



COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

August 7, 2025 from 1:00-3:00

WELCOME

Nicole Green, *Chair & Reentry Services Representative*

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VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE EXEMPTION

HYBRID MEETING NORMS

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HYBRID MEETING NORMS

1. Raise your hand (actual or virtual) before speaking
2. Say your name before speaking and try to speak as clearly as you can
3. 2-minute timer for public comments
4. Make and take space – consider your privilege and the other voices who are in and not in the room
5. Minimize distractions like side conversations and cell phone use
6. Maintain a safe and respectful environment, even when disagreeing
7. If in-person meeting is interrupted for an emergency, the meeting will be suspended or cancelled, case-by-case basis.

HYBRID 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.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

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INTRODUCTIONS

Council Members: Please unmute and share your name, pronouns, seat, and agency (if applicable)

Community Members: Please introduce yourself in the chat.

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POLL – WHO'S IN THE ROOM?

- 1) How many Council on Homelessness meetings have you attended?
- 2) Do you have lived experience of homelessness?
- 3) What best describes your racial identity?

PUBLIC COMMENT

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CONSENT CALENDAR

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CONSENT CALENDAR

- Items on the consent calendar are **generally non-controversial and do not require much, if any, discussion**
- Enables grouping such items together and **deciding on them at one time**
- Council members and the public can **remove an item** from the consent calendar if they **desire to discuss the item by informing the Chair**

Source: <https://www.ca-ilg.org/resource/concept-consent-calendar>

ACTION ITEM

Approve the **consent calendar** items as listed:

- Approve minutes from the July 10, 2025 Council Meeting
- Approve staff report for the August 7, 2025 Council Meeting



COMMITTEE REPORT OUTS

Funding Committee – Homebase

Youth Advisory Board – Juno Hedrick, *Vice Chair and Lived Experience Advisor*; Leon Saelee, *YAB Lead and Member*; Anastasia Lockwood, *YAB Facilitator and Member*

Homelessness Awareness Month (ACTION ITEM)– Nicole Green, *Chair and Reentry Services Representative*;

FUNDING COMMITTEE

Mark Mora, *Homebase*

BACKGROUND: HUD COC NOFO

- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program
- HUD releases a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), competition for approximately 450 Continuums of Care
- FY 2024-25 and FY 2025-26 CoC NOFO:
 - First time two-year NOFO cycle (was annual competition)
 - Released on July 31, 2024, and made approximately \$3.5 billion available nationally
 - Contra Costa was awarded \$22.3 million in FY 2024

UPDATE: HUD COC NOFO

- HUD seems to be indicating that there will be a 2025 CoC NOFO competition
- *If* there is a 2025 competition:
 - We do not know when the NOFO will be released (usually any time from July to October)
 - The competition window might be shorter than usual
 - Expect funding requirements to significantly change due to new HUD priorities
- Renewal projects – Review APRs from your last completed program year to be ready for a possible competition (see Homebase email)

COC NOFO WORK GROUP

- Work group of the Funding Committee - tasked with improving the CoC NOFO competition process
- Work group meetings will start in mid to late August and will continue every 3 weeks or so (dates to be announced soon)
 - Meetings will focus on revising scoring tools & competition policies
 - Goals: streamlining process, aligning with new HUD priorities
- We encourage all stakeholders (especially providers) to stay tuned and plan to participate

YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD (YAB)

Juno Hedrick, CoH *Lived Experience Advisor and Vice Chair, YAB Coordinator*

Anastasia Lockwood, YAB *Member and Outreach & Retention Subcommittee Facilitator*

YAB JULY MEETINGS

YAB Subcommittees
Meetings:
Communications, Data
& Research (**NEW**), and
Outreach & Retention

Oversight Committee
Meeting

CES Housing Needs
Assessment (HNA)
Committee

Bimonthly hybrid YAB
Meetings at H3 Offices
in Concord and RYSE
Center in Richmond

Youth & Young Adult
(YYA) Community
Strategic Planning:
Core and Workgroup
Meetings

NEW: RFP Panel for
Transitional Housing for
TAY

YYA STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKGROUPS



Resources (Action 1.2): Get a handle on the resources we have and provide a toolkit that helps different stakeholders access resources

- **Facilitator:** Matthew Aronson, Matthew Aronson Consulting
- **YAB Member:** Ramon



Outreach (Action 1.5): Create and implement an outreach plan

- **Facilitator:** Jamie Schechter, H3
- **YAB Member:** Leon



Safety & Liberation (Action 4.3): Understand how well current partners are welcoming and supporting LGBTQIA+ and BIPOC YYA

- **Facilitators:** Juno Hedrick, YAB & Caroline Miller, H3
- **YAB Member:** Anastasia L.

YAB JULY ACTIVITIES



- YAB-only peer spaces
- Community-building: celebrated YAB member with a sprinkle party.

NEXT STEPS



Complete review and
scoring of applicants of
RFP Panel for
Transitional Housing for
TAY.

Data & Research
subcommittee to begin
planning for Youth
Point-in-Time Count.

Communications
subcommittee to begin
planning for Homeless
Awareness Month and
webpage updates.

Participate in YYA
Homelessness &
Adulthood Train-the-
Trainer sessions with the
MAC team in August

Prepare for HUD Youth
Homeless
Demonstration Program
FY 2024 NOFO to be re-
released soon!

CONNECT WITH YAB!

Are you—or do you know—a young person with lived experience of homelessness or housing instability who wants to create change?

RSVP to join a meeting as a guest to learn more!

For more information, email:

ContraCostaYAB@cchealth.org



**HOMELESSNESS
AWARENESS
MONTH
COMMITTEE
(ACTION ITEM)**

Nicole Green, *Chair and Reentry Services
Representative*

PURPOSE OF HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS MONTH (NOVEMBER)

- Provide information
- Celebrate wins
- Amplify voices
- Highlight gaps
- Encourage action



ACTIVITIES FOR 2025

Tools

- ★• Resolutions of Support
- ★• Recognitions
 - Video(s)
 - Toolkit

Events

- Reception
- BOS Presentation
- Memorial Event
- Youth Led community forum

(ACTION ITEM) RESOLUTIONS OF SUPPORT

Purpose

- Affirms public commitment
- Elevates visibility
- Strengthens advocacy:
- Encourages collaboration
- Documents institutional support

To Do Today

- Approve versions to go to BOS in November
- Know that data will be updated before submitted to BOS

2 RESOLUTIONS TO APPROVE

Homelessness
Awareness
Month

Homeless
Persons'
Memorial Day

(ACTION ITEM) RECOGNITIONS

Outstanding Volunteer

- Name
- Description
- Criteria

Outstanding Housing Provider

- Name
- Description
- Criteria

Outstanding Partnership

- Name
- Description
- Criteria

Phoenix Rising

- Name
- Description
- Criteria

RECOGNITION NEXT STEPS

8/7

COH approve Recognition categories

8/8

Open Recognition submission forms

9/18

Close Recognition submission forms

9/24

HAM Committee vet and recommend Nominees

10/2

COH approve Nominees

11/4

Recognition Ceremony

BOS PRESENTATION AND RECEPTION

BOS Presentation

- 11/4, 9:30 am
- 1025 Escobar St. Martinez
- Actual presentation time likely more like 10:30

Reception

- Reserved 1025 Escobar Conference Room all day ,11/4
- Event could be in morning or at Noon (exact time TBD)

ACTION ITEM

Approve 1) Homelessness Awareness Month and Homeless Persons' Memorial Day resolutions and 2) Recognition categories, descriptions and criteria.



OLD BUSINESS

Sector Report Outs – Nicole Green, *Chair & Reentry Services Representative*

Funding Updates - Jamie Schechter and Christy Saxton, *H3*

SECTOR REPORT OUTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Nicole Green, *Chair and Reentry Services
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FUNDING UPDATES

Jamie Schechter, *H3*
Christy Saxton, *H3*

FUNDING UPDATES – TRANSITIONAL HOUSING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)



- Applications due on July 25, 2025
- Seeking service provider to operate transitional housing for TAY and other housing services as funding allows
- Aiming to notify awarded provider August 2025

Thank you to Youth Action Board members, Contra Costa Health staff, and Employment and Human Services Department staff for serving on the review panel!



FUNDING UPDATES – COMMUNITY CARE EXPANSION PRESERVATION PROGRAM



- The Contra Costa County CCE allocation includes \$2.5 million for operating subsidies and \$3.4 million for capital projects
- Intended to provide operating subsidies and capital upgrades to existing licensed facilities to preserve and avoid closure and to increase the acceptance of new qualified residents
- Informational [webinar](#) and [slide deck](#) available online
- **Statements of Interest due Monday, August 11, 2025**
 - [Contra Costa County Community Care Expansion - Statement of Interest](#)

FUNDING UPDATES – HOMELESS HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND PREVENTION PROGRAM



- Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP) Round 6 application due at the end of August 2025
- Stakeholder feedback sessions completed in July
 - Averaged 32 attendees in each standalone session
 - Emphasis on partnering with Behavioral Health, ensuring stability, serving youth and young adults, and creative solutions like shared housing and shallow subsidy

FUNDING UPDATES – FEDERAL BUDGET



- Federal Budget
 - Both the [House](#) and [Senate](#) passed appropriations bills for Transportation and Housing and Urban Development (THUD) that increases CoC funding
 - Neither bill contained additional funding for the Emergency Housing Voucher program
 - Congress has until October 1 to pass final FY2026 spending bills or enact a continuing resolution

FUNDING UPDATES – FEDERAL BUDGET



- Federal Budget secures funding, federal agencies manage funding processes
- Recent Executive Order backtracks years of federal support for evidence-based housing policy
- HUD has not communicated timing of next NOFO or potential application changes

NEW BUSINESS

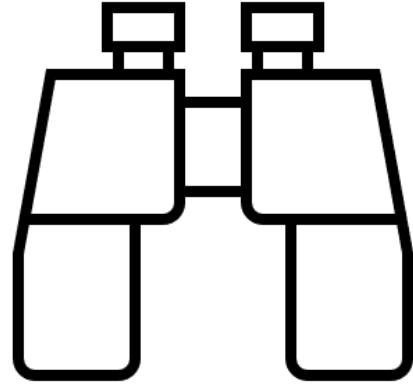
**(ACTION ITEM) Point in Time Count
Committee Selection**– Janel Fletcher, *H3*

**Update: Changes to Brown Act Re: Remote
Meeting Attendance and Training
Requirements** –Jamie Schechter, *H3*

**Learning Corner: California Advancing
Innovations in Medi-Cal (CalAIM)
Enhanced Care Management** – Pasia
Gadson, *Contra Costa Health Plan*

POINT-IN-TIME COUNT COMMITTEE

Janel Fletcher, *H3*



POINT IN TIME COUNT

COMMITTEE TIME COMMITMENT

September: Methods

- 1 Work Group Meeting
- Virtual

October: Hot Spots

- 1 Work Group Meeting
- Virtual

November: Survey and finalize Methods

- 1 Committee Meeting
- IN PERSON

Likely will meet 3rd Fridays

ACTION ITEM

- Approve COH members for Point-In-Time Count Committee



CHANGES TO BROWN ACT FOR VIRTUAL EXEMPTIONS

Jamie Schechter, *H3*

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UPDATE TO "JUST CAUSE" REASONS AS OF 1/1/25

Requirements

- Qualifying disability
- Use 2-way video/audio
- Disclose anyone present in room over 18 and nature of relationship with people present

Procedure

- Written request 1 week in advance of meeting to Clerk of the Board
- Can request for specific duration
- Can apply to ALL BOS Advisory Bodies you may be a member of

PROCESS FOR USING DISABILITY EXEMPTION UNDER "JUST CAUSE"

No more than 2
virtual
attendances/year
TOTAL,
regardless of
type of
exemption
used.*

- *If using Just Cause, with qualifying disability, no limit, if approved

FREQUENCY UPDATE AS
OF 1/1/25

UPDATES TO TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Old

- Brown Act & Better Government Ordinance Training (ONCE)
- Ethics Training (ONCE)
- Implicit Bias Training (Every 2 years)

New

- All required every 2 years

LEARNING
CORNER:
CALIFORNIA
ADVANCING
INNOVATIONS IN
MEDI-CAL
(CALAIM)
ENHANCED CARE
MANAGEMENT

Pasia Gadson, *Contra Costa Health Plan*



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CCHP CalAIM Enhanced Care Management (ECM)

**Pasia Gadson, MSN, NP-BC
Director of CalAIM Programs and
Transitional Care Services**

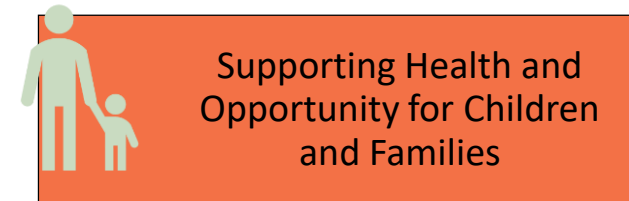
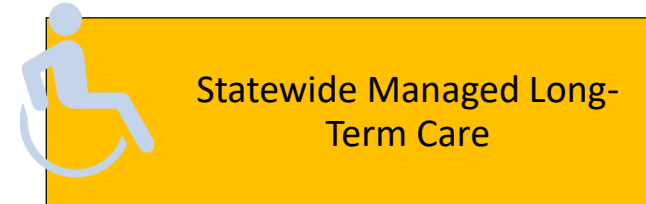
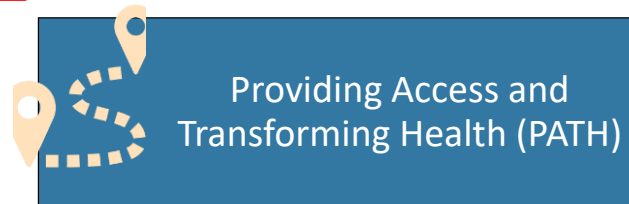
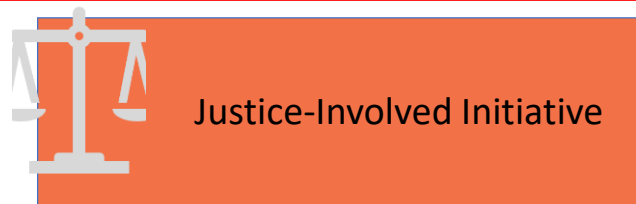
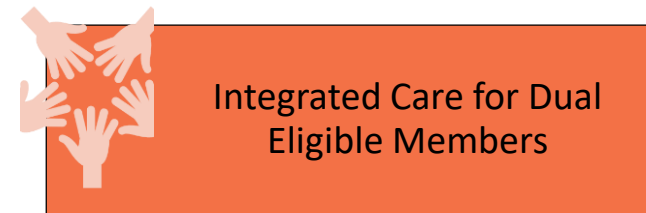
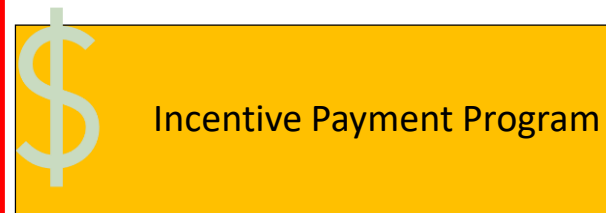
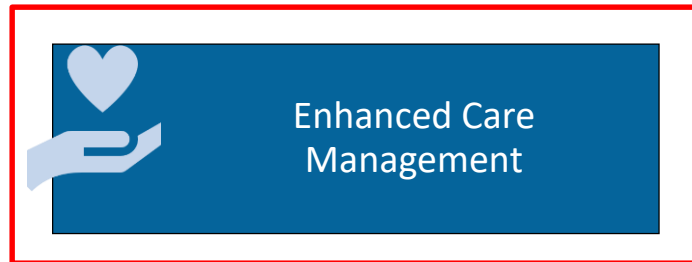
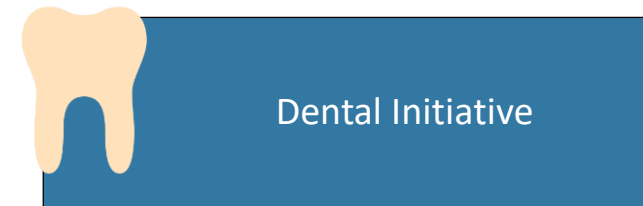
Agenda

1. What is CalAIM?
2. ECM Overview
3. Levels of Care Management
4. ECM Populations of Focus (POF)
5. ECM Seven Core Services
6. How can a CCHP Member access services?
7. Questions

What is California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM)?

- CalAIM is a multi-year initiative and commitment led by the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to improve the quality of life and health outcomes of Medi-Cal members and transform and strengthen Medi-Cal.
- Offering Californians, a more equitable, coordinated, and person-centered approach to maximizing their health and life trajectory through broad delivery system, program and payment reform across the Medi-Cal program.
- CalAIM is moving Medi-Cal towards a population health approach that prioritizes prevention and whole person care. Goals include service standardization, consistent & equitable care across the state, emphasizing outreach and a “no wrong door” approach.

CalAIM Initiatives





Enhanced Care Management (ECM)



ECM is a statewide Medi-Cal benefit that addresses the clinical and non-clinical needs of the highest-need Medi-Cal members by building trusting relationships with members and providing intensive coordination of health and health-related services.

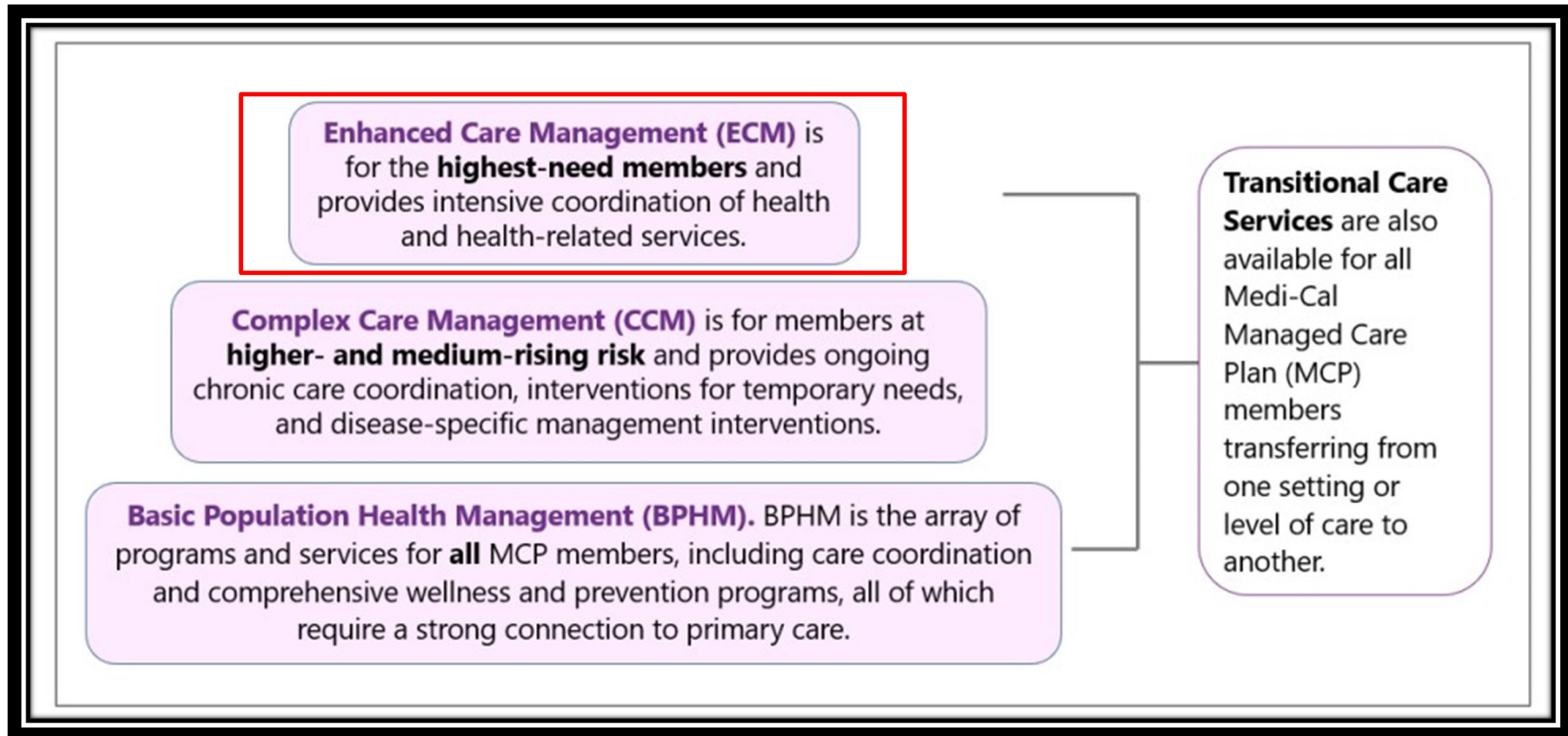


Lead care managers meet members where they are—on the street, in a shelter, in their doctor’s office, or at home—to meet their needs. They act as “air traffic controllers” ensuring both clinical and nonclinical care is coordinated.



Through ECM, members can also be connected to Community Supports (CS) services to help address their health-related social needs, such as access to healthy foods or safe housing to help with recovery from an illness. Enhanced Care Management is available to specific groups (called “Populations of Focus”).

Levels of Care Management





Populations of Focus (POF)

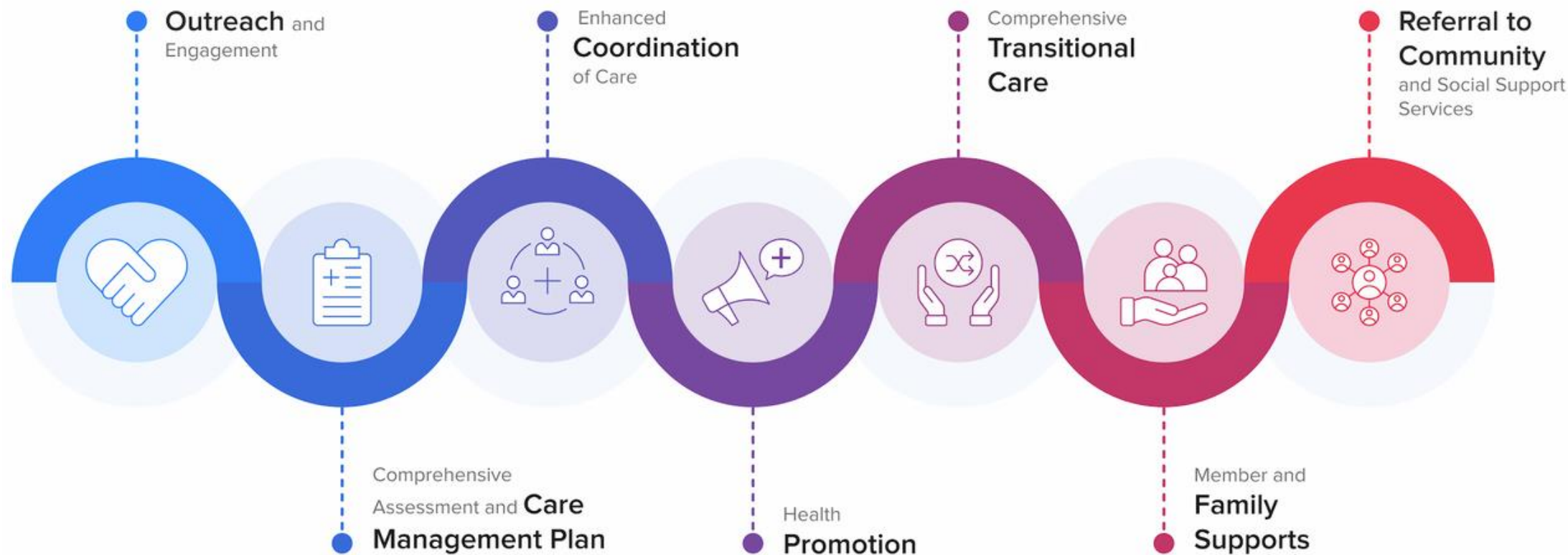
To be eligible for ECM, Members must be enrolled in a Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan⁶ and meet at least one of the ECM Populations of Focus definitions described below:

| ECM Populations of Focus | | Adults | Children & Youth |
|--------------------------|---|--------|------------------|
| 1a | Individuals Experiencing Homelessness: <i>Adults without Dependent Children/Youth Living with Them Experiencing Homelessness</i> | ✓ | |
| 1b | Individuals Experiencing Homelessness: <i>Homeless Families or Unaccompanied Children/Youth Experiencing Homelessness</i> | ✓ | ✓ |
| 2 | Individuals At Risk for Avoidable Hospital or ED Utilization (Formerly "High Utilizers") | ✓ | ✓ |
| 3 | Individuals with Serious Mental Health and/or SUD Needs | ✓ | ✓ |
| 4 | Individuals Transitioning from Incarceration | ✓ | ✓ |
| 5 | Adults Living in the Community and At Risk for LTC Institutionalization | ✓ | |
| 6 | Adult Nursing Facility Residents Transitioning to the Community | ✓ | |
| 7 | Children and Youth Enrolled in CCS or CCS WCM with Additional Needs Beyond the CCS Condition | | ✓ |
| 8 | Children and Youth Involved in Child Welfare | | ✓ |
| 9 | Birth Equity Population of Focus | ✓ | ✓ |

⁶ Medi-Cal recipients with a Share of Cost, excluding long-term care share of cost, are excluded from managed care and are thus not eligible for ECM.



ECM 7 Core Services



How can a member access CalAIM services?

Three different ways members can be referred:

1. Members and Family/Friends can self-refer by calling Member Services at 1-877-661-6230 (TTY 711) Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and requesting a CalAIM Assessment.
2. Providers on the member's care team can enter a referral into CClick. *All CalAIM referrals have the prefix "CalAIM" to make them easy to locate.
3. Providers who do not have ccLink Provider Portal access can fill out our [Adult ECM](#) or [Child/Youth ECM](#) referral and email it to CCHPCalAIMReferrals@cchealth.org

Questions?



cchealth.org

If you have any additional questions, please email cchpcalaim@cchealth.org.

You can also visit [CCHP CalAIM \(Provider Page\)](#) or [CCHP CalAIM \(Member Page\)](#) for more information.

**RECOGNIZE
OUTGOING
COUNCIL
MEMBER**

Nicole Green, Chair



GRATITUDE APPRECIATION RECOGNITION



LESLIE GLEASON,
COC/ESG PROGRAM
GRANTEE
REPRESENTATIVE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Open for all to share announcements about upcoming events and to give brief reports about recent events/trainings relevant to the Council on Homelessness

PIN IT

Nicole Green, *Chair & Reentry Services
Representative*

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **Nominating Committee:** Monday, August 4, 10 –Noon (Zoom)
- **Next COH Meeting:** Thursday, August 7, 1 – 3 PM (IN PERSON)
- **CoC Training (Employment):** Monday, August 11, 10 AM – 12 PM (Zoom)
- **Equity Committee Work Group:** Tuesday, August 12, 2 pm – 4 pm (Zoom)
- **Homeless-Workforce Integration Network:** Wednesday, August 13, 10 – 11:30 (GRIP field trip)
- **Homeless Service Provider Meeting:** Thursday, August 14, 8:30 – 9:30 AM (Zoom)
- **Nominating Committee:** Monday, August 18, 10 –Noon (HYBRID)
- **PATH Committee Work Group:** Thursday, August 21 , 9:30 – 11 AM (Zoom)
- **Oversight Work Group:** Thursday, August 21 , 11:30 – 1 PM (Zoom)
- **Funding Committee Work Group:** Friday, August 22, 11 AM – Noon (Zoom)
- **Homelessness Awareness Month Committee Work Group:** Wednesday, August 27, 2 – 4 PM (Zoom)