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Contra Costa Council on Homelessness

Thursday, October 17, 2024

9:30 AM

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PATH Innovations Committee

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

PATH Innovations Packet 10.17.24

[24-3407](#)

Attachments: [PATH Innovations Committee Meeting Agenda and packet 10.17.24](#)

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).
3. Working Group Meeting Norms
4. Review of 2025 Workplan
Discussion of draft workplan and strategies
5. Prevention Prioritization Tool
Review of proposed pilot tool for use in prioritization of applicants for prevention resources
6. RFP Updates
Review of available resources and RFP process
7. Stakeholder Spotlight
RYSE Center - Direct Cash Transfers as Prevention (DCT-P)

The next meeting is currently scheduled for Thursday, November 21, 2024.

Adjourn

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Staff Report

File #: 24-3407

Agenda Date: 10/17/2024

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Advisory Board: Contra Costa Council on Homelessness
Subject: PATH Innovations Committee WG Packet 10.17.24
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PLAN FOR ACCELERATING TRANSFORMATIVE HOUSING (PATH) INNOVATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

WORKING GROUP AGENDA

DATE: Thursday, October 17th, 2024, 9:30 am – 11:00 am

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	<u>Working Group Meeting Norms</u>	- <i>Matt Lemon, Focus Strategies</i>
9:50	<u>Review of 2025 Workplan</u> – Discussion of draft workplan and strategies	- <i>Jamie Schecter, H3</i>
10:10	<u>Coordinated Prevention & Prioritization Pilot Updates</u> – Receive update on Coordinated Prevention efforts & proposed pilot prioritization of applicants for prevention resources.	- <i>Mary Juarez-Fitzgerald, H3</i>
10:25	<u>Request for Proposal (RFP) Updates</u> – Review of available resources and RFP process	- <i>Shelby Ferguson, H3</i>
10:35	<u>Provider Spotlight: RYSE Center - Direct Cash Transfers as Prevention (DCT-P)</u>	- <i>Caroline Miller, H3</i> - <i>Kanwarpal Dhaliwal, RYSE Center</i>
10:50	<u>Announcements</u>	- <i>All</i>
10:55	<u>Next Steps</u>	- <i>Matt Lemon, Focus Strategies</i>



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Commonly Used Acronyms and Terms

Acronym	Definition
APR	Annual Performance Report (for HUD homeless programs)
BOS	Board of Supervisors (Contra Costa County)
BCSH	California Business Consumer, Services and Housing Agency
CARE	Coordinated Assessment and Resource
CCACS/CCYCS	Contra Costa Adult Continuum of Service/ Contra Costa Youth Continuum of Services (H3 programs)
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)
COH	Council on Homelessness
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.
CES/CE	Coordinated Entry
CNWS	Concord Naval Weapons Station
CORE	Coordinated Outreach Referral, Engagement program
COVID-19	Coronavirus
DCD	Contra Costa Department of Conservation and Development
DOC	Department Operations Center
CDSS	California Department of Social Services
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.
FMR	Fair Market Rent (maximum rent for Section 8 rental assistance/CoC grants)
HCD	Housing and Community Development (State office)
HCFC	Housing Coordinating and Financing Council (state governing board under BCSH)
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 (state funding);
HMIS	Homeless Management Information System
HOME	Home Investment Partnerships (CPD program)
Homekey	California funding to support development of interim and permanent housing
HUD	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (federal)
MHSA	Mental Health Services Act



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Acronym	Definition
NOFO	Notice of Funding Opportunity
PHA	Public Housing Authority
Project Roomkey	COVID-related State funding program to support de-congregating homeless shelters using hotels/motels.
PSH	Permanent Supportive Housing
PUI	Persons Under Investigation
RFP/RFQ/LOI	Request for Proposal/Request for Qualifications/Letter of Intent related to funding opportunities
RRH	Rapid Rehousing
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



PLAN FOR ACCELERATING TRANSFORMATIVE HOUSING (PATH) INNOVATIONS COMMITTEE

October 17 2024, 9:30 – 11:00am

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% by the end of 2024.

INTRODUCTIONS

PATH Committee Members

H3 Staff

Focus Strategies

Stakeholders

WORKGROUP MEETING NORMS

Matt Lemon, Focus Strategies

WORKGROUP MEETING NORMS

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

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2025 WORKPLAN DEVELOPMENT AND FEEDBACK

Jamie Schechter, H3

2025 COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

By the end of 2024, all Council on Homelessness Committees will develop workplans for calendar year 2025*

The workplans will:

- Outline the Committee's activities for the year
- Clarify connections between activities and the Committee's objectives
- Roll up to a high-level workplan for Council on Homelessness

*The PATH Innovations Committee will adopt a final workplan at the November 2024 meeting

STRATEGY 1: FUNDING

Encampment Resolution Funds

- Support implementation of ERF-funded programs
- Inform CoC's strategy for encampment intervention and monitor results

Consolidated Housing and Homeless Services

- Support implementation of programs funded by CHHS and other local sources of flexible funds

STRATEGY 2: TOOLS AND PROCESSES

Unsheltered Dashboard

- Review and adopt revisions to unsheltered metrics to monitor progress on Committee goals

Coordinated Prevention

- Monitor and advise on adoption of prevention and Rapid Exit tools

STRATEGY 3: COMMUNICATION AND COORDINATION

Coordinated Prevention

- Serve as thought partner in development of Coordinated Prevention approach

Provider and Stakeholder Engagement

- Discuss innovative approaches and identify opportunities for partnerships in the community
- Explore models of landlord engagement

WORKPLAN DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Feedback, please!

- This is a first draft meant for feedback

Alignment with CoH committees

- Identify points of collaboration

High level

- Build in flexibility as our work is iterative and dynamic

Ambitious

- Keep striving for high impact

Strategic

- Build on identified priorities and strategies

COORDINATED PREVENTION & PRIORITIZATION PILOT UPDATES

Mary Juarez-Fitzgerald, H3

CONTEXT: COORDINATED PREVENTION WORK & PROGRESS

2022/2023 H3 & Cohort of Providers began participating in Housing Stabilization Learning Cohort to support needed improvements to Prevention System in Contra Costa

This work identified needs around expanding our network of providers; and improving how folks are prioritized for prevention support

Late 2023 H3 received \$194,955 for Prevention Capacity Building efforts from Community Solutions & expanded network of Prevention providers through use of MX & other funds

Over time, various efforts have taken place to improve Prevention

PREVENTION PRIORITIZATION EFFORTS



Started with Feedback: Prevention Providers & Stakeholders emphasized need for a better way to prioritize people experiencing the greatest barriers to housing stability



Partnership with BACS + All Home to pilot a new way to prioritize with their Keep People Housed Prevention Platform



Coordinated Entry Team, with support from Community Solutions, research Prevention across the nation to explore different Prioritization tools

PRIORITIZATION GOALS



Keep it Simple

Prioritize those with the **Greatest Barriers** to Housing

Prioritize those who are **Overrepresented** in the System of Care + **Underrepresented** in Prevention Program

PRIORITIZATION PILOT TOOL: FACTORS

Housing Loss Timeline

Income

History of Homelessness

Lease / Subsidy History

Eviction History

Criminal Justice Involvement

Health

Children & Pregnancy

Equity



ALL CE Prevention Providers recommend moving forward with Pilot of Tool



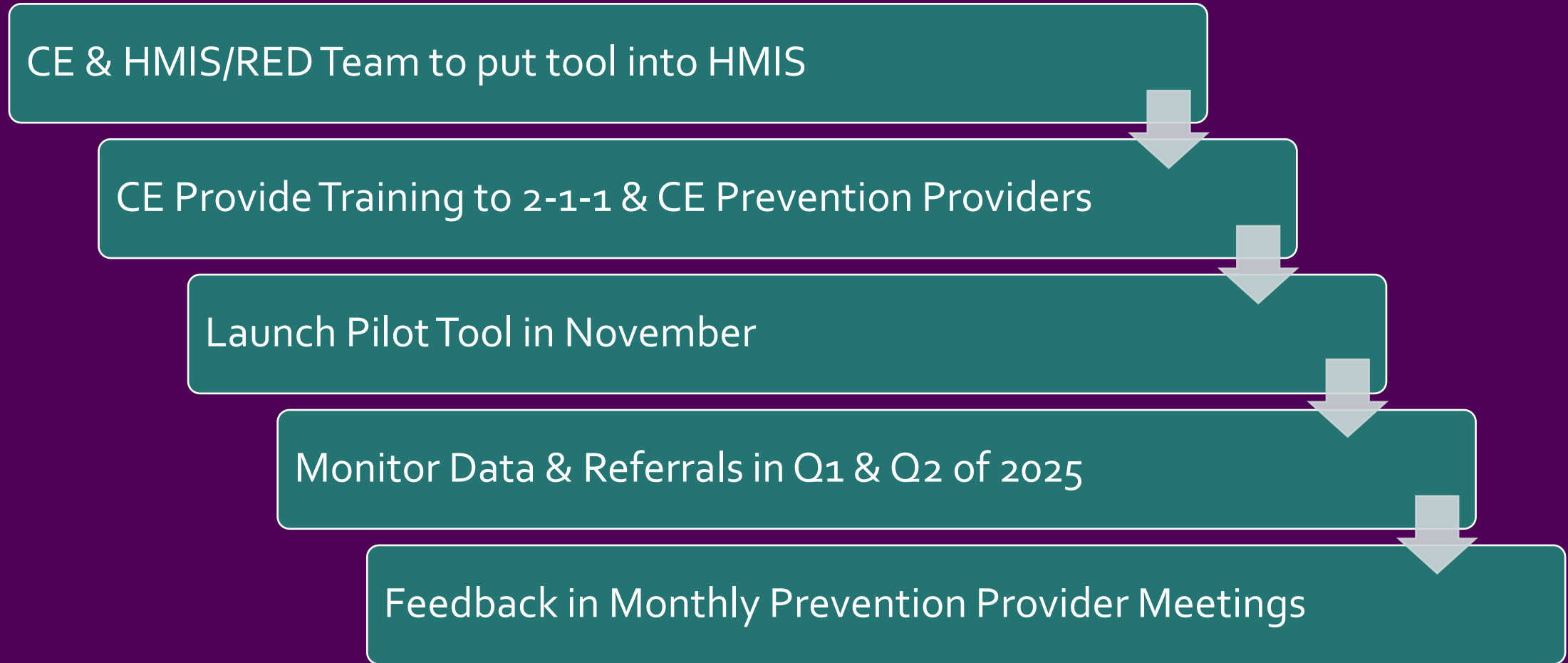
All CE Prevention providers believe these questions / factors will prioritize people facing the greatest barriers to housing



All CE Prevention providers agree this tool will help address inequities

PRIORITIZATION PILOT TOOL: CONSENSUS

NEXT STEPS



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) UPDATES

Shelby Ferguson, H3

CONSOLIDATED HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS RFP

- <https://www.cchealth.org/home/showdocument?id=30890&t=6386365523209747>
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Department of
Conservation and Development

This Consolidated Housing and Homelessness Funding Request for Proposals (RFP), previously known as the Measure X Housing Fund Request for Proposals, seeks proposals for four funding sources, the Measure X Housing Fund, AB109 prevention/rapid exit funds, funding dedicated to coordinated entry for mobile access points, and funding dedicated for homelessness diversion, rapid rehousing, and shallow subsidy for participants experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

RESPONSE DUE: November 22, 2024 by 5 pm

CONSOLIDATED HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS RFP

Applicant Information Session and Office Hours

- Information Session:
 - October 10, 2024, 9:30-11:00am
 - Recording and FAQ will be posted to our website
- Office Hours:
 - October 21, 2024, 12:00-2:00pm – register here: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)
 - November 4, 2024, 12:00-2:00pm – register here: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION FUNDING

- Contra Costa was awarded \$5.7m in Encampment Resolution Funding from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to address a San Pablo encampment
- Activities will include:
 - Outreach
 - Interim Housing
 - Flex Funds
 - Rapid Rehousing
 - Shallow Subsidies



PROVIDER
SPOTLIGHT:

RYSE CENTER - DIRECT
CASH TRANSFERS AS
PREVENTION (DCT-P)

Caroline Miller, H3

Kanwarpal Dhaliwal, RYSE Center

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT STEPS

Matt Lemon, Focus Strategies

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- November 21, 2024 (Committee Meeting)



PLAN FOR ACCELERATING TRANSFORMATIVE HOUSING (PATH) INNOVATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, August 15th, 2024, 9:30 am – 11:00 am

RECORDING OF MEETING:

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	Hybrid Meeting Norms	- <i>Matt Mitchell, Focus Strategies</i>
	Review and Approval of Minutes	- <i>Matt Mitchell, Focus Strategies</i>
	Public Comment – Open Period for public comment on items discussed or not listed on the agenda.	- <i>Members of the public</i>
9:50	Unsheltered Data Dashboard Review – Quarterly review of unsheltered metrics	- <i>Shelby Ferguson, H3</i>
10:00	CoC Participant Satisfaction Survey Results – Discuss the results of the 2024 survey with an emphasis on prevention and rapid exit surveys	- <i>Shelby Ferguson, H3</i>
10:10	Annual Report – Trends, benchmarks and successes from the 2024 H3 Annual Report	- <i>Shelby Ferguson, H3</i>
10:30	Measure X Funding Update – Review of available resources and RFP process	- <i>Shelby Ferguson, H3</i>
10:35	Community Solutions Funding Update – Review of Community Solutions grant application status	- <i>Mary Juarez-Fitzgerald, H3</i>
10:45	Housing Focused Case Management Training Update – Highlights and reflections from recent Housing Focused Case Management training session	- <i>Shelby Ferguson, H3</i>
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Welcome and Introductions

Committee Members in Attendance: Tony Ucciferri, Juno Hedrick, Deanne Pearn, Shawn Ray, Wayne Earl

Staff and Consultants: Shelby Ferguson (H3), Kate Horsting (H3), Mary Juarez-Fitzgerald (H3), Carina Rodriguez-Pena (H3), Matt Mitchell (FS), Matt Lemon (FS)

Additional Attendees: Jo Bruno, Jill Ray, Cynthia Chavez, Irma Bodden, Brianna Ramos

Hybrid Meeting Norms

Matt Mitchell described hybrid meetings norms including a recommendation to wear masks in person, practicing social distancing, raising your hand, saying your name before speaking and maintaining a safe and respectful environment. Individuals who behave in a manner that threatens the safety of the group or that does not honor meeting norms may be asked to leave.

Review and Approval of Minutes

This section of the agenda was postponed because the meeting was converted to a Working Group meeting.

Public Comment

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Unsheltered Data Dashboard Review

Shelby Ferguson provided a review of prevention and rapid exit data, as well as Sheriff's eviction data for the period April 2024 to June 2024. In the reporting period, 84% of exits from prevention programs were to temporary or permanent housing destinations. The total number of exits in the quarter was lower than in the prior quarter. This is the last quarter of the fiscal year, and constraints resulting from funding spend downs have led to a lower volume of households served through prevention and rapid exit programs. Although only a handful of households had negative exits, due to the smaller total number of exits these negative exits have impacted the successful exit rate to a greater extent. Shelby noted that the BACS prevention program remains in a pilot phase.

Shelby Ferguson shared that 402 eviction notices were served by the Sheriff's office in the April 2024-June 2024 time period. The volume of eviction notices served in this quarter is lower than the prior quarter, but remains high given the short time frame. Shelby noted that although eviction notices are a



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potential risk factor for entering homelessness, the households served did not necessarily access the Homelessness Response System.

Shelby Ferguson presented a 100% exit rate from rapid exit programs to temporary or permanent housing destinations. She noted that this rate was derived from seven total exits, and that Hope Solutions was the only rapid exit provider in the system. The low number of people served through rapid exit was due to the same reasons affecting prevention programs, related to closing out the fiscal year.

Deanne Pearn asked whether data was available on the number of eviction notices for which eviction was prevented, the number which resulted in removal, or any other outcome. Matt Mitchell responded that the level of detail was not available in the Sherriff's Office report, but that there was a subset available regarding removals. Shelby noted that although the data is not currently available, it would be helpful to know which households overlapped with homelessness services.

Jo Bruno inquired about data collection, including reasons behind evictions, and Shelby responded that information regarding reasons was not tracked. The Sherriff's Office reports have been made available for about a year and are also routinely presented to the Board of Supervisors. Wayne Earle noted that unofficial evictions are common in addition to the official evictions documented by the Sherriff's Office. Wayne asked whether this group was included in the data collected and inquired as to their eligibility for services through the system. Shelby responded that people in such circumstances would likely be eligible for services if they contacted 211 to seek services, but that they are not included in the data reported by the Sherriff's Office.

Jill Ray noted that the Sherriff's Office is mandated to serve eviction notices by the court, and that there were 72 writs of possession of property with tenant removal in the quarter, per the details included in the report. Only two of these tenant households were removed with force, indicating that the household did not voluntarily vacate. The group noted that the remaining households who were not removed must have found a different solution, such as a resolution or a voluntary move out. However, Jill Ray noted the possibility of a lag between a household being served an eviction notice and that household being removed from their unit, given the potential for a lengthy timeline with the possibility of appeals and court hearings.

Shawn Ray asked whether data is collected on the reasons behind households' loss of housing. Shelby responded that this data is collected for those who access prevention services in HMIS, and that the information could be pulled from HMIS for those households.

CoC Participant Satisfaction Survey Results

Shelby Ferguson presented the results of the 2024 annual survey of participants of contracted and funded homelessness services programs in the system. Several program types were included in the survey: prevention, rapid exit, CORE, CARE centers, shelters and transitional living programs, rapid



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rehousing and permanent supportive housing. The survey was developed by a lived experience advisory group and included questions on program participants' identities and experiences. Shelby shared that 605 surveys were submitted in 2024, most of which were from participants of permanent supportive housing, shelter, and rapid rehousing. Shelby speculated that this could be due to the residential nature of these programs, providing the stability which may be necessary for participants to access and complete the survey. She shared that 60% of survey respondents had been accessing services for 12 months or longer and noted that this aligned closely with the results from the prior year's survey.

Shelby Ferguson shared that 35 responses were from participants of prevention and rapid exit programs in the system. Of these respondents, 64% reported hearing about these services through 211, 26% through other service providers, and 10% from Coordinated Entry flyers. Surveys revealed a high level of positive feedback for prevention and rapid exit programs, including feelings of being treated with dignity and respect, a welcoming and safe environment, a likelihood of recommending the program to others, and optimism about the future, among other items.

Shelby Ferguson noted room for improvement regarding access to information on how to access services and resources available in the community. Potential strategies to address feedback include requiring CoC onboarding for new staff, implementing ongoing refresher trainings, providing resource sheets for managers, and providing flyers for clients with information on services and resources.

Juno Hedrick shared their perspective as someone who supported the administration of the survey among youth receiving services in the community. Juno noted that youth participants' experiences with programs may vary significantly from week to week or even day to day. Juno also noted that some youth expressed a lack of understanding as to why they were being asked some of the questions included in the survey. They recommended providing additional context for future surveys that better explains the reasoning behind each question. Shelby Ferguson indicated that a one-pager was provided with overall reasoning behind the survey, but not at the question level, and that more effort could have gone into distributing that document.

Wayne Earl shared that from his own experience with survey participation, the power differential between services providers and clients as well as the effects of trauma could lead to bias in responses. He acknowledged that he didn't have a solution to the problem to offer at this time, but that this could be an area for the group to dig into further. He recommended looking into asking a third party to execute the survey rather than the County. Shelby Ferguson emphasized that the surveys are optional and anonymous and that this is made explicit in the survey, but that perhaps more could be done to combat this issue.

Shelby Ferguson shared that a new section on demographics was added to the 2024 survey which was not included in prior years, although otherwise the survey has remained unchanged for the past few years. A few groups responded to the survey at disproportionately high rates relative to the



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representation of these groups in the Continuum of Care at large: Black, African American, or African people, Hispanic/Latina/e/o people, Asian or Asian American people, and households with children.

Shelby Ferguson shared that these results would be presented to the August 2024 Oversight Committee and the August 2024 Equity Committee, and that the September 2024 Equity Committee meeting would include feedback collection on potential improvements to the survey.

Annual Report

Shelby Ferguson presented highlights from the Annual Report. She shared that the purpose of the Annual Report is to provide a comprehensive summary of activities and outcomes related to the Homelessness Response System, and that this report covers data from the calendar year 2023.

Shelby Ferguson shared that the system has experienced an increase in program utilization at both the individual level and at the household level. There has been a 28% increase in households served between 2019 and 2023. She noted that the system has expanded its services, particularly for families with children. Over the past 5 years, enrollments have increased across a variety of program types. Crisis services included 66% of total system enrollments in 2023, 21% of enrollments were in prevention or diversion, and 13% were in permanent housing programs. Shelby shared that although there has been an increase in permanent housing program enrollments, the system still does not have the capacity to meet the need for these types of services in the community. Notably, there has been a 173% increase in prevention and diversion enrollments from 2019 to 2023. New prevention programs have been funded through Measure X and HHAP.

Shelby Ferguson noted that households with children make up 47% of households receiving prevention or diversion but make up smaller proportions of households receiving services from crisis response and permanent housing programs. Shelby shared that people who are Black, African American or African make up the largest racial or ethnic group receiving prevention, or diversion and rapid exit in the system. Overall, permanent housing exit rates are very high, ranging from 85%-100% across subpopulations receiving prevention services. Permanent housing exit rates are substantially lower from crisis response services.

Measure X Funding Update

Shelby Ferguson presented an update on the status of Measure X funding. Measure X recommendations from H3 were approved by the Board of Supervisors in June 2024. The Measure X Request for Proposals included multiple other funding sources in addition to Measure X, which can be used to support programs such as the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program, the Housing Disability Advocacy Program, and Probation.



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Shelby Ferguson shared that the targeted prevention program will focus on people with disabilities, people at imminent risk of losing their housing, and severely rent burdened people. The total recommended for prevention, diversion and rapid exit was \$2.74 million, including awards to four non-profit providers and about \$1 million dedicated to legal services.

Shelby Ferguson noted that about 60% of each award would be dedicated to direct financial assistance and 40% to staffing and operations. About 330 households are expected to be served through this funding, and each provider will have measurable outcomes built into their service plans. In the last year, 350 households were estimated to be served, but this goal was exceeded at 512 households, a majority of which were served in prevention programs and the remaining households in rapid exit programs.

Deanne Pearn expressed concerns that Hope Solutions would likely spend down their funding in the first six months of the year. She inquired about the possibility of setting monthly maximums so that funding can be extended year-round. She noted the burden on both clients and staff when assistance that meets the needs of clients is not available.

Mary Juarez-Fitzgerald noted that similar conversations were underway with 2-1-1. She shared that 2-1-1 can now send referrals directly to CalWorks, which has some prevention resources for families available. Mary reminded the group about the community goal of piloting a screening tool for prevention prioritization in an effort to identify people at highest risk of homelessness or with the highest housing barriers.

Deanne Pearn requested that others please not recommend walk-ins to Hope Solutions, as they do not have the capacity to keep up with the volume that they are receiving.

Wayne Earl echoed concerns about funding availability year-round and expressed a desire for more prevention and rapid exit funding in the system so that capacity could meet needs more effectively.

Community Solutions Funding Update

Mary Juarez-Fitzgerald presented an update on prevention capacity building funding from Community Solutions. Mary shared that the community has participated in a coordinated prevention cohort and technical assistance efforts over the past couple of years. Community Solutions awarded the County with funding in late 2023 for prevention capacity building. This funding was originally earmarked to support H3 Coordinated Entry and HMIS staff. However, Mary shared that some of these funds have been repurposed toward collaboration with 2-1-1, who triage a majority of prevention referrals in the community. These funds will be utilized to support the launch and pilot of a prevention tool with 2-1-1. Mary noted that prevention providers have been requesting a tool to help prioritize prevention referrals.



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Housing Focused Case Management Training Update

Shelby Ferguson presented an update on a recent Housing Focused Case Management Training that H3 provided to shelter, CORE, and Care Center providers in the community. The day long training was performed by Technical Assistance Collaborative (TAC) as a part of the technical assistance provided to the community by HUD through the Special NOFO. The training included reviewing housing first theory and policy, hearing from a panel of staff with lived experience of homelessness, and tools for the practical application of housing first case management. The training was designed to ensure consistency across front line staff in the provision of case management.

Shelby Ferguson shared that the training went well, would be provided again, and that the team has collected and plans to incorporate feedback.

Announcements

Deanne Pearn shared that her comments and questions are raised in the spirit of support and system improvement. She expressed appreciation for the work that H3 has done and is continuing to do.

Mary Juarez-Fitzgerald expressed appreciation for all of the questions and comments raised not only by Deanne but by other group members as well.

Next Steps

Matt Mitchell shared that the September meeting will be cancelled due to conflicts with Continuum of Care NOFO processes. The next Working Group meeting of the PATH Innovations Working Group Meeting is planned for October 17, 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.

PATH Innovations Committee Overview

FOR DISCUSSION: The PATH Innovations Committee monitors projects related to the countywide goal of reducing unsheltered homeless in Contra Costa County by 75%

Annual Priorities	Audience	Goals and Activities			
		Q1: Jan - Mar	Q2: Apr - Jun	Q3: Jul - Sep	Q4: Oct - Dec
1. Reduce Unsheltered Homelessness 2. Target prevention and Rapid Exit resources to overrepresented groups 3. Monitor encampment intervention services 4. TBD	1. Providers in the Homelessness Response System 2. Stakeholders interested in data driven innovations to reduce unsheltered homelessness 3. People experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness	Goals: Orient new members Committee Activities: - Review 2025 Workplan - Review unsheltered data dashboard Workgroup Activities: - Meet with 1-2 stakeholders to hear about community approaches - Monitor/advise on adoption of prevention and Rapid Exit tools	Goals: TBD Committee Activities: - Review unsheltered data dashboard - Review PIT Count insights Workgroup Activities: - Meet with 1-2 stakeholders to hear about community approaches - Monitor/advise on adoption of prevention and Rapid Exit tools	Goals: TBD Committee Activities: - Review unsheltered data dashboard - Review Annual Report insights Workgroup Activities: - Meet with 1-2 stakeholders to hear about community approaches - Monitor/advise on adoption of prevention and Rapid Exit tools	Goals: Review efforts over the past year; Adopt 2026 Workplan Committee Activities: - Review unsheltered data dashboard - Review progress on activities and goals over the past year - Review and adopt 2026 Workplan Workgroup Activities: - Develop summary/recommendations for community approaches - Review goals and priorities and develop 2026 workplan

Scratch Pad
<i>Use this area to take note of draft or in progress ideas that may need further discussion before adding to the work plan</i>

Reference Round Up
SMARTIE Goals: https://www.managementcenter.org/resources/smartie-goals-worksheet/
Previous Agendas and minutes: [Update with new link]

Accountability Corner	
January - March Update 1. What goals/milestones were accomplished? 2. What new needs were identified?	April - June Update 1. What goals/milestones were accomplished? 2. What new needs were identified?
July - September Update 1. What goals/milestones were accomplished? 2. What new needs were identified?	October - December Update 1. What goals/milestones were accomplished? 2. What new needs were identified?