



PLAN FOR ACCELERATING TRANSFORMATIVE HOUSING (PATH) INNOVATIONS COMMITTEE

June 26, 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 monitor projects related to the countywide goal of reducing unsheltered homelessness in Contra Costa County in alignment with the [Regional Action Plan](#).

INTRODUCTIONS

PATH Committee Members
H3 Staff
Focus Strategies
Stakeholders

WORKGROUP MEETING NORMS

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1. Raise your hand (virtually) before speaking
2. Say your name and if you're a Committee member before speaking
3. Maintain a safe and respectful environment, even when disagreeing
4. Make and take space – 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.

PREVENTION
SCREENING TOOL
PILOT UPDATE

*Mary Juarez-Fitzgerald, H3 Coordinated Entry System
Manager*

NEW HOMELESS PREVENTION TRIAGE TOOL – ROLLOUT UPDATE

Purpose of the Tool:

- To more effectively target **limited homelessness prevention resources** for households most at risk of becoming literally homeless
- Improve **targeting, consistency, and equity** in prevention referrals across the Coordinated Entry (CE) system

Why Now?

- Previous screening approach was based broadly on eligibility, making it difficult to ensure resources reached those at greatest risk
- Designed to align with national best practices (e.g., SSVF) and reflect local data-driven insights
- Aligns with our system goals of **reducing inflow**

Background & Development

- Developed through our **two-year partnership with Community Solutions** as part of the **Housing Stabilization Learning Cohort, network of Homeless Prevention Service Providers, and People with Lived Experience**
- Focused on strengthening upstream prevention and building systemwide triage practices

TOOL DESIGN & KEY RISK FACTORS

The new prevention triage tool assesses a household's risk of entering homelessness by examining **10 key domains** commonly associated with housing instability. These include:

- Imminent risk of housing loss
- Extremely low or no income
- History of homelessness or evictions
- Legal system involvement
- Disabilities and health concerns
- Family composition and caregiving responsibilities
- Risk of subsidy loss or unstable leaseholder status
- Representation in populations disproportionately represented in homelessness response system

IMPLEMENTATION & NEXT STEPS

Pilot Implementation:

- Launching next week with **211 Contra Costa Crisis Center**
- Tool used at first contact with households seeking prevention assistance

Referral Pathway:

- Households indicating higher risk are referred to **CE-connected prevention programs**
- Others receive **referrals to alternative community-based resources**

HMIS Integration & Training:

- Fully embedded in **HMIS**, with auto-scoring and referral guidance
- Assessors trained to ensure consistent and accurate application

Next Steps:

- **Monitor usage** and referral trends
- Conduct **quarterly evaluations in FY25/26** to assess tool impact and equity outcomes

THANK YOU

STAKEHOLDER
SPOTLIGHT: CAL AIM
TEAM

Ryan Tapia, H3

Justin Pennell, H3

CAL AIM HOUSING DEPOSIT SERVICES

INCLUDES:

1. Security deposits required to lease an apartment or home.
2. Set-up fees/ deposits for utilities and payment of arrears.
3. First month coverage of utilities.
4. Services necessary for the individual's health and safety necessary to meet HUD quality standards.
5. Application fees to cover the cost of the lease application.
6. Household Goods and other medically-necessary adaptive aids and services, designed to preserve an individuals' health and safety in the home.

CAL AIM HOUSING DEPOSIT SERVICES

DOES NOT INCLUDE:

1. First month's and last month's rent as required by landlord for occupancy.
 - a. 7/1/2025: Coverage of Room and Board is limited to Short-Term Post Hospitalization Housing, Recuperative Care, and Transitional Rent.

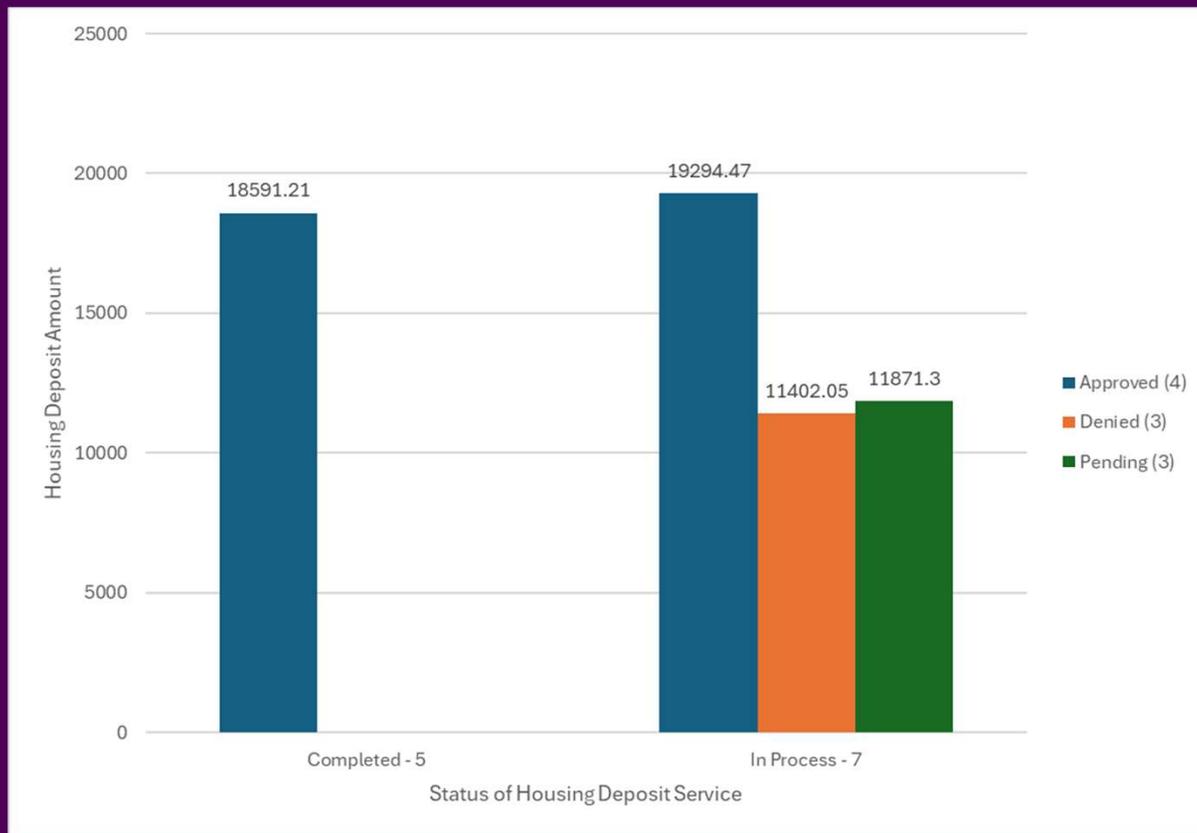
ELIGIBILITY

1. Individuals who meet **BOTH** social & clinical risk requirements:
 - a. **Social Risk Factor Requirement:**
 1. Experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

AND
 - b. **Clinical Risk Factor Requirement:** (1 or more of the following)
 1. Meets criteria for SMHS;
 2. Meets criteria for DMC or DMC-ODS;
 3. Has 1 or more serious chronic physical health conditions;
 4. 1 or more physical, intellectual, or developmental disabilities; or
 5. Individuals who are pregnant up through 12 months postpartum.
2. Individuals who are eligible for Transitional Rent.
3. Individuals prioritized for PSH or rental subsidy through CE.

HOUSING DEPOSIT SERVICES

3/1/2025 - TODAY



PATH COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Shelby Ferguson, H3

CURRENT STATE

- Monthly meetings
 - 2 work group meetings per quarter
 - 1 in-person committee meeting per quarter, typically aligned with Oversight committee date
- Only Council on Homelessness meeting on monthly schedule
- Meetings shortened depending on agenda items

PROPOSED FUTURE OPTIONS

➤ 6 – 8 meetings per year

- Keep the same scheduling of Third Thursday from 9:30 – 11:00 am
- Reschedule for holidays

➤ Align with Oversight Committee

- Meets every other month – 6 meetings per year
- Alternates between committee and work groups

➤ Align with Equity Committee

- Meets twice a quarter
- No meeting in first month of quarter, in person meeting in second month, work group in third month

DISCUSSION

- Keep current schedule
 - Cancel meetings with light agendas or reduce time?
- Align with Oversight Committee
 - For members on both committees, is it easier or harder to have both committees on the same day?
- Align with Equity Committee
 - Meets twice a quarter
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT STEPS

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

- July 17, 2025 (Working Group Meeting)
- August 21, 2025 (Committee Meeting)
- September 18, 2025 (Working Group Meeting)