

9. Announcements

All

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

Adjourn

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CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

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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

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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, <i>Chair and Reentry Services Representative</i>
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, <i>Chair and Reentry Services Representative</i>
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, <i>Chair and Reentry Services Representative</i>
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, <i>Vice Chair and Lived Experience Advisor</i> ; Leon Saelee, <i>YAB Lead and Member</i> ; Anastasia Lockwood, <i>YAB Facilitator and Member</i> b. Jaime Jenett, <i>H3</i>



CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS MEETING

1:40 <i>35 min</i>	6. <u>Old Business</u> 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, <i>H3</i> b. Jaime Jenett, <i>H3</i> c. Jamie Schecter, <i>H3</i>
2:15 <i>40 min</i>	7. <u>New Business</u> 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, <i>H3</i> b. Nicole Green, <i>Chair and Reentry Services Representative</i> c. Elissa Kim, <i>Alcohol and Other Drugs Program</i>
2:55 <i>5 min</i>	8. <u>Announcements</u> – 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. <u>Pin It</u>	Nicole Green, <i>Chair and Reentry Services Representative</i>

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



CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS MEETING

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

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

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.

VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE EXEMPTION

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.

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 informing the Chair**

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

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



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 Schechter, *H3*

**Discuss and Approve 2025 Quarter 1
Council on Homelessness**

**Recommendations for Report to County
Board of Supervisors (ACTION ITEM) –
Jaime Jenett, *H3***

**Conference Report Outs – Jamie Schechter,
*H3***

FUNDING UPDATES

Jamie Schechter, *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



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 Schechter, *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](#)*

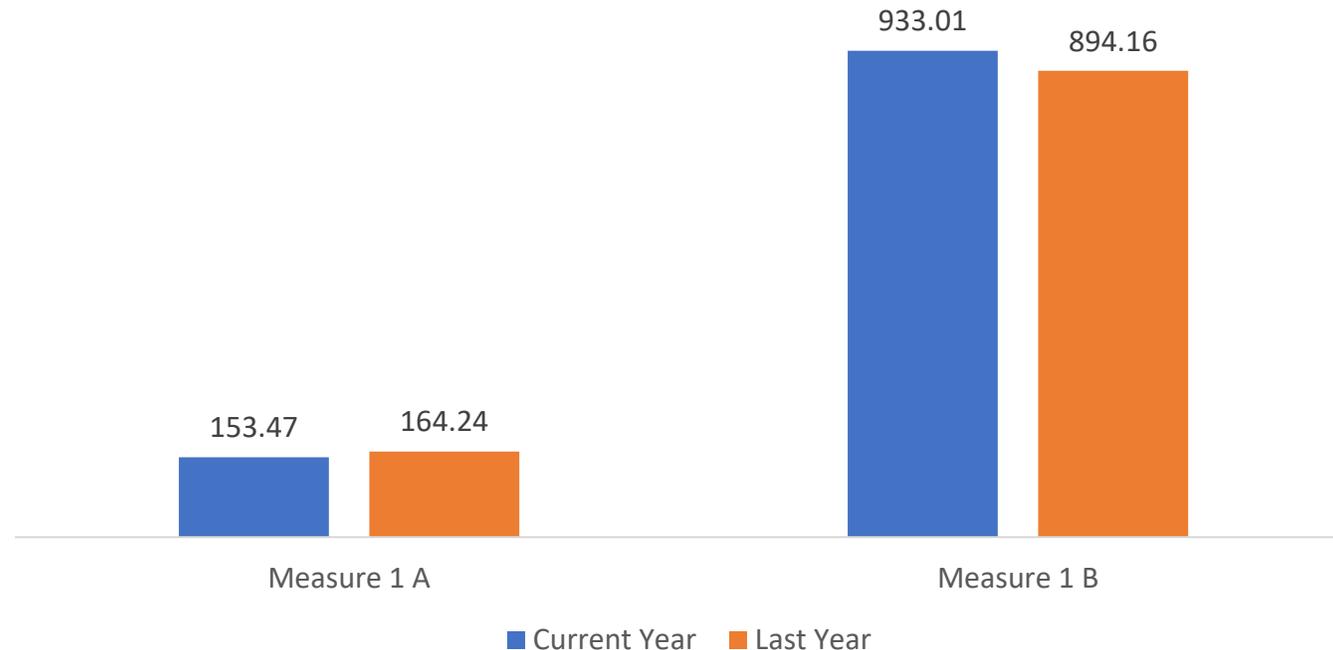
HOW TO USE SPM FINDINGS

- 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

Measure Two: Returns to Homelessness

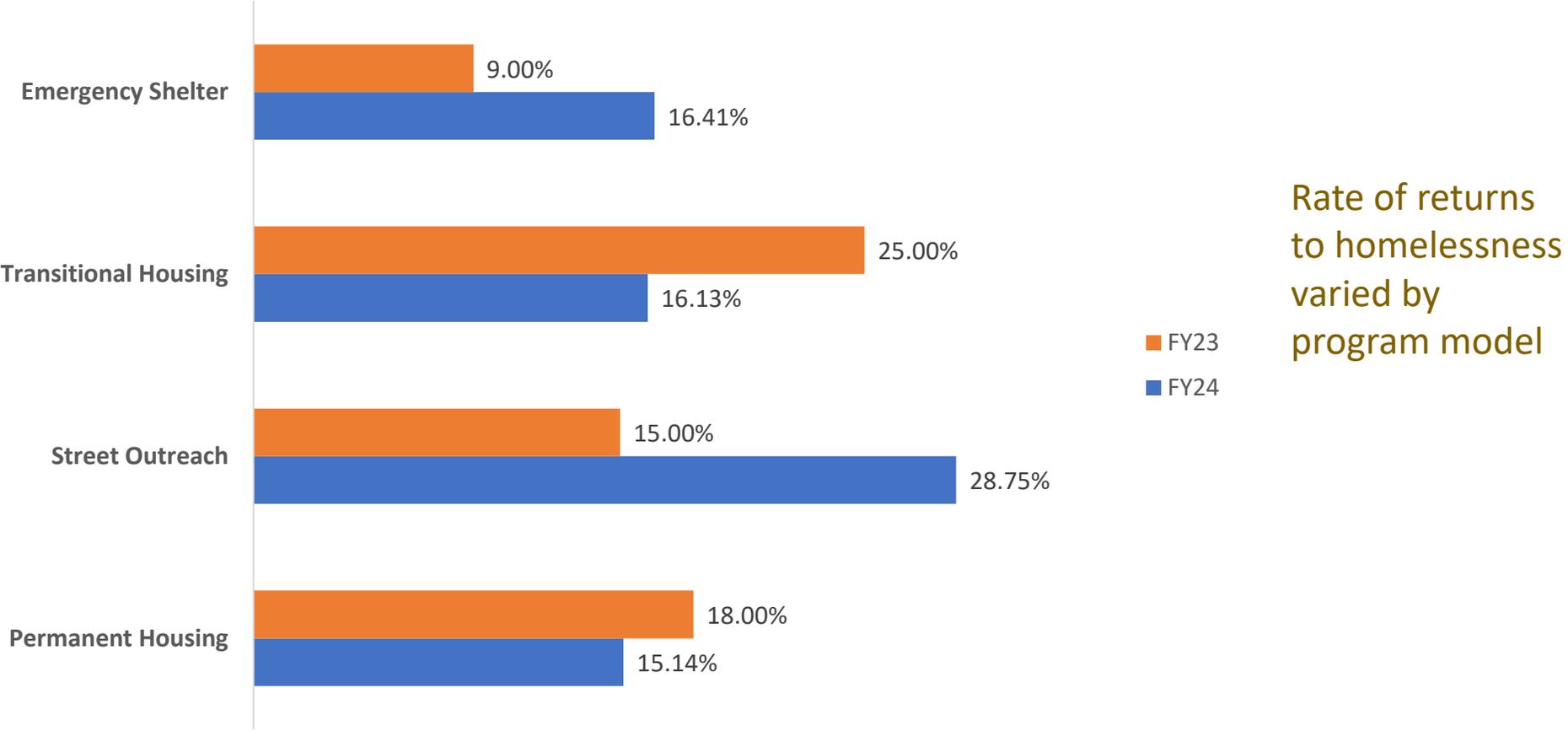
- Identifies all people who exited homelessness to permanent housing and returned to homeless programs within 24 months and during FY24



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%

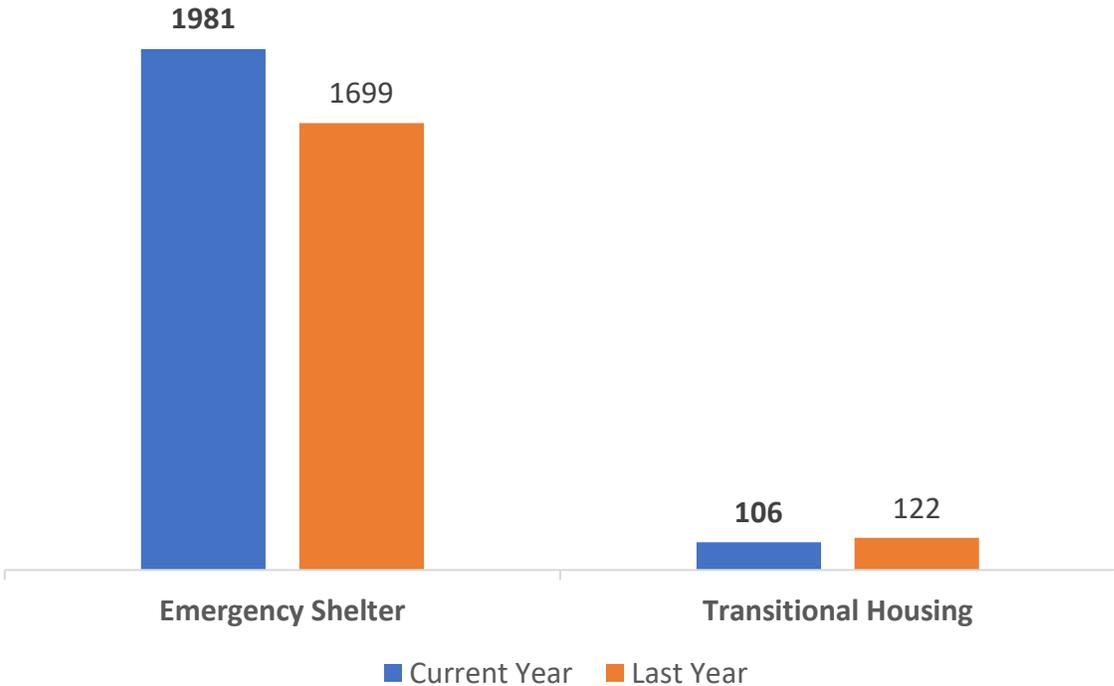
Measure Two: Returns to Homelessness

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



Measure Three: Number of Homeless Persons

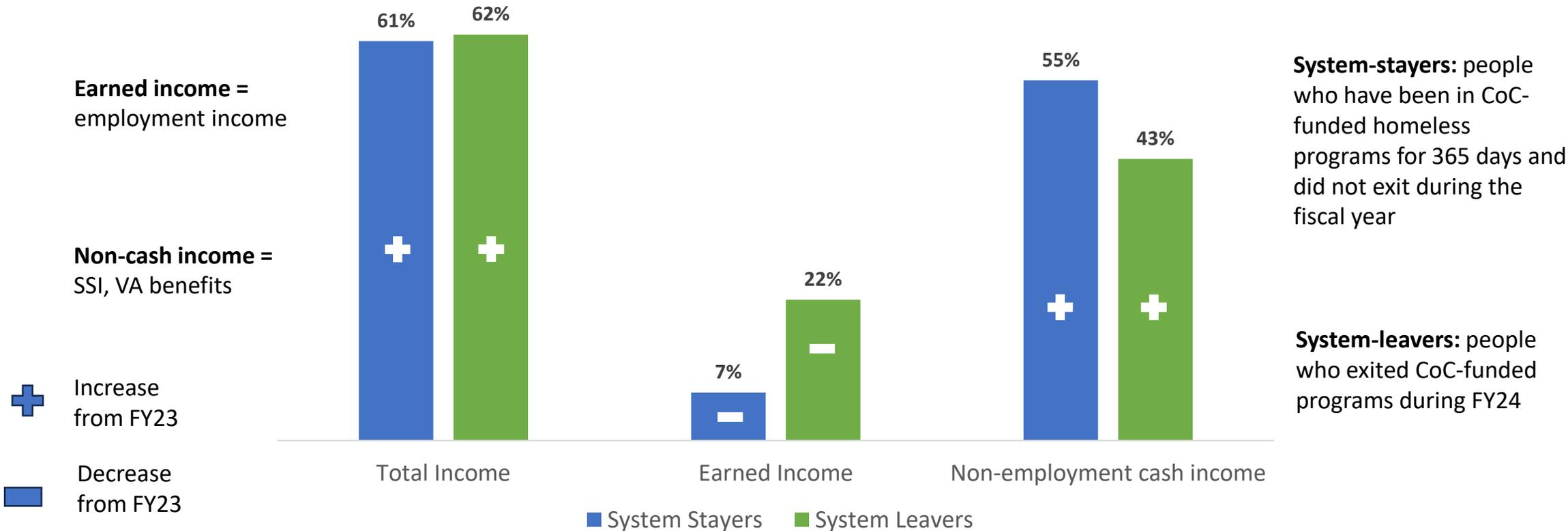
- **Measure 3A: number of unsheltered people identified in PIT (not yet analyzed for FY24)**
- Measure 3B: number of people in emergency shelters and transitional housing served in HMIS during FY24



2,056 people served in emergency shelter and transitional housing in FY24

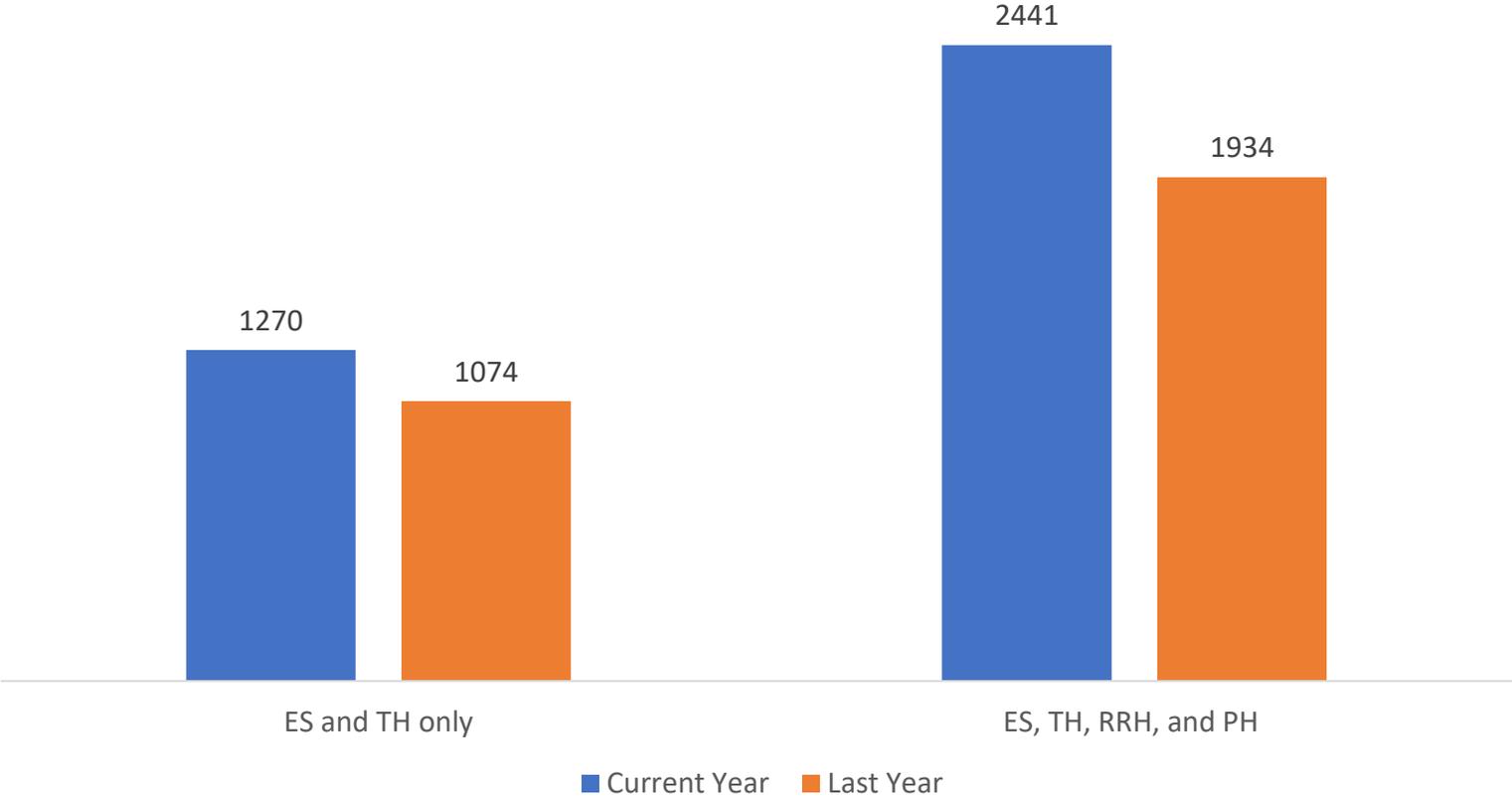
Measure Four: Employment and Income Growth

- 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



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.

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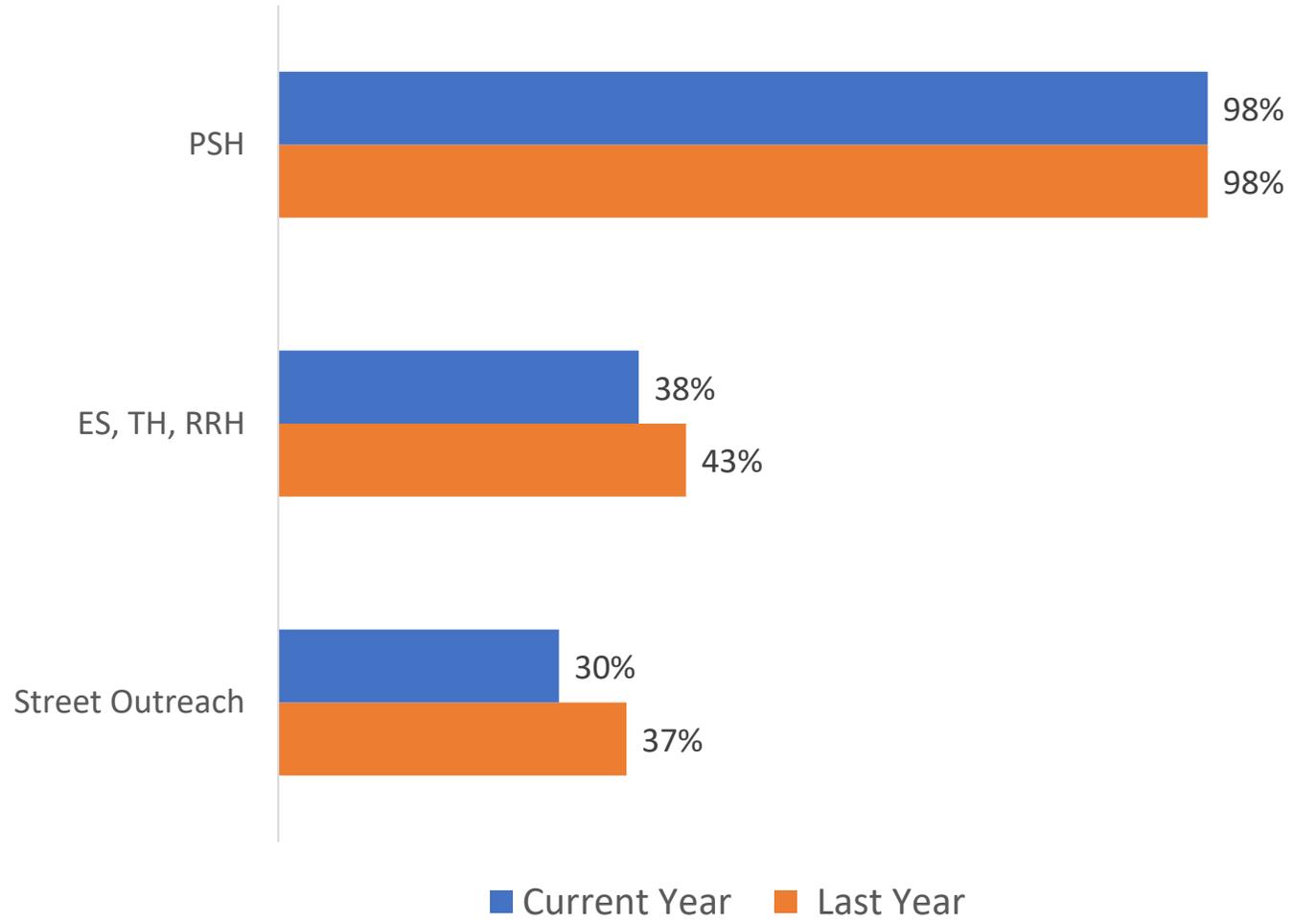
- Rate of returns to homelessness is fewer than 5% OR
- Rate of returns to homelessness is at least 20% lower for the most recent federal fiscal year

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



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*



CONTRA COSTA
HEALTH



**Behavioral Health Services
Opioid Response Services and Program**

*Elissa Kim, MPH
Opioid Response Coordinator
Behavioral Health Services*

May 1, 2025

Leading Causes of Death in Contra Costa County (2020 – 2022)

■ Communicable ■ Cancer ■ Cardiovascular ■ Other Chronic ■ Injury ■ Perinatal

Ranking	0 - 4	5 - 14	15 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65 - 74	75 - 84	85+
1	Neonatal conditions 58	*	Road injury 66	Drug overdose 162	Drug overdose 148	Drug overdose 145	Ischemic heart disease 307	Ischemic heart disease 476	Alzheimer's disease 703	Alzheimer's disease 2,234
2	Congenital anomalies 28	*	Drug overdose 60	Road Injury 81	Alcohol-related 60	Alcohol-related 102	COVID-19 213	COVID-19 276	Ischemic heart disease 618	Stroke 1,002
3	*	*	Homicide 50	Homicide 66	Homicide 52	COVID-19 101	Drug overdose 168	Lung Cancer 273	Stroke 499	Ischemic heart disease 835
4	*	*	Suicide 39	Suicide 61	Road injury 50	Ischemic heart disease 94	Alcohol-related 147	Stroke 265	COVID-19 362	COVID-19 469
5	*	*	*	Alcohol-related 36	Suicide 48	Breast cancer 33	Breast cancer 75	Breast cancer 125	Lung Cancer 327	Hypertensive heart disease 467

*numbers less than 11 not reported for patient privacy

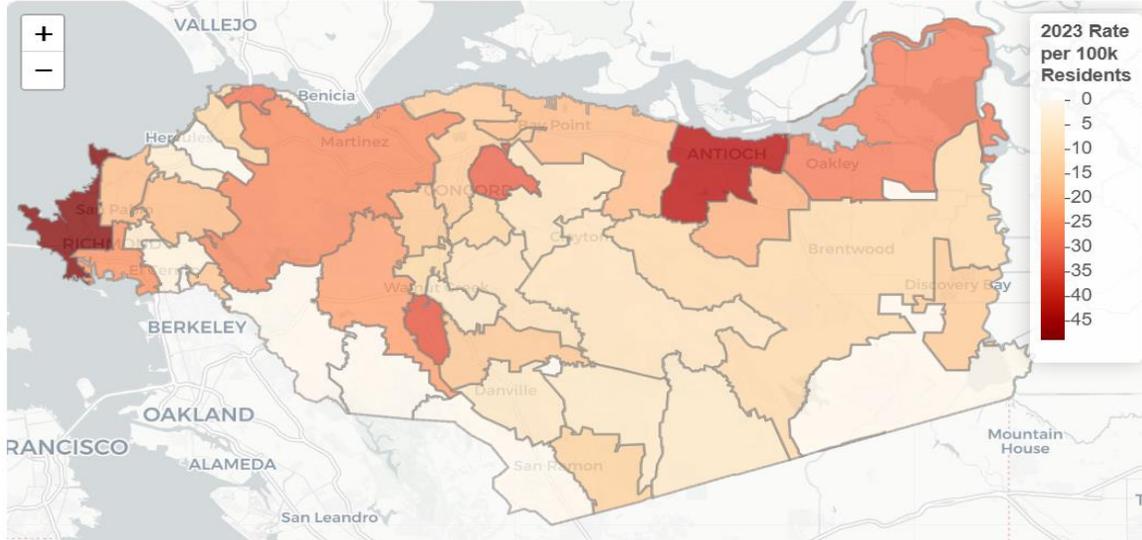
On August 13, 2024, Contra Costa Interim Health Director, Dr. Ori Tzvieli, presented mortality data from the County's ATLAS dashboard, covering 2020 to 2022.

- Drug overdose emerged as the leading cause of death among residents aged 25 to 54.
- Residents aged 15 to 24, ranked as second leading cause of death.

These patterns highlight the need for interventions to address opioid misuse and prevent overdose fatalities across all age groups.

Source for Life Expectancy and Age-Adjusted Mortality Rate by Sex: California Department of Public Health Community Burden of Disease Version P3.0, 3/1/2024
Source for Infant Mortality: California Department of Public Health, Center for Family Health, Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Division, Infant Mortality Dashboard, Last Modified June 2023

Any Opioid-Related Overdose Deaths - Contra Costa County, Prelim. 2023
Age-Adjusted Rate per 100,000 Residents



Opioid Overdose Risk Across County

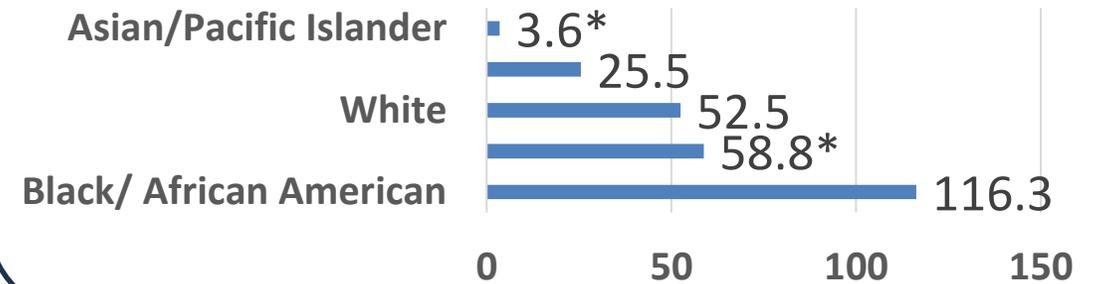
- Age-adjusted death rates shown by ZIP code for 2023
- Age adjustment accounts for population differences across regions
- Enables accurate comparison of overdose risks across communities

Key Findings

- Richmond (rate: 48.6, per 100,000) and Antioch (rate: 42.3 per 100,000) report highest overdose death rates
- Elevated rates also observed in Pittsburg, Oakley, Bay Point, and parts of Concord and South County

Any Opioid-Related Overdose ED Visits - Contra Costa County by Race/Ethnicity, 2023

Age-Adjusted Rate per 100,000 Residents
Low counts and wide confidence



Key Findings

- Focus prevention, harm reduction, and treatment resources in high-risk ZIP codes
- Expand culturally responsive services targeting Black, Native American, and Latino communities
- Strengthen data-driven, equity-focused interventions
- Understanding geographic and racial patterns is key to a more effective and equitable opioid response.

LOCAL NEWS

Man Found Dead Inside Bathroom At Concord BART Station

June 28, 2023 - 10:01 AM • 68 comments



A man was found dead inside the bathroom at the Concord BART station on Tuesday, according to BART officials.

Just after 3 p.m., Officers located an adult male who appeared to be suffering from an apparent drug overdose in the bathroom.

The officers administered two doses of NARCAN and summoned for medical assistance.

LOCAL NEWS

Man Dies Of Apparent Drug Overdose On BART Train In Dublin – Authorities Administer NARCAN To Another Drug User At Pleasant Hill BART

July 3, 2023 - 3:00 PM • 0 comment

A person died of an apparent drug overdose on a BART train at the West Dublin Station on July 1, and another person was administered a dose of NARCAN to help reverse another drug overdose, according to BART Police.

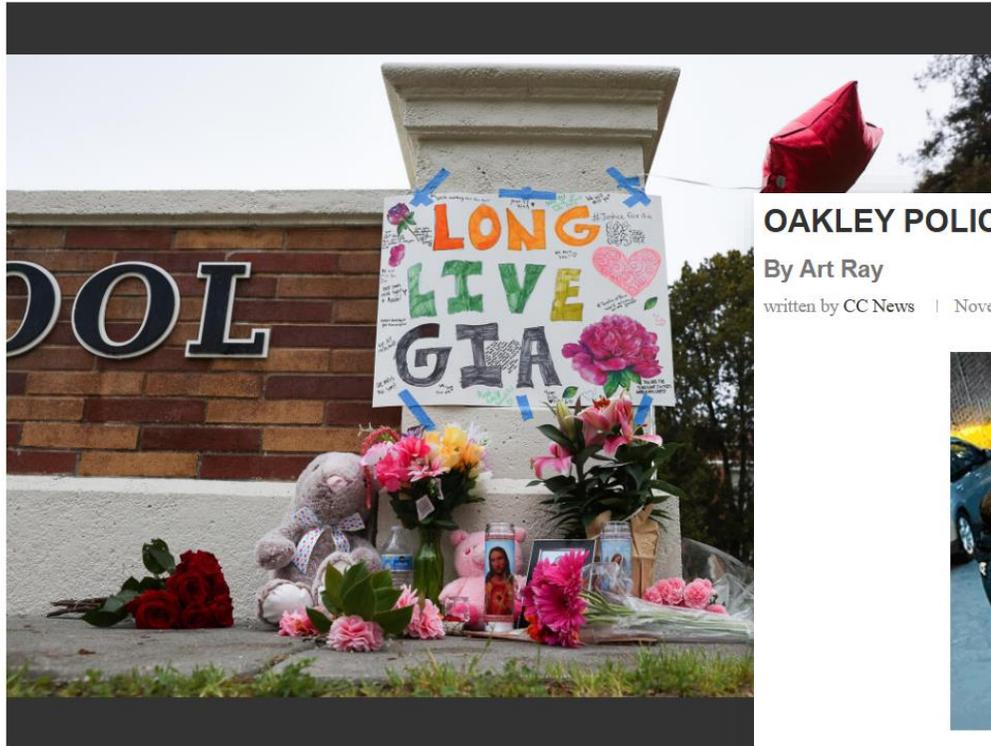
Here are the details from BART Police:

NARCAN Deployment – Pleasant Hill Station

7/1/2023 1648 hours An officer administered one (1) dose of NARCAN to an unresponsive male subject who appeared to be suffering from an apparent drug overdose. The subject was transported to an area hospital for further medical treatment.

3 teen deaths. 1 arrest. What's next in Santa Rosa's fentanyl tragedy?

In just three days this February, three Sonoma County teens died from suspected fentanyl overdoses. Here's how it unfolded — and what still isn't resolved.



A memorial for Gia Walsh at the front of Santa Rosa High School in Santa Rosa on Monday, Feb. 24, 2025, overdose over the weekend. (Christopher Chung / The Press Democrat)

OAKLEY POLICE RESPOND TO FENTANYL OVERDOSE CALL

By Art Ray

written by CC News | November 19, 2024



Photo by Art Ray

On Tuesday, the Oakley Police Department responded to two people found unconscious at the Antioch fishing pier parking lot.

At 4:45 pm, Oakley police and Contra Costa County Fire responded to the end of Bridgehead Road. Upon arrival, one victim was cold to the touch and not breathing while the second male was saved by Oakley Police Department officers who had administered a counter acting drug (NARCAN).



SUMMARY OF BENEFITS

The following services are available for eligible participants who meet medical necessity:

SCREENING & BRIEF INTERVENTION.

Who	Youth and Adults.
What	Prevention care once per year with your assigned medical provider under your own health plan.

OUTPATIENT

Who	Youth (Under 21) and Adults.
What	Less intensive community-based services (up to 9 hours per week) that include group and individual counseling, patient education, crises assistance and case management.

INTENSIVE OUTPATIENT

Who	Youth (Under 21) and Adults.
What	More intensive community-based service (up to 19 hours per week or up to 30 hours per week for perinatal patients) that include individual and group counseling, patient education, crises assistance, and case management.

MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT (MAT)

Who	Adults with Opioid Use Disorders.
What	Available prescribed medications include methadone and buprenorphine. Case management, and group and individual counselor are also offered.

WITHDRAWAL MANAGEMENT (DETOX)

Who	Adults Only.
What	Non-Medical 24-hour detox and moderate withdrawal services for 5 days.

RESIDENTIAL—A PRAUTHORIZED SERVICE

Who	Youth (Under 21) and Adults.
What	Short-term residential (24/7 Live-In) services include individual and group counseling, patient education, and case management.

RECOVERY SUPPORT SERVICES

Who	Adults
What	Support services include relapse prevention, recovery coaching, recovery support, builds self-management skills.

Is your life or the life of someone you love affected by the use of alcohol or other drugs? You do not have to fight addiction alone. Please give us a call and speak with a counselor.

Behavioral Health Access
1-888-678-7277

Suicide Crisis Hotline:
1-800-233-2900

Homeless Hotline:
211



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**SUBSTANCE
USE
DISORDER
TREATMENT SERVICES**

ACCESS LINE: 1-888-678-7277

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AOD Advisory Board

LATEST NEWS

[Requests for Proposals for Opioid Settlement Funds](#)

[Call to Action: Contra Costa Response to Opioid Crisis](#)

[Notice of Significant Change in the Member Handbook](#)

Effective January 1, 2025, the Member Handbook for the Contra Costa Mental Health Plan (CCMHP) and Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System has changed.

RESOURCES

[Learn about Crossroads, a Substance Use Treatment Program in West County, Perennial](#)

[New Berthelme, Cocoon](#)

[How to Reach Us](#)

[Choosing Change](#)

[ReBliss](#)

[Strategic Prevention Plan 2018-2023](#)

NEED TREATMENT?

[Behavioral Health Access Line](#)

[Care Card Brochure](#)

[Care Card Brochure - Spanish](#)

CONTACT US

1220 Morello Ave #101
Martinez, CA 94553
925-335-3330

Is your life or the life of someone you love affected by the use of alcohol or other drugs?

Services and Programs > Behavioral Health >

ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS SERVICES

Call our 24/7 Access Line toll free at 800-846-1652

Treatment
Provider Directory
Client's Home
Youth Resources
DUI Programs
For Providers

Member Handbook - 12 pt. Font (Jan. 2023)(English)

Member Handbook - 20 pt. Font (Jan. 2023)(English)

Manual del Miembro - 12 pt. Fuente (Enero 2023)(Español)

Manual del Miembro - 20 pt. Fuente (Enero 2023)(Español)

How to Access Our Services

Contra Costa Residents can access Alcohol and Other Drugs Services by calling:

- The Behavioral Health Access Line which provides screenings for treatment & referrals information to the general public. The Behavioral Health Access Line also provides referrals to prevention programs. 800-846-1652 (Call Toll Free)
- Calling the Crisis Line at 211 (English and Spanish) for contact information to treatment programs & resources.
- Treatment Resource Guide Brochure
 - [Care Card Brochure](#)
 - [Care Card Brochure - Spanish](#)
- [Client's Home](#)
- [Women's Services Directory](#)

Other Behavioral Health Resources

- Mental Health Access: 1-888-678-7277
- Suicide Crisis Hotline: 1-800-233-2900
- [Get Help](#)

Learn more about [treatment](#), [prevention](#) and other resources by exploring the options on the left sidebar: [Treatment outside of Contra Costa County?](#)

Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)

MAT is an approach that combines medications with counseling and behavioral therapies to help individuals recover from substance use disorders (SUDs). Contra Costa Health partners provide treatment for opioid use disorders (OUDs).

1. Contra Costa Health’s Choosing Change Clinics
2. BAART Clinic
3. Harmonic Solutions
4. Recover Medical Group (Let’s Recover)
5. Berkeley Addiction Treatment Services (BATS)

Treatment and Recovery Services

Behavioral Health offers a comprehensive range of services to support individuals and families impacted by substance use disorders (SUD). Services are designed to meet people where they are in their recovery journey, regardless of readiness for treatment.

Alcohol and Other Drugs also provides direct linkages to mental health care, housing navigation, and culturally responsive recovery support, with resources available in English and Spanish.

Available Services

Withdrawal Management (Detoxification) Central & West

- 24-hour supervised withdrawal support (up to 5 days)
- Linkages to long-term recovery services

Outpatient Programs

- Individual, group, and family counseling
- Education, relapse prevention, and support group referrals

Residential Programs for Men and Women

- 24/7 structured environment
- 40+ hours/week of counseling, vocational support, and recovery activities

Specialized Services

- Criminal Justice Programs & Driving Under the Influence (DUI)
- Women’s Treatment Recovery Services
- Youth Treatment and Prevention
- Spanish-language services available



ORT's Approach

ORT prioritizes a compassionate, nonjudgmental, and client-centered approach focused on:

- Harm reduction – meeting clients where they are
- Client-driven engagement – Respecting individual needs and choices
- Treatment on demand – offering immediate connection to care
- Compassion, Respect and Hope – Core values in every interaction

What is Opioid Response Team?

Opioid Response Team (ORT) is comprised of substance use counselors dedicated to outreach and engagement with individuals in need of care and support. The team collaborates with community-based organizations, treatment and service providers and public health agencies to strengthen the continuum of care for people impacted by opioid use.

Core services include:

1. Distributing naloxone and fentanyl test strips
2. Connecting clients to treatment and recovery services
3. Implementing prevention and harm reduction strategies
4. Housing navigation and case management for unhoused clients.
5. Follow-up support after treatment completion to sustain recovery.

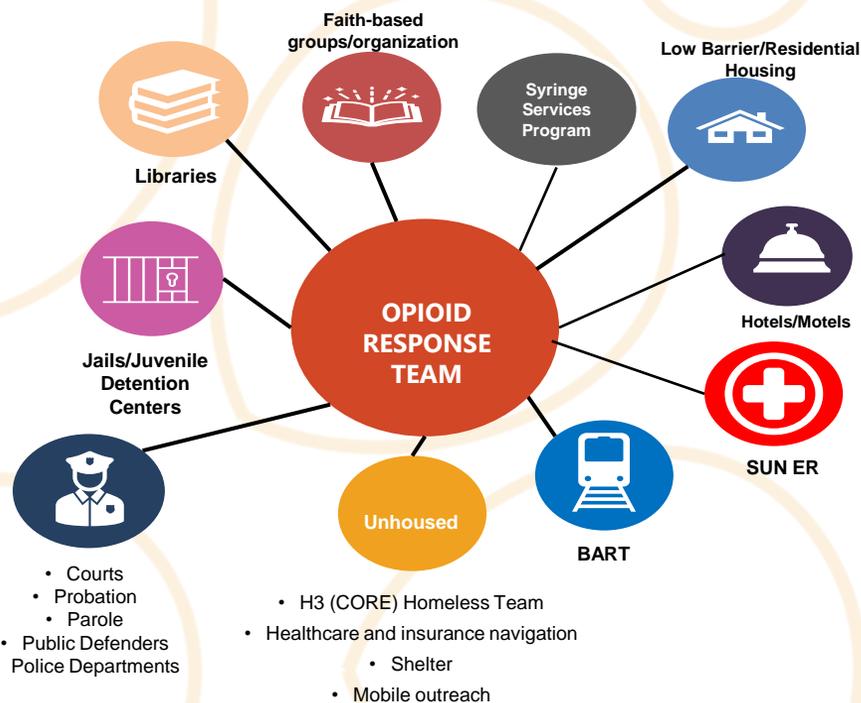
ORT provides immediate response and connections to services at key **touchpoints**

- Touchpoints refer to key locations where ORT engages with individuals impacted by OUD or SUD. These include community events, referral settings, syringe service programs, and outreach locations.

Why they matter?

Touchpoints create opportunities for ORT to:

- Connect with individuals at high risk of overdose or disengagement
- Provide immediate assistance and support
- Facilitate access to care, treatment, and recovery services



Services and Activities

- Process *Opioid Prevention Supply and Training Request Forms* for community partners and organization
- Distribution of life-saving harm reduction tools: Naloxone and fentanyl test strips.
- Training, presentation and education at schools, partnered agencies, shelters, churches and community-based organizations.
- Direct communication through email via AODOpioidResponse@cchealth.org OR phone 925-335-3330



English (United States) ▼

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Opioid Prevention Supply and Training Request Form

The form is to be used for the request of Naloxone (Narcan) and/or Fentanyl Test Strips (FTS), and opioid presentations and Naloxone training in Contra Costa County.

* Required

Information

1. **Date Request Submitted**
*
Please input date (M/d/yyyy)

2. **Department or Organization (if applicable). Please put "n/a" if not requesting on behalf of a department nor organization.**
*
Enter your answer

3. **Are you an eligible agency with a standing order**
*
 Yes
 No
 I do not know.

How Do We Support Unhoused Individuals?

Targeted Outreach and Harm Reduction

- ✓ Field outreach at BART stations, homeless encampments, and syringe services programs
- ✓ ORT engagement at Trinity Center and other key locations
- ✓ Collaboration with CORE (Coordinated Outreach Referral and Engagement) staff

Recovery Residences and Shelter Linkages

- Referrals to MAT-friendly sober living environments and recovery residences
- Navigation support connecting individuals to shelter, treatment, and long-term housing services

Access to Life-Saving Tools

- Distribution of naloxone, fentanyl test strips, and lanyards to CORE
- Harm reduction vending machines being placed at shelters such as Brookside and Delta Landing to expand 24/7 access to supplies
- Expansion of Naloxone access through low-barrier stand boxes at Trinity Center and Delta Landing

Education and Engagement

- Harm reduction and naloxone trainings offered to community partners
- Presentations delivered to organizations such as Bay Area Rescue Mission
- Collaboration with A3 Crisis Response and Health, Housing and Homeless Services (H3) teams

We meet individuals where they are, removing barriers to care and promoting recovery for all community members.

Syringe Service Program (SSP) anchors Contra Costa’s harm reduction strategy, reaching individuals at risk of overdose, infection, or treatment disengagement.

- Managed by and the Public Health HIV/STI Program and through a contract with HEPPAC
- Focus on mobile outreach across East and West County, prioritizing high-need areas like Bay Point.

Program Activities

- Distribution of sterile supplies (syringes, alcohol wipes, wound care kits, sharps containers) to prevent infections.
- Naloxone (Narcan) distribution and overdose prevention education at all outreach locations.
- Fentanyl test strip access and client education to reduce accidental overdoses.
- Wound care triage, first-aid supplies, and referrals to medical care for injection-related wounds.
- HIV and Hepatitis C education with referrals to testing and care. (Note: HEPPAC provides education but not onsite testing services)
- System Navigation: referrals to MAT, shelter, mental health, and social services.
- OSF support implementation of Harm Reduction training twice per year



HEPPAC
HIV Education and Prevention
Project of Alameda County

Times and Locations

Richmond

Tuesday Site

25th St and Macdonald Av
Richmond, CA 94804
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Bay Point

Tuesday Site

2586 Willow Pass Road.
Bay Point, CA 94565
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

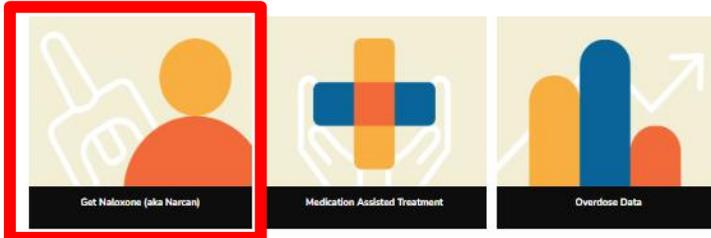
Please call 510-849-7630 for site of day and times.

Source: <https://www.cchealth.org/health-and-safety-information/hiv-sti-program/syringe-exchange>



OD Free Contra Costa

Preventing drug overdoses in our community.



Drug overdoses are the leading cause of death for adults aged 25-54 in Contra Costa.

Get Help Now
Call our 24/7 access line to get connected to care and support.

[Learn More](#)

Overdose Prevention/Harm Reduction

An opioid overdose happens when someone takes too much of an opioid drug, like fentanyl or painkillers. Recognizing the signs of opioid overdose and acting fast can save a life.

- FENTANYL TEST STRIPS +
- SYRINGE EXCHANGE +
- USING ALONE? +
- RECOGNIZE OPIOID OVERDOSE +
- PREGNANCY & OPIOID USE +
- INFO FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS +

- Addiction and Recovery Services
 - DUI Programs
 - Quit Tobacco and Vaping
 - Naloxone (Narcan)
 - + Substance Use Treatment
- Ask the Advice Nurse
- Dental Care
- How to Make an Appointment
- + Healthcare Locations
- + Medical Center Services
- + Mental Health
- + MyChart Patient Portal
- + Sexual Health Services
- + Vaccines
- + For Healthcare Providers
- + For People Without Health Coverage

NALOXONE (NARCAN)

The antidote to an opioid overdose

Naloxone is a life-saving medication used to reverse an opioid overdose, including heroin, fentanyl and prescription opioid medications. Naloxone is most commonly used as a nasal spray (brand name "Narcan"). You don't need to be a medical professional to safely use naloxone on someone experiencing an overdose. Naloxone nasal spray can be purchased at many pharmacies [over the counter](#).

Naloxone is safe and easy to use and works almost immediately. It has very few negative effects, and has no effect if opioids are not in a person's system. Best of all, it can save someone's life!

[Order Naloxone from the State of CA](#)

[Find Naloxone Near You](#)

- Who should carry naloxone? +
- Why carry naloxone? +
- How to recognize an opioid overdose +
- How to respond to an opioid overdose +

Supplies and Training

Contra Costa Health provides naloxone supplies and training to eligible organizations. Contact the Opioid Response Team for more information.

- Phone: 925-335-3330
- Email: AODopioidresponse@cchealth.org

[Request Naloxone Supplies/Training](#)

Naloxone Resources

- [Administering Naloxone - Training Video](#) | [Spanish](#)
- [Next Distro - Have Naloxone Mailed to You](#)
- [Naloxone Distribution Project \(DHCS\)](#)





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- Contact Us - Personnel
- Contract Work
- Current Openings
- + Family Medicine Residency Program
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- + Volunteer

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REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

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This page is home to all requests for proposal (RFPs) for new Contra Costa Health (CCH) projects. Each RFP announces a new project, describes the scope and goals and solicits bids from contractors who are interested in working with CCH and meet the RFP's requirements.

Be sure to read RFPs closely before submitting them. Requirements vary from request to request.

You can also check the County's [Purchasing Services page](#) for opportunities.

Current RFPs

(All Departments) (All Bids)

RFP NUMBER	TITLE	STARTING	CLOSING	STATUS
	Opioid Settlement Funds for SUD Primary Prevention Programs	03/13/2025	04/30/2025 5:00 PM	Open
	Opioid Settlement Funds Management Services	03/13/2025	04/18/2025 5:00 PM	Closed
	Los Medanos Health Area Funded Health Services	03/06/2025	04/18/2025 5:00 PM	Closed



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REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

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Opioid Settlement Funds for SUD Primary Prevention Programs

Start Date: 03/13/2025
Close Date: 04/30/2025 5:00 PM

Contra Costa Behavioral Health (CCBH) is currently seeking proposals from providers interested in providing Substance Use Disorder Prevention services for beneficiaries in Contra Costa County. Prevention remains a key strategy in Contra Costa County's efforts to combat the opioid crisis. CCBH invites community-based organizations to submit proposals for prevention activities to be served within Contra Costa to residents who qualify for such activities. Please refer to the attachments below for additional details and requirements. Applicants are asked to submit proposals that will cover services to be rendered for FY 25-26 through FY 27-28.

The deadline to submit proposals is April 30, 2025 at 5:00 pm.

Email completed RFP packets to mliu@cchealth.org

- [Opioid Settlement Funds RFP for SUD Primary Prevention Programs](#)
- [Attachment A - Proposal Cover Page](#)
- [Attachment B - Equity & Culturally Appropriate Services Section](#)
- [Attachment C - Prevention Proposal Project Narrative](#)
- [Attachment D - Prevention Proposal Project Work Plan](#)
- [Attachment E - Prevention Contractor Workplan Template](#)
- [Attachment F - Bidders Reference Form](#)



Saving Lives Through Collaborative Action

As part of Contra Costa County's efforts to expand harm reduction and overdose prevention strategies, Alcohol and Other Drug Services (AODS), in partnership with the MEDS Coalition, launched the Naloxone Stand Box (NSB) initiative. This initiative increases community access to publicly available naloxone by installing self-service stand boxes at key locations throughout the county.



On March 28, 2025, Naloxone Stand Box at Los Medanos College, Pittsburg are placed and accessible to college students.

Confirmed Locations (8 Stand Boxes)

Host Location	Address
Diablo Valley College	Pleasant Hill Campus 321 Golf Club Rd Pleasant Hill CA 94523
Diablo Valley College	San Ramon Campus 1690 Watermill Rd San Ramon CA 94582
Los Medanos College	Pittsburg 2700 E Leland Rd Pittsburg CA 94565
Los Medanos College	Brentwood 1351 Pioneer Square Brentwood CA 94513
Public Defender's Office	800 Ferry Street Martinez CA 94553
Pleasant Hill Library	2 Monticello Avenue Pleasant Hill CA 94523
San Pablo Library	13751 San Pablo Avenue San Pablo CA 94806
Antioch Library	13751 San Pablo Avenue San Pablo CA 94806

In progress but not in operation (7 Stand Boxes)

Host Location	Address
Trinity Center	1888 Trinity Ave, Walnut Creek, CA 94596
Mental Health Connections House	San Pablo and Concord
Delta Landing Shelter	2101 Vale Road San Pablo, CA 94806
Public Defender Office	Richmond
Contra Costa County Probation Dept. - John A. Davis Juvenile Hall	Richmond and Antioch

Public Health Harm Reduction Vending Machine

Public Health Harm Reduction Vending Machine

CCBHS is coordinating the installation of four (4) naloxone vending machines across the county—targeting East, West, Central, and South Contra Costa. In collaboration with regional partners, including the HIV Education and Prevention Project of Alameda County (HEPPAC) and the County’s Public Health HIV/STI Program. These machines will serve as a low barrier, 24/7 access points for naloxone and other harm reduction supplies.

Confirmed Site Locations and Awaiting Placement

Oakley Recreation Center, Oakley
Brookside Shelter, Richmond
Delta Landing, Pittsburg

Pending

Contra Costa Regional Medical Center, Martinez
Mental Health Connections, Antioch
Contra Costa Jail Facilities



Delta Landing, Pittsburg

- Health, Housing and Homeless Services (H3) Administrator
- HIV Education and Prevention Project of Alameda County (HEPPAC) Team
- AODS, Opioid Response Coordinator
- Public Health HIV/STI Prevention Manager



Naloxone Vending Machine at Marin County Jail lobby

City of Oakley Community Awareness Forum December 18, 2024



Oakley Police Chief Paul Beard holds a Naloxone during his speech at Oakley's Opioid Awareness forum at Oakley City Hall



Oakley Mayor Shannon Shaw sharing her story, both professional and personal, at Oakley City Hall

Source: The Press, Youtube

City of Antioch Community Awareness Forum March 26, 2025



Dr. Sefanit Mekuria presenting on "OD Free Contra Costa" webpage



City of Pittsburg Community Awareness Forum April 16, 2025



YOU'RE INVITED!

OPIOID COMMUNITY RESOURCE EVENT

HOSTED BY: SCOTTS VALLEY TRIBAL TANF
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH: CONTRA COSTA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Opioid Prevention Education
- FREE Naloxone Training & Distribution
- Community Resource Fair featuring local health, wellness and support services

Saturday, May 3, 2025
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
2727 Syston Dr #100,
Concord, CA 94518

CONTACT: Jaena Campos
925-507-1642

KINDLY RSVP
*NOT REQUIRED

Scan QR Code to RSVP!



HEPPAC HARM REDUCTION 101 TRAINING

HEPPAC
HIV Education and Prevention
Project of Alameda County

Online

Learn Harm Reduction:
Past, Present and
Future

Skills building to provide low
barrier Harm Reduction in
clinical and non-clinical
settings.

Thursday
May 9th
1:00 pst

Scan For
Zoom Link



HEPPAC.ORG



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Thank you

How to connect and request support and information for clients and community:

AODOPIOIDResponse@cchealth.org

We speak Spanish! ¡Hablamos Español!
925-335-3330



Visit the OD Free Contra Costa Landing Page!

<https://www.cchealth.org/health-and-safety-information/od-free-contra-costa>

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 (IN PERSON)
- **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

1025 ESCOBAR STREET
MARTINEZ, CA 94553

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%)



CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS MEETING

- **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



CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS MEETING

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 Schechter, 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.



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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.



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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



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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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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/tZctcOCuqzItGNAB8uy-JVxgiXIKuxUWPYX>).



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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>



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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.