



CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS MEETING

COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS MINUTES

Date: Thursday, January 8, 2026, 1 pm – 3 pm

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

Council Member Attendance:

- In-Person (19): Alejandra Chamberlain, Anastasia Lockwood, Belinda Jackson-Thomas, Courtney Pal, Dani Jimenez, Donnie Diego, Gabriel Lemus, Heather Worobey, Jared Murti, Juno Hedrick, LeAnn Matthews, Mia Fairbanks, Nicole Green, Ralph Payton, Shawn Ray, Sherina Criswell, Tony Ucciferri, Verneda Clapp, Wayne Earl
- Remote (0): None.
- Absent (0): None.

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

Community Member Attendance:

- In-person: None.
- Remote: Jill Ray, Board of Supervisors District 2; Aaron Higginbotham, Community member; Serene Terrazas, Community member; Lisa Malul, Crisis Center; Elizabeth Winstead, Department of Rehabilitation; Brittany Ferguson, H3; Carina Rodriguez-Pena, H3; Caroline Miller, H3; Jacqueline Franco, H3; Janel Fletcher, H3; Mary Juarez-Fitzgerald, H3; Vi Ibarra, H3; Yessenia Aguilar, H3; Seham Said, Impact Justice; Carmen Cano, LAO Family Community Development; Greg Colley, Multi-Faith ACTION Coalition; Hang Mosier, SAHA Homes; Alicia Alferez, SHELTER, Inc.; Cynthia Chavez, SHELTER, Inc.; Daniel Barth, SOS Richmond; Janny Castillo, SOS Richmond.



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AGENDA ITEM

1) Call to Order

A. Chair starts the meeting:

Speaker: Juno Hedrick, Vice *Chair & Lived Experience Representative*

Juno Hedrick called the meeting to order.

2) Introductions

A. Meeting Norms:

Speaker: Juno Hedrick, Vice *Chair & Lived Experience Representative*

Juno Hedrick 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. A memo describing two updates to the Brown Act for advisory bodies were released at the beginning of 2026. State law requires that a copy of the Brown Act be distributed to all members of Brown Act bodies and this will be shared with all members.

B. Roll call of Council members and introduction of guests:

Speaker: Juno Hedrick, Vice *Chair & Lived Experience Representative*

Juno Hedrick conducted a roll call of Council members and invited guests to introduce themselves in the chat.

C. Poll – Who's in the room?

Speaker: Juno Hedrick, Vice *Chair & Lived Experience Representative*

Juno Hedrick conducted the poll activity via Mentimeter. All answers are anonymous and the results are provided below:

- Question 1: How many Council on Homelessness meetings have you attended?**

This is my first meeting:	2 (10%)
I've attended some meetings:	4 (20%)
I've attended a lot of meetings:	14 (70%)
I prefer not to answer:	0 (0%)

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

Yes, currently	3 (14%)
Yes, within the past 7 years	1 (5%)
Yes, more than 7 years ago	3 (14%)



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No	14 (67%)
I prefer not to answer	0 (0%)

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

African American/Black	5 (21%)
American Indian/Alaskan Native	3 (13%)
Asian/Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian	2 (8%)
Hispanic/Latinx	3 (13%)
White	8 (33%)
Multi-racial	1 (4%)
I describe myself in another way	1 (4%)
I prefer not to answer	1 (4%)

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 December 4, 2025 Council meeting

- B. APPROVE staff report for the January 8, 2026 Council meeting

- C. APPROVE rescheduling Council on Homelessness Meeting on July 2, 2026 to July 9, 2026

Speaker: Juno Hedrick, Vice *Chair & Lived Experience Representative*

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

Motion

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



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5) Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Update

A. Update on CoC NOFO and Funding Committee

Speaker: Mark Mora, *Homebase*, and Jamie Schechter, *H3*

Mark Mora and Jamie Schechter provided an update on the HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) competition. The FY 2025 CoC NOFO, originally released on 11/13/25, was withdrawn by HUD on 12/8/25. The Contra Costa CoC then paused the local competition on 12/2/25. HUD then re-issued a second version of the FY 2025 CoC NOFO on 12/19/25. On 12/23/25 a Court Order effectively blocked the FY 2025 NOFO until further notice and ordered HUD to take steps to process renewal of grants from the two-year FY 2024-25 NOFO which was originally released in July 2024. More details will come as HUD must release a plan and deadlines to process those renewals by February. However, it's important to note that HUD reserves the right to implement the FY 2025 NOFO if and when a court order does not preclude it from doing so.

Jaime added that the Funding Committee is expected to be active in the early part of 2026 to prepare for the FY 2026 CoC NOFO which is expected to mirror the significant changes from the currently blocked FY 2025 CoC NOFO. There also may be additional impact on the NOFO competition if Congress does not pass the budget bill at the end of January 2026.

6) Committee Report Outs

A. Point-In-Time Count Committee

Speaker: Janel Fletcher, *H3*

Janel Fletcher announced the date for the upcoming Point-In-Time (PIT) Count, set for January 29, 2026, from 5:30 – 9:00 am. There is a need for volunteers, and the volunteer responsibilities were explained. All volunteers may register at Contra Costa Health's website [here](#). All questions may be sent to PITcount@cchealth.org or call or text at (925) 464-0152.

B. Youth Action Board (YAB) Update

Presenter: Juno Hedrick, *Vice Chair & Lived Experience Representative* and Anastasia Lockwood, *YAB Member and Outreach and Retention Facilitator*

Anastasia shared the different activities that YAB members accomplished in the month of December, which included subcommittee communications, workgroups, bimonthly hybrid meetings with H3 and RYSE, youth PIT survey, peer support check-ins, among others. YAB members also continue to participate in the national YAB space and coordinating with YAB members from across the country, including Alameda County, and Marin County. YAB



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applications for new members was recently closed, and they received a total of 17 applications for five vacant seats. The scoring group was developed with auto-scored factors by YAB leadership members. The acceptance notification was sent on December 18, 2025 and YAB members will meet with the new members on January 8, 2026. For 2026, YAB Board's goals will be to welcome the new five YAB members; have a strong social media presence; reconvene youth and young adult strategic planning; work on youth PIT survey; release updates to 2024 Community Needs Assessment; and schedule a retreat for team building. Anyone interested in connecting with YAB can send an email at ContraCostaYAB@cchealth.org or call at (925) 500-3237.

7) New Business

A. Select 2026 Council on Homelessness Chair and Vice Chair (ACTION ITEM)

Speaker: Jaime Jenett, *H3*

Jaime Jenett shared the Chair and Vice Chair responsibilities. Nicole Green was proposed to be the Chair and Juno Hedrick as the Vice Chair.

Motion

- State of Motion:
 - To approve both COH members above as Chair and Vice Chair for Council on Homelessness.
- Discussion:
 - None.
- Procedural Record:
 - Motion made by: Sherina Criswell.
 - Seconded by: Verneda Clapp.
 - AYES: Alejandra Chamberlain, Anastasia Lockwood, Belinda Jackson-Thomas, Courtney Pal, Dani Jimenez, Donnie Diego, Gabriel Lemus, Heather Worobey, Jared Murti, LeAnn Matthews, Mia Fairbanks, Ralph Payton, Shawn Ray, Sherina Criswell, Tony Ucciferri, Verneda Clapp, Wayne Earl.
 - NOES: None.
 - ABSTAINS: Juno Hedrick, Nicole Green.
 - UNABLE TO VOTE: None.

B. Selection 2026 Council on Homelessness Committee Members (

Speaker: Jaime Jenett, *H3*

Jaime Jenett explained the purpose, timing, and membership for each of the committee. The recruitment for COH Nominating Committee, Point-in-Time Count Workgroup, and



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Homelessness Awareness Month Workgroup will come at a later time. The distribution of membership from COH members for the committees were as follows:

Oversight Committee: Alejandra Chamberlain, Belinda Jackson-Thomas, Courtney Pal, Donnie Diego, Juno Hedrick, Ralph Payton, Shawn Ray, Verneda Clapp, and Wayne Earl.

HMIS Policy Committee: Gabriel Lemus, Heather Worobey, Juno Hedrick, LeAnn Matthews, Mia Fairbanks, Nicole Green, and Tony Ucciferri.

Funding Committee: Courtney Pal, Dani Jimenez, Jared Murti, Juno Hedrick, Nicole Green, Sherina Criswell, and Wayne Earl.

Governance Committee: Anastasia Lockwood, Dani Jimenez, Jared Murti, Juno Hedrick, LeAnn Matthews, Sherina Criswell, and Tony Ucciferri.

Motion

- State of Motion:
 - To approve the 2026 committee selections for Council on Homelessness members.
- Discussion:
 - None.
- Procedural Record:
 - Motion made by: Tony Ucciferri.
 - Seconded by: Dani Jimenez.
 - AYES: Alejandra Chamberlain, Anastasia Lockwood, Belinda Jackson-Thomas, Courtney Pal, Dani Jimenez, Donnie Diego, Gabriel Lemus, Heather Worobey, Jared Murti, Juno Hedrick, LeAnn Matthews, Mia Fairbanks, Nicole Green, Ralph Payton, Shawn Ray, Sherina Criswell, Tony Ucciferri, Verneda Clapp, Wayne Earl.
 - NOES: None.
 - ABSTAINS: None.
 - UNABLE TO VOTE: None.

8) General Announcements

A. General Announcements:

Speaker: Juno Hedrick, Vice *Chair & Lived Experience Representative*

- None.

9) Pin It

Speaker: Jaime Jenett, *H3*

- The next COH meeting will be on February 5, from 1:00 – 3:00pm.



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- A list of upcoming meetings was shared and will also be sent via email. Calendar meeting invites to all committee meetings will be sent out to COH Council members based on the committees for which they signed up.



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Commonly Used Acronyms

Acronym	Definition
APR	Annual Performance Report (for HUD homeless programs)
BIPOC	Black and Indigenous People of Color
CARE	Coordinated Assessment and Resource
CCYCS	Contra Costa Youth Continuum of Services
CDBG, CDBG-CV	Community Development Block Grant (federal and state programs) and the federal Community Development Block Grant CARES Act coronavirus allocation.
CESH	California Emergency Solutions and Housing program (state funding)
Continuum of Care (CoC)	Continuum of Care approach to assistance to the homeless. Federal grant program promoting and funding permanent solutions to homelessness.
Con Plan	Consolidated Plan, a locally developed plan for housing assistance and urban development under CDBG.
CORE	Coordinated Outreach Referral, Engagement program
COVID-19	Coronavirus
DCD	(Contra Costa County) Department of Conservation and Development
DOC	Department Operations Center
EHSD	(Contra Costa County) Employment and Human Services Division
EOC	Emergency Operations Center
ESG and ESG-CV	Emergency Solutions Grant (federal and state program) and the federal Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act coronavirus allocation.
ESG-CV	Emergency Solutions Grant CARES
FMR	Fair Market Rent (maximum rent for Section 8 rental assistance/CoC grants)
HCD	Housing and Community Development (State office)
HEAP	Homeless Emergency Aid Program (State funding)
HEARTH	Homeless Emergency and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009
HHAP	Homeless Housing and Assistance Program
HMIS	Homeless Management Information System
HOME	Home Investment Partnerships (CPD program)
HUD	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (federal)
MHSA	Mental Health Services Act
NOFA/NOFO	Notice of Funding Availability/ Notice of Funding Opportunity
PHA	Public Housing Authority
PUI	Persons Under Investigation
PWLE	People With Lived Experience of Homelessness
SAMHSA	Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration
SRO	Single-Room Occupancy housing units
SSDI	Social Security Disability Income
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
TA	Technical Assistance



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Acronym	Definition
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