

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

Juno Hedrick, Vice Chair and Lived Experience Advisor and Heaven Walker, YAB member

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

Chela Shuster, Focus Strategies and Mary Juarez-Fitzgerald, Coordinated Entry System Manager

8. New Business: 2024 Annual Report Presentation

Jamie Schecter, H3

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

Hope Dixon, Basic Needs Coordinator, Contra Costa College

10. Farewell to outgoing members (5 mins)

Nicole Green, Chair and Reentry Services Representative

11. Announcements

All

The next meeting is currently scheduled for January 8, 2026

Adjourn

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CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

1025 ESCOBAR STREET
MARTINEZ, CA 94553

Staff Report

File #: 25-4999

Agenda Date: 12/4/2025

Agenda #:

Advisory Board: Contra Costa Council on Homelessness

Subject: Agenda and Slides for COH Meeting

Presenter:

Contact:

Information:

Referral History and Update:

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):



CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS MEETING

AGENDA

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2025, 1 PM – 3 PM

1025 ESCOBAR STREET, MARTINEZ, CA

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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:

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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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Hybrid Meeting Norms (2 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. APPROVE minutes from the October 30, 2025 Council meeting b. APPROVE staff report for the December 4, 2025 Council meeting c. APPROVE Council on Homelessness 2026 Work Plan d. 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 	Nicole Green, <i>Chair and Reentry Services Representative</i>



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1:25 30 min	5. <u>Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Opportunity Update</u> a. Update on CoC NOFO and Funding Committee (30 min)	Mark Mora, <i>Homebase</i> and Jamie Schecter, <i>H3</i>
1:55 15 min	6. <u>Committee Report Outs</u> - Report outs from each of the committees below. a. Point-In-Time Committee (10 min) i. (ACTION ITEM) APPROVE Point-In-Time Count Methodology b. Youth Advisory Board (YAB) Update (5 min)	a. Yessenia Aguilar, <i>H3</i> b. Juno Hedrick, <i>Vice Chair and Lived Experience Advisor and Heaven Walker, YAB member</i>
2:10 25 min	7. <u>Old Business</u> a. Update: Coordinated Entry Housing Needs Assessment Project (15 min) b. 2024 Annual Report Presentation (10 min)	a. Chela Shuster, <i>Focus Strategies</i> and Mary Juarez-Fitzgerald, <i>H3 Coordinated Entry System Manager</i> b. Jamie Schecter and Yessenia Aguilar, <i>H3</i>
2:35 15 min	8. <u>New Business</u> a. Learning Corner: Community College Basic Needs Programs (15 min)	a. Hope Dixon, <i>Contra Costa College & Community Member Representative</i> b.
2:50 7 min	9. <u>Council Membership</u> a. Recognition of Outgoing Council Members: Carolyn Foudy, Hope Dixon, Bessie Marie Scott, Yahel Moreno (7 min)	a. Nicole Green, <i>Chair and Reentry Services Representative</i>
2:57 3 min	10. <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.	b. All
3:00	11. <u>Pin It</u>	Nicole Green, <i>Chair and Reentry Services Representative</i>

HOW TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT:

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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



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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

December 4, 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.

WEBINAR VS. MEETING FORMAT

- Due to Zoom Bombing, the virtual component of COH meetings have moved from Meeting to Webinar format.

What's Different?

- Participants will join WITHOUT the ability to unmute or be seen on camera
- Host can give participants ability to unmute or be seen on camera as needed

What's the Same?

- Participants can raise hand
- Participants can share in the chat

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 CONT.

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.
8. 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.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Nicole Green, Chair & Reentry Services
Representative

INTRODUCTIONS

Council Members: Please unmute and share your name, pronouns, seat, and agency (if applicable)

Community Members: Please introduce yourself in the chat.

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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 DESCRIPTION

- 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 October 30, 2025 Council Meeting
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CONTINUUM OF CARE (COC) NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (NOFO) UPDATE

Update on CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity
and Funding Committee – Mark Mora, Homebase
and Jamie Schechter, H3

UPDATE ON COC NOFO AND FUNDING COMMITTEE

Mark Mora, Homebase
Jamie Schechter, H3

BACKGROUND: HUD COC NOFO

- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program
- HUD releases a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), competition for approximately 450 Continuums of Care
- FY 2024-25 and FY 2025-26 CoC NOFO:
 - First time two-year NOFO cycle (was annual competition)
 - Released on July 31, 2024, and made approximately \$3.5 billion available nationally
 - Contra Costa was awarded \$22.3 million in FY 2024

From 2024 to 2025 NOFO

- In 2024, HUD announced that the NOFO was moving to a 2-year cycle (next competition was set for 2026)
- A couple months ago HUD announced that a 2025 NOFO was on the horizon
- NOFO was released on November 13, 2025.
- Deadline to submit applications to HUD is **January 14, 2026**

2025 HUD CoC Policy Priorities

Ending the
crisis of
homelessness
on our
streets

Prioritize
treatment
and recovery

Advance
public
safety

Promote
self-
sufficiency

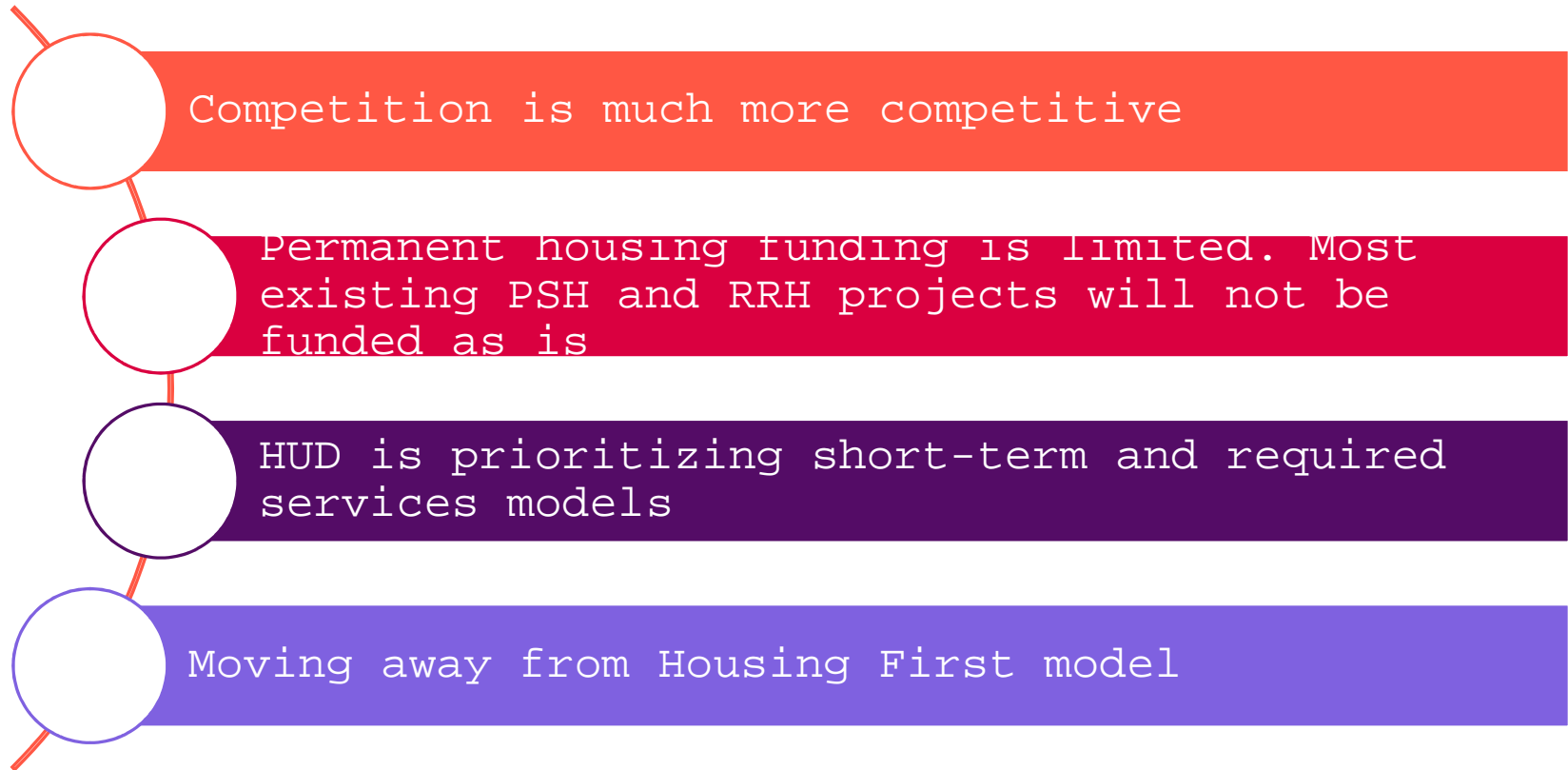
Improve
outcomes

Minimize
trauma

FY2025 CoC NOFO Notable Changes

- Tier 1 is smaller (30% of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) vs. 90% in 2024)
- CoC Bonus amounts are higher for new projects (20% of Final Pro Rata Need vs. 12% in 2024)
- New cap on Permanent Housing (PH). No more than 30% of a CoC's ARD can fund PH projects, including PSH, RRH, and Joint TH-RRH.
- New eligible project types: Transitional Housing (TH), Supportive Services Only (SSO), and Street Outreach
- Projects with service participation requirements will be scored higher in Tier 2
- All projects must not conduct activities that facilitate racial preferences, use a definition of sex other than as binary in human, or operate certain programming under "harm reduction"

Takeaways from Policy Shifts



What this means for us...

- There are only 60 days for the competition (usually it's 90 days) which includes several big holiday weeks
- NOFO changes will considerably impact everyone: people experiencing homelessness, people in housing, providers, staff, and the overall homeless system of care
- We are working hard to both streamline the competition process where possible and to thoughtfully work with providers and the Council to make strategic shifts that help to preserve as much funding for housing and support for people in our community

FY2025 Local Competition Changes

- **Scoring Tools:**
 - Removal of certain scoring factors that don't align with HUD priorities (i.e., housing first, racial equity, , etc.)
 - Addition of scoring factors to reflect new HUD priorities (i.e., service participation requirements, services provided in an opportunity zone, etc.) and eligible project types
 - Emphasis on objective, data-driven factors for renewal projects
- **Application Process:**
 - Adjust language to reflect NOFO priorities (i.e., engaging new providers and faith-based providers)
 - HMIS and CE projects will be auto-ranked at the top of Tier 2
 - Ranking process mirrors NOFO requirements (i.e., permanent housing projects won't exceed 30% of funding on priority list)
- Funding Committee finalized revisions to scoring tools and polices on 12/2

30% Permanent Housing Cap

What is it?

- HUD has imposed a 30% cap on permanent housing
 - PH includes both PSH and RH.
 - No more that 30% of the CoC's ARD can be used for permanent housing
- Tier 1 can only include up to 30% of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)
 - In previous years, Tier 1 covered 90% or more of ARD

30% Permanent Housing Cap

How does this impact our community?

- Funding
 - 2024 PH total (HUD CoC funding): \$19,930,965
 - 2025 30% PH Cap: \$6,468,929 (only 33% of 2024 PH total)
- To preserve as much PH as possible under these new rules, the CoC will prioritize a shortlist of renewal permanent supportive housing (PSH) projects in Tier 1.
- Renewal PSH projects not included in Tier 1 and all renewal RRH projects must reallocate or transition their projects to eligible project types (TH, SSO, Street Outreach)
- Once the NOFO was released, H3 (Collaborative Applicant) held several discussions with renewal providers to develop a community strategy for renewal PH projects

30% PH Cap Shortlist

All of these PSH projects will reallocate at least 25% of their 2024 funding amounts to fit in Tier 1 (30% of ARD)

- ACCESS
- GPAC*
- HUMS
- Lakeside
- Project Thrive
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)

TIMELINE

- 12/3 – Technical assistance workshop for applicants
- 12/15 – Project applications due
- 12/16-12/17 – Review and rank panel scores applications
- 12/18 – Posting of the preliminary priority listing
- 12/19 – Appeals meeting
- 12/22 – Final priority listing approved by Council designee
- 1/13 – Consolidated application sent to HUD
- 1/14 – HUD deadline

COMMITTEE REPORT OUTS

Point-In-Time Count Committee (ACTION ITEM)
– Yessenia Aguilar, H3

Youth Advisory Board – Juno Hedrick, Vice Chair
and Lived Experience Advisor and Anastasia
Lockwood, YAB Member

POINT-IN-TIME COUNT COMMITTEE

Yessenia Aguilar, H3

2026 Point in Time (PIT) Count

What is the Point-in-Time Count?

- The Point-in-Time (PIT) Count offers a snapshot of homelessness in our community, guiding strategies to support those in need. Volunteers gather essential data on a single night in January to track trends and address emerging needs.

When?

Thursday, January 29th, 2026
5:30 AM – 9:00 AM



HUD PIT



1. Count Each Person

- Once CoCs must ensure that during the PIT count, persons are only counted once.
- Ensure individuals are not counted multiple times during the PIT count.
 - Avoid double-counting by:
 - Limiting the count timeframe and using specific methods to prevent duplicate entries.
 - Collecting detailed information for deduplication

2. Protect Privacy & Ensure Safety

- Conduct surveys in a way to protect both the privacy and safety of participants and surveyors.
- Privacy and security must be prioritized for both sheltered and unsheltered individuals.

3. Training for Staff and Volunteers

CoCs are required to ensure that people conducting the PIT count, including project staff & community volunteers, are appropriately trained about:

- Count standards
- Data collection procedures, privacy & security protocols
- Personal safety guidelines

HUD Requirements



Unsheltered population:

The unsheltered population count can be conducted through one of two strategies:

- “Night/morning of count” canvassing all geographic areas of the CoC during a limited number of hours on a given day, either with a complete canvass or via sampling methods approved by HUD
- “Service based” at known locations where people access services such as soup kitchens, outreach locations, and health clinics; this approach requires interviewing every respondent

Sheltered population:

The sheltered population count should be coordinated with the Housing Inventory Count (HIC) strategy through:

- HMIS data will identify all people residing in emergency and transitional shelters the night of the count, and
- Project-level surveys from non-HMIS shelters to capture HUD required data for people residing in those programs the night of the count

These requirements and recommendations for choosing the best option for each CoC are described in the HUD PIT Methodology Guide: <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/PIT-Count-Methodology-Guide.pdf>

2026 PIT Methodology



Using the “night/morning of count” strategy:

- **Night of January 28th, 2026:** Sheltered population count.
- **Morning of January 29th, 2026:** Observational count for unsheltered population.
- **Post-PIT Survey:** Planned for February 9–20 to gather detailed data on unsheltered individuals at various locations throughout the regions.

2026 PIT Methodology



Enhanced Technology:

- Survey123 App: Facilitates data collection and location tracking for efficient team coordination.
- Real-Time Dashboard: Monitors progress across teams for streamlined oversight.
- Updated Team Assignments: Improved based on volunteer feedback, ensuring focused coverage in East, West, and Central regions.

“Observation Count”:

- East, West & Central kick-off sites
- CORE staff, and service providers will be assigned to specific regions based on their area of expertise
- Community volunteers will canvass suburban and rural areas

POST PIT Survey (conducted 1 week after the PIT Count):

- Surveys conducted in shelters, service sites, & unsheltered settings using random sampling strategies
- Shelter and service site staff will conduct surveys at sites
- CORE & other service providers will conduct surveys in unsheltered settings

PIT Changes in 2026



Key Updates for 2026

Geographic Information System (GIS) Support:

- Enhanced volunteer navigation and assignments, tailored by region.

Streamlined PIT Hub:

- Access to resources, past reports, and volunteer registration in one place.

Optimized Team Assignments:

- Based on prior feedback, areas with high restrictions or low accessibility were modified for smoother volunteer experience.



Past PIT Meetings



PIT Workgroup & Subcommittee meetings:

September 19th, 1-3 pm – **METHODOLOGY**

- HUD PIT Requirements
- Planning Recommendations
- Proposed PIT Methodology
- PIT Date
- Volunteer Recruitment
- Incentives
- PIT HUB Website
- \$10 Gift card:
 - Grocery Outlet
 - 7 Eleven

October 17th, 1-3 pm – **HOT SPOTS**

- Gathered hot spot locations throughout the community
- Reviewed & gathered PIT stakeholder list
- Kick-off Site locations for West, East & Central

November 21st, 1-3 pm – **SURVEY SAMPLING STRATEGIES**

- Characteristics of sheltered & unsheltered populations
- What data is collected
- What data is NOT collected
- Survey Sampling Methods
- Survey Interview Locations Recommendations



Next Steps - TRAINING

Region	Date & Time	Location	Address
West	January 15 10am - Noon	San Pablo Police Training Facility	2300 El Portal Ave. Suite C San Pablo, CA 94806
Central	January 13 2pm – 4pm January 16 10am - Noon	Emergency Medical Administration Building	777 Arnold Drive Martinez, CA 94533
East	January 14 10am - Noon	Brentwood Police Department	9100 Brentwood Blvd Brentwood, CA 94513

Registered volunteers can select their preferred training date and location!
To reschedule or cancel, contact us at PITcount@cchealth.org

Volunteer Recruitment



Recruitment “Outreach” & “Community” Volunteers

- Outreach teams will mostly focus on CORE and other stakeholders with unsheltered knowledge who will be assigned by the RED Team in collaboration with CORE
- Community volunteers will use an online platform to sign up for an assignment

Other Volunteer Opportunities Available!

Opportunities not specific to PIT canvassing, include:

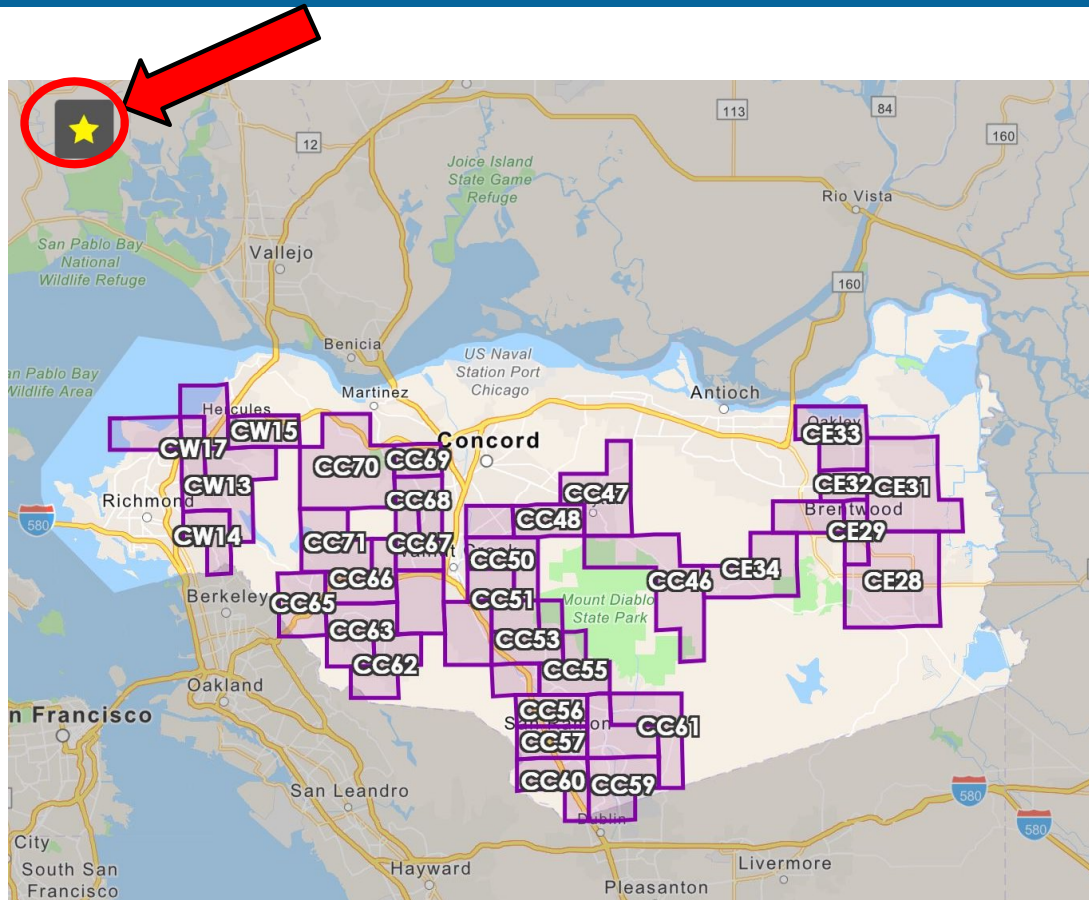
- Assisting at stations and clean up at kick-off site
- Organize snack stations -- coffee, pastries and bottled waters for PIT Volunteers



Please email PITcount@cchealth.org for more information regarding “Other Volunteer Opportunities”

Volunteer Assignment Request

- This tool lets partnered volunteers request one purple-outlined area to canvass on count day. Only one team member should submit the request, providing information for both the leader and their partner.
- The link to this site will be emailed to you and your partner once both of you have registered using the “Volunteer Registration” form.



Information for both the team leader and their partner.

To make your selection:

1. Open the Assignment Selector Tool by selecting the "yellow star" in the top left corner.



2. Click on the purple assignment area your team would like to canvas.
3. Complete all fields in the form that opens - scroll down as needed.
4. Click "Save" button (alternatively, click "Close" then "Yes").
5. Close the application/browser tab.

To cancel your selection:

1. Click the "Close" button.
2. Click "No".

To move around the map:

1. Pan = click + drag
2. Zoom = Scroll wheel or plus/minus button.

Troubleshooting:

To make your selection and complete the form, the "Assignment Selector Tool" must be active. If there is a red line beneath the tool's title, it is not active. To remedy this, click anywhere in the text/white area of the tool. The line should turn green and you can proceed to make your selection.

PIT HUB & Volunteer
Registration
are now **LIVE!**



[Become a Volunteer](#) [Check Out Training Dates](#) [Day of Kick-off Sites](#) [H3 PIT StoryMap](#) [Methods](#)



PIT Hub

Volunteers can find past PIT reports, training resources, volunteer registration, and updates, an all-in-one convenient place. The hub also provides FAQs, kick-off site locations and contact information.

PIT HUB: <https://contra-costa-point-in-time-count-cocogis.hub.arcgis.com/>
Volunteer Registration Survey:
<https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/93ebbe39d9e345a9b50715f297cd5c6b>

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ACTION ITEM

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YOUTH ACTION BOARD (YAB)



Juno Hedrick, CoH Lived Experience Advisor and
Vice Chair, YAB Coordinator

Anastasia Lockwood, YAB Member & Outreach &
Retention Facilitator

YAB NOVEMBER MEETINGS

Bimonthly hybrid meetings at H3 in Concord and RYSE in Richmond

Subcommittees
Communications, Data & Research, Outreach & Retention, Governance

Youth & Young Adult Community Strategic Planning: Core Team Meeting

CoH, Oversight Committee, PIT Committee, and HAM Workgroup

CES Housing Needs Assessment Committee

Peer Support Check-In Meetings

YAB NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES

YAB Membership
Application

Community Impact
Funds Public
Comments

RFP Review Panel for
Consolidated Housing
& Homelessness
Funding

CoC Adultism and YYA
Partnership Training

National YAB
Connection Space

HAM & YOUTH HOPE MONTH



With our friends from the California Coalition for Youth (CCY) and Larkin Street YAB!



CCY Ice Skating in Oakland with Alameda County YAB!

CONNECT WITH YAB

Are you—or do you know—a young person with lived experience of homelessness or housing instability who wants to create change?

Join a meeting as a guest to learn more!

For more information:

✉ ContraCostaYAB@cchealth.org

? 925-500-3237

2026 Contra Costa County YAB
Meeting RSVP



OLD BUSINESS

Update: Coordinated Entry Housing Needs Assessment Project – Chesa Shuster, Focus Strategies and Mary Juarez-Fitzgerald, H3 Coordinated Entry System Manager

2024 Annual Report Presentation – Jamie Schechter and Yessenia Aguilar, H3

UPDATE:
COORDINATED
ENTRY
HOUSING
NEEDS
ASSESSMENT
PROJECT

Chesla Shuster, Focus Strategies

Mary Juarez-Fitzgerald, H3 Coordinated Entry
System Manager



FOCUS
strategies

COORDINATED ENTRY HOUSING NEEDS
ASSESSMENT(HNA)
REDESIGN PROJECT UPDATE
COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

NOVEMBER 19, 2025 3:00 PM AEST

DEC. 4, 2025

Agenda

Project Overview & Timeline

Key Activities

Stakeholder Engagement

Data Analysis

Tool and Question Development

Pilot and Next Steps

Project Overview and Timeline

Why is Contra Costa County redesigning the community's Housing Needs Assessment (HNA) tool?

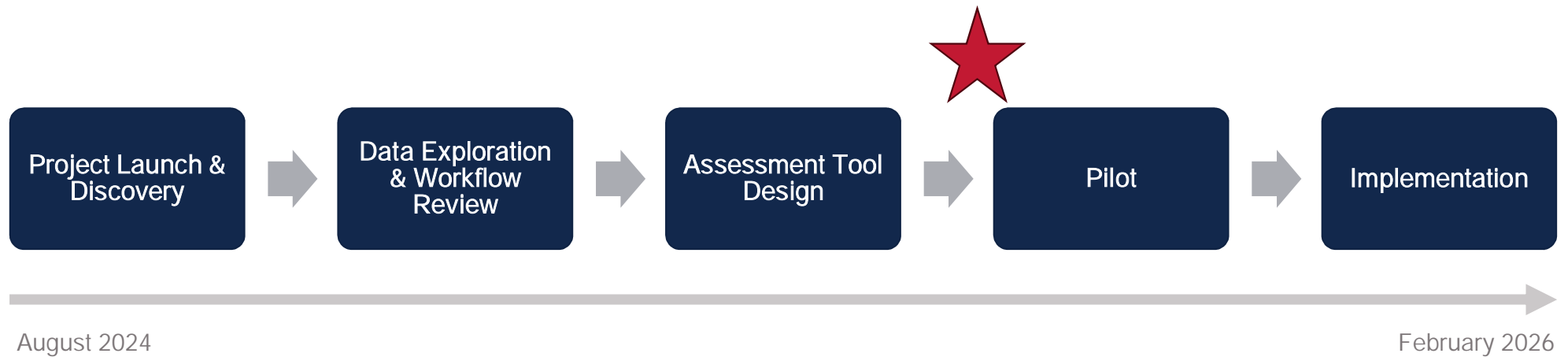


VI-SPDAT found to
perpetuate
inequitable outcomes
nationally

Coordinated Entry
evaluation in 2022
recommended
replacing VI-SPDAT

Need a custom
assessment tool that
is trauma-informed,
objective, promotes
equity

HNA Redesign Project Timeline



Key Activities

Key Activities of the HNA Redesign

Determine community priorities for Coordinated Entry available resources by:



Soliciting input from stakeholders including service providers and system utilizers



Analyzing local system data



Incorporating research on the highest barriers to housing

Key Activities of the HNA Redesign

Develop a locally customized Housing Needs Assessment based on the identified community priorities by:



Analyzing data, stakeholder input, and incorporating research on barriers to housing



Reviewing assessment tools used in other communities and methods used for obtaining participant information



Drafting an HNA reflecting identified priorities

Stakeholder Engagement

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Focus Strategies & H3 engaged critical stakeholders in two rounds of feedback sessions and focus groups.



Stakeholder Engagement

Round 1

- Oct 2024- Jan 2025: Experience with current assessment tool (VI SPDAT) and input on creation of a new HNA

Round 2

- Oct 2025: Feedback on framing and questions for the new HNA



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Data Analysis

Predictive Analysis Methodology

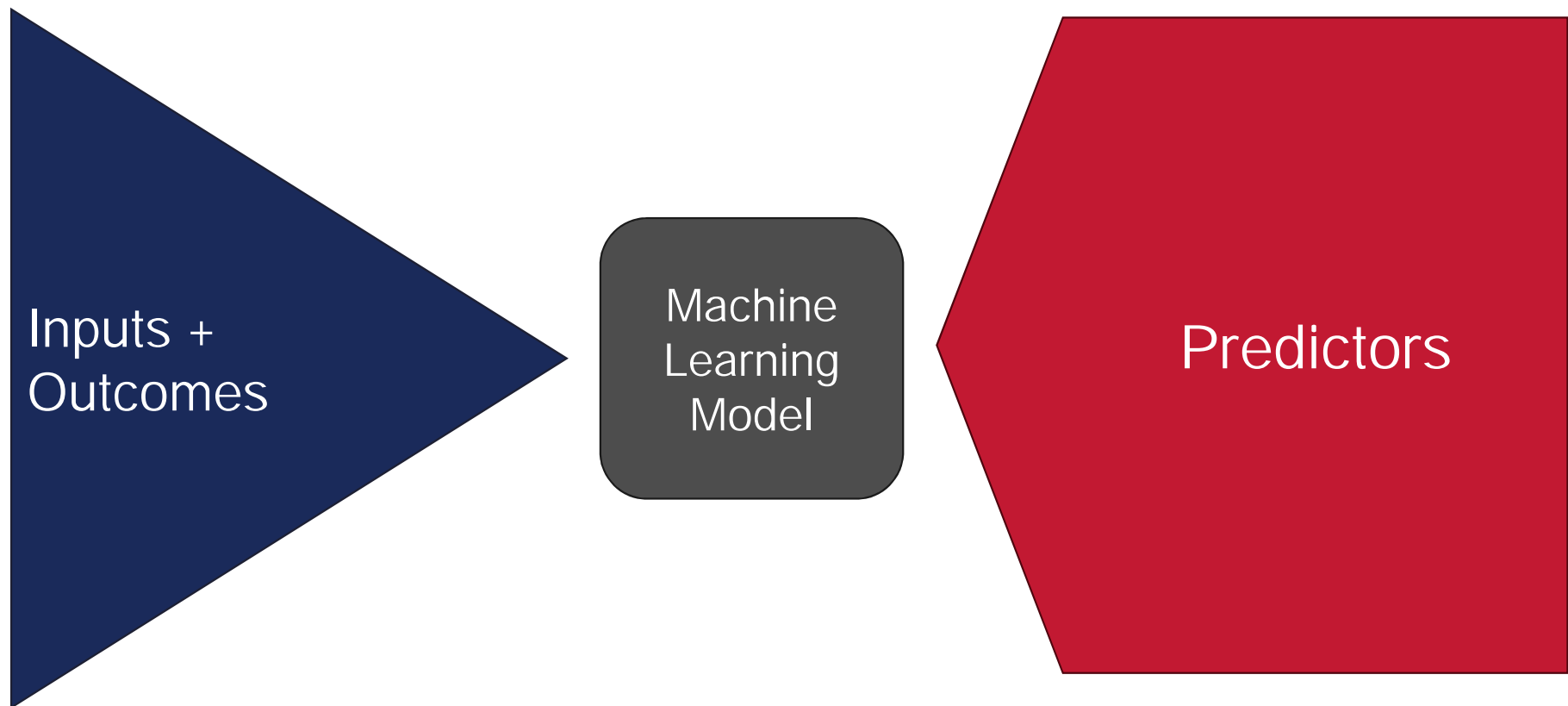


1. Define "prolonged homelessness" and factors that may predict prolonged homelessness
 - Long-term homelessness OR
 - Repeated episodic homelessness
2. Perform machine learning analysis
3. Interpret findings

"Prolonged Homelessness" Outcomes by Household Type

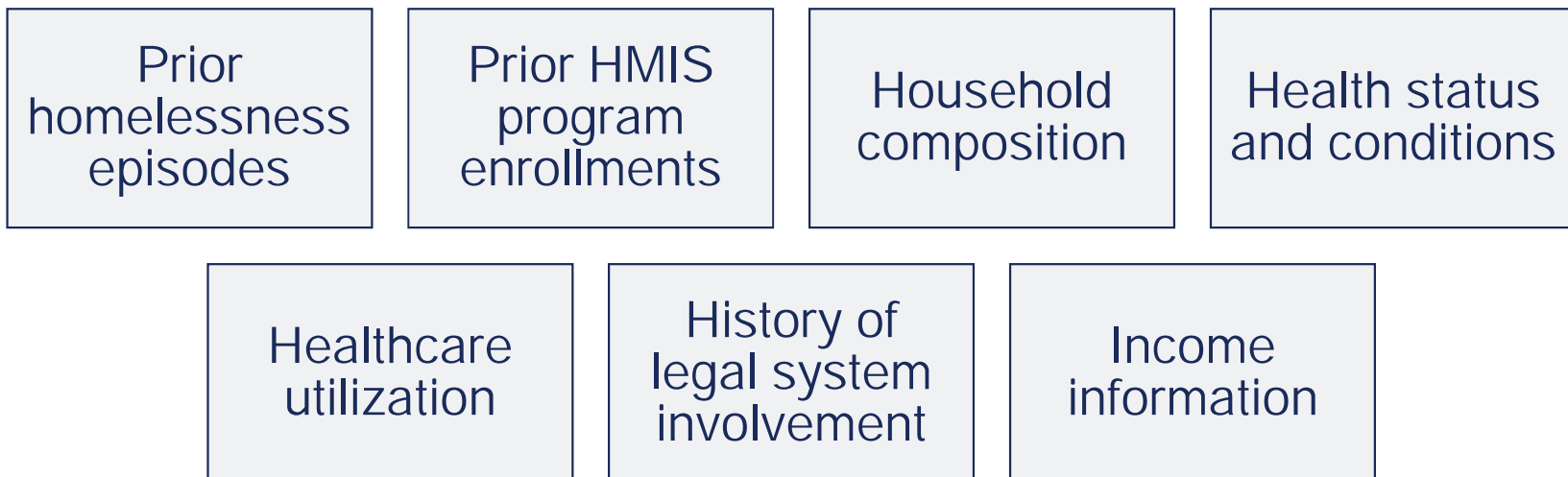
Outcome	Definition	Adult-Only	Families
Long Duration Homelessness	Total time homeless over a 2-year period following the Housing Needs Assessment (HNA)	12+ months	6+ months
Repeated Episodic Homelessness	Number of distinct episodes of homelessness over a 2-year period following the HNA	4 or more episodes	3 or more episodes

Identifying Predictors with Machine Learning



Inputs for Predictive Analysis

Machine learning analysis was used to **identify predictors** of long duration homelessness and repeated episodic homelessness from a list of inputs using data from **HMIS** and **the Contra Costa Health System**, including but not limited to:



Strongest Predictors of Prolonged Homelessness

Employment and Income

- All Households
 - Total income
 - Hours worked in the prior week
- Adult-Only Households
 - Earned income

Health Condition(s)

- All Households
 - Chronic or severely impairing physical disability
 - HIV
- Family Households
 - Mental health condition
 - Behavioral health condition

Strongest Predictors of Prolonged Homelessness



Homelessness History

- All Households
 - Prior episodes of homelessness
- Adult-Only Households
 - Exits from services to homelessness
- Family Households
 - Length of time homeless



Causes of Homelessness

- All Households
 - Abuse and/or trauma
- Adult-Only Households
 - Domestic violence
 - Religious or cultural differences (data for TAY only)
- Family Households
 - Parole
 - Rent increase
 - Substance abuse

Strongest Predictors of Prolonged Homelessness



System Involvement

- All Households
 - Justice system involvement
- Adult-Only Households
 - Pre-high school highest education
- Family Households
 - Foster care history



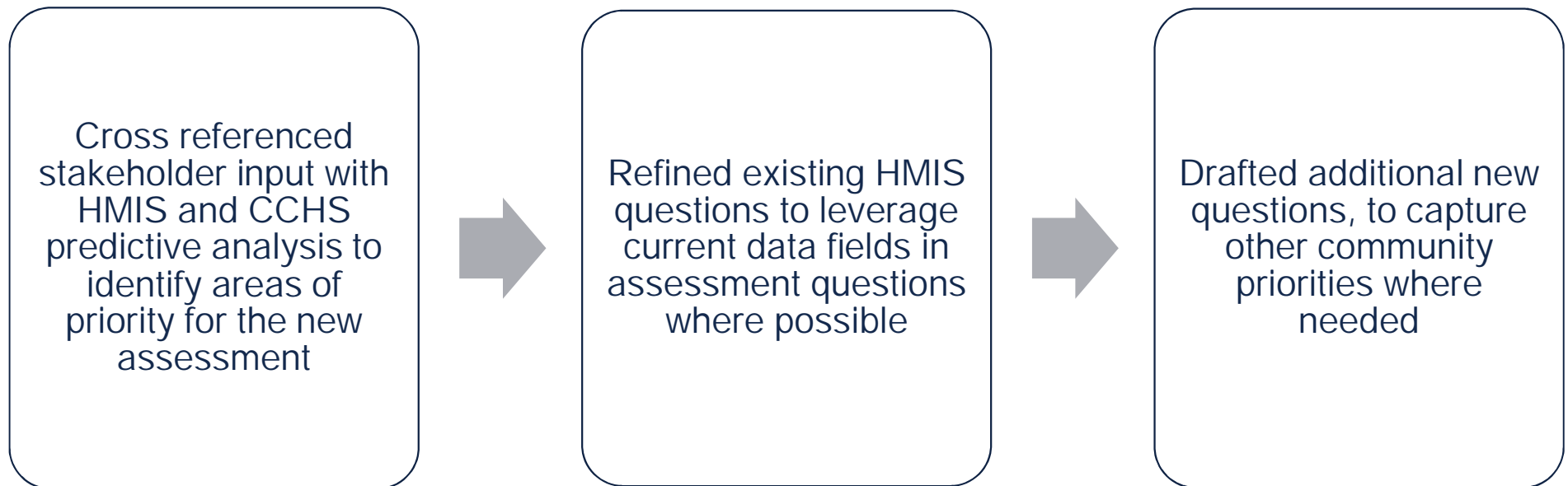
Service Utilization

- All Households
 - Emergency service utilization
- Adult-Only Households
 - Enrollments in shelter and/or street outreach programs
- Family Households
 - Hospitalizations

Tool and Question Development

Process for Drafting Questions

To develop the following draft assessment questions, Focus Strategies & H3:



HNA Categories

History of Housing and Homelessness

- Length and duration of homelessness, sleeping location (indoor or outdoor), previous housing history

Income & Employment

- Income status and ability to obtain income, employment status and hours worked

Disabilities and Health Conditions

- Number, type, and severity of health conditions per household and affect on housing

HNA Categories

Experiences with Services and Other Systems of Care

- Experience accessing healthcare, emergency and crisis services, history with the justice system, law enforcement and foster care

Personal Experiences

- History of trauma and abuse, ability to access documents, level of education

Interventions in Coordinated Entry

- Explanation of time limited subsidies and permanent options to gauge participant interest in available program types

Assessor Observations

- Assessor review of client interaction and past HMIS history to flag for potential underreporting

Piloting the HNA

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Train a group of assessors at CE access points to administer the new HNA

Pilot the new HNA with a set number of participants

Gather feedback on the new HNA from pilot assessors & participants

Analyze pilot HNA data and develop prioritization and scoring methodology

Refine the new HNA tool based on pilot outcomes and feedback

Dates

- December 1 - January 9

Target # of assessments

- 125 households (50 families, 75 single adults)

Compensation

- Each pilot participant will receive a \$25 gift card

Questions?

2024 ANNUAL REPORT PRESENTATION

Jamie Schechter, H3
Yessenia Aguilar, H3

Purpose of the Report

Create a comprehensive summary of CoC activities and outcomes:

Describe the
population
served:

Analyze issues
related to
equity:

Describe CoC
initiatives and
activities
during the last
reporting period

Ensure voices
of PWLE are
heard

Illustrate CoC
capacity:

- CoC budget

Identify future
objectives to
address goals

Capacity Building

Provider Resources

Meetings

Trainings

Onboarding

Improved funding process

Service Expansion

Shelter

Warming Center

CORE outreach

Data

Software/interface improvements

Improved provider support

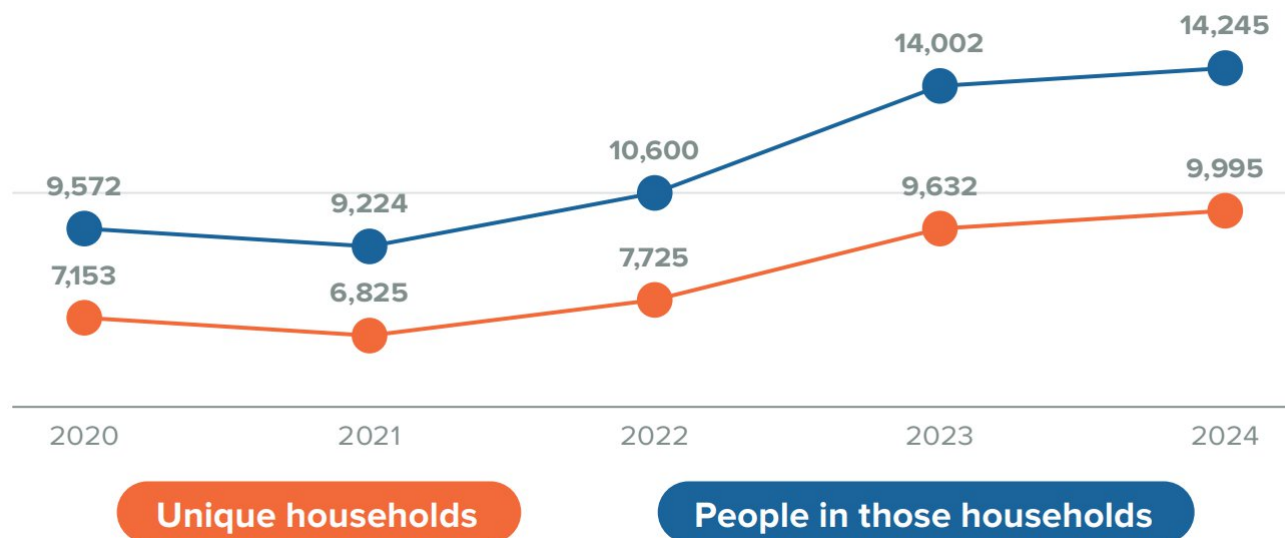
Data quality improvements

CoC Budget (fiscal year)

	FY 19-20	FY 20-21	FY 21-22	FY 22-23	FY23-24	FY24-25	% Change
CoC Award	\$ 15,857,604	\$ 15,239,701	\$16,296,852	\$17,318,215	\$19,300,140	\$22,336,034	+47%
Special NOFO Award*	-	-	-	-	\$1,789,609	\$1,789,609	N/A
Other government and local funding	\$ 19,676,057	\$ 25,158,000	\$ 28,967,000	\$33,015,872	\$21,689,934	\$22,727,750	-10%
Total Funds	\$ 34,862,042	\$ 41,454,852	\$ 45,815,402	\$50,334,087	\$42,779,683	\$49,853,393	+13%

Program Utilization in the CoC

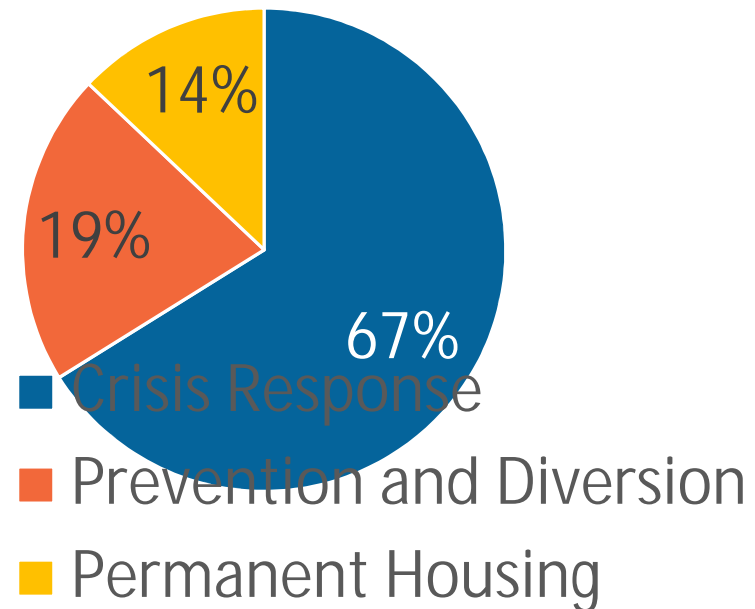
Number of Households and Individuals Accessing CoC Services, 2020-2024



40%
increase
in households
since 2020

Program Model Categories

Household Enrollment Across Program Model Categories, 2024



5 year increases by program type

- 111% increase in Prevention and Diversion
- 29% increase in Crisis Response
- 51% increase in Permanent Housing

CoC Population: Household Type

5-year % change



Adult-Only Households

+31%

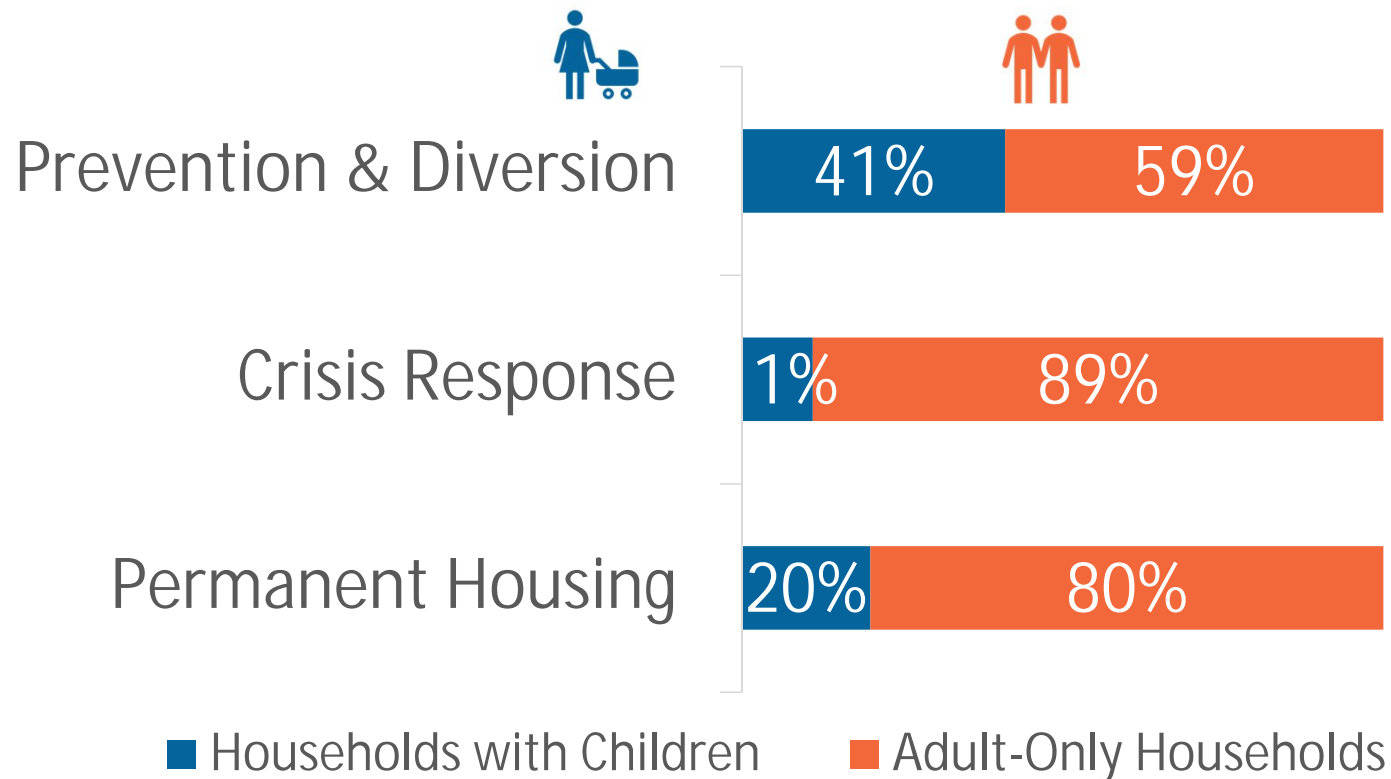


Households with Children

+79%

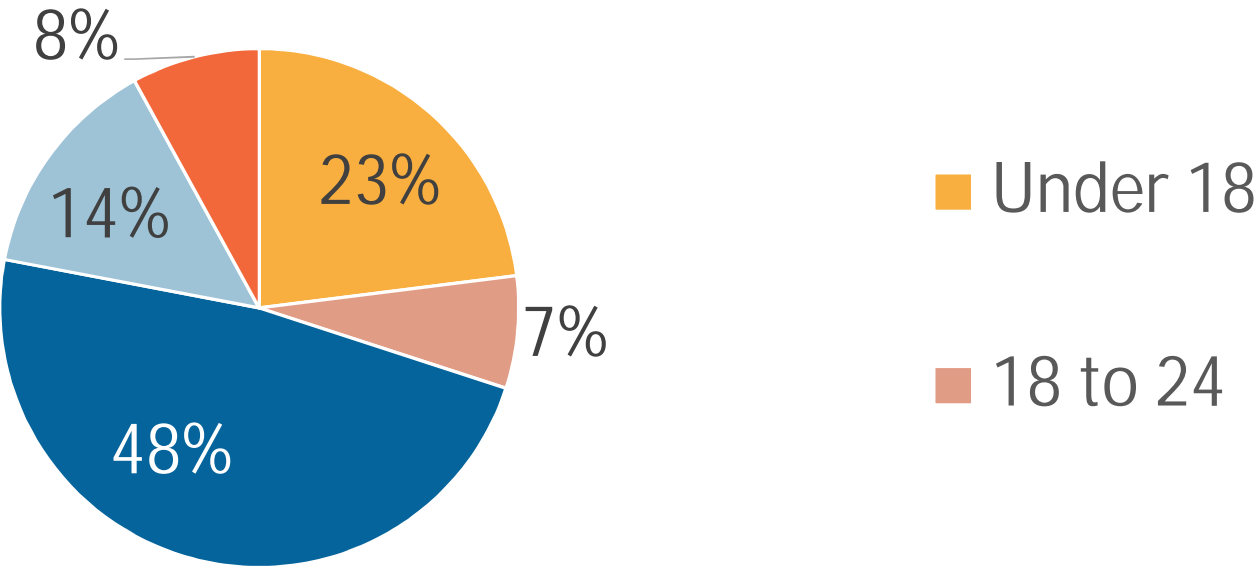
CoC Population: Household Type

Program Model Category, by Household Type, 2024



CoC Population: Age Group

Age Distribution for All People Experiencing Homelessness Served by the CoC, 2024



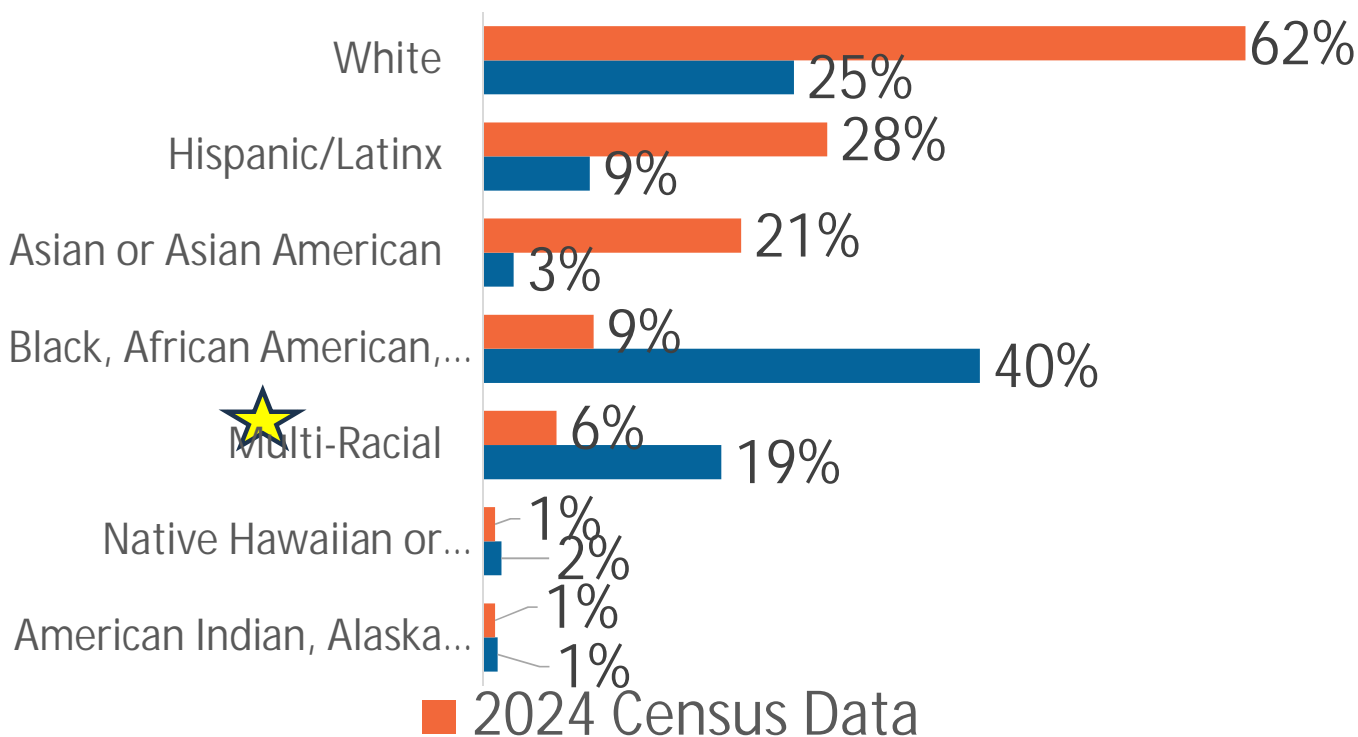
	<18	18-24	25-54	55-64	65+
5-Year Percent Change	+73%	+55%	+39%	+18%	+69%



CoC Population: Race

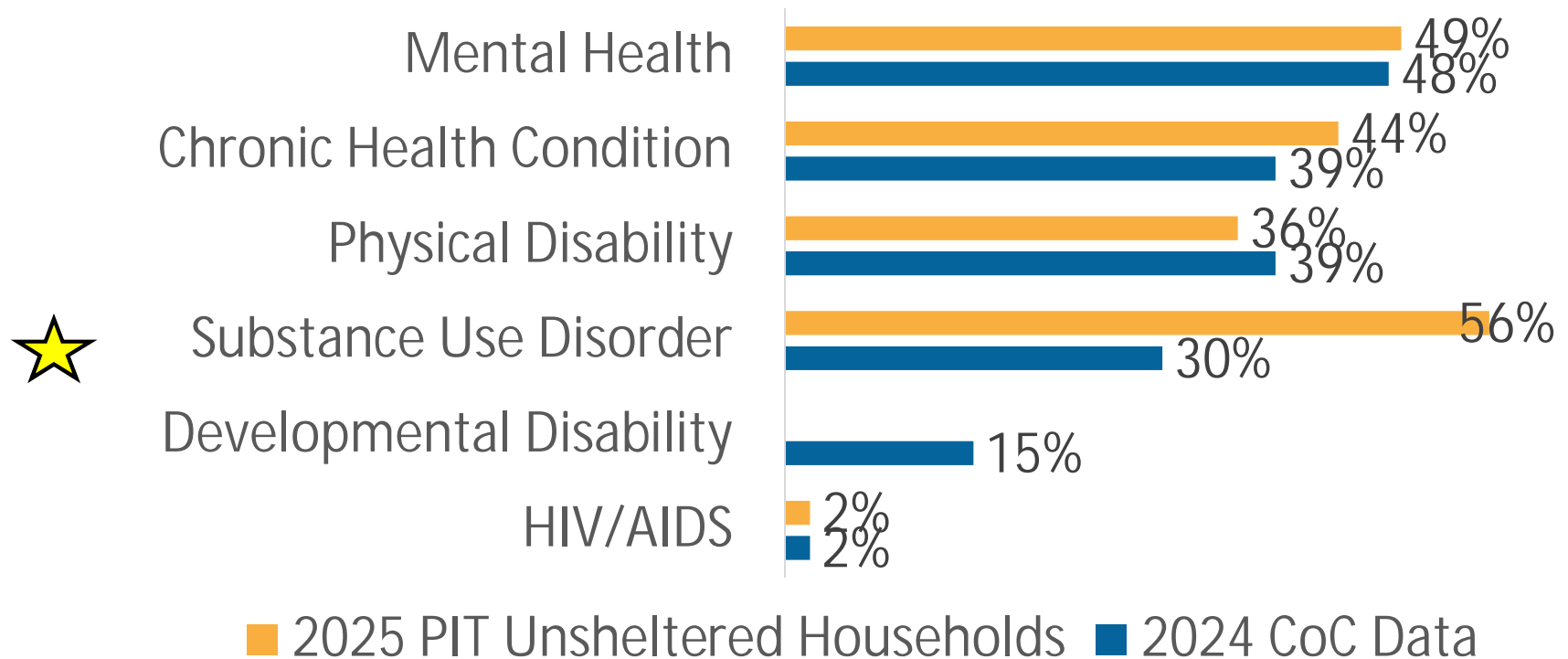
Race Distribution in the CoC Compared to 2024 County Census Data Estimates

Black/African American/African and Multi-Racial over-represented relative to County census



CoC & PIT Population: Disabling Conditions

Proportion of Households with Disabling Conditions 2024 Compared to 2025 PIT Unsheltered Households

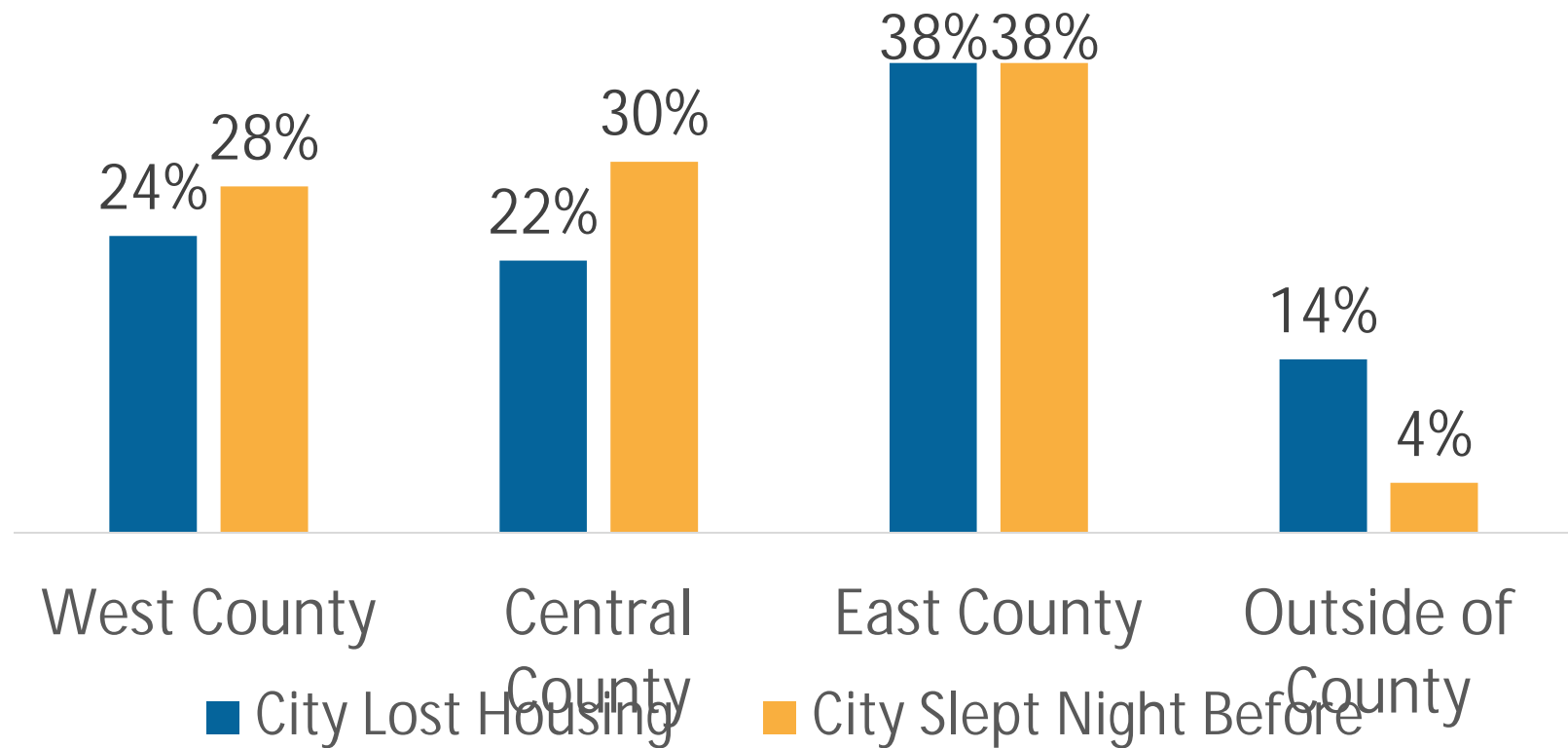


Subpopulations: Exits to Permanent Housing

Population	From Prevention	From Crisis Response
General Population	97%	20%
Race/Ethnicity		
American Indian/Alaska Native/Indigenous (HH)	100%	17%
Asian American/Asian (HH)	95%	19%
Black/African American/African (HH)	98%	23%
Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(e)(x) (HH)	97%	16%
Multiple Races (HH)	97%	21%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander (HH)	93%	17%
White (HH)	95%	18%
Other Sub-Populations		
Chronically Homeless (HH)	N/A	15%
Households with Children (HH)	100%	39%
Households with Disabling Condition (HH)	95%	19%
LGBTQIA+ (Ind)	96%	24%
Survivors of Domestic Violence (Ind)	90%	22%
Veterans (Ind)	90%	42%

Data by Region

Where Households Lost Housing and City Where Slept Before Enrollment, by Region, 2024





2024 Accomplishments

Increased Services

- El Portal Place/HUMS Expansion
- Coordinated Prevention
- Pet Resources in shelters
- Drop-in services

Youth Homelessness Strategic Planning

Housing Assessment Tool Revamp

NEW BUSINESS

Learning Corner: Community College Basic Needs Programs – Hope Dixon, Contra Costa College & Community Member Representative

LEARNING
CORNER:
COMMUNITY
COLLEGE BASIC
NEEDS
PROGRAMS

Hope Dixon, Contra Costa College & Community
Member Representative

PLACEHOLDER

- Placeholder

RECOGNITION
OF OUTGOING
COUNCIL
MEMBERS

Nicole Green, Chair and Reentry Services
Representative

THANK YOU!

- Bessie Scott, City Government Representative
- Carolyn Foudy, EHSD Representative
- Hope Dixon, Community Member Representative
- Yahel Moreno, Youth Representative

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 and Orientation: Thursday, January 8, 1 – 4 PM (IN PERSON)
- Funding Committee Meetings: Monday, December 1, 1 – 3:30 PM (Zoom) and Tuesday, December 2, 1 – 3:30 PM (IN PERSON)
- Contra Costa CoC NOFO Technical Assistance Workshop: Wednesday, December 3, 1 – 3:30 PM (Zoom)
- CoC Training: NO TRAINING IN JANUARY
- HMIS Policy Committee: Tuesday, December 9, 12 – 1:30 PM (Zoom)
- Equity Committee: Tuesday, December 9, 2 – 4 PM (IN PERSON)
- Homeless Persons' Memorial Event Planning Meeting: Wednesday, December 10, 2 – 3 PM (Zoom)
- Homeless Service Provider Meeting: Thursday, December 11, 8:30 – 9:30 AM (Zoom)
- PATH Committee: Thursday, December 18, 9:30 – 11 AM (IN PERSON)
- Oversight Committee: Thursday, December 18, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM (IN PERSON)
- Homeless Persons' Memorial Event: Friday, December 19, 11 AM – 1 PM (hybrid)



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

1025 ESCOBAR STREET
MARTINEZ, CA 94553

Staff Report

File #: 25-5000

Agenda Date: 12/4/2025

Agenda #: 3.

Advisory Board: Contra Costa Council on Homelessness

Subject: ONSSENT CALENDAR: a. APPROVE minutes from the October 30, 2025 Council meeting b.

APPROVE staff report for the December 4, 2025 Council meeting c. APPROVE Council on Homelessness

2026 Work Plan d. 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

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

Contact: Jaime Jenett, Staff to the Council on Homelessness contracostacoc@cchealth.org

Information:

At every regular COH meeting, minutes from the previous meeting and a staff report for the current meeting are shared with the council for approval.

Every year all Advisory Boards to the Board of Supervisors are asked to provide a work plan for the upcoming year and asked to report on the Advisory Board's accomplishments for the past year. Staff generates these high level work plans and reports on behalf of the Council on Homelessness. The report and work plan was due to the Clerk of the Board before this meeting but if the Council would like to make changes to the report or work plan, staff can work with the Clerk of the Board to submit modified documents.

The annual report from the COH to the BOS is attached with this agenda item as information but does not require approval.

Referral History and Update:

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

a. APPROVE minutes from the October 30, 2025 Council meeting

b. APPROVE staff report for the December 4, 2025 Council meeting

c. APPROVE Council on Homelessness 2026 Work Plan.

d. 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



CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS STAFF REPORT

Report for the December 4, 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 next meeting will be in person and is scheduled for December 9, 2 pm – 4 pm. Council members are asked to attend in-person. Community members are welcome to attend in person or via Zoom: [Register](#)



CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS STAFF REPORT

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.
- A CoC NOFO (Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Opportunity) work group was established to begin preparing for the 2025 competition. The 2025 CoC NOFO was released on November 13 which is later in the year than usual. The window for the competition is 60 days which is shorter than usual. There are also significant program changes this year. The Funding Committee will meet on December 1 from 1-3:30pm ([register](#)) and December 2 from 1-3:30pm ([register](#)) to discuss and finalize changes to the scoring tool and competition policies. Council members are asked to attend the December 2 meeting in-person. Community members are welcome to attend both meetings in person or via Zoom.

Homelessness Awareness Month

Homelessness Awareness Month activities included:

- Launch of [2025 Homelessness Awareness Month Toolkit](#)
- Launch of [a video](#) celebrating Homelessness Awareness Month
- Creation of [10 posters](#) highlighting success stories of people in Contra Costa experiencing homelessness.
- 11/4: Presentation to Contra Costa Board of Supervisors and 2 resolutions of support
- 11/4: [Homelessness Awareness Month Reception](#) that celebrated with close to 100 people
- 11/10: Youth led training on Adultism and Working with Youth and Young Adults with over 120 attendees
- Multiple cities, including Antioch, El Cerrito, Oakley, Pittsburg, San Pablo, adopted resolutions naming November Homelessness Awareness Month
- A hybrid Homeless Persons' Memorial Event, co-sponsored with multiple organizations, will take place 12/19 in Antioch and Zoom. [Register](#)

Oversight Committee

- The next meeting will be in person and is scheduled for December 18, 11:30am-1pm. Council members are asked to attend in-person. Community members are welcome to attend in person or via Zoom. [Register](#)



CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS STAFF REPORT

Plan to Accelerate Transformative Housing Innovations Committee

- The next meeting will be in person and is scheduled for December 18, 9:30 am – 11 am. Council members are asked to attend in-person. Community members are welcome to attend in person or via Zoom: [Register](#)



ADVISORY BODY ANNUAL REPORT

Advisory Body Name: _____
Advisory Body Meeting Time/Location: _____
Chair (during the reporting period): _____
Staff Person (during the reporting period): _____
Reporting Period: _____

I. Activities

(estimated response length: 1/2 page)

Describe the activities for the past year including areas of study, work, special events, collaborations, etc.

II. Accomplishments

(estimated response length: 1/2 page)

Describe the accomplishments for the past year, particularly in reference to your work plan and objectives.



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COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS MINUTES

Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025, 1 pm – 3 pm

Recording link: Available by email request to CChomelessscouncil@cchealth.org

Council Member Attendance:

- In-Person (11): Carolyn Foudy, Courtney Pal, Gabriel Lemus, Heather Worobey; Juno Hedrick, LeAnn Matthews, Mia Fairbanks, Nicole Green, Shawn Ray, Verneda Clapp, Yahel Moreno
- Remote (2): Hope Dixon (as community member, unable to vote); Dani Jimenez
- Absent (6): Alejandra Chamberlain, Bessie Scott, Jazmin Ridley, Sherina Criswell, Tony Ucciferri, Wayne Earl

Staff Attendance: Jamie Schecter, H3; Jaime Jenett, H3; Riley Meve, Homebase

Community Member Attendance:

- In-person: Nakia Linzie Shavers, Cal Baptist University; Thomas Fulton, NCFC; Donnie Diego, HCH CAB; Ralph Payton, GRIP
- Remote: Jill Ray, BOS District 2; Shelby Ferguson, H3; Elder Desiree Rushing; NAMI Contra Costa; Brittany Ferguson, H3; Yessenia Aguilar, H3; Suzanne Howard; Mary Juarez-Fitzgerald, H3; Jeff O'Hearn, White Pony Express; Mrs. Adams, Caliber Beta Academy; Stephanie Bodisco, H3; Anastasia Lockwood, YAB; Ishani Rasanayagam, City of Pittsburg; Carina Rodriguez-Pena, H3; Jacqueline Franco, H3; Paida Ndemera, Trinity Center; Caroline Miller, H3; Heaven Walker, YAB; Teuna Gremillion, H3; Elizabeth Winstead, DOR; Christy Saxton, H3; Gabriella Amini, Representative for Congressman DeSaulnier



CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS MEETING

AGENDA ITEM

1) Call to Order

A. Chair starts the meeting:

Speaker: Nicole Green, *Chair & Reentry Services Representative*

Nicole Green called the meeting to order.

2) Introductions

A. Meeting Norms:

Speaker: Nicole Green, *Chair & Reentry Services Representative*

Nicole Green provided an overview of 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:

Speaker: Nicole Green, *Chair & 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?

Speaker: Nicole Green, *Chair & Reentry Services Representative*

Nicole Green conducted the poll activity via Mentimeter. 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 (10%)
I’ve attended some meetings:	3 (16%)
I’ve attended a lot of meetings:	14 (74%)
I prefer not to answer:	0 (0%)

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

Yes, currently	2 (10%)
Yes, within the past 7 years	0 (0%)
Yes, more than 7 years ago	2 (10%)
No	15 (80%)
I prefer not to answer	0 (0%)



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

African American/Black	6 (30%)
American Indian/Alaskan Native	2 (10%)
Asian/Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian	1 (5%)
Hispanic/Latinx	5 (25%)
White	6 (30%)
Multi-racial	2 (10%)
I describe myself in another way	0 (0%)
I prefer not to answer	1 (5%)

3) Public Comments

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

Members of the public:

- Hope Dixon, Council Member, talked about the challenge presented by CalFresh not being dispersed next month and encouraged everyone to partner together to support each other.
- Jeanette Adams, Foster and Homeless Youth Liaison for Caliber Beta Academy Charter School, shared that over 800 students in West Contra County identified as homeless in the past school year. Over 70% of them were living in vehicles or doubled up with other families due to the lack of shelter options. These numbers continue to grow and reflect a crisis that demands urgent attention. On behalf of the McKinney-Vento Educational Council, Jeanette urged the Council to expand family shelter options and increase housing supports countywide.

4) Consent Calendar (ACTION ITEM)

A. APPROVE minutes from the October 2, 2025 Council meeting

B. APPROVE staff report for the October 30, 2025 Council meeting

Speaker: Nicole Green, *Chair & Reentry Services Representative*

Members made a motion to approve the items in the consent calendar as listed:

Motion

- State of Motion:
 - To approve the consent calendar items as listed.
- Discussion:
 - None.
- Procedural Record:
 - Motion made by: Juno Hedrick
 - Seconded by: Mia Fairbanks



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- AYES: Carolyn Foudy, Courtney Pal, Dani Jimenez, Gabriel Lemus, Heather Worobey; Juno Hedrick, LeAnn Matthews, Mia Fairbanks, Nicole Green, Shawn Ray, Verneda Clapp, Yahel Moreno
- NOES: None
- ABSTAINS: None
- UNABLE TO VOTE: Hope Dixon
- ABSENT: Alejandra Chamberlain, Bessie Scott, Sherina Criswell, Tony Ucciferri, Yahel Moreno

5) Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Opportunity Update

A. Update on CoC NOFO and Funding Committee

Speaker: Riley Meve, *Homebase*

Riley provided an update on the Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Opportunity (CoC NOFO) competition. The 2025 CoC NOFO has still not been released by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Riley shared the schedule for the Funding Committee which is tentative until the NOFO is actually released by HUD. Jamie Schechter, H3, added that the coming NOFO would have significant impacts on the community and it's important to work together to mitigate any negative impacts, particularly if there's a cap on funding for permanent housing projects. She also talked about the potential impact on grants expiring in early 2026 as they will likely face a gap in renewal funding. Jamie also encouraged everyone to utilize planning and strategy resources from the National Alliance to End Homelessness.

Discussion:

- Council Member Nicole Green asked if any strategic planning has taken place to prepare for these potential changes. Jamie Schechter, H3, emphasized how challenging the situation and that the county and individual agencies have been looking for contingency funding. Nicole and Jamie encouraged providers to be creative in finding other resources to meet the needs of the clients they serve.

6) Committee Report Outs

A. Nominating Panel

Speaker: Jaime Jenett, *H3*

Jaime presented on the Nominating Panel's process to review and recommend candidates to serve in the open 2026 seats on the Council on Homelessness. The panel consisted of



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Juno Hedrick, LeAnn Matthews, Hope Dixon, and Sherina Criswell. Jaime shared the demographics of applicants to increase accountability regarding the recruitment process. The recommended candidates are as follows:

- Behavioral Health - Dani Jimenez
- City Government – Jared Murti
- CoC-ESG Program Grantee – Ralph Payton
- Community Member – Donnie Diego
- Employment and Human Services Department – Belinda Jackson-Thomas
- Faith Community – Wayne Earl
- Federal Homeless and Housing Funding Administrator – Gabriel Lemus
- Public Housing Authority – Tony Ucciferri
- Public Safety – Shawn Ray
- Reentry Services – Nicole Green
- Youth – Anastasia Lockwood

Motion

- State of Motion:
 - To approve 2026 candidates recommended by the Nominating Panel to be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for official approval for Council on Homelessness membership.
- Discussion:
 - Elder Desiree, community member, asked how many recommended candidates are incumbents. Jaime responded that 6 of 11 recommended candidates are incumbents. Elder Desiree also asked if any of the incumbent candidates applied for their seats without any opposition. Jaime responded that this was the case for a few of the seats.
- Procedural Record:
 - Motion made by: Verneda Clapp
 - Seconded by: Nicole Green
 - AYES: Carolyn Foudy, Courtney Pal, Dani Jimenez, Gabriel Lemus, Heather Worobey; Juno Hedrick, LeAnn Matthews, Mia Fairbanks, Nicole Green, Shawn Ray, Verneda Clapp, Yahel Moreno
 - NOES: None
 - ABSTAINS: None
 - UNABLE TO VOTE: Hope Dixon
 - ABSENT: Alejandra Chamberlain, Bessie Scott, Sherina Criswell, Tony Ucciferri, Yahel Moreno



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B. Homelessness Awareness Month Committee

Speaker: Jaime Jenett, *H3*

Jaime presented about the Homelessness Awareness Month activities coming in November, including a toolkit, video, posters, presentation to the Board of Supervisors, and reception. Jaime screened the video that will be shown at the event. Jaime invited everyone to attend the reception on 11/4 from 12-1:30pm.

C. Point-In-Time Count Committee

Speaker: Janel Fletcher, *H3*

Janel provided a recap of the October Point-In-Time (PIT) Subcommittee meeting on 10/18. Over 30 hotspots and 10 additional stakeholders were identified. Training kick-off sites were identified in various regions of the county. Janel asked everyone to complete a survey poll to help identify the incentive business. A calendar of upcoming PIT planning events was shared.

D. Youth Advisory Board (YAB) Update

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

Juno shared updates from the Youth Action Board, including October meeting and committee updates, recruitment of new YAB member applications (opened on 10/23, a QR code was displayed), the Community Impact Fund town halls and surveys, Adulthood and YYA Partnership teach back sessions, and National YAB Connection Space. There is a CoC Training on Adulthood and Working with Youth and Young Adults on 11/10 from 1am-12pm. Anyone interested in connecting with YAB may send an email at ContraCostaYAB@cchealth.org.

7) Old Business

A. Sector Report Outs from Council Members

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

- Jaime Jenett, H3, and Nicole Green, Reentry Services Representative, talked about the SNAP shutdown and what different agencies are doing to help to people despite the shutdown.

B. Funding Updates

Speaker: Jamie Schecter and Christy Saxton, *H3*



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Jamie Schechter shared funding updates:

- A Consolidated Housing and Homelessness Services Request for Proposal (RFP) is due on 10/31/25 which includes renewal funding for Measure X Housing programs; Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP); and other funding sources.
- Federal budget updates: the federal government shutdown is ongoing, benefit programs like SNAP or CalFresh are anticipating impacts beginning in November 2025, CoC projects can still submit payment requests but activities like grant amendments are paused.
- As approved at the 10/2 Council on Homelessness meeting, the Council will submit a letter to the Board of Supervisors' Family and Human Services Committee requesting advocacy to the California Congressional Delegation to 1) honor the CoC Builds Round 1 awards, and 2) include language in the continuing resolution to fund CoC awards at FY 2024 levels.
- To receive news about funding opportunities, please sign up on the [Contra Costa County Health's website](#).

8) General Announcements

A. General Announcements:

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

- Council Member Carolyn Foudy provided an update at EHSD. EHSD still has benefits for general assistance. The only change is the distribution of SNAP benefits. As of today, they will not be going on the EBT cards. She encouraged people to contact EHSD. EHSD still plans to stay open and serve the community at this time.
- Council member Shawn Ray gave props to Jenny Robbins at H3 regarding her work on the Encampment Resolution Funding project. Jamie Schechter, H3, added that with the ERF grant in San Pablo and City of Antioch, all the participants moved into interim housing that the City of Antioch leased up at Opportunity Village.
- Jamie Schechter, H3, shared about a free conference called Mission Possible in Pleasant Hill hosted by the Contra Costa Family Justice Center. H3, SHELTER, Inc., Housing Authority, and Bay Area Legal Aid will be hosting a panel on housing and homelessness.
- Council Member Verneda Clapp shared that America's Job Center of California (AJCC) has a lot of events going on.

9) Pin It

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

- The next COH meeting will be on December 4, from 1:00 – 3:00pm.



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- 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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Acronym	Definition
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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Staff Report

File #: 25-5001

Agenda Date: 12/4/2025

Agenda #: 4.

Advisory Board: Contra Costa Council on Homelessness

Subject: Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Opportunity Update

Presenter: Mark Mora, *Homebase*

Contact:

Information:

Referral History and Update:

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):