



AGENDA

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY Contra Costa Council on Homelessness

Thursday, July 9, 2026

1:00 PM

1025 Escobar St., Martinez or virtual:
https://homebaseccc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_uUokWYJLT9qdDIKT4Q2F

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General Meeting

Agenda and slides for 7.9.26 COH meeting

[TMP-18486](#)

Attachments: [COH Agenda w Time 7.9.26](#)
[COH Slides 7.9.26](#)

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

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

Consent Calendar: a. APPROVE minutes from the June 4, 2026 Council meeting [TMP-18487](#)
and b. APPROVE staff report for the July 9, 2026 Council meeting

Attachments: [COH Minutes 6.4.26](#)
[COH Staff Report 7.9.26](#)

Nicole Green, Chair and Reentry Services Representative

CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

Mark Mora, Homebase and Jamie Schecter, H3

Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP)

Juno Hedrick, Vice Chair and Lived Experience and Caroline Miller, H3

Nominating Committee: (ACTION ITEM) APPROVE Employment and Human Services (EHSD) Representative candidate recommended by the Ad Hoc Nominating Panel to be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for official approval for Council on Homelessness membership [TMP-18489](#)

Attachments: [Navarro Christina \(CoH\) 06-04-26 D1](#)
[Navarro Christina \(CoH\) 06-04-26 D1 Redacted](#)
[Nominating Panel Scoring Rubric 2025](#)

Nominating Committee: (ACTION ITEM) APPROVE Council on Homelessness members to serve on 2026 Nominating Committee

Homelessness Awareness Month Committee: (ACTION ITEM) APPROVE [TMP-18491](#) Recognition Categories and Resolutions of Support as recommended by the Homelessness Awareness Month Committee

Attachments: [2026 HAM resolution for COH approval no redline](#)
[2026 HAM resolution for COH approval REDLINE](#)
[2026 Memorial resolution of support for COH approval NO REDLINE](#)
[2026 Memorial resolution of support for COH approval REDLINE](#)
[Recognition Descriptions 25 v 26](#)

Youth Action Board (YAB) Update

Juno Hedrick, Vice Chair and Lived Experience Advisor and Anastasia Lockwood, Youth Representative

Sector Report Outs from Council Members

Nicole Green, Chair and Reentry Services Representative

Funding Updates: (ACTION ITEM) APPROVE Chair or Vice Chair to approve priority listing for CoC Builds

Jamie Schechter and Christy Saxton, H3

Learning Corner: Project Types

Jamie Schechter, H3

Announcements

All

The next meeting is currently scheduled for August 6, 2026

Adjourn

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CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

1025 ESCOBAR STREET
MARTINEZ, CA 94553

Staff Report

File #: TMP-18486

Agenda Date: 7/9/2026

Agenda #:

Advisory Board: Contra Costa Council on Homelessness

Subject: Agenda and slides for 7.9.26 COH meeting

Presenter:

Contact:

Information:

Referral History and Update:

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):



CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS MEETING

AGENDA

THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2026, 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:

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/webinar/register/WN_uUokWYJLT9qdDIKT4Q2F7w
 How to Join the Meeting Via Call-In: 1-669-444-9171 / Meeting ID: 891 5428 6292

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 (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. a. APPROVE minutes from the June 4, 2026 Council meeting b. APPROVE staff report for the July 9, 2026 Council meeting c. APPROVE Courtney Pal to join CoC NOFO Review and Rank Panel	Nicole Green, <i>Chair and Reentry Services Representative</i>
1:25 20 min	5. Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Opportunity Update a. CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) (10 min) b. Youth Homelessness NOFO (10 min)	a. Mark Mora, <i>Homebase and Jamie Schecter, H3</i> b. Juno Hedrick, <i>Vice Chair and Lived Experience</i> and Caroline Miller, <i>H3</i>



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<p>1:45 35 min</p>	<p>6. <u>Committee Report Outs</u> - Report outs from each of the committees below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Nominating Committee Update (10 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. (ACTION ITEM) APPROVE Employment and Human Services (EHSD) Representative candidate recommended by the Ad Hoc Nominating Panel to be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for official approval for Council on Homelessness membership ii. (ACTION ITEM) APPROVE Council on Homelessness members to serve on 2026 Nominating Committee b. Homelessness Awareness Month Committee (10 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. (ACTION ITEM) APPROVE Recognition Categories and Resolutions of Support as recommended by the Homelessness Awareness Month Committee c. Youth Action Board (YAB) Update (5 min) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Juno Hedrick, <i>Lived Experience Advisor</i> b. Juno Hedrick, <i>Lived Experience Advisor</i> c. Juno Hedrick, <i>Vice Chair and Lived Experience Advisor</i> and Anastasia Lockwood, <i>Youth Representative</i>
<p>2:20 25 min</p>	<p>7. <u>Old Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Sector Report Outs from Council Members (10 min) b. Funding Updates (15 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. (ACTION ITEM) APPROVE Chair or Vice Chair to approve priority listing for CoC Builds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Nicole Green, <i>Chair and Reentry Services Representative</i> b. Jamie Schecter and Christy Saxton, <i>H3</i>
<p>2:45 10 min</p>	<p>8. <u>New Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Learning Corner: New Project Types 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Jamie Schecter, <i>H3</i>
<p>2:55 10 min</p>	<p>9. <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.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. All
<p>2:55</p>	<p>10. <u>Pin It</u></p>	<p>Nicole Green, <i>Chair and Reentry Services Representative</i></p>

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.



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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

July 9, 2026 from 1:00-3:00

WELCOME

Nicole Green, Chair and 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.

BROWN ACT ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

If not attending in person		Traditional Teleconferencing	Alternative Teleconferencing (1/1/26-1/1/2030)
	Basis for Remote Attendance	When unable to attend in person	May appear remotely for Just Cause: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2x/year • Notify COH by state of meeting with specific just cause reason
	Agenda and Public Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide address to be listed on agenda to COH staff 1 week before meeting (name not listed on address) • Post agenda at your location • Public may attend at your location 	N/A
	Quorum	Counts towards quorum	Quorum must be met by in person members & traditional teleconferencing
	Voting	May vote if meet address/posting requirement	A majority of membership body participates in person

HYBRID MEETING NORMS

Nicole Green, Chair and Reentry Services
Representative

HYBRID MEETING NORM LIST

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 and 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 and Reentry Services
Representative

CONSENT CALENDAR

Nicole Green, Chair and 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 June 4, 2026 Council Meeting
- Approve staff report for the July 9, 2026 Council Meeting
- APPROVE Courtney Pal to join CoC NOFO Review and Rank Panel



CONTINUUM OF
CARE (COC)
NOTICE OF
FUNDING
OPPORTUNITY
(NOFO) UPDATE

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

Youth Homelessness NOFO Update – Juno
Hedrick, Vice Chair & Lived Experience Advisor and
Caroline Miller, H3

COC NOFO UPDATE

Mark Mora, Homebase
Jamie Schechter, H3

2026 HUD COC NOFO

- Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program, releases an annual Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
- FY 2026 CoC NOFO was released on 6/1/26
 - Specific funding amounts for our community have yet to be released
 - 6/17/26 – Technical Assistance Workshop for applicants
 - 6/25/26 – Letter of Intent to Apply
 - 7/7/26 (1pm) – Renewal project local applications due
 - 7/13/26 (1pm) – New project local applications due
 - 7/14, 7/23, 7/27 – Review and Rank Panel meetings
 - 8/6/26 – Council on Homelessness approves Final Priority Listing
 - 8/26/26 - Consolidated application due to HUD
 - Contact contracosta@homebaseccc.org with questions

YOUTH
HOMELESSNESS
NOFO UPDATE

Juno Hedrick, Vice Chair & Lived Experience
Advisor
Caroline Miller, H3

YOUTH HOMELESSNESS NOFO

Released on 6/10/2026; applications due on 8/10/2026

For Youth & Young Adults (YYA) ages 24 and younger

Includes FY 2024 and FY 2025 Youth Homelessness Demonstration (YHDP) and Youth Homelessness Systems Improvement Grants (YHSI)

Communities may apply for both YHDP and YHSI

Community Applications (non-CoCs) are eligible to apply

Core YHDP values and notable changes compared to previous NOFOs

YHDP and YHSI

YHDP

- No new YHDP PH or RRH applications—only TH, SSO, HMIS, SSO-CE, or planning grants
- Must include a priority listing of project applications, individual project applications, & project budgets
- Awards: \$500,000 - \$15 million
- Contra Costa CoC to submit Collaborative Application with Project Design Questionnaire due on July 10 and reviewed by Youth Action Board (YAB)

YHSI

- Eligible activities:
 - ⑩ Improving YYA capacity & collaboration
 - ⑩ Establishing partnerships to prevent homelessness
 - ⑩ Connections with education, job training, & employment skills
 - ⑩ Improving CE & data collection.
- Awards: 49 awards for approximately \$1 million in grants
- Contra Costa CoC will apply

TIMELINE

ACTIVITY	DATE
Youth Homelessness NOFO Community Information Session	Friday, June 26 at 10:30am
YHDP Project Design Questionnaires Released	Friday, June 29
YHDP Project Design Questionnaires due to Homebase	Friday, July 10 at 12:00pm
YYA Homelessness Community Collaborative Meeting	Monday, July 20 at 3:00pm
YHDP Project scoring by YAB Subcommittee	Week of July 20
YHDP Priority list finalized by YAB Subcommittee	Thursday, July 23
Draft YHDP and YHSI project applications entered into esnaps	Friday, July 24 at 5:00pm
YHDP Priority list distributed	Friday, July 24
Submit YHDP and YHSI project applications into esnaps	Wednesday, August 5

MATERIALS

[Materials for Youth Homelessness NOFO Application Process](#), including:

- Project Applicant timeline
- YHDP NOFO Summary
- Slides and recording from Jun 26 Information Session
- YHDP Project Prioritization Policy
- Youth Homelessness NOFO
- Youth Needs Assessment

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Homebase and H3 are offering technical assistance to project applicants.

✉ ContraCostaYHDP@homebaseccc.org

✉ ContraCostaCoC@cchealth.org

COMMITTEE REPORT OUTS

Nominating Committee Update (ACTION ITEMS)
– Juno Hedrick, Vice Chair & Lived Experience
Advisor

Homelessness Awareness Month Committee
Update (ACTION ITEM) – Juno Hedrick, Vice Chair
& Lived Experience Advisor

Youth Action Board (YAB) Update – Juno Hedrick,
Vice Chair and Lived Experience Advisor and
Anastasia Lockwood, Youth Representative and YAB
Member

NOMINATING
COMMITTEE
(ACTION ITEMS)

Juno Hedrick, Vice Chair & Lived Experience Advisor

EHSD SEAT APPLICATIONS

- 1 applicant
- Review Panel of LeAnn, Juno, Sherina
- Next steps:
 - 7/9: COH approve
 - 7/13: Family and Human Services Committee approve
 - August: Board of Supervisors approve
 - Christina begin August?

NOMINATING COMMITTEE ACTION ITEM

Approve Christina Navarro as Employment and Human Services (EHSD) Representative candidate to be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for official approval for Council on Homelessness membership.



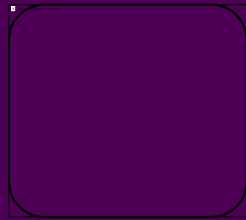
HOMELESSNESS
AWARENESS
MONTH
COMMITTEE
(ACTION ITEM)

Juno Hedrick, Vice Chair & Lived Experience Advisor

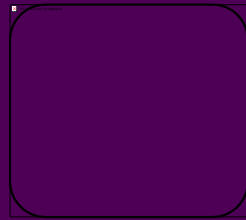
PURPOSE OF HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS MONTH (NOVEMBER)

- Provide information
- Celebrate wins
- Amplify voices
- Highlight gaps
- Encourage action

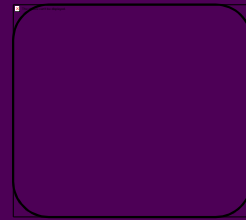
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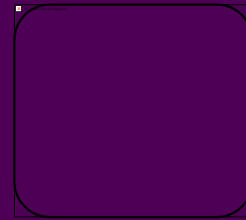
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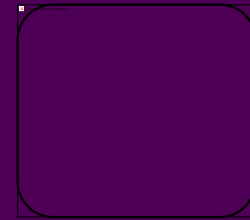
Recognitions



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Resolutions of
Support

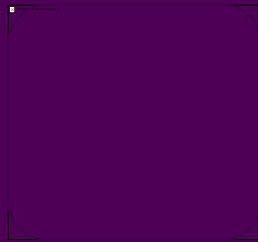


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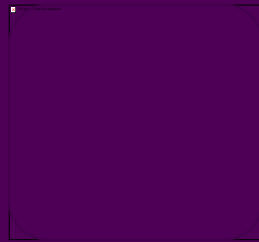
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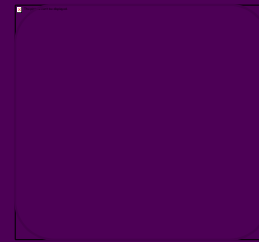
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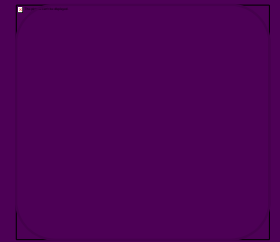
Recognition Reception



Youth Focused training



BOS Presentation



Homeless Person's
Memorial Event
(December)

RESOLUTIONS OF SUPPORT

Purpose

- Affirms public commitment
- Elevates visibility
- Strengthens advocacy:
- Encourages collaboration
- Documents institutional support

To Do Today

- Review and approve versions to go to BOS in November
- Know that data will be updated before submitted to BOS

CHANGES TO RESOLUTIONS

- Update data from 2024 to 2025
- Amplify challenges created by changes to federal funding and policy priorities
- Modify language in response to changes to federal policy priorities

2 RESOLUTIONS TO APPROVE

Homelessness
Awareness
Month

Homeless
Persons'
Memorial Day



RECOGNITIONS



2025 RECOGNITIONS

Outstanding Housing Provider

- 13 nominations

Outstanding Volunteer

- 16 nominations

Outstanding Partnership

- 45 nominations

Phoenix Rising

- 16 nominations

HAM COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Nominations

- Recommendations for today

How to Recognize

- TBD

PROPOSED CHANGES TO RECOGNITIONS

Name	Descriptions	Criteria	Nomination Form	Reception Event
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Slight edits to all 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Partner: require 12 months• Phoenix Rising: Clarify can be any stage in journey	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• More specific questions in all categories	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Subgroup to work on this

RECOGNITION NEXT STEPS

7/9	COH approve Recognition categories
8/4	HAM Committee review solicitation materials
8/5	Open Recognition submission forms
9/11	Close Recognition submission forms
9/22	HAM Committee review Nominations
10/2	COH approve Nominations
11/4	Recognition Ceremony

HAM COMMITTEE ACTION ITEM

Approve Recognition Categories and Resolutions of Support as recommended by the Homelessness Awareness Month Committee



YOUTH ACTION BOARD (YAB)



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

Anastasia Lockwood, CoH Youth Representative
and YAB Member

YAB JUNE MEETINGS

Bimonthly hybrid meetings at H3 in and RYSE

Subcommittees:
Communications,
Data & Research,
Outreach & Retention

YYA Homelessness
Community
Collaborative

CoH: CoH Meeting,
Oversight Committee

Peer Support Check-In
Meetings

YAB JUNE ACTIVITIES

Concord Library
Summer Unhoused
Resource Fair

East-Bay
Restorative Justice
Initiative
Discussion

2026 Youth
Homelessness
NOFO Info Session

National YAB
Connection Space

YAB IN COMMUNITY



COMING UP!



YYA Homelessness Community Collaborative

Meetings began in February 2025. Last month, relaunched the YYA Homelessness Community Collaborative—where YYA with lived experience and community partners can:

- Review and shape plans like the [YYA Strategic Plan](#)
- Workshop ideas for events such as [CAL Youth HOPE Month](#) in November
- Explore ways to advance action, improve services, and uplift funding opportunities, including [HUD's YHDP](#)
- Build community with others committed to supporting YYA in Contra Costa

Meetings co-hosted by H3 and YAB!

? Monday, July 20 (3rd Mondays) | ? 3:00–4:00 PM

□ <https://homebaseccc.zoom.us/j/89336324642>

CONNECT WITH YAB

Young people with lived experience of homelessness and community partners are invited to join a meeting to learn more!

For more information:

✉ ContraCostaYAB@cchealth.org

? 925-500-3237

? Instagram: [yab_ccc](https://www.instagram.com/yab_ccc)

2026 Contra Costa County YAB
Meeting RSVP



OLD BUSINESS

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

(ACTION ITEM) Funding Updates – Jamie
Schechter and Christy Saxon, H3

SECTOR
REPORT OUTS
FROM COUNCIL
MEMBERS

Nicole Green, Chair and Reentry Services
Representative

FUNDING UPDATES

Jamie Schechter and Christy Saxton, H3

FEDERAL GRANTS - HUD

- [Youth Homelessness NOFO for FY2024 and FY2025](#) - HUD will provide funding to communities to implement housing and services projects to reduce youth homelessness
 - Released June 10, 2026, Community Application due August 10, 2026
 - Project questionnaire due July 10, 2026
- [FY 2026 Continuum of Care Competition](#)
 - Released June 1, 2026, Collaborative Application due August 26, 2026
 - Renewal Project applications due July 7 and new project applications due July 13
- [Continuum of Care Builds \(CoC Builds\)](#) - CoC Builds provides funding for construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation of new units of PSH
 - Released June 23, 2026, Collaborative Application due July 23, 2026
 - LOI closed July 1 with two responses received
- [Family Unification Program \(FUP\) Multi-Year NOFO](#) - public housing authorities (PHAs) to partner with public child welfare agencies (PCWAs) to provide Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) assistance to families and transition aged youth
 - Forecasted release date August 12, 2026

FUNDING COMMITTEE ACTION ITEM

Approve Chair or Vice Chair to approve priority listing for CoC Builds NOFO



FORECASTED FEDERAL GRANTS - HHS

Estimated Posting Dates on Grants.gov as of 7/1/2026

June 22, 2026

- [FY 2026 Basic Center Program](#) - provides temporary, emergency shelter; and counseling services to youth who have left home
- [The Primary Prevention Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program](#) - identify and implement strategies and services for youth and young adults between ages 12 and 26 in order to prevent homelessness

July 7, 2026

- [Street Outreach Program \(SOP\)](#) - provides street-based services to runaway, homeless, and street youth

HOMELESS HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND PREVENTION PROGRAM

- Final budget included funding for the Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) program at \$900 million.
- More HHAP information available online - [Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention \(HHAP\) Grant Program | California Department of Housing and Community Development](#)

CONSOLIDATED HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS RFP

- Board of Supervisors [approved](#) funding recommendations at June 23, 2026 meeting

Approved recommendations included:

- Funding for basic needs services across the county
- New rapid rehousing and prevention for families engaged with Children and Family Services
- New homelessness prevention services for older adults

NEW BUSINESS

Learning Corner: New Project Types – Jamie
Schechter, H3

LEARNING
CORNER: NEW
PROJECT TYPES

Jamie Schechter, H3

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING (TH)

Time limited housing to prepare participants for self sufficiency

Services may be on-site or arranged in the community and may include connections to workforce development, employment, education, healthcare, behavioral healthcare, legal services, budgeting, childcare, parenting resources, and/ or other possibilities based on the participants' individualized services plan.

Individualized service plans should be co-created with participants, designed to meet the specific needs of the families and individuals served, and should be part of an addendum to the occupancy agreement

Residents of Transitional Housing under the CoC program may come from homelessness, incarceration, rehabilitation centers, mental health institutional care, foster care, or other settings, as long as they meet the definition of homelessness in Category 1,2,or 4.

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING - ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

New Construction, Acquisition, and/ or Rehabilitation of a Building to provide TH

Leasing of a Building

Leasing Scattered Site Units

Operating Costs (not eligible with rental assistance)

Rental Assistance: must be administered by a PHA or unit of government

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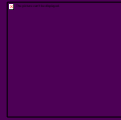
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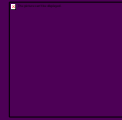
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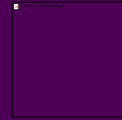
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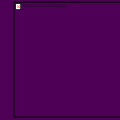
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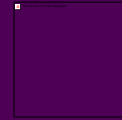
Building
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Utilities



Furniture



Equipment

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ONLY (SSO) - STANDALONE

- SSO projects allow recipients to provide supportive services to homeless individuals and families
- Eligible supportive services can include case management, moving costs, childcare, education services, employment assistance and job training, food, mental health services, etc.
- The SSO project cannot be utilized in a specific housing program; however, services may be provided for 6 months after a participant moves into housing

SSO STANDALONE – ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Acquisition,
Rehabilitation, or
Leasing of a space to
provide supportive
services

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Project Administration

Supportive Services

SSO **STANDALONE** - ELIGIBLE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

Annual Assessment
of Services
(§ 578.53(e)(1))

Moving costs
(§ 578.53(e)(2))

Case management
(§ 578.53(e)(3))

Childcare
(§ 578.53(e)(4))

Education services
(§ 578.53(e)(5))

Employment
assistance and job
training
(§ 578.53(e)(6))

Street Outreach and
Problem Solving

SSO **STANDALONE** - ADDITIONAL ELIGIBLE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

Food (§ 578.53(e)(7))	Housing search and counseling services (§ 578.53(e)(8))	Legal services (§ 578.53(e)(9))	Life skills training (§ 578.53(e)(10))
Mental health services (§ 578.53(e)(11))	Outpatient health services (§ 578.53(e)(12))	Outreach services (§ 578.53(e)(13))	Substance abuse treatment services (§ 578.53(e)(14))
	Transportation (§ 578.53(e)(15))	Utility deposits (§ 578.53(e)(16))	

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ONLY (SSO) – STREET OUTREACH (SO)

- Outreach efforts could be implemented as SSO or SSO-CE programs that aren't directly attached to CoC housing programs or as a street outreach component of CoC-funded TH or TH projects
- An SSO project may not have a leasing or rental assistance line item to provide transitional housing or permanent housing as part of the project

SSO – STREET OUTREACH

The goal of an SSO-SO program is to engage with people experiencing unsheltered homelessness and link them to housing or shelter options coupled with supportive services to meet their unique needs



An SSO-SO incorporates rapid resolution and problem solving to move people to solutions as soon as possible

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 Representative

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Next COH Meeting: Thursday, August 6, 1 – 3 PM (1025 Escobar St., Martinez)
- CoC Training: Trauma Informed Care: Monday, July 13, 10 AM – 12 PM (Zoom)
- Homelessness 101: Thursday, July 16, 6 – 7:30 PM (Zoom)
- Homeless Persons' Memorial Event Planning Meeting: Friday, July 24, 10-12 PM (Zoom)



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

1025 ESCOBAR STREET
MARTINEZ, CA 94553

Staff Report

File #: TMP-18487

Agenda Date: 7/9/2026

Agenda #:

Advisory Board: Contra Costa Council on Homelessness

Subject: Consent Calendar: a. APPROVE minutes from the June 4, 2026 Council meeting, b. APPROVE staff report for the July 9, 2026 Council meeting and APPROVE Courtney Pal to join CoC NOFO Review and Rank Panel

Presenter:

Contact:

Information:

- Minutes from past meeting included for review and approval.
- Staff report included to provide updates and information on things Council should know but does not need to discuss.
- CoC NOFO Review and Rank panel needed an additional member and Courtney Pal agreed to be nominated.

Referral History and Update:

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

APPROVE minutes from the June 4, 2026 Council meeting

APPROVE staff report for the July 9, 2026 Council meeting

APPROVE Courtney Pal to join CoC NOFO Review and Rank Panel

Presenter:



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COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS MINUTES

Date: Thursday, June 4, 2026, 1 – 3 p.m.

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

Council Member Attendance:

- In-Person (13): Alejandra Chamberlain, Anastasia Lockwood, Courtney Pal, Donnie Diego, Gabriel Lemus, Heather Worobey, Jared Murti, Juno Hedrick, Ralph Payton, Sherina Criswell, Tony Ucciferri, Wayne Earl.
- Remote (3): LeAnn Matthews, Mia Fairbanks, Nicole Green.
- Absent (3): Dani Jimenez, Shawn Ray, Verneda Clapp.

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

Community Member Attendance:

- In-person: Jill Ray, BOS District 2 office; Jennifer Ellis, Hope Solutions.
- Remote: Myisha Steward, Antioch; Kimberly Cox, Beat the Streets, Inc.; Lynna Magnuson, Caminar; Lorena Hernandez, CCEB; Nikki Brighthouse, CCEB; Catherine Casimere, City of Richmond; Julie Wegner, Community Member; Rachel Rosekind, Community Member; Beau Roberts, Contra Costa County; Wendalyn Fabian, Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors; Ashley Jackson, Contra Costa County Office of Education; Denise Clarke, Contra Costa County Office of Education; Gina Bills, Contra Costa County Office of Education; Terri Brown-Garett, Contra Costa Family Justice Center; Koland Mattie, CHDC; LeAnn Matthews, Council member; Mia Fairbanks, Council member; Nicole Green, Council member; Elizabeth Winstead, Department of Rehabilitation; Jai De Lotto, Department of Veterans Affairs; Dean Webber, East Bay Men's Recovery Center; Brittany Ferguson, H3; Carina Rodriguez-Pena, H3; Cheryl Leonor, H3; Christy Saxton, H3; Jacqueline Franco, H3; Janel Fletcher, H3; Kayla Buscemi, H3; Maria Dominguez, H3; Mary Juarez-Fitzgerald, H3; Shelby Ferguson, H3; Yessenia Aguilar, H3; Khayla DiGiorgio, Hope Solutions; Amanda Buck, Northern California Family Center; June Cummings, RCD Housing; Alicia Alferez, SHELTER, Inc.; Cynthia Chavez, SHELTER, Inc.; Rebecca Gomez-Pellecer, SHELTER, Inc.; Daniel Barth, SoS Richmond; Lenita Wheeler, Winter Nights.



AGENDA ITEM

1) Call to Order

A. Chair starts the meeting:

Speaker: Nicole Green, Chair and Reentry Services Representative

Nicole Green called the meeting to order.

2) Introductions

A. Meeting Norms:

Speaker: Nicole Green, Chair and Reentry Services Representative

Nicole Green introduced the Brown Act attendance requirements and 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 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?

Speaker: Nicole Green, Chair and Reentry Services Representative

Nicole Green conducted the poll activity. 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:	0 (0%)
I’ve attended some meetings:	5 (25%)
I’ve attended a lot of meetings:	15 (75%)
I prefer not to answer:	0 (0%)

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

Yes, currently	1 (5%)
Yes, within the past 7 years	1 (5%)
Yes, more than 7 years ago	5 (23%)
No	15 (68%)
I prefer not to answer	0 (0%)



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

African American/Black	8 (22%)
American Indian/Alaskan Native	3 (8%)
Asian/Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian	3 (8%)
Hispanic/Latinx	6 (17%)
White	12 (33%)
Multi-racial	4 (11%)
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 May 7, 2026 Council meeting

B. APPROVE staff report for the June 4, 2026 Council meeting

Speaker: Nicole Green, Chair and Reentry Services Representative

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

Motion

- State of Motion:
 - To approve the consent calendar items as listed.
- Discussion:
 - None.
- Procedural Record:
 - Motion made by: Sherina Criswell.
 - Seconded by: Heather Worobey.
 - AYES: Alejandra Chamberlain, Anastasia Lockwood, Courtney Pal, Donnie Diego, Gabriel Lemus, Heather Worobey, Jared Murti, Juno Hedrick, LeAnn Matthews, Mia Fairbanks, Nicole Green, Ralph Payton, Sherina Criswell, Wayne Earl.
 - NOES: None.
 - ABSTAINS: Tony Ucciferri.
 - UNABLE TO VOTE: None.
 - ABSENT: Dani Jimenez, Shawn Ray, Verneda Clapp.



5) Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Opportunity Update

A. CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

Presenter: Mark Mora, *Homebase* and Jamie Schecter, *H3*

The FY 2026 Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Opportunity (CoC NOFO) was released on June 1, 2026, with a due date to submit the consolidated community application on August 26, 2026. Tier 1, which is typically designated for non-competitive funding, is set at 60% of Annual Renewal Demand (ARD), a higher amount than the rescinded FY 2025 CoC NOFO which attempted to lower it to 30% but lower than previous years (2024 was over 90%). Additionally, the 2026 CoC NOFO deprioritizes funding for permanent housing projects and prioritizes new Transitional Housing and Supportive Services Only projects. The Funding Committee will have several meetings in the next several weeks to make revisions to the competition policies and scoring tools. The Grant Inventory Worksheet, which contains the funding amount per project, is expected to be released by HUD soon. As part of the internal process, Homebase will share a summary analysis of the 2026 NOFO soon as well as a summary analysis or renewal projects, a public solicitation letter announcement, and the timeline with key dates. The Homebase team may be reached at contracosta@homebaseccc.org for questions or support.

6) Committee Report Outs

A. Funding Committee Update – (ACTION ITEM) APPROVE revisions to the 2026 Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Opportunity Application Process as recommended by the Funding Committee

Presenter: Mark Mora, *Homebase*

The Funding Committee met on May 29, 2026, to recommend revisions to the CoC NOFO competition policies. Some of the proposed revisions are to prioritize renewal permanent housing projects that apply for Transition Grant to convert their project type over new projects, limiting appeals for renewal projects, revising the policy for late application submissions, and granting authority to the Funding Committee to approve revisions to the competition documents given certain conditions. The full list of the revisions was shown.

Motion

- State of Motion:
 - To approve the revisions to the Application Process for the FY 2026 CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity competition as recommended by the Funding Committee.
- Discussion:
 - None.
- Procedural Record:
 - Motion made by: Tony Ucciferri.



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- Seconded by: Gabriel Lemus.
- AYES: Alejandra Chamberlain, Anastasia Lockwood, Courtney Pal, Donnie Diego, Gabriel Lemus, Heather Worobey, Jared Murti, Juno Hedrick, LeAnn Matthews, Mia Fairbanks, Nicole Green, Ralph Payton, Sherina Criswell, Tony Ucciferri, Wayne Earl.
- NOES: None.
- ABSTAINS: None.
- UNABLE TO VOTE: None.
- ABSENT: Dani Jimenez, Shawn Ray, Verneda Clapp.

(ACTION ITEM) APPROVE Council on Homelessness members to serve on 2026 CoC NOFO Review and Rank Panel

Presenter: Mark Mora, *Homebase*

The CoC is seeking non-conflicted members from the Council on Homelessness Committee to serve in the Review and Rank Panel for this year's NOFO competition. The panelists will use the approved scoring tools for both the Renewal and New Housing projects. Information about eligibility, role, timeline, and benefits were shown.

Motion

- State of Motion:
 - To approve proposed Council on Homelessness members to serve on 2026 CoC NOFO Review and Rank Panel. The following COH Council members volunteered to be part of the panel: Anastasia Lockwood, Jared Murti, Juno Hedrick, LeAnn Matthews, Nicole Green, Shawn Ray, Sherina Criswell, Wayne Earl.
- Discussion:
 - None.
- Procedural Record:
 - Motion made by: Sherina Criswell.
 - Seconded by: Ralph Payton.
 - AYES: Alejandra Chamberlain, Anastasia Lockwood, Courtney Pal, Donnie Diego, Gabriel Lemus, Heather Worobey, Jared Murti, Juno Hedrick, LeAnn Matthews, Mia Fairbanks, Nicole Green, Ralph Payton, Sherina Criswell, Tony Ucciferri, Wayne Earl.
 - NOES: None.
 - ABSTAINS: None.
 - UNABLE TO VOTE: None.
 - ABSENT: Dani Jimenez, Shawn Ray, Verneda Clapp.

B. Nominating Committee Update – (ACTION ITEM) APPROVE Council on Homelessness members to serve on Ad Hoc Nominating Panel

Presenter: Jamie Jenett, *H3*



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Belinda Jackson-Thomas, who holds the Employment and Human Services (EASH) representation seat, is stepping down. H3 is now soliciting applications through June 12, 2026 for new candidates to replace Belinda. The Nominating panel will review all applications and use the current rubric. The proposed new candidate's name will be presented at the COH meeting on July 9th, 2026, for motion and approval. The COH members who conform the panel are Juno Hedrick, LeAnn Matthews, and Sherina Criswell. The final recommendation will be sent to the Family and Human Services Department after this approval.

Motion

- State of Motion:
 - To approve the proposed Council on Homelessness members to serve on an Ad Hoc Nominating Panel.
- Discussion:
 - None.
- Procedural Record:
 - Motion made by: Tony Ucciferri.
 - Seconded by: Ralph Payton.
 - AYES: Alejandra Chamberlain, Anastasia Lockwood, Courtney Pal, Donnie Diego, Gabriel Lemus, Heather Worobey, Jared Murti, Juno Hedrick, LeAnn Matthews, Mia Fairbanks, Nicole Green, Ralph Payton, Sherina Criswell, Tony Ucciferri, Wayne Earl.
 - NOES: None.
 - ABSTAINS: None.
 - UNABLE TO VOTE: None.
 - ABSENT: Dani Jimenez, Shawn Ray, Verneda Clapp.

C. Youth Action Board (YAB) Update

Presenter: Juno Hedrick, *Vice Chair & Lived Experience Representative* and Anastasia Lockwood, *Youth Representative*

Juno Hedrick shared the different meetings that YAB members accomplished in the month of May, which included bimonthly hybrid meetings with H3 and RYSE, subcommittee meetings, Oversight Committee, Homeless Workforce Integration Network, and peer support meetings. The activities for the month of May included Richmond Tiny House Village celebration, a webinar on Ending Youth Homelessness, an SOS screening and panel called The Right to Exist, Measure B Community Forum, and the National YAB Connection Space. The activities for the future months include reconvening the Youth & Young Adult Strategic Planning, work on social media, apply for HUDs YHDP NOFO, youth survey planning for Fall 2026, among others. In addition, Juno shared an invite about the Youth & Young Adults (YYA) Homelessness Community Collaborative program, a monthly meeting



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for young people and partners to work together to improve outcomes for young people experiencing homelessness. Activities from participants include reviewing plans for the YYA Strategic Plan, explore ways to advance action and improve services, etc. Anyone interested in connecting with YAB can send an email at ContraCostaYAB@cchealth.org or call at (925) 500-3237.

7) Old Business

A. Sector Report Outs from Council Members

Speaker: All members

- None.

B. Funding Updates

Speaker: Jamie Schecter and Christy Saxton, H3

A proposed federal rule change will affect the HUD's Equal Access Rule. The current rule requires people to be served according to their gender identity and prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity. The proposed changes would remove references to gender, gender identity, and actual or perceived sexual orientation throughout HUD programs, require placement in emergency shelters with shared sleeping or bathing facilities based on an individual's biological sex, allow providers to ask for "reasonable assurances or evidence" to establish a person's sex; and potentially tie compliance with these standards to eligibility for federal funding. The general public can review the proposed rule and submit public comments by June 29, 2026 at the [Federal's Regulations website](#).

H3 gave information about several upcoming federal funding opportunities, including grants for youth homelessness NOFO, 2026 Continuum of Care, Continuum of Care Builds, Family Reunification Program, among others. The full list of grant opportunities was listed. Providers were encouraged to prepare for multiple grant applications over the summer.

Per California's Governor proposed reduced state budget to \$500 million—a 50% reduction from previous years—there has been uncertainty around funding for the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP)-7 Program. The State Senate is recommending restoring the full amount, and the final budget decision is still pending. More information about HHAP may be found at The California Department of Housing and Community Development's [website](#).

The Family and Human Services Committee approved the funding for the Consolidated Housing and Homelessness Program on May 11, 2026, and it will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for approval on June 9, 2026 for final contracting.



8) New Business

A. Community Health Assessment Survey

Presenter: Dr. Sefanit Mekuria, *Director of Public Health, STI Controller, Deputy Health Officer*

Contra Costa Health is conducting a new Community Health Assessment to identify community needs and strengths, inform future health improvement and strategic plans, build trust, prioritize resources, and meet state requirements. A steering committee made up of community partners—Contra Costa Together, Contra Costa Regional Foundation, Contra Costa Health Equity Team, Contra Costa Business Intelligence Team, IP3, Community Initiatives—was created to guide the process and ensure community voices shape the assessment, with additional outreach planned to include underrepresented groups. The assessment uses the Vital Conditions framework, which looks beyond traditional health measures to include factors such as housing, transportation, education, meaningful work, environmental health, basic needs for health and safety, and civic belonging to better understand community well-being. The project is combining existing secondary data with newly collected (primary) data through a multilingual survey (available in 16 languages) and community listening sessions, focusing especially on communities that are often underrepresented. The public survey has been extended through July 31, 2026, to increase participation. The preliminary findings will be published in September and October. The findings will help develop the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), which is expected to begin in November 2026. Community organizations are encouraged to share the survey, flyers, QR codes, and social media materials to maximize responses. Staff confirmed that youth ages 12 and older are eligible to complete the survey and noted they are monitoring participation demographics to improve representation. General info and link to the surveys may be found at [Contra Costa Health's website](#).

B. Participant Satisfaction Survey Results

Speaker: Yessenia Aguilar, *H3*

The Participant Satisfaction survey is an annual survey distributed across seven program models within the CoC that are contracted and funded by the county. The program model includes Prevention, Rapid Exit, CORE, CARE Center, Shelter/Transitional Living Programs, Rapid Rehousing, and Permanent Supportive Housing. A total of 1,186 surveys were completed by participants, a significant increase from previous years. Informational slides about where participants are accessing surveys, length of time accessing services, how they heard about the services, and areas of improvements were presented. The overall satisfaction rate was positive where 96% of participants answered that they would recommend services to others. Some of the strategies that H3 will implement to address feedback are to develop Frequently Asked Questions for staff and clients to have easy access to information, provide step by step information on how to access services, provide ongoing staff training on community resources, provide refresher trainings on housing,



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mental health and supportive services, and create a resource sharing collaboration space for staff to ask questions and give updates.

9) Council Membership

A. Recognition of Outgoing Council Member Belinda Jackson-Thomas

Speaker: Nicole Green, Chair and Reentry Services Representative

H3 and COH members took a moment to thank Belinda for her hard work and contribution as a Council member over the years. Belinda shared her background and accomplishments. Other members of the team joined to thank her for her dedication to this work.

10) General Announcements

A. General Announcements:

Speaker: All

- Jamie Schecter shared that HUD released its Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) to Congress on May 28, 2026. For the first time since 2016, the country saw a 3% decrease in homelessness in 2025. Similarly, Contra costa County also saw a 20% decrease in homelessness.

11) Pin It

Speaker: Jaime Jenett, H3

- The next COH meeting will be on July 9, from 1 – 3 p.m.
- 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
SSI	Supplemental Security Income



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Acronym	Definition
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



CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS STAFF REPORT

Report for the July 9, 2026 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

Committee Membership Updates

Committee membership is now as follows

Funding: Courtney, Dani, Jared, Juno, Nicole, Sherina, Wayne

Governance: Anastasia, Dani, Jared, Juno, LeAnn, Sherina

HMIS Policy: Gabriel, Heather, Juno, LeAnn, Mia, Nicole, Tony

Oversight: Alejandra, Courtney, Daniel, Juno, Ralph, Shawn, Wayne



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Oversight Committee

The last Oversight Committee meeting was held on June 18, 2026. Updates were provided on the following:

- Coordinated Entry System
- PIT/HIC
- Participant Satisfaction Survey Results
- YAB
- Youth Housing Survey
- 2026 Monitoring Process
- Federal/HUD CoC NOFO

The next Oversight Committee Meeting will be a meeting held in-person with a virtual component. Official committee members are expected to attend in-person and community members may attend in person or virtually. It is scheduled for **Thursday August 20th, 11:30am - 1:30pm**. Please use the following link to register: <https://homebaseccc.zoom.us/j/89614437497>).

GOVERNANCE

Family and Human Services Committee

- On July 13, 2026, staff will present the Christina Navarro to FHS as the recommended candidate for the EHSD seat.



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

1025 ESCOBAR STREET
MARTINEZ, CA 94553

Staff Report

File #: TMP-18489

Agenda Date: 7/9/2026

Agenda #:

Advisory Board: Contra Costa Council on Homelessness

Subject: Nominating Committee: (ACTION ITEM) APPROVE Employment and Human Services (EHSD) Representative candidate recommended by the Ad Hoc Nominating Panel to be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for official approval for Council on Homelessness membership

Presenter:

Contact:

Information:

The Employment and Human Services Department representative seat on the Council on Homelessness was vacated earlier this year when the seated representative needed to step down. The Council on Homelessness is recommending one candidate for this open seat. It is critical to have input and representation from the Employment and Human Services department on the Council on Homelessness

Referral History and Update:

There was an extensive recruitment process to solicit applicants for the open seat and a total of 1 application was received. A nominating panel, created of non-conflicted Council on Homelessness members including Juno Hedrick, LeAnn Matthews, and Sherina Criswell, reviewed the County and Supplemental applications for each applicant, and following a strict rubric, is making a recommendation to the Council

The attached "Applications of Recommended Applicants 2026" document includes the County and Supplemental applications for the recommended applicant. The attached "2024 FINAL Nominating Scoring Rubric" shows the scoring tool used by panelists reviewing the applications.

The term of the newly appointed representative will expire on 12/31/27, as originally scheduled. Should this recommendation be accepted, there are no predicted vacancies on the Council on Homelessness for 2026. The Board of Supervisors has approved all recommended Council on Homelessness candidates to date.

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

APPROVE Employment and Human Services (EHSD) Representative candidate recommended by the Ad Hoc Nominating Panel to be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for official approval for Council on Homelessness membership

Application Form

Profile

Christina

First Name

Navarro

Last Name

Middle Initial

4132 Markovich Court

Home Address

Suite or Apt

Richmond

City

CA

State

94806

Postal Code

Home: (661) 472-1999

Primary Phone

cnavarro@ehsd.cccounty.us

Email Address

[District Locator Tool](#)

Resident of Supervisorial District:

District 1

Contra Costa County-EHSD

Employer

Division/Building Manager

Job Title

Length of Employment

15

Do you work in Contra Costa County?

Yes No

If Yes, in which District do you work?

One

How long have you lived or worked in Contra Costa County?

15 years

Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?

Yes No

Board and Interest

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Contra Costa Council on Homelessness: Submitted

Seat Name

Have you ever attended a meeting of the advisory board for which you are applying?

Yes No

If Yes, how many meetings have you attended?

Education

Select the option that applies to your high school education *

High School Diploma

College/ University A

Name of College Attended

Cal State Bakersfield

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

Degree Awarded?

Yes No

College/ University B

Name of College Attended

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

Degree Awarded?

Yes No

College/ University C

Name of College Attended

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

Degree Awarded?

Yes No

Other Trainings & Occupational Licenses

Other Training A

Certificate Awarded for Training?

Yes No

Other Training B

Certificate Awarded for Training?

Yes No

Occupational Licenses Completed:

Qualifications and Volunteer Experience

Please explain why you would like to serve on this particular board, committee, or commission.

I would like to serve on this committee as a representative of Employment & Human Services because I witness the significant impact of homelessness on our community every day, including in the areas surrounding our district offices. Stable housing is a fundamental foundation that enables individuals and families to access opportunities, achieve self-sufficiency, and build a better future. I am committed to contributing my perspective and experience to support solutions that address this critical issue..

Describe your qualifications for this appointment. (NOTE: you may also include a copy of your resume with this application)

I have more than 20 years of experience in public service, providing direct support to underserved communities, including many individuals experiencing homelessness. I have also managed and administered programs designed to assist people facing housing instability and homelessness.

Upload a Resume

Would you like to be considered for appointment to other advisory bodies for which you may be qualified?

Yes No

Do you have any obligations that might affect your attendance at scheduled meetings?

Yes No

If Yes, please explain:

I am currently responsible for overseeing one of four District offices, and there may be occasions when urgent matters require my immediate attention and physical presence. As a result, I may occasionally need to miss a meeting.

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Yes No

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Do you have a familial or financial relationship with a member of the Board of Supervisors? (Please refer to the relationships listed under the "Important Information" section below or Resolution No. 2021/234)

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Please Agree with the Following Statement

I CERTIFY that the statements made by me in this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith. I acknowledge and understand that all information in this application is publicly accessible. I understand that misstatements and/or omissions of material fact may cause forfeiture of my rights to serve on a board, committee, or commission in Contra Costa County.

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INSTRUCTIONS: Please enter your score for each scoring factor in the appropriate cell for the corresponding applicant. Please ensure that the score for each factor does not exceed the maximum number of points allowed for the factor. Please also be mindful that some factors are auto-scored (highlighted in red). If you have any questions, please email ContraCosta@homebaseccc.org. See [here](#) for general panelist resources.

Application Materials

Homebase Code

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION QUESTIONS

2. Interest (2 points max)

Applicant's response lists reasons as to why they would like to service on the Council and in the specific seat(s) they are applying for.

(2 pts) applicant's response explains BOTH why they would like to serve on the Council AND in the specific seat(s) they are applying for
 (1 pts) applicant's response explains why they would like to serve on the Council OR in the specific seat they are applying for (but not BOTH)
 (0 pts) no response

2. Notes

3. Skills, Relationships, Resources, and Experiences (12 points max)

Applicant's response lists specific skills, experiences, volunteer work, or connections they can bring. Response demonstrates the value they would add to the Council on Homelessness and/or the specific seat they are applying for.

(12 pts) applicant's response lists SPECIFIC skills, experiences, volunteer work, or connections related to the Council and the value it would bring
 (6 pts) applicant's response speaks GENERALLY about the value they would bring to the Council
 (0 pts) no response

3. Notes

4. Personal Connection to Homelessness (12 points max)

Applicant's response reflects lived experience or connection to someone with lived experience.

(12 pts) applicant is currently experiencing homelessness (as self-identified)
 (10 pts) applicant has experience of homelessness with the past 7 years (as self-identified)
 (8 pts) applicant has experience of homelessness at some point in their life (as self-identified)
 (4 pts) applicant has connection to someone with lived experience
 (0 pts) no personal lived experience or connection to someone with lived experience

4. Notes

5) Barriers to Accessing Services (12 pts max)

Applicant's response reflects an understanding of barriers certain population groups might face to access services to address homelessness.

(12 pts) applicant provides a thoughtful explanation of at least 3 relevant barriers to accessing services (e.g., language, immigration status, disability, etc.)
 (6 pts) applicant provides a limited explanation of 1 or 2 barriers to accessing services
 (0 pts) no response or no understanding of barriers to accessing services

5. Notes

6. Ideas to Address Homelessness in Contra Costa (12 points max)

Applicant's response demonstrates knowledge and critical thinking regarding how to address homelessness in Contra Costa. Response also demonstrates unique expertise, opinions, and viewpoints on homelessness issues.

(12 pts) response demonstrates impressive knowledge, critical thinking, and a unique point of view
 (6 pts) response demonstrates some knowledge, critical thinking, and/or a unique point of view
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NOTE: This factor will be used as a tiebreaker should the leading applicants for a seat fall within 2 points. In that scenario, the applicant with the highest average score in this factor will break the tie.

6. Notes
<p>7) Participation in System Meetings (3 points max) Applicant's response shows active participation in system meetings or other types of relevant community participation.</p> <p>(3 pts) applicant is a member of YAB or another lived experience board or has attended 3 or more CoC and/or Council meetings (2 pts) applicant has attended 1-2 CoC and/or Council meetings (0 pts) applicant has not attended any CoC and/or Council meetings</p>
7. Notes
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8. Notes
TOTAL SCORE



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Staff Report

File #: TMP-18491

Agenda Date: 7/9/2026

Agenda #:

Advisory Board: Contra Costa Council on Homelessness

Subject: Homelessness Awareness Month Committee: (ACTION ITEM) APPROVE Recognition Categories and Resolutions of Support as recommended by the Homelessness Awareness Month Committee

Presenter:

Contact:

Information:

For Homelessness Awareness Month (HAM), the COH recognizes a variety of entities for outstanding contributions to people experiencing homelessness.

Referral History and Update:

Recognition Categories: Following feedback from last year, revisions to the categories for nominations, descriptions, eligibility and nomination solicitation forms have been reviewed by the Committee. The Committee discussed a number of ways to improve both the nominating and recognition process to increase value of the recognition and improve the reception that is held to recognize HAM and nominees.

Timeline

- 8/4: HAM Committee meeting to finalize nomination materials and aims to have nomination solicitation launch 8/5.
- October: HAM Committee meeting to move from 10/6 to before 9/25 to review nominations in time to post for 10/1 COH meeting
- 10/1: COH to approve nominations

Resolutions of Support: Resolutions of Support for Homelessness Awareness Month and Homeless Person's Memorial are used as education and advocacy tools with the Board of Supervisors and also by other elected bodies. Revisions made to include reference to impact of cuts to safety net and update data points.

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s): APPROVE Recognition Categories and Resolutions of Support as recommended by the Homelessness Awareness Month Committee

Resolution Declaring November Homelessness Awareness and Youth Homelessness Outreach, Prevention, and Education (HOPE) Month

WHEREAS, November is recognized nationally as Homelessness Awareness Month, and Youth Homelessness Outreach, Prevention, and Education (HOPE) Month, a time to acknowledge the challenges faced by adults, youth and young adults, and families experiencing homelessness and to mobilize community-wide efforts toward lasting solutions; and

WHEREAS, 14,245 individuals accessed homeless services in Contra Costa County in 2024—an increase of 40% from 2020¹, underscoring systemic housing challenges; and

WHEREAS, homelessness in Contra Costa County is driven primarily by the lack of affordable housing, with 33,329 low-income renter households in Contra Costa County not having access to an affordable home in 2024²; and

WHEREAS, according to *The Opportunity to Change: A Community Needs Assessment for Youth and Young Adult Homelessness*, an estimated 13,506 young people are experiencing homelessness in Contra Costa County, driven by factors such as aging out of foster care, family conflict, a lack of affordable housing, and systemic disparities including racism, homophobia, and transphobia³; and

WHEREAS, looming federal cuts to permanent housing programs scheduled to take effect in 2027, combined with proposed reductions to Medicaid and CalAIM supportive services in the pending state budget, threaten to significantly destabilize the local homelessness response system; and the National Alliance to End Homelessness estimates that Contra Costa County may lose as much as \$8 million in permanent housing resources—placing as many as 400 formerly homeless residents at risk of losing their housing, including a substantial number of domestic violence survivors and seniors who rely on these supports; and

WHEREAS, renters needing to earn \$45.37 per hour—more than 2.4 times the City of Richmond’s minimum wage—to afford the average monthly rent of \$2,375⁴; and

WHEREAS, in 2026 in Contra Costa County, there were only 4,427 temporary and permanent housing beds for persons experiencing homelessness, a stark shortfall compared to the scale of need across our communities⁵; and

¹ 2024 Contra Costa Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) data

² [Contra-Costa Housing Report 2026.pdf](#)

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⁴ [Contra-Costa Housing Report 2026.pdf](#)

⁵ [Contra Costa County: 2026 HOMELESS POINT-IN-TIME COUNT](#)

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County’s 24% increase in temporary and permanent housing beds⁶ over the past two years reflects a sustained commitment to expanding shelter and housing solutions; and

WHEREAS, racial disparities persist, with Black/African American/African households and people with Multiple Races were over-represented in the CoC relative to the county population (4x and 3x, respectively) ⁷; and

WHEREAS 66% of unsheltered people surveyed as part of Contra Costa’s 2026 Point in Time Count experienced being made to move by city workers or law enforcement within the past year⁸; and

WHEREAS research shows that criminalizing homelessness worsens the crisis and deepens existing racial inequities⁹ and

WHEREAS, since 2020, Contra Costa has seen an 79% increase in households with minor children, a 69% increase in seniors aged 65+, and a 53% increase in Transition Aged Youth (ages 18–24) accessing homeless services¹⁰; and

WHEREAS, the Contra Costa Continuum of Care unites over 50 organizations, jurisdictions, and individuals committed to preventing and ending homelessness through coordinated housing, health, and support services; and

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WHEREAS, the Youth Action Board, composed of youth and young adults (YYA) with lived experience of homelessness in Contra Costa County, is actively leading and amplifying the voices of YYA, informing the Contra Costa Continuum of Care, and providing leadership and guidance in collaboration with community stakeholders to end YYA homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the Council on Homelessness, staffed by Contra Costa Health, serves as both an advisory body to the Board of Supervisors and the planning entity for the Continuum of Care, welcoming public engagement and collaboration; and

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**RESOLUTION NAMING DECEMBER 21, 2026 NATIONAL HOMELESS PERSONS’
MEMORIAL DAY IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY**

In recognition of the lives lost and the ongoing crisis of homelessness, the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors seeks to honor the memory of those who died without housing and to recommit to lasting solutions that affirm dignity, health, and housing for all.

WHEREAS, December 21, 2026 marks the first day of winter and the longest night of the year, symbolizing the hardships faced by individuals living without shelter; and

WHEREAS, the National Coalition for the Homeless and the National Health Care for the Homeless Council have designated December 21, 2026 as National Homeless Persons’ Memorial Day; and

WHEREAS, 14,245 individuals accessed homeless services in Contra Costa County in 2024—an increase of 40% from 2020, underscoring systemic housing challenges¹; and

WHEREAS, homelessness increases risk of illness, injury, and premature death, with non-elderly homeless individuals facing a mortality rate 3.5 times higher than their housed peers—comparable to housed individuals two decades older in age²; and

WHEREAS, dozens of Contra Costa residents experiencing homelessness lose their lives each year, and each loss underscores the urgent need for stable housing, health care, and community support; and

WHEREAS, drug and alcohol-related accidental deaths represented the highest cause of mortality in this group, followed by natural causes and other accidents⁴; and

WHEREAS, impending federal reductions to permanent housing programs beginning in 2027, coupled with projected cuts to Medicaid, SNAP and other essential health and stabilization services will disproportionately impact people experiencing homelessness, making it more difficult to access the broad range of care needed to maintain their health, engage in employment, and achieve housing⁵; and

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² *Life and Death at the Margins of Society: The Mortality of the U.S. Homeless Population*, Meyer, Wyse, Logani (2023)

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⁵ Rabell, L. (2025, April). [*Homelessness and Medicaid: What’s the connection?*](#) National Health Care for the Homeless Council.

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County calls on government agencies, faith communities, business leaders, nonprofit organizations, and residents to recognize the urgent need to address homelessness through sustained collaboration, compassion, and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, the Council on Homelessness, serving as both an advisory board to the Board of Supervisors and the planning body for the Continuum of Care, coordinates the county’s strategy toward ending homelessness and encourages active community participation; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Housing, and Homeless Services Division of Contra Costa Health is committed to making homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring through an integrated system of housing and support; and

WHEREAS, a Homeless Persons’ Memorial event will be held on Monday, December 21, 2026, coordinated by partners including Bay Area Rescue Mission, Contra Costa Council on Homelessness, Trinity Center and Safe Organized Spaces Richmond, offering space to honor lives lost; and

WHEREAS, by gathering in remembrance and solidarity, the community can affirm its commitment to meaningful change and honor the humanity of every neighbor lost to homelessness; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors hereby declares December 21, 2026 as **National Homeless Persons’ Memorial Day** in Contra Costa County—to honor those who have died without shelter, to encourage collective reflection and engagement, and to strengthen our commitment to housing solutions rooted in dignity, equity, and hope.

RESOLUTION NAMING DECEMBER 21, 2026⁵ NATIONAL HOMELESS PERSONS' MEMORIAL DAY IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

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In recognition of the lives lost and the ongoing crisis of homelessness, the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors seeks to honor the memory of those who died without housing and to recommit to lasting solutions that affirm dignity, health, and housing for all.

WHEREAS, December 21, 2026⁵ marks the first day of winter and the longest night of the year, symbolizing the hardships faced by individuals living without shelter; and

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Recognition Categories 2025 v Proposed 2026

Outstanding Housing Provider

Section	2025	2026
Description	<p>As part of Homelessness Awareness Month (November), the Contra Costa Council on Homelessness wants to recognize those landlords, property management companies, and other housing operators that create permanent housing opportunities for people at risk of or experiencing homelessness in Contra Costa County through the Outstanding Housing Provider category.</p> <p>Outstanding efforts towards providing permanent housing opportunities for people at risk of or experiencing homelessness can be demonstrated in a number of ways including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Length of time involved in providing units/rooms • Number of units/rooms; and/or • Quality of units/rooms rented 	<p>The Outstanding Housing Provider category recognizes landlords, property managers, housing operators, and organizations that create and maintain safe, stable, and accessible housing opportunities for people at risk of or experiencing homelessness in Contra Costa County.</p> <p>This award honors providers who demonstrate exceptional commitment, whether by offering units, reducing barriers, maintaining high quality housing, partnering with service providers, or consistently supporting residents’ success. These individuals and organizations play a crucial role in the housing-first response to homelessness and strengthen our community by expanding housing options.</p>

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<p>Eligibility</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Person or company must rent units/rooms in Contra Costa County to people at risk of or experiencing homelessness. This may <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ include shared housing, sober living environments, recovery housing, board and cares, halfway houses and transitional housing. • Person or company may nominate themselves. 	<p>Nominees must meet all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operate housing units or rooms in Contra Costa County that they rent to people at risk of or experiencing homelessness. • Provide permanent or transitional housing, which may include shared housing, sober living environments, recovery housing, board and care homes, halfway houses, or transitional programs. • Demonstrate one or more of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Commitment to renting units consistently over time ○ Meaningful number of units/rooms offered ○ High quality of units/rooms, responsiveness to tenants, and good property stewardship ○ Reduced barriers to entry (e.g., flexible screening, fair consideration) ○ Partnership with service providers or system partners • Providers may be individuals, companies, faith-based operators, organizations, or site-based housing programs.
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<p>Nomination Form</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Describe nominee’s outstanding contribution to ending homelessness. Please include any information available on length of involvement in housing people affected by homelessness, number of units/rooms rented to individuals and/or families facing homelessness, quality of units/rooms rented, etc. 2. Describe the difference that the Nominee’s service makes to individuals facing homelessness. Who was positively affected and how? Who values the work of the nominee and why? 3. Anything you wish to share that was not covered above? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Housing Type(s) Provided (required): Describe the housing offered (e.g., shared housing, single-site units, rooms, sober living, transitional housing, board-and-care, etc.). 2. Service to People Experiencing Homelessness (required): Explain how the provider supports people experiencing or at risk of homelessness. Include any flexible practices, partnerships, or commitment to reducing barriers. 3. Quality and Consistency (required): Describe the quality of the units/rooms, maintenance practices, responsiveness, and length of time they have provided units to the homelessness system. 4. Impact (required): Share specific examples of how this provider has made a significant difference — whether through number of units, support for tenants, collaboration with case managers, crisis responsiveness, or innovative practices. 5. Additional Notes (optional): Highlight anything else that sets this provider apart.
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Outstanding Partnership

Section	2025	2026
Description	<p>As part of Homelessness Awareness Month (November), the Contra Costa Council on Homelessness wants to recognize partnerships that support people at risk of or experiencing homelessness through the Outstanding Partnership category. Partnerships can be with/between government agencies, nonprofits/CBOs, advocacy groups, faith organizations, individuals (including those facing homelessness), and businesses.</p>	<p>The Outstanding Systems Partnership category recognizes two or more organizations that have worked together in a formal, ongoing collaboration that strengthens the homelessness response system. Recognized partnerships should demonstrate shared goals, coordinated work, and measurable improvements in the lives of people facing homelessness.</p> <p>This category focuses on deep, high-impact partnerships rather than informal collaborations or one-time joint activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The partnership must support people at risk of or experiencing homelessness in Contra Costa County in some way, but does not have to only serve people facing homelessness. • Partnership may nominate itself. 	<p>To be eligible, a partnership must meet all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Involves two or more organizations (e.g., government agencies, nonprofits, CBOs, health or behavioral health providers, faith-based organizations, or businesses) working together in an established collaboration. • Has been active for at least 12 consecutive months. • Demonstrates clear, documented impact on people at risk of or experiencing homelessness in Contra Costa County. <p>Shows one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross-sector collaboration • Coordinated service delivery or integrated care • Systems--level improvements (policy, process, data sharing, workflows) <p>Innovations that expand access, reduce barriers, or improve outcomes</p>

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<p>Nomination Form</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Name of the Partnership 2. Who are the key partners? Please highlight if/how the partnership engages people with lived experience of homelessness in the work. 3. How does the partnership support people facing homelessness in Contra Costa County? 4. Anything you wish to share that was not covered above? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Partner Organizations (required): List all primary partner organizations involved in this collaboration. 2. Length of Partnership (required): Provide the start date (month/year) and describe how long the partners have been collaborating. 3. Description of the Partnership (required): Summarize the purpose of the partnership, what the partners do together, and how they coordinate their work. 4. Impact on People Experiencing Homelessness (required): Describe the partnership's outcomes. Where possible, include specific examples such as increased placements, reduced barriers, improved coordination, or innovative approaches. 5. Why This Partnership Should Be Recognized (optional): Explain what makes this partnership exceptional, unique, or especially impactful.
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Outstanding Volunteer

Section	2025	2026
Description	<p>As part of Homelessness Awareness Month (November), the Contra Costa Council on Homelessness wants to recognize individuals or groups who have enriched the lives of people at risk of or experiencing homelessness in Contra Costa County through volunteer efforts through the Outstanding Volunteer category.</p> <p>Outstanding efforts can be demonstrated by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Length of involvement; • Strong concentration of service; and/or • Impact of efforts to support people at risk of or experiencing homelessness. 	<p>The Outstanding Volunteer category honors individuals or groups whose voluntary, unpaid service meaningfully enriches the lives of people experiencing or at risk of homelessness in Contra Costa County. Volunteers may contribute through direct service, community support, resource distribution, mentoring, advocacy, organizing, or any other form of sustained, impactful involvement.</p>
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominee must volunteer in Contra Costa County • The volunteer activity must be without pay 	<p>Nominees must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer within Contra Costa County in a non-paid capacity. • Support people experiencing or at risk of homelessness, either directly or indirectly. • Demonstrate one or more of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Length of service (sustained involvement over time) ○ Concentration of service (significant commitment in a shorter period) ○ Impact of service (notable outcomes, consistency, or influence) • Contribute through any setting including nonprofit organizations, community groups, faith communities, local initiatives, mutual aid networks, public programs, or independent volunteer efforts.

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<p>Nomination Form</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Describe nominee’s outstanding volunteer service(s). Please include any information available on length of involvement, concentration of service or impact of efforts 2. Describe the difference that the Nominee’s service makes to individuals facing homelessness. Who was positively affected and how? Who values the work of the nominee and why? 3. Anything you wish to share that was not covered above? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nominee Name: 2. Nominee Contact (if available): 3. Type of Volunteer Contribution (individual or group): 4. Volunteer Activities in Contra Costa County (required): Describe the volunteer roles, responsibilities, activities, or contributions supporting people experiencing or at risk of homelessness. 5. Length and/or Intensity of Involvement (required): Explain how long the nominee has been volunteering or describe the depth of their involvement. 6. Impact of the Nominee’s Volunteer Service (required): Provide specific examples showing how the nominee has enriched the lives of people facing homelessness — through support, connection, leadership, advocacy, reliability, or other contributions. 7. Additional Strengths or Qualities (optional): Share any qualities that make the nominee exceptional (e.g., compassion, creativity, perseverance, problem solving, community building).
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Phoenix Rising

Section	2025	2026
Description	<p>As part of Homelessness Awareness Month (November), the Contra Costa Council on Homelessness wants to recognize individuals with a lived experience of homelessness who have demonstrated outstanding courage, strength and/or resilience through the Phoenix Rising category. The Phoenix is a bird that rises up again and again from the ashes. It embodies courage and resilience through its journey or flight.</p>	<p>The Phoenix Rising Award category recognizes individuals with lived experience of homelessness who demonstrate extraordinary courage, resilience, and/or personal strength at any stage of their journey. This recognition is for people who are currently experiencing homelessness, are in the process of securing stability, or have already moved into housing. Like the Phoenix that rises again and again, this award celebrates individuals who continue to persevere, rebuild, and move forward despite challenges.</p>
Eligibility	<p>Nominated people must have a lived experience of homelessness in Contra Costa County and/or have experienced homelessness elsewhere and currently live and/or work in Contra Costa County.</p>	<p>Nominees must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have lived experience of homelessness in Contra Costa County, or have experienced homelessness elsewhere and currently live, work, or contribute in Contra Costa County • Be anywhere in their journey, including those who are currently unhoused, in shelter, in temporary or interim housing, or in permanent housing. • Demonstrate courage, resilience, determination, personal growth, or positive influence on others, whether through everyday perseverance, supporting peers, engaging in community or advocacy efforts, or inspiring others by example.

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<p>Nomination Form</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does this person have a lived experience of homelessness in Contra Costa County and/or have experienced homelessness elsewhere and currently live and/or work in Contra Costa County? 2. Please describe how the nominee has demonstrated courage, strength and/or resilience. 3. Anything you wish to share that was not covered above. Nominee’s comments or comments from recipients are also welcome. 4. Can you get written permission (text or email is ok) to share this person's name publicly? 5. If no, we will edit the story to remove identifying information. Is this acceptable to you? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Connection to Contra Costa County (required): Explain how the nominee meets eligibility (lived experience in Contra Costa County, or experienced homelessness elsewhere and now lives, works, or contributes here) 2. Resilience and Growth (required): Describe the obstacles they have overcome and the personal growth they have demonstrated. 3. Impact on Others (required): Share how the nominee has inspired, supported, advocated, or positively influenced others. 4. Community Engagement or Leadership (optional): Note any volunteerism, advocacy, peer leadership, or community contributions.
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