# PLAN FOR ACCELERATING TRANSFORMATIVE HOUSING (PATH) INNOVATIONS COMMITTEE

January 16, 2025, 9:30 – 11:00 am

# WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

*Matt Lemon, Focus Strategies*

*PATH Innovations Committee is comprised of a diverse group of community stakeholders and CoC partners who commit to leading, monitoring, implementing, and assigning priorities to reduce unsheltered homelessness by 75% in alignment with the Regional Action Plan.*

# INTRODUCTIONS

PATH Committee Members

H3 Staff

Focus Strategies

Stakeholders

# WORKGROUP MEETING NORMS

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# WORKGROUP MEETING NORMS

1. <u>Raise your hand</u> (virtually) before speaking

2. <u>Say your name and if you're a Committee member</u> before speaking

3. Maintain a <u>safe and respectful</u> environment, even when disagreeing

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

# WORKGROUP MEETING NORMS

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

# 2025 WORKPLAN REVIEW

*Jamie Schecter, H3*

# 2025 WORKPLAN STRATEGIES

## Strategy 1: Funding

- Support implementation of programs funded by Encampment Resolution Fund, Consolidated Housing and Homeless Services, and other local sources

## Strategy 2: Tools and Processes

- Review Unsheltered Data Dashboard metrics; Monitor and advise on adoption of prevention and Rapid Exit tools

## Strategy 3: Communication and Coordination

- Serve as though partner in development of Coordinated Prevention; Discuss innovative approaches and identify opportunities for partnership in the community

# 2025 WORKPLAN REVIEW

## PATH Innovations Committee Overview

The PATH Innovations Committee monitors projects related to the countywide goal of reducing unsheltered homelessness in Contra Costa County in alignment with the Regional Action Plan

| Annual Priorities | Audience | Goals and Activities | | | |
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| | | Q1: Jan - Mar | Q2: Apr - Jun | Q3: Jul - Sep | Q4: Oct - Dec |
| 1. Reduce Unsheltered Homelessness<br>2. Target prevention and Rapid Exit resources to overrepresented groups<br>3. Monitor encampment intervention services<br>4. Monitoring shelter flow and capacity<br>5. Monitor development of new housing opportunities + pipeline | 1. Providers in the Homelessness Response System<br>2. Stakeholders interested in data driven innovations to reduce unsheltered homelessness<br>3. People experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness | Goals: Orient new members; Assess opportunities to monitor shelter and development of new housing opportunities<br><br>Committee Activities:<br>- Review 2025 Workplan<br>- Review unsheltered data dashboard<br><br><br>Workgroup Activities:<br>- Meet with 1-2 stakeholders to hear about shelter, housing, or other community approaches<br>- Monitor/advise on adoption of prevention and Rapid Exit tools | Goals: Monitor/advise on adoption of Prevention tool<br><br>Committee Activities:<br>- Review unsheltered data dashboard<br>- Review PIT/HIC Count insights<br>- Review status and recommendations on prevention prioritization tool<br><br>Workgroup Activities:<br>- Meet with 1-2 stakeholders to hear about shelter, housing, or other community approaches<br>- Monitor/advise on adoption of prevention and Rapid Exit tools<br>- Review updates on Coordinated Prevention, prevention pilots, and shallow subsidy | Goals: Review status and outcomes for Prevention/Rapid Exit<br><br>Committee Activities:<br>- Review unsheltered data dashboard<br>- Review Annual Report insights<br>- Review status and outcomes for Prevention/Rapid Exit, emphasis on new AB109 funds<br><br>Workgroup Activities:<br>- Meet with 1-2 stakeholders to hear about shelter, housing, or other community approaches<br>- Monitor/advise on adoption of prevention and Rapid Exit tools<br>- Receive update on Encampment Resolution projects<br>- Review updates on Coordinated Prevention, prevention pilots, and shallow subsidy | Goals: Review efforts over the past year; Adopt priorities and workplan for 2026<br><br>Committee Activities:<br>- Review unsheltered data dashboard<br>- Review progress on activities and goals over the past year<br>- Review and adopt 2026 Workplan<br><br>Workgroup Activities:<br>- Review goals and priorities and develop 2026 workplan |

| Scratch Pad | Accountability Corner | |
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| Use this area to take note of draft or in progress ideas that may need further discussion before adding to the work plan | **January - March Update**<br>1. What goals/milestones were accomplished?<br>2. What new needs were identified? | **April - June Update**<br>1. What goals/milestones were accomplished?<br>2. What new needs were identified? |
| **Reference Round Up**<br>**SMARTIE Goals:**<br>https://www.managementcenter.org/resources/smartie-goals-worksheet/<br><br>**Previous Agendas and minutes:**<br>https://www.contracosta.ca.gov/AgendaCenter | **July - September Update**<br>1. What goals/milestones were accomplished?<br>2. What new needs were identified? | **October - December Update**<br>1. What goals/milestones were accomplished?<br>2. What new needs were identified? |

# REVIEW OF PROGRAM MODELS

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Homelessness Prevention

Rapid Exit

CARE Center (Case Management)

Outreach

Shelters

Rapid Rehousing

Permanent Supportive Housing

# COC PROGRAM MODELS

# HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION PROGRAM MODEL

**Purpose**: To keep people from experiencing literal homelessness for the first time or returning to it after being permanently housed

**Eligibility**: Must meet HUD definition of "at-risk" within 14 days (unless funding source allows for more flexibility)

**Referral Process**: Coordinated Entry - 211

**Required Elements**: Housing problem solving and financial assistance

# RAPID EXIT PROGRAM MODEL

Purpose:  To those who literally homeless to exit the homeless system of care to temporary or permanent housing using housing problem solving and one-time financial assistance if needed.

Eligibility: Individuals and families who are literally homeless and have a housing solution identified.

Referral Process: Coordinated Entry – CORE, CARE Centers and Shelters

Required Elements: Trauma-informed housing problem solving, financial assistance

# CARE CENTER (CASE MANAGEMENT) PROGRAM MODEL

Purpose: To serve as a CE access point for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness by providing basic needs services such as meals, showers, laundry and case management

Eligibility: Individuals and families experiencing unsheltered homelessness for case management

Referral Process: Self Refer, 211, CORE

Required Elements: Drop-in center and housing focused case management

*For more information on our CARE Centers, see our flyer, here:* 63870200295677o000

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# OUTREACH PROGRAM MODEL

Purpose: To serve as a CE access point for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness by providing basic needs services such as meals, showers, laundry and case management

Eligibility: Individuals and families experiencing unsheltered homelessness for case management

Referral Process: 211, press 3 for CORE

Required Elements: Drop-in center and housing focused case management

# SHELTER PROGRAM MODEL

**Purpose**: To provide trauma-informed, safe interim housing for people experiencing literal homelessness while supporting their access to permanent housing opportunities.

**Eligibility**: Individuals and families experiencing literal homelessness; Priority given to families, seniors (62+), and people with multiple disabilities

**Referral Process**: Coordinated Entry - CORE (with some shelters being self refer)

**Required Elements**: Housing focused case management, 2 meals per day and no lengths of stay

*For more information on which shelters take direct referrals, see our flyer, here:*
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# RAPID REHOUSING (RRH) PROGRAM MODEL

**Purpose**: Permanently housing literally homeless individuals and families by providing housing location, move in assistance, medium-term subsidy that tapers down over time, and trauma informed supportive services that connect participants to community supports to help sustain their housing

**Eligibility**: Individuals and families must be literally homeless

**Referral Process**: Coordinated Entry

**Required Elements**: Housing First, Critical Time Intervention, medium-term rental assistance, assist with securing income, housing location, follow up assessments

# PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING (PSH) PROGRAM MODEL

- **Purpose**: Permanently house the most vulnerable in the CoC with permanent rental subsidy and supportive services.

- **Eligibility**: Chronically homeless individuals and families with documented permanent disabilities

- **Referral Process**: Coordinated Entry

- **Required Elements**: Housing First, voluntary services, participants pay no more than 30% of their income towards rent, housing location if scattered site.

# MONITORING AND ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

*Jamie Schecter, H3*

# STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT 2024

January – H3, Encampment Resolution Grant Overview

February – 211, prevention

March – H3, System Performance Measures

April – H3, coordinated prevention

May – Equity Committee, committee overview

June – Community Advisory Board, re-entry presentation

July – Bay Area Community Services, prevention pilot

August – H3, CoC Satisfaction Survey

September - Cancelled

October – RYSE Center, Direct Cash Transfer

November – CORE, encampment resolution

December – None, workplan only

Previous meeting materials can be found online – Pre-October 2024 and Post-October 2024

# DISCUSSION: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENGAGEMENT

Priorities in the 2025 workplan include targeting prevention and Rapid Exit and engaging with stakeholders to hear about shelter, housing, and other community approaches

Discussion Questions

- Are there other groups that PATH Committee members are part of that should be engaged?

- Are there additional topics or groups that would help the Committee understand and monitor efforts to reduce unsheltered homelessness?

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

# NEXT STEPS

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# UPCOMING MEETINGS

- February 20, 2025 (Committee Meeting)

- March 20, 2025 (Working Group Meeting)

- April 17, 2025 (Working Group Meeting)