn Matthews; Leslie Gleason; Mia Fairbanks; Nicole Green; Shawn Ray; Sherina Criswell; Tony Ucciferri; Verneda Clapp; Wayne Earl; Yahel Moreno
  - NOES: None
  - ABSTAINS: None
  - ABSENT: Dani Jimenez; Heather Worobey; Jazmin Ridley

B. Youth Advisory Board (YAB) Update
Presenter: Juno Hedrick, *Vice Chair and Lived Experience Advisor*

The Youth Advisory Board (YAB) has been actively engaged in various activities and meetings. In the month of March, they held subcommittee meetings, continued working with county partners, and participated in the Homebase training for impact of stipends and taxes for public benefits. They also submitted the YAB bylaws and participated in

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restorative work with the community. The YAB celebrated their 1st anniversary on March 14th. In the coming month, they plan to collaborate with Alameda County, continue their partnership with Rainbow, and meet with the Contra Costa Health Community Education and Information team to improve their social media presence. They will also continue to participate in the Housing Needs Assessment Committee and the Housing RFP Panel. YAB is also awaiting the HUD's Youth Homeless Demonstration HDP FY 2024 NOFO award results.

6) Old Business

A. Update: 2025 Point-In-Time Count
Presenter: Yessenia Aguilar, *H3*

Yesenia Aguilar presented an update on the 2025 Point- in-Time count, highlighting the successful collection of 433 surveys and thanking the volunteers and agencies for their support. Jaime Jenett added that the number of surveys gathered was statistically significant and exceeded their sample size. The team also discussed the process of data collection and the importance of the observational count.

B. Funding Updates
Presenter: Jamie Schecter, *H3*

The Housing and Homeless Services RFP is scheduled to go to the Board of Supervisors for approval on April 15th, 2025, with contracts starting on July 1st or later. Other funding updates included the NOFO CoC 2024 federal funding, which went through a temporary pause for all activities related to the fund disbursement of federal financial assistance for CoC and ESG programs but were subsequently resumed. The CoC was awarded $22.3 million in funding for renewal projects and one new project. Some agencies have received their grant agreements, which include new compliance requirements. The City of Richmond has posted a Request For Qualifications for services supporting the unhoused, with applications due on April 14th, 2025. Applicants should register and apply through the City of Richmond's Online Bidding System here. Anyone interested in receiving email notifications and updates from Contra Costa County's CoC Funding Opportunities page can sign up for the newsletter here.

7) New Business

A. (ACTION ITEM) State ESG Recommendations for FY 24/25
Presenter: Jaclyn Tummings, Department of Conservation and Development

The California Department of Housing and Community Development Department, also known as HCD, receives emergency solutions grant (ESG) funding from the Department of

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Housing and Urban Development agency (HUD), which provides funds for a variety of activities to address homelessness. The recommendations for the 2025-2026 Emergency Solutions Grant funding were presented, with an estimate of $399,140 available. A total of six (6) applications were received and approved and a list of the agencies was shared. Almost eight percent (7.5%) will be allocated for administration and the rest for projects across homeless prevention, rapid rehousing, street outreach, and emergency shelters.

Motion
- State of Motion:
  - To approve the 2025/2026 Federal Emergency Solutions Grant funding amounts as recommended by the Department of Conservation and Development.
- Discussion:
  - None.

- Procedural Record
  - Motion made by: Mia Fairbanks
  - Seconded by: Tony Ucciferri
  - AYES: Alejandra Chamberlain; Carolyn Foudy; Courtney Pal; Gabriel Lemus; Hope Dixon; Juno Hedrick; LeAnn Matthews; Mia Fairbanks; Nicole Green; Shawn Ray; Sherina Criswell; Tony Ucciferri; Verneda Clapp; Wayne Earl; Yahel Moreno
  - NOES: None
  - ABSTAINS: Leslie Gleason
  - ABSENT: Dani Jimenez; Heather Worobey; Jazmin Ridley

B. **Discuss And Approve 2025 Quarter 1 Council On Homelessness Recommendations For Report To County Board Of Supervisors**
Presenter: Jaime Jenett, *H3*

The Council discusses their quarterly report to the Board of Supervisors and potential recommendations. They highlight a recent successful community forum on homelessness, called Homelessness 101, held at a local library, and propose having supervisors promote future events in their district newsletters.

The meeting was interrupted by a horrific "Zoom-bombing" incident. The Council and Continuum of Care strongly repudiate the racist, anti-Black statements and lewd video shared. These incidents are intended to denigrate and cause further harm to the most vulnerable in our community and runs counter to the values our CoC holds. The Zoom component of the meeting was suspended but the in-person component continued after a short break.

C. **Conference Reports: Youth Empowerment Summit 2025 and Housing California 2025**
Presenter: Jamie Schecter, *H3,* Juno Hedrick, *Vice Chair and Lived Experience Advisor,* Leon Saelee, *YAB Lead, and* Anya Kushwaha, *H3 MSW Intern*

YAB members provided a recap of their attendance at the California Coalition for Youth event in Sacramento. The summit is attended by young people, community leaders and youth services providers around California to advocate and work collectively to prevent, intervene, and end youth homelessness. The next steps for YAB includes continuing advocacy, collaboration, and using guidelines and workshops as building structure and team bonding. The Council also considers ways to incorporate youth input and expand outreach efforts across different regions of the county.

Jamie Schecter provided a brief summary of the Housing California conference in Sacramento in March. This conference has an emphasis on affordable housing developments and ending homelessness. Contra Costa County CoC presented the spotlights at the conference.

8) General Announcements

A. **General Announcements:**
Presenter: All members and members of the public.

- None

9) Pin It

Presenter: Nicole Green*, Chair and Reentry Services Representative*

- The next COH meeting will be on May 1st, from 1:00 – 3:00pm at 1025 Escobar Street in Martinez.
- A list of upcoming meetings was shared and will also be sent via email. Calendar meeting invites to all committee meetings will be sent out to COH Council members based on the committees for which they signed up.

Commonly Used Acronyms

Acronym	Definition
APR	Annual Performance Report (for HUD homeless programs)
BIPOC	Black and Indigenous People of Color
CARE	Coordinated Assessment and Resource
CCYCS	Contra Costa Youth Continuum of Services
CDBG, CDBG-CV	Community Development Block Grant (federal and state programs) and the federal Community Development Block Grant CARES Act coronavirus allocation.
CESH	California Emergency Solutions and Housing program (state funding)
Continuum of Care (CoC)	Continuum of Care approach to assistance to the homeless. Federal grant program promoting and funding permanent solutions to homelessness.
Con Plan	Consolidated Plan, a locally developed plan for housing assistance and urban development under CDBG.
CORE	Coordinated Outreach Referral, Engagement program
COVID-19	Coronavirus
DCD	(Contra Costa County) Department of Conservation and Development
DOC	Department Operations Center
EHSD	(Contra Costa County) Employment and Human Services Division
EOC	Emergency Operations Center
ESG and ESG-CV	Emergency Solutions Grant (federal and state program) and the federal Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act coronavirus allocation.
ESG-CV	Emergency Solutions Grant CARES
FMR	Fair Market Rent (maximum rent for Section 8 rental assistance/CoC grants)
HCD	Housing and Community Development (State office)
HEAP	Homeless Emergency Aid Program (State funding)
HEARTH	Homeless Emergency and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009
HHAP	Homeless Housing and Assistance Program
HMIS	Homeless Management Information System
HOME	Home Investment Partnerships (CPD program)
HUD	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (federal)
MHSA	Mental Health Services Act
NOFA/NOFO	Notice of Funding Availability/ Notice of Funding Opportunity
PHA	Public Housing Authority
PUI	Persons Under Investigation
PWLE	People With Lived Experience of Homelessness
SAMHSA	Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration
SRO	Single-Room Occupancy housing units
SSDI	Social Security Disability Income

SSI	Supplemental Security Income
TA	Technical Assistance
TAY	Transition Age Youth (usually ages 18-24)
VA	Veterans Affairs (U.S. Department of)
VASH	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing
VI-SPDAT	Vulnerability Index – Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool

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CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS STAFF REPORT

Report for the May 1, 2025 Council on Homelessness Meeting

INTRODUCTION

The Council on Homelessness staff report is to inform the Contra Costa Council on Homelessness of the status of projects happening within the Continuum of Care. The report was created to create space on Council on Homelessness meeting agendas for discussion on important issues, to share more information in a digestible format, to make it easier for Council on Homelessness members to review and track ongoing content, and to increase transparency about the work happening within the Continuum of Care. The Council on Homelessness guides the content included in the staff report.

PROJECTS

Project: Concord Naval Weapons Station (CNWS) and Homeless Collaborative
There are no updates at this time.

Technical Assistance (TA) Updates:
There are no updates at this time.

COMMITTEES

Equity Committee
- The Equity Committee Work Group last met on March 11th to discuss Governance Committee recommendations, learn some basics about data gathering and presentation, continue discussion of the Equity dashboard and discuss ways the Equity Committee might contribute to reaffirming Council commitment to serving vulnerable populations.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13 from 2 pm – 4 pm at 2400 Bisso Lane, Suite D2, Concord and also on Zoom (Register by clicking here: https://homebaseccc.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZctcOCuqzItGNaAB8uy-JVxgiXlKuxUWPyX).

Funding Committee
- The purpose of the Funding Committee is to direct the community input process for several time-sensitive federal and state funding streams, including updating materials and preparing for the bi-annual Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Opportunity (CoC NOFO) competition.
- The committee may convene later in 2025.

Governance Committee
- The purpose of the Governance Committee is to review and revise the Governance Charter and Bylaws to increase efficiency and impact in the Council on Homelessness. The Governance Committee Work Group met in March to discuss recommended revisions to the council bylaws.
- The committee met on March 25 to finalize proposed revisions to the Council Governance Charter and Bylaws. County Counsel will then review the proposed revisions before it goes to the Council on Homelessness for consideration and approval at a future meeting.

Nominating Committee
- The purpose of the Nominating Committee is to review and revise the process to recruit and select new Council members.
- The committee will convene in mid-2025.

Oversight Committee
- The purpose of the Oversight Committee is to review and assess the development, implementation, and improvement of: CoC, Coordinated Entry System, HMIS database, and System Outcomes.
- The next meeting will be on June 26th, 11:30am - 1pm. CoH members are asked to attend in-person. Community members are welcome to attend in person or via Zoom. Use this link to register: https://homebaseccc.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcsf-2urDssGdzVjZhCYrYEYtBPv6TuzAce

Plan to Accelerate Transformative Housing Innovations Committee

In April 2025, the PATH Innovations Committee held a working group meeting. The group received brief updates on the status of the 2025 Point-in-Time Count data and the recent Housing California and National Alliance to End Homelessness conferences attended by H3 and other community providers. The Committee received an overview of the H3's Data Integration project, focused on bi-directional data sharing between the Homeless Management Information System and EPIC data system. The group received an update on recent federal changes and impacts on the community's Unsheltered Special Notice of Funding Opportunity (SNOFO) projects. The Committee also received a stakeholder spotlight presentation on the Youth Action Board's attendance at the recent Youth Empowerment Summit.