



Meeting Minutes - Final

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY Contra Costa Council on Homelessness

Thursday, December 4, 2025

1:00 PM

1025 Escobar St., Martinez | Register:

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Regular Meeting

[25-4999](#)

Attachments: [COH Agenda w Time 12.4.25](#)
[COH Slides 12.4.25](#)

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

Present Alejandra Chamberlain, Sherina Criswell, Hope Dixon, Maria E Fairbanks, Carolyn Foudy, Susan Leslie Gleason, Nicole Green, Gabriel Lemus, LeAnn Matthews, Yahel Moreno, Courtney Pal, Shawn Ray, Bessie Marie Scott, Tony Ucciferri, and Heather Worobey

Absent Verneda Clapp, Wayne Earl, and Danielle Jimenez

Non-voting Juno Hedrick

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. [25-5000](#)

Attachments: [COH Staff Report 12.4.25](#)
[Advisory Body Annual Report Council on Homelessness 2025](#)
[COH Minutes 10.30.25](#)

A. APPROVE minutes from the October 30, 2025 Council meeting
B. APPROVE staff report for the December 4, 2025 Council meeting
C. APPROVE Council members Dani Jimenez, Nicole Green, Shawn Ray, Bessie Scott, Wayne Earl to serve on the Review and Rank Panel for the 2025 HUD CoC NOFO competition

Motion: Ucciferri
Second: E Fairbanks

Aye: Chamberlain, Criswell, E Fairbanks, Foudy, Leslie Gleason, Green, Lemus, Matthews, Moreno, Pal, Ray, Marie Scott, Ucciferri, and Worobey

Absent: Clapp, Earl, and Jimenez

Abstain: Dixon

Result: Passed

4.

[25-5001](#)

Mark and Jamie provided an overview of the 2025 HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), which was released on November 13, 2025. The consolidated application is due to HUD by January 14, 2026. Contra Costa County received approximately \$22.3 million in CoC funding in FY 2024. Key changes in the 2025 NOFO include a cap limiting permanent housing funding (Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Rehousing) to no more than 30% of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD), representing a significant shift from prior years. Tier 1 funding has also been reduced to 30% of ARD, compared to approximately 90% in previous years, meaning more projects will fall into Tier 2, which is nationally competitive. Additional changes include newly eligible project types (Transitional Housing, Supportive Services Only, and Street Outreach), higher scoring for projects with service participation requirements, and new restrictions related to harm reduction practices, definitions of sex and gender, and activities perceived as facilitating racial preferences. Mark and Jamie shared that CoC-funded renewal projects have been coordinating with H3 to come up with a shortlist of permanent housing projects to be included in Tier 1 within the new permanent housing funding cap.

Discussion:

- Council members expressed concern about the potential loss of CoC subsidies for permanent housing projects as grants expire over the coming year. Staff noted that while impacts will occur on a rolling basis based on circumstances for each project, nonetheless a significant number of households may be affected. Staff emphasized ongoing collaboration between the county and providers to identify alternative funding sources, temporary subsidy options, and cross-system strategies to help residents remain housed.
- A Council member with lived experience shared personal concern about being directly impacted by potential the policy changes. Another Council member acknowledged the emotional weight of the discussion and emphasized the importance of centering lived experience voices, particularly given the uncertainty created by the policy changes.
- Discussion also included how HUD Opportunity Zones factor into application scoring and concerns regarding how geographic boundaries may disadvantage certain communities.

5. Committee Report Out: Point-In-Time Count Committee: APPROVE Point in Time Count Methodology (ACTION ITEM)

Yessenia provided an overview of updates related to the Point-In-Time (PIT) Count planning. The Committee reviewed preparations for the upcoming PIT Count, including outreach strategies, coordination with community partners, and logistics for implementation. Staff reviewed the proposed PIT Count methodology and shared that the approach aligns with HUD requirements and builds on lessons learned from previous counts.

To approve the Point-In-Time Count methodology as presented.

Motion: Criswell

Second: Worobey

Aye: Chamberlain, Criswell, Dixon, E Fairbanks, Foudy, Leslie Gleason, Green, Lemus, Matthews, Moreno, Pal, Ray, Marie Scott, Ucciferri, and Worobey

Absent: Clapp, Earl, and Jimenez

Result: Passed

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

Presenter: Juno Hedrick, *Vice Chair and Lived Experience Advisor*

Juno shared regarding Youth Advisory Board activities, youth engagement efforts, and ongoing advocacy to elevate youth and young adult perspectives within the homeless response system. Anyone interested in connecting with YAB can send an email at ContraCostaYAB@cchealth.org <<mailto:ContraCostaYAB@cchealth.org>>.

7. New Business: Coordinated Entry Housing Needs Assessment Replacement Project Update

Speaker: Chela Shuster and Claire Burris, *Focus Strategies* and Mary Juarez-Fitzgerald, *H3*

Chela, Claire, and Mary provided an update on the Coordinated Entry Housing Needs Assessment Project, including data collection efforts and how findings will inform system planning and housing prioritization.

8. New Business: 2024 Annual Report Presentation

This item was tabled due to time constraints.

9. Learning Corner: College Is a Bridge™: How Community Colleges Support Unhoused Communities Through Resources, Aid, and Opportunity

This item was tabled due to time constraints.

10. Farewell to outgoing members (5 mins)

Outgoing Council members were recognized and thanked for their service.

11. Announcements

The next meeting is currently scheduled for January 8, 2026

Adjourn

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