

Present Alejandra Chamberlain, Verneda Clapp, Sherina Criswell, Hope Dixon, Wayne Earl, Maria E Fairbanks, Carolyn Foudy, Susan Leslie Gleason, Nicole Green, Juno Hedrick, Gabriel Lemus, LeAnn Matthews, Yahel Moreno, Courtney Pal, Shawn Ray, and Tony Ucciferri

Absent Danielle Jimenez, and Heather Worobey

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

3.

Attachments: [COH Minutes 3.6.25](#)
[COH Staff Report 4.3.25](#)

A. APPROVE minutes from the March 6, 2025 Council meeting and B. APPROVE staff report for the April 3, 2025 Council meeting

Motion: Criswell

Second: Ucciferri

Aye: Chamberlain, Clapp, Criswell, Earl, Foudy, Leslie Gleason, Green, Hedrick, Lemus, Moreno, Pal, Ray, and Ucciferri

Nay: Matthews

Absent: Jimenez, and Worobey

Abstain: Dixon, and E Fairbanks

Result: Passed

4.

Attachments: [HMIS Client Revocation Form - DRAFT2](#)
[HMISClientRevocationForm OLD](#)

Kimberly presented the proposed revisions of the HMIS Client Revocation of Consent form, which is used when a client wants to take back the permission they previously gave to share their information with partner agencies. The new version is more user-friendly, with clearer language, and options for clients to set their record to private or anonymize it. The form was approved by the HMIS Policy Committee on March 11th, 2025. The next step is to translate the form into Spanish and other languages as needed. The form’s submission is usually within 48 hours and may be submitted to the service provider or directly to the H3 team.

To approve the Revocation Form as recommended by the HMIS Policy Committee.

Motion: Ucciferri

Second: Matthews

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

The Youth Advisory Board (YAB) has been actively engaged in various activities and meetings. In the month of March, they held subcommittee meetings, continued working with county partners, and participated in the Homebase training for impact of stipends and taxes for public benefits. They also submitted the YAB bylaws and participated in restorative work with the community. The YAB celebrated their 1st anniversary on March 14th. In the coming month, they plan to collaborate with Alameda County, continue their partnership with Rainbow, and meet with the Contra Costa Health Community Education and Information team to improve their social media presence. They will also continue to participate in the Housing Needs Assessment Committee and the Housing RFP Panel. YAB is also awaiting the HUD's Youth Homeless Demonstration HDP FY 2024 NOFO award results.

6. Old Business: Update: 2025 Point-In-Time Count

Yesenia Aguilar presented an update on the 2025 Point-in-Time count, highlighting the successful collection of 433 surveys and thanking the volunteers and agencies for their support. Jaime Jenett added that the number of surveys gathered was statistically significant and exceeded their sample size. The team also discussed the process of data collection and the importance of the observational count.

7. Old Business: Funding Updates

The Housing and Homeless Services RFP is scheduled to go to the Board of Supervisors for approval on April 15th, 2025, with contracts starting on July 1st or later. Other funding updates included the NOFO CoC 2024 federal funding, which went through a temporary pause for all activities related to the fund disbursement of federal financial assistance for CoC and ESG programs but were subsequently resumed. The CoC was awarded \$22.3 million in funding for renewal projects and one new project. Some agencies have received their grant agreements, which include new compliance requirements. The City of Richmond has posted a Request For Qualifications for services supporting the unhoused, with applications due on April 14th, 2025. Applicants should register and apply through the City of Richmond's Online Bidding System [here](#). Anyone interested in receiving email notifications and updates from Contra Costa County's CoC Funding Opportunities page can sign up for the newsletter [here](#).

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Attachments: [Attachment A](#)

The California Department of Housing and Community Development Department, also known as HCD, receives emergency solutions grant (ESG) funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development agency (HUD), which provides funds for a variety of activities to address homelessness. The recommendations for the 2025-2026 Emergency Solutions Grant funding were presented, with an estimate of \$399,140 available. A total of six (6) applications were received and approved and a list of the agencies was shared. Almost eight percent (7.5%) will be allocated for administration and the rest for projects across homeless prevention, rapid rehousing, street outreach, and emergency shelters.

To approve the 2025/2026 Federal Emergency Solutions Grant funding amounts as recommended by the Department of Conservation and Development.

Motion: **E Fairbanks**

Second: **Ucciferri**

Aye: Chamberlain, Clapp, Criswell, Dixon, Earl, E Fairbanks, Foudy, Green, Hedrick, Lemus, Matthews, Moreno, Pal, Ray, and Ucciferri

Absent: Jimenez, and Worobey

Abstain: Leslie Gleason

Result: Passed

- 9. New Business: (ACTION ITEM) DISCUSS and APPROVE 2025 Quarter 1 Council on Homelessness Recommendations for Report to County Board of Supervisors

The Council discusses their quarterly report to the Board of Supervisors and potential recommendations. They highlight a recent successful community forum on homelessness, called Homelessness 101, held at a local library, and propose having supervisors promote future events in their district newsletters.

The meeting was interrupted by a horrific “Zoom-bombing” incident. The Council and Continuum of Care strongly repudiate the racist, anti-Black statements and lewd video shared. These incidents are intended to denigrate and cause further harm to the most vulnerable in our community and runs counter to the values our CoC holds. The Zoom component of the meeting was suspended but the in-person component continued after a short break.

- 10. New Business: Conference Reports: Youth Empowerment Summit 2025, Housing California 2025

YAB members provided a recap of their attendance at the California Coalition for Youth event in Sacramento. The summit is attended by young people, community leaders and youth services providers around California to advocate and work collectively to prevent, intervene, and end youth homelessness. The next steps for YAB includes continuing advocacy, collaboration, and using guidelines and workshops as building structure and team bonding. The Council also considers ways to incorporate youth input and expand outreach efforts across different regions of the county.

Jamie Schecter provided a brief summary of the Housing California conference in Sacramento in March. This conference has an emphasis on affordable housing developments and ending homelessness. Contra Costa County CoC presented the spotlights at the conference.

- 11. Announcements

None

The next meeting is currently scheduled for Thursday, May 1, 2025

Adjourn

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