



## AGENDA

### CONTRA COSTA COUNTY Contra Costa Council on Homelessness

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Thursday, March 5, 2026

1:00 PM

1025 Escobar St., Martinez |  
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#### General Meeting

Agenda and Slide deck for 3.5.26 COH Meeting

[26-867](#)

**Attachments:** [COH Agenda w Time 3.5.26](#)  
[COH Slides 3.5.26](#)

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

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. Consent Calendar (ACTION ITEM): a. APPROVE minutes from the February 5, 2026 Council meeting and b. APPROVE staff report for the March 5, 2026 Council meeting [26-868](#)

**Attachments:** [COH Staff Report 3.5.26](#)  
[COH Minutes 2.5.26](#)

4. **Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Opportunity Update: a. Update on CoC NOFO and Funding Committee**

Mark Mora, Homebase and Jamie Schecter, H3

5. Committee Report Outs: Oversight Committee i.(ACTION ITEM) Approve New Contra Costa Housing Needs Assessment as recommended by the Oversight Committee [26-869](#)

**Attachments:** [CC-HNA Tool - 03052026 Council on Homelessness Attachment](#)

Mary Juarez-Fitzgerald, H3, Claire Burrus, Focus Strategies and Allison Mabb, Focus Strategies

**6. Committee Report outs: b. Youth Advisory Board (YAB) Update**

Juno Hedrick, Vice Chair and Lived Experience Advisor and Anatasia Lockwood, Youth Representative

**7. Old Business: a. Sector Report Outs from Council Members**

Juno Hedrick, Vice Chair and Lived Experience Advisor

**8. Funding Updates**

Jamie Schecter and Christy Saxton, H3

**9. Announcements**

All

The next meeting is currently scheduled for April 2nd.

Adjourn

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# CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

1025 ESCOBAR STREET  
MARTINEZ, CA 94553

## Staff Report

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**File #:** 26-867

**Agenda Date:** 3/5/2026

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Advisory Board: Contra Costa Council on Homelessness

Subject: Agenda and Slide deck for 3.5.26 COH Meeting

Presenter:

Contact:

Information:

Referral History and Update:

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):



# CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS MEETING

## AGENDA

**THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2026, 1 PM – 3 PM**  
**1025 ESCOBAR STREET, MARTINEZ, CA**

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### MEETING PURPOSE:

The Contra Costa Council on Homelessness, appointed by the Board of Supervisors, provides advice & input on the operations of homeless services, program operations, and program development efforts in Contra Costa County.

### PUBLIC ACCESS AND PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS:

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 How to Join the Meeting Via Call-In: 1-669-444-9171 / Meeting ID: 891 5428 6292

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER
1:00	1. <b>Call to Order</b> - Chair starts the meeting	Juno Hedrick, <i>Vice Chair and Lived Experience Advisor</i>
1:00 15 min	2. <b>Introductions</b> a. Hybrid Meeting Norms (2 min) b. Roll call of Councilmembers and introduction of guests (11 min) c. Poll – Who’s in the room? (3 min)	Juno Hedrick, <i>Vice Chair and Lived Experience Advisor</i>
1:15 5 min	3. <b>Public Comment</b> - Open period for members of the public to comment on items not listed on the agenda.	Members of the public
1:20 5 min	4. <b>Consent Calendar (ACTION ITEM)</b> – Items on the consent calendar are generally non-controversial and may not require discussion. Approving the Consent Calendar means approving the items below in one vote. Council members and the public can remove an item from the consent calendar for discussion by informing the Chair. a. APPROVE minutes from the February 5, 2026 Council meeting b. APPROVE staff report for the March 5, 2026 Council meeting	Juno Hedrick, <i>Vice Chair and Lived Experience Advisor</i>
1:25 20 min	5. <b>Meet Dr. Grant Colfax, New CEO of Contra Costa Health</b>	Dr. Grant Colfax, <i>CEO of Contra Costa Health</i>
1:45 5 min	6. <b>Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Opportunity Update</b> a. Update on CoC NOFO and Funding Committee (5 min)	Mark Mora, <i>Homebase</i> and Jamie Schecter, <i>H3</i>
1:50 30 min	7. <b>Committee Report Outs</b> - Report outs from each of the committees below.	a. Mary Juarez-Fitzgerald, <i>H3</i> ; Claire Burrus, <i>Focus</i>



# CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS MEETING

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Oversight Committee               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <b>(ACTION ITEM)</b> Approve New Contra Costa Housing Needs Assessment as recommended by the Oversight Committee (20 min)</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. Youth Advisory Board (YAB) Update (10 min)</li> </ul>	<i>Strategies and Allison Mabb, Focus Strategies</i> b. Juno Hedrick, <i>Vice Chair and Lived Experience Advisor</i> and Anatasia Lockwood, <i>Youth Representative</i>
2:20 25 min	<b>8. Old Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Update: CoC Compliance Monitoring Process (5 min)</li> <li>b. Sector Report Outs from Council Members (10 min)</li> <li>c. Funding Updates (10 min)</li> </ul>	a. Alex Michel and Michele Byrnes, <i>H3</i> b. Juno Hedrick, <i>Vice Chair and Lived Experience Advisor</i> c. Jamie Schecter and Christy Saxton, <i>H3</i>
2:45 10 min	<b>9. Announcements</b> – Open for all to share announcements about upcoming events and to give brief reports about recent events/trainings relevant to the Council.	a. All
2:55	<b>10. Pin It</b>	Juno Hedrick, <i>Vice Chair and Lived Experience Advisor</i>

**HOW TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Persons who wish to address the Council on Homelessness during public comment on matters within the jurisdiction of the Council on Homelessness that are not on the agenda, or who wish to comment with respect to an item on the agenda, may comment in person, via Zoom, or via call-in. Those participating in person should stand where they are sitting when called upon. Those participating via Zoom should indicate they wish to speak by using the “raise your hand” feature in the Zoom app. Those calling in should indicate they wish to speak by pushing “9” on the phone. All public comments will be limited to 2 minutes per speaker. For assistance with remote access contact: [contracostacoc@cchealth.org](mailto:contracostacoc@cchealth.org) or call 925-608-6700. Public comments may also be submitted before the meeting by email at [contracostacoc@cchealth.org](mailto:contracostacoc@cchealth.org) or by voicemail at 925-608-6700. Comments submitted by email or voicemail will be included in the record of the meeting but will not be read or played aloud during the meeting.



# CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS MEETING

## COMMONLY USED ACRONYMS

Acronym	Definition
APR	Annual Performance Report (for HUD homeless programs)
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
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	Notice of Funding Availability
PHA	Public Housing Authority
PUI	Persons Under Investigation
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



# CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS MEETING

## EQUITY DEFINITIONS

*(adapted from C4 Innovations and approved by Council on Homelessness on 8/3/23)*

Term	Definition
<b>Individual Racism</b>	A person's beliefs and actions that serve to perpetuate racial oppression. This can be conscious and unconscious. This may be externalized or internalized
<b>Institutional Racism</b>	Policies and practices at the organization (or "sector") level that perpetuate oppression. It involves unjust policies, practices, procedures, and outcomes that work better for white people than people of color, whether intentional or not.
<b>Interpersonal Racism</b>	The interactions between people - both within and across racial groups.
<b>Microaggressions</b>	Brief, everyday exchanges that send denigrating messages to certain individuals because of their group membership.
<b>Race</b>	A social construct created in the 17th century by white Europeans to justify the enslavement of Africans and the spread of colonialism. Understanding of race as a concept has changed over time, but the outcomes of discrimination based on race remain entrenched in our systems.
<b>Race Equity Lens</b>	A way of viewing the world in an integrated and holistic manner, taking into account past and present racial injustices and seeking to address them through more equitable practices and structures.
<b>Racial Bias</b>	Implicit and/or explicit bias that reinforces discriminatory attitudes and behaviors when interacting with people or situations.
<b>Racial Equity</b>	The condition where one's racial identity does not predict their social, health, or economic outcomes. Racial equity is a process of eliminating racial disparities and improving outcomes for everyone. It is the intentional and continual practice of changing practices, systems, and structures by prioritizing the measurable change in the lives of people of color.
<b>Racism</b>	A system of institutional, systemic oppression, and practices of individuals and society that shape cultural beliefs and values that support racist policies and practices.
<b>Structural Racism</b>	How these effects interact and accumulate across institutions and across history. Structural racism highlights how racism operates as a system of power with multiple interconnected, reinforcing, and self-perpetuating components which result in racial inequities across all indicators for success.
<b>Systemic Racism</b>	infrastructure of rulings, ordinances or statutes adopted by a sovereign government or authoritative entity, whereas such ordinances and statutes entitles one racial group in a society certain rights and privileges, while denying other groups in that society these same rights and privileges because of long-established cultural prejudices, religious prejudices, fears, myths, and Xenophobia's held by the entitled group.
<b>White Fragility</b>	White fragility refers to feelings of discomfort a white person experiences when they witness or engage in discussions around racial inequality and injustice. Their engagement in conversations about racism may trigger a range of defensive actions, feelings, and behaviors, such as anger, fear, and silence. These reactive behaviors reinforce continued white dominant culture.



# COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

March 5, 2026 from 1:00-3:00

WELCOME

Juno Hedrick, Vice Chair & Lived Experience Advisor

Purpose of the Meeting: These are monthly meetings for the Council on Homelessness (COH) to conduct the business of the Council. The Council is the planning body that coordinates the community's policies, strategies, and activities toward preventing and ending homelessness in Contra Costa County.

# WEBINAR VS. MEETING FORMAT

- Due to Zoom Bombing, the virtual component of COH meetings have moved from Meeting to Webinar format.

## What's Different?

- Participants will join WITHOUT the ability to unmute or be seen on camera
- Host can give participants ability to unmute or be seen on camera as needed

## What's the Same?

- Participants can raise hand
- Participants can share in the chat

# IN-PERSON / HYBRID MEETING

- As of March 1, 2023, all Council on Homelessness Meetings and CoH Committee meetings are required to convene in person or in a hybrid format
- All CoH members must attend in person unless using a “just cause” exemption

## Just Cause

- A need to care for a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner
- A contagious illness that prevents a member from attending in person;
- A need related to a physical or mental disability that is not otherwise accommodated for; or
- Travel while on official business of the body or another state or local agency.
- Immunocompromised child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse or domestic partner
- Military service obligations
- Physical or family medical emergency

# VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE EXEMPTION

# HYBRID MEETING NORMS

Juno Hedrick, Vice Chair & Lived Experience Advisor

# 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.
8. 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

Juno Hedrick, Vice Chair & Lived Experience Advisor

# 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

Juno Hedrick, Vice Chair & Lived Experience  
Advisor

# CONSENT CALENDAR

Juno Hedrick, Vice Chair & Lived Experience  
Advisor

# CONSENT CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

- 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 February 5, 2026 Council Meeting
- Approve staff report for the March 5, 2026 Council Meeting



MEET DR. GRANT  
COLFAX, NEW  
CEO OF CONTRA  
COSTA HEALTH

Dr. Grant Colfax, Contra Costa Health

CONTINUUM OF  
CARE (COC)  
NOTICE OF  
FUNDING  
OPPORTUNITY  
(NOFO) UPDATE

Update on CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity  
and Funding Committee – Mark Mora, Homebase  
and Jamie Schechter, H3

UPDATE ON COC  
NOFO AND  
FUNDING  
COMMITTEE

Mark Mora, Homebase  
Jamie Schechter, H3

## 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

# 2025 Has NOT Been A Routine Year

- **July 2024** – HUD announced that CoC NOFO was moving to a 2-year cycle (next NOFO would be 2026)
- **Nov 13, 2025** – HUD unexpectedly released FY 2025 CoC NOFO
- **Dec 8, 2025** – HUD withdrew FY 2025 CoC NOFO (due to ongoing litigation)
- **Dec 12, 2025** – Contra Costa CoC paused the local competition
- **Dec 19, 2025** – HUD released v.2 of FY 2025 CoC NOFO, but was blocked from implementing it due to preliminary injunction
- **Jan 8-9, 2026** – HUD re-issued the two-year [FY 2024 – 2025 CoC NOFO](#) (from July 2024)
- **Feb 6, 2026** – Contra Costa CoC submitted package of renewal and projects per re-released FY 2024 – 2025 CoC NOFO

# Two-Year FY 2024-2025 CoC NOFO

- Originally issued in July 2024, HUD re-issued Jan 2026
- Focuses largely on renewing existing CoC grants in a non-competitive manner
- A very limited amount of reallocated funds were made available to new projects
- Per local policy:
  - Eligible new projects were limited to Coordinated Entry (CE) and Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) projects
  - Eligible applicants were limited to H3 as current operator of CE/HMIS projects
- Contra Costa CoC submitted package of renewal and new projects on February 6, 2026

# FY 2025 CoC NOFO

- Timeline:
  - Originally released on 12/13/25
  - Withdrawn on 12/8/25
  - Contra Costa CoC paused local competition indefinitely on 12/12/25
  - Re-released with changes on 12/19/25 (but was blocked from being implemented due to preliminary injunction)
- Included significant program changes: 30% cap on funding for permanent housing, service participation requirements, new eligible project types, etc.
- On 2/27/26 HUD filed an emergency motion with the court requesting that the preliminary injunction (from December 2025) be dissolved so HUD issue a new FY 2025 CoC NOFO to make awards for grants expiring in Quarters 3 and 4
- If the dissolution is granted, HUD could re-release FY 2025 CoC NOFO

# FY 2026 CoC NOFO

- Highlights from the FY 2026 Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development, and Related Agendas (THUD) Appropriations for Homeless Assistance Grants:
  - The lowest HUD can set Tier 1 at is 60% of Annual Renewal Demand (it was 30% in the FY 2025 CoC NOFO which was unprecedented)
  - HUD is required to publish the FY 2026 NOFO by June 1, 2026 with awards made by December 1, 2026
- Funding Committee will meet monthly starting in March to update policies and scoring tools in preparation for the 2026 CoC NOFO competition

## COMMITTEE REPORT OUTS

Oversight Committee (ACTION ITEM) Approve New Contra Costa Housing Needs Assessment as recommended by the Oversight Committee- Mary Juarez-Fitzgerald, H3; Claire Burrus, Focus Strategies and Allison Mabb, Focus Strategies

Youth Advisory Board – Juno Hedrick, Vice Chair and Lived Experience Advisor and Anastasia Lockwood, Youth Representative and YAB Member

## OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Mary Juarez-Fitzgerald, H3; Claire Burrus, Focus  
Strategies and Allison Mabb, Focus Strategies

# COORDINATED ENTRY HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT

## Presenter:

Mary Juarez-Fitzgerald, H3  
Claire Burrus, Focus Strategies  
Allison Mabb, Focus Strategies

## Role for Council Members:

listen & ask questions  
Vote on Action Item

## Role for Community Members:

listen & ask questions



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COORDINATED ENTRY HOUSING NEEDS  
ASSESSMENT (HNA)  
REDESIGN PROJECT

PROPOSAL TO THE COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS:  
APPROVE NEW CONTRA COSTA HOUSING NEEDS  
ASSESSMENT

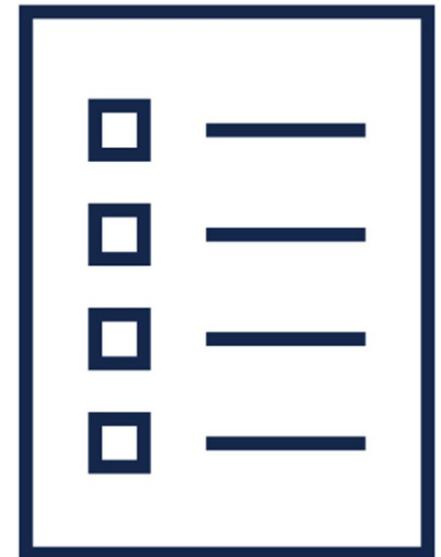
MARCH 5, 2026

# Agenda

Assessment Redesign Process

New Housing Needs Assessment (HNA) Tool

Next Steps for Launch





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# **Needs Assessment Redesign Process**

## Assessment Redesign Purpose

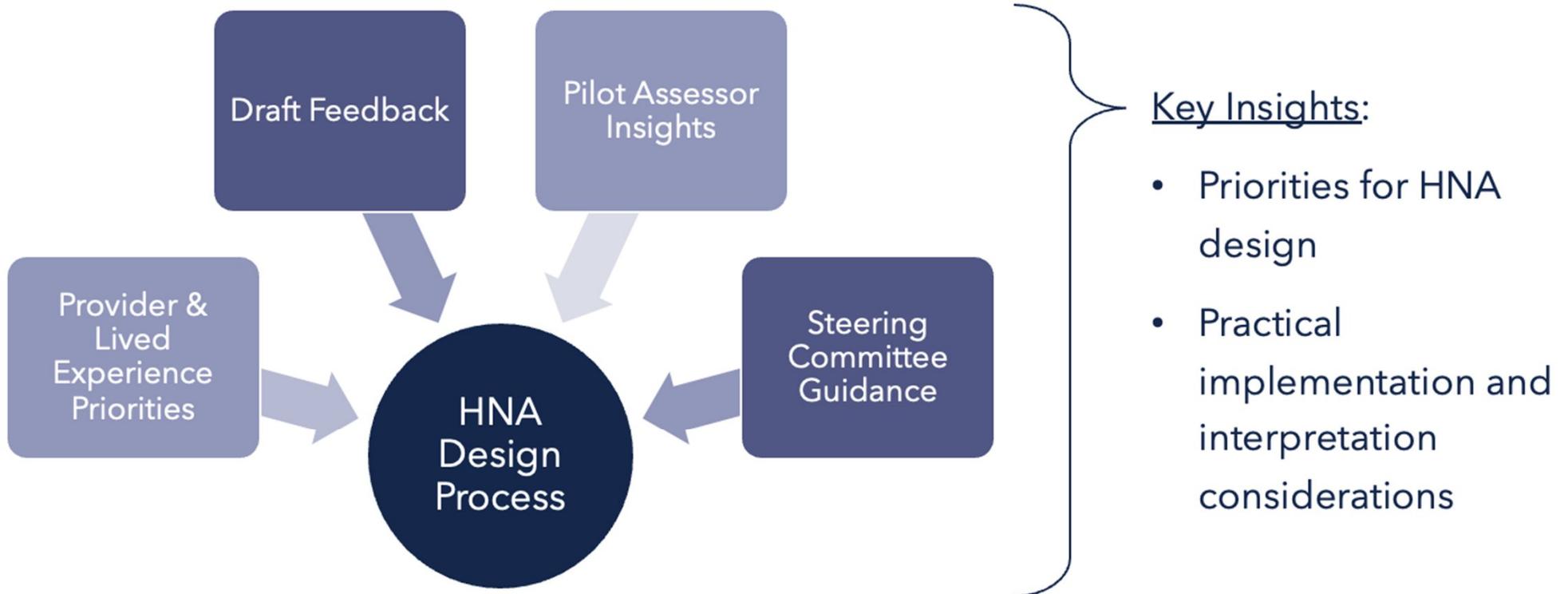
- In 2022, Contra Costa County conducted a Coordinated Entry Evaluation and replacing the VI-SPDAT was a key recommendation.

- Nationally, the VI-SPDAT as an assessment tool has been found to perpetuate inequitable outcomes.

In response, the County launched a redesign effort to develop a **customized assessment** that is:

- trauma-informed,
- leveraging empirical data,
- grounded in local experience,
- prioritizing households at-risk of prolonged homelessness, and
- furthering fairness in the CES.

# Tool Redesign Process Grounded in Stakeholder Feedback



# Key Insights from Stakeholders Informing New HNA



## Priorities for HNA Design

- Base the tool on predictors of prolonged homelessness
- Capture the severity of conditions and experiences



## Practical Implementation & Interpretation Considerations

- Minimize the number of questions asked
- Ensure questions are understandable and minimally invasive

## Leveraging HMIS & CCHS Data in HNA Design



Focus Strategies used Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and Contra Costa Health System (CCHS) data to identify **predictors of prolonged homelessness** for people accessing the CES.

These factors were used to design the HNA to prioritize households with the greatest likelihood of prolonged homelessness without housing support.



- Local data surfaced the key characteristics linked to prolonged homelessness
- These insights guided which topics the HNA covers and how much weight each receives in the final score

## Piloting the Draft CC-HNA



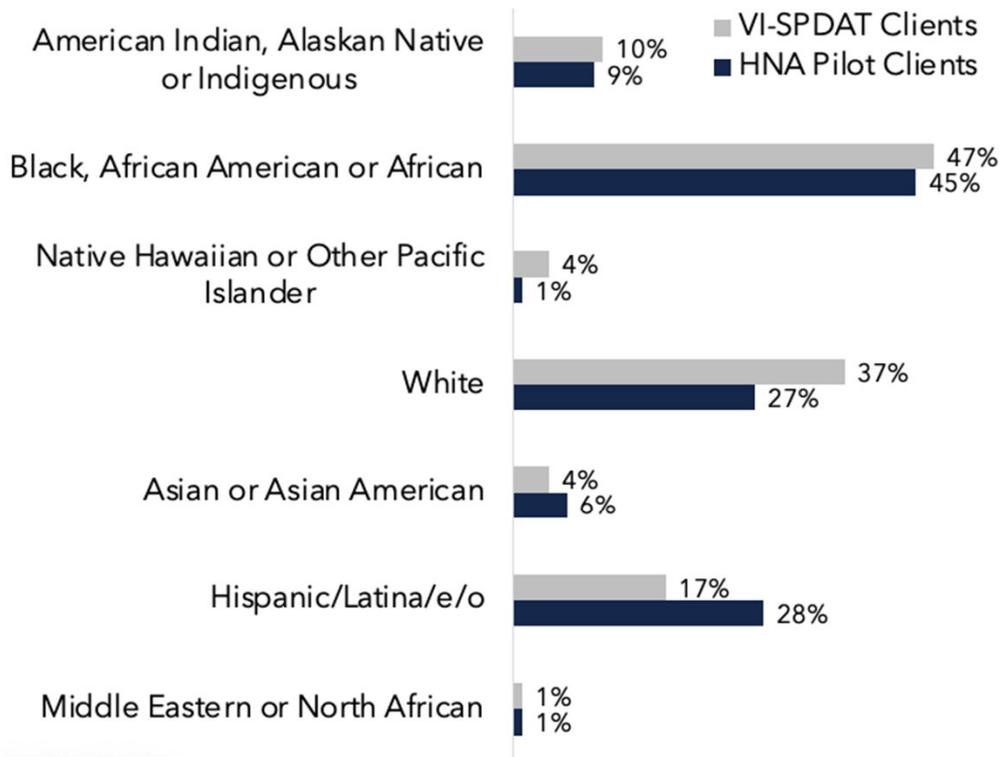
In December 2025 & January 2026, H3 piloted a draft CC-HNA in the community.

- 15 current Coordinated Entry assessment staff participated
- **109 pilot assessments** were completed
- Pilot participants were compensated with \$25 gift cards

### Key Insights:

- Pilot participants were overall **demographically representative** of the population served by the CES
- Participant feedback reflected high rates of **understanding** and **comfort** with the assessment questions
- Staff indicated that the pilot tool was **clear** and **trauma-informed**

# Pilot HNA Respondents by Race and Ethnicity



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# Pilot HNA Participant Feedback Survey Results



**94%**

understood what the questions were asking

**94%**

understood why the questions were being asked

**89%**

felt comfortable answering the questions honestly

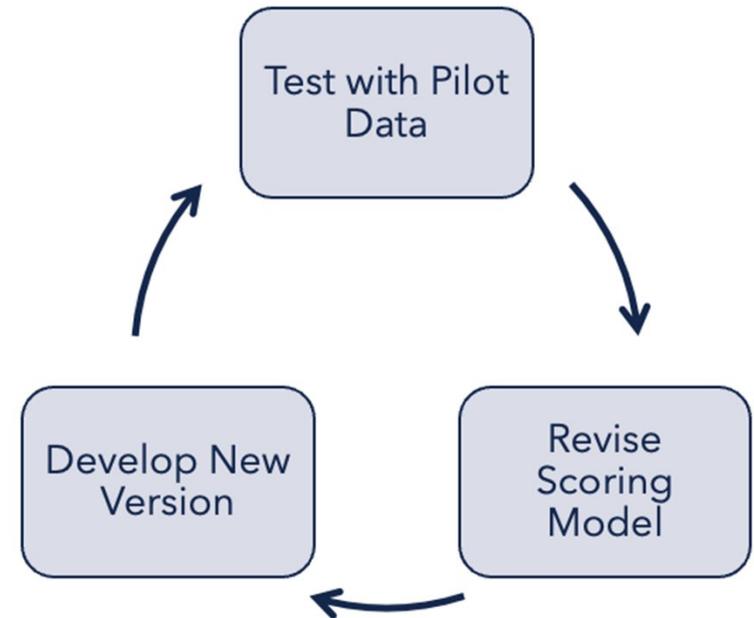
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# Developing a Fair and Locally-Driven Scoring Model

Developed through 5 rounds of testing and iteration, the final CC-HNA scoring model:

- Prioritizes households at highest risk of prolonged homelessness
- Does not show bias toward or against any racial or ethnic group
- Reflects input from people experiencing homelessness and the providers working directly with them





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# **The NEW Contra Costa Housing Needs Assessment (CC-HNA)**

## Overview of the CC-HNA



- 🗨️ The CC-HNA contains **19 questions** and requires ~**15-30 minutes**
  - Responses to 7 of the 19 questions are **pre-populated** for most households completing the assessment based on prior information collected in HMIS intake, and are **confirmed by assessors** rather than being asked again
- 📈 Questions in the CC-HNA are grouped into five key areas, each of which contribute to a household's **risk of prolonged homelessness** without the support of a housing resource through the CES

# CC-HNA Collects and Weighs Information in 5 Key Areas



1



History of Housing and Homelessness

2



Income and Employment

3



Disabilities and Health

4



Experiences with Services and Other Systems of Care

5



Experiences Impacting Wellbeing

# History of Housing and Homelessness



Item	Weight
1 - Episodes of Homelessness	Medium
2 - Total Time Homeless	Medium
3 - Lack of Rental History	Medium
3b - Negative Rental History	Medium
4 - Housing Loss Due to Gender, Cultural, Religious or Sexual Identity	Medium

# Income and Employment



Item	Weight
5 - Zero or Fixed Income	High
5b - Inability to Increase Income	Medium

# Disabilities and Health Conditions



Item	Weight
6 - Number of Disabling Conditions in the Household	High
6b - Severity of Disabling Conditions in the Household	High

# Experiences with Services and Other Systems of Care



Item	Weight
7 - Inability to Access / Avoidance of Care	Low
8-11 - Utilization of Emergency Services	High (overall)
12 - Law Enforcement Encounters	High
13 - History of Incarceration	Low
14-15 - History with Child Welfare or Juvenile Justice Systems	Low
16 - Level of Education	Low

# Experiences Impacting Well-Being



Item	Weight
17 - Fleeing Domestic Violence	High
18 - History of Abuse	Medium
19 - Homelessness and Abuse	Medium

**Questions?**



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# **Adoption & Next Steps**

# ACTION ITEM

- Approve the new Contra Costa Coordinated Entry Housing Needs Assessment



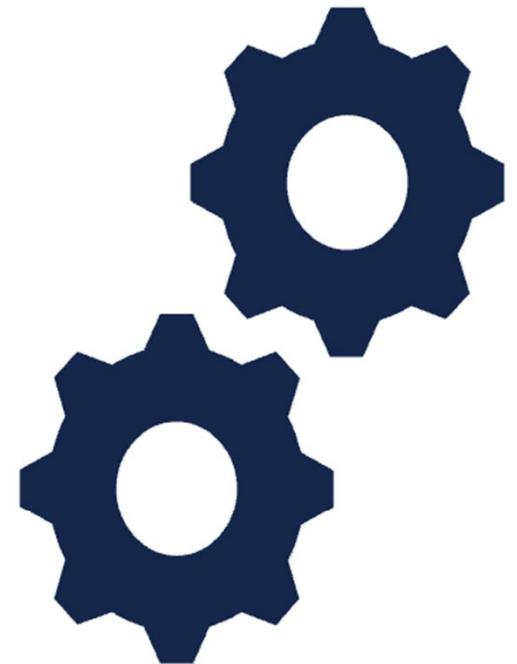
## Next Steps

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Over the coming months, H3 will implement the CC-HNA.

Key steps include:

- Communicate CC-HNA launch to stakeholders
- Train assessors on the CC-HNA
- Update CES policies and workflows
- Officially launch the CC-HNA & retire the VI-SPDAT
- Monitor CC-HNA data over time





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# THANK YOU!

## For Questions:

### H3

Mary Juarez-Fitzgerald at [Mary.Fitzgerald@cchealth.org](mailto:Mary.Fitzgerald@cchealth.org)

### Focus Strategies

Claire Burrus at [Claire@focusstrategies.net](mailto:Claire@focusstrategies.net)

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# YOUTH ACTION BOARD (YAB)



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

Anastasia Lockwood, Council Youth Representative  
and YAB Member

# YAB FEBRUARY MEETINGS

Bimonthly hybrid meetings at H3 in and RYSE

Subcommittees:  
Communications,  
Data & Research,  
Outreach & Retention

Workgroups:  
Nominating Debrief

Council on  
Homelessness (CoH):  
CoH Meeting, Oversight  
Committee

Peer Support Check-  
In Meetings

# YAB FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

YAB Retreat & New  
Member Orientation

Youth PIT Surveying w/  
CORE & Partners

National YAB  
Connection Space



# COMING UP IN MARCH!



# 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?

Join a meeting as a guest to learn more!

For more information:

✉ [ContraCostaYAB@cchealth.org](mailto:ContraCostaYAB@cchealth.org)

? 925-500-3237

2026 Contra Costa County YAB  
Meeting RSVP



# OLD BUSINESS

Update: CoC Monitoring – Alex Michel and Michele Byrnes, Homebase

Sector Report Outs from Council Members – Juno Hedrick, Vice Chair and Lived Experience Advisor

Funding Updates – Jamie Schechter and Christy Saxon, H3

UPDATE: COC  
COMPLIANCE  
MONITORING  
PROCESS

Alex Michel and Michele Byrnes, Homebase

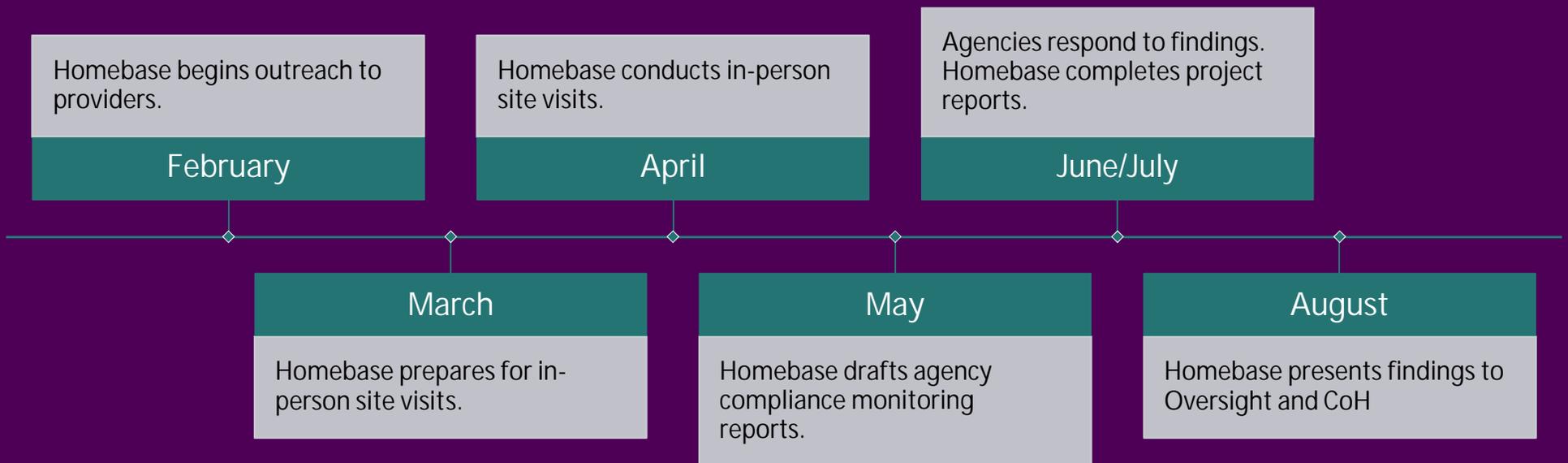
# PURPOSE OF COMPLIANCE MONITORING

- Improve system performance by identifying barriers to effective program performance;
- Increase knowledge among CoC-funded agencies regarding CoC compliance and financial management;
- Help agencies prepare for audits or monitoring from HUD; and
- Identify opportunities and gaps for additional technical assistance, trainings, or one-on-one meetings regarding areas of compliance impacting multiple agencies.

# APPROACH – PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

- Performance categories
  - Verification of participant eligibility
  - Low-barrier, person-centered services
  - Documentation of case management
  - Grievance Procedures
  - VAWA Compliance
- Review three participant files per project (2 current, 1 exited/post- subsidy client)
- 22 projects, including:
  - PSH, DV RRH, Care Centers, Homeless Prevention/Rapid Exit, 211

# COMPLIANCE MONITORING TIMELINE





QUESTIONS?!

SECTOR  
REPORT OUTS  
FROM COUNCIL  
MEMBERS

Juno Hedrick, Vice Chair and Lived Experience  
Advisor

# FUNDING UPDATES

Jamie Schechter and Christy Saxton, H3

# FUNDING UPDATES

- Local
- State
- Federal

# 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

Juno Hedrick, Vice Chair & Lived Experience  
Advisor

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Next COH Meeting: Thursday, April 2, 1 – 3 PM (IN PERSON)
- CoC Training (Violence Against Women Act and Supporting Survivors of Domestic Violence): Monday, March 9, 10 AM – 12 PM (Zoom)
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Policy Committee: Tuesday, March 10, 12 – 1:30 PM (IN PERSON)
- Homeless Service Provider Meeting: Thursday, March 12, 8:30 – 9:30 AM (Zoom)
- Funding Committee: Tuesday, March 17, 2:30 – 4:30 PM (Zoom)
- Governance Committee: Wednesday, March 18, 1 – 3 PM (IN PERSON)



# CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

1025 ESCOBAR STREET  
MARTINEZ, CA 94553

## Staff Report

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**File #:** 26-868

**Agenda Date:** 3/5/2026

**Agenda #:** 3.

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Advisory Board: Contra Costa Council on Homelessness

Subject: Consent Calendar (ACTION ITEM): a. APPROVE minutes from the February 5, 2026 Council meeting and b. APPROVE staff report for the March 5, 2026 Council meeting

Presenter: Juno Hedrick, *Vice Chair and Lived Experience Advisor*

Contact: [contracostacoc@cchealth.org](mailto:contracostacoc@cchealth.org)

### Information:

Items on the consent calendar are generally non-controversial and may not require discussion.

Approving the Consent Calendar means approving the items below in one vote. Council members and the public can remove an item from the consent calendar for discussion by informing the Chair.

### Referral History and Update:

### Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

- a. APPROVE minutes from the February 5, 2026 Council meeting
- b. APPROVE staff report for the March 5, 2026 Council meeting



# CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS STAFF REPORT

*Report for the March 5, 2026 Council on Homelessness Meeting*

## INTRODUCTION

The Council on Homelessness staff report is to inform the Contra Costa Council on Homelessness of the status of projects happening within the Continuum of Care. The report was created to create space on Council on Homelessness meeting agendas for discussion on important issues, to share more information in a digestible format, to make it easier for Council on Homelessness members to review and track ongoing content, and to increase transparency about the work happening within the Continuum of Care. The Council on Homelessness guides the content included in the staff report.

## PROJECTS

### **Project: Concord Naval Weapons Station (CNWS) and Homeless Collaborative**

There are no updates at this time.

### **Technical Assistance (TA) Updates:**

There are no updates at this time.

## COMMITTEES

### **Committee Membership Updates**

Committee membership is now as follows

**Funding:** Courtney, Dani, Jared, Juno, Nicole, Sherina, Wayne

**Governance:** Anastasia, Dani, Jared, Juno, LeAnn, Sherina

**HMIS Policy:** Belinda, Gabriel, Heather, Juno, LeAnn, Mia, Nicole, Tony

**Oversight:** Alejandra, Courtney, Daniel, Juno, Ralph, Shawn, Wayne



# CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS STAFF REPORT

## **Funding Committee**

- The purpose of the Funding Committee is to direct the community input process for several time-sensitive federal and state funding streams, including updating materials and preparing for the bi-annual Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Opportunity (CoC NOFO) competition.
- The FY 2025 CoC NOFO was released on 11/13/25 including several significant program changes. However, on 12/8/25 HUD withdrew the 2025 CoC NOFO. Because of this, the CoC decided on 12/12/25 to pause the local competition until further notice. On 12/23/25, a Court order was released granting the States and NAEH'S request for preliminary relief and effectively blocking the FY 2025 CoC NOFO until further notice. The Court ordered HUD to take steps to process renewals for FY 2025 CoC funding and to inform CoC program recipients of steps towards processing renewals.
- On 1/9/26 HUD circulated an update via the SNAPs listserv and republished the [FY24-25 CoC Program NOFO](#) with updated dates. These announcements were in response to the recent Court Order requiring HUD to withdraw the FY 2025 NOFO (originally released in November 2025) and re-issue the two-year 2024-2025 NOFO (originally released back in July 2024).
- For the FY 2024-25 CoC NOFO that was re-issued 1/9/26, the Funding Committee met on 1/22/26 and revised the New Project Scoring Tool and competition policies to align with this guidance. Due to the abbreviated timeline and the fact that there are very limited reallocated dollars for new projects, the Funding Committee limited eligibility new Coordinated Entry (CE) and Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) expansion projects. Moreover, H3, is the sole eligible applicant for the limited reallocated funding as the long-standing administrator of CE and HMIS projects in Contra Costa County.
- The Funding Committee will re-convene in March and meet monthly to prepare for the FY 2026 NOFO release expected by June 1.

## **Homelessness Awareness Month Committee**

There are no updates at this time. The committee will begin meeting later in 2026.

## **Oversight Committee**

The last Oversight Committee meeting was held on February 19, 2026. During the call the following was discussed:



## CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS STAFF REPORT

- Approved 2026 Oversight Committee Workplan
- Selection of 2026 Oversight Committee Co-Chairs (Courtney Pal & Wayne Earl)
- Approval of the new Contra Costa County CoC Coordinated Entry Housing Needs Assessment (CC-HNA)
- Heard update of the upcoming 2026 Compliance Monitoring process.

The next Oversight Committee Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday April 16, 11:30am - 1:30pm**. Council members are expected to attend in person (2400 Bisso Lane, Concord; Venti Conference Room) but community members are invited to attend in-person or virtually via Zoom (<https://homebaseccc.zoom.us/j/89614437497>).



# CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS MEETING

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## COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS MINUTES

**Date:** Thursday, February 5, 2026, 1 – 3 p.m.

**Recording link:** Available by email request to [CChomelesscouncil@cchealth.org](mailto:CChomelesscouncil@cchealth.org)

### **Council Member Attendance:**

- In-Person (18): 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, Ralph Payton, Shawn Ray, Sherina Criswell, Tony Ucciferri, Verneda Clapp, Wayne Earl
- Remote (0): None.
- Absent (1): Nicole Green,

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

### **Community Member Attendance:**

- In-person: Jill Ray, Board of Supervisors District 2; Marissa Wittrien, community member
- Remote: Anna Cleese, Board of Supervisors District 3; Ashley Jackson, CCCOE; Gina Bills, CCCOE; Ishani Rasanayagam, City of Pittsburg; George Turner, Community member; Irene Higgins, Community member; Rachel Rosekind, Community member; Serene Terrazas, Community member; Elizabeth Winstead, Department of Rehabilitation; Ralph Payton, GRIP Community; Brittany Ferguson, H3; Caroline Miller, H3; Cheryl Leonor, H3; Danielle Jimenez, H3; Jacqueline Franco, H3; Mary Juarez-Fitzgerald, H3; Nicholas Carter, H3; Vi Ibarra, H3; Yessenia Aguilar, H3; Carmen Cano, LFCD; Hang Mosier, SAHA Homes; Dia Mundle, San Ramon Valley Unified School District; Alicia Alferez, SHELTER, Inc.; Cynthia Chavez, SHELTER, Inc.; Daniel Barth, SOS Richmond; Sean Noland, Superior Court of California, County of Contra Costa; Donovan Brosas, The City of El Cerrito; Paida Ndemera, Trinity Center; **19252228338**

## AGENDA ITEM

### 1) Call to Order

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#### **A. Chair starts the meeting:**

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

Juno Hedrick called the meeting to order.



## 2) Introductions

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### 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.

### 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:	1 (5%)
I’ve attended some meetings:	4 (21%)
I’ve attended a lot of meetings:	14 (74%)
I prefer not to answer:	0 (0%)

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

Yes, currently	1 (5%)
Yes, within the past 7 years	1 (5%)
Yes, more than 7 years ago	2 (10%)
No	17 (81%)
I prefer not to answer	0 (0%)

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

African American/Black	6 (21%)
American Indian/Alaskan Native	2 (7%)
Asian/Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian	5 (18%)
Hispanic/Latinx	5 (18%)
White	8 (29%)
Multi-racial	2 (7%)
I describe myself in another way	0 (0%)
I prefer not to answer	0 (0%)



## CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS MEETING

### 3) Public Comments

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#### A. Open period for members of the public to comment on items not listed on the agenda

Members of the public:

- Dia Mundle, the Foster and Homeless Youth liaison for San Ramon Valley Unified School District and also a member of the McKinney-Vento Education Council, discussed the significant challenges faced by homeless families and youth in central Contra Costa County. In the past school year, the school district identified 400 students as homeless, with one-third of them living in doubled up situations or in vehicles. These numbers continue to grow and reflect a crisis that demands urgent attention. Due to the lack of family shelters, many families are told to go out of the County to find resources, affecting their academic performance and causes emotional distress. Dia highlighted the ongoing and urgent need of expanding family shelter options and increase housing resources for vulnerable students and families in central Contra Costa County.

### 4) Consent Calendar (ACTION ITEM)

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#### A. APPROVE minutes from the January 8, 2026 Council meeting

#### B. APPROVE staff report for the February 5, 2026 Council meeting

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: 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, Juno Hedrick, LeAnn Matthews, Mia Fairbanks, , Ralph Payton, Shawn Ray, Sherina Criswell, Tony Ucciferri, Verneda Clapp, Wayne Earl.
  - NOES: None.
  - ABSTAINS: None.
  - UNABLE TO VOTE: None.
  - ABSENT: Mia Fairbanks, Nicole Green.



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

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### A. Update on CoC NOFO and Funding Committee

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

Mark Mora provided the latest updates on the Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) competition process. The FY 2025 CoC NOFO was published on November 13, 2025. It was rescinded then re-released with updates on December 19, 2025 amid litigation filed against the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) by different agencies across the nation. The FY 2025 was then blocked from being implemented due to a preliminary injunction. Thus, significant program changes in the FY 2025 NOFO, including a funding cap of 30% of the Annual Renewal Demand toward permanent housing projects and service participation requirements, were no longer valid. In early January of 2026, HUD re-issued the two-year FY 2024 – 2025 CoC NOFO (originally released in 2024) which focuses on renewing existing projects a non-competitive manner with a limited amount of reallocated dollars available for new projects. The Review and Rank panel will meet in early February to finalize the project priority listing then a designee of the Council on Homelessness will do final approval. A FY 2026 NOFO is anticipated to be announced this summer and will have funding available for new projects.

## 6) Committee Report Outs

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### A. 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 January, which included bimonthly hybrid meetings with H3 and RYSE, subcommittee communications, workgroups, youth survey, national YAB space, among others. YAB welcomed new members on January 8, 2026. For 2026, YAB Board's goals will be to schedule a retreat for team building, have a strong social media presence, reconvene youth and young adult strategic planning, work on youth survey, and release some updates to the 2024 Community Needs Assessment. Anyone interested in connecting with YAB can send an email at [ContraCostaYAB@cchealth.org](mailto:ContraCostaYAB@cchealth.org) or call at (925) 500-3237.

## 7) Old Business

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### A. Update: 2026 Point-In-Time Count (ACTION ITEM)

Speaker: Janel Fletcher, *H3*



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The Point-In-Time (PIT) count took place in the early morning of January 29, 2026. Over 200 volunteers supported the PIT count and Janel Fletcher thanked all the volunteers for their help. The PIT count includes those experiencing sheltered homelessness in emergency shelters or transitional housing programs as well as households experiencing unsheltered homelessness in places not meant for habitation such as cars, tents, RVs, etc. In terms of next steps, H3 will collect community surveys to learn about the demographics, needs, and causes of homelessness from people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in the community. The survey collection period is from February 9<sup>th</sup> until February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026. The PIT data will be submitted to HUD for review and approval and once approved, the final results will be published and presented at a COH meeting.

### B. Sector Report Outs from Council Members

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

- One COH member stated that she received an information notice for the Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program Grant where they requested two letters of support from organizations with which they are currently in communication. The grant is aimed to reduce and prevent veterans' homelessness by assisting them in overcoming employment barriers. Agencies from the private, for-profit, non-profit, and government sector can apply. H3 will look into finding some partnership between interested agencies. More information about this grant may be found at [Grants.gov's](https://www.grants.gov) website.
- Tony Ucciferri shared that The Housing Authority of the County of Contra Costa (HACCC) issued a Request-for-Proposal to transition 15 Project-Based Rental Assistance (PBRA) units to the project-based voucher program. Three applications from different providers were received, Lakeside, Villa Vasconcellos, and Ohio housing programs. Due to changes to the recent tenant-based rental assistance programs, HACCC will have to return funds to HUD. Additionally, HACCC will have a waitlist for a new project-based voucher program called Nevin Plaza in Richmond with a target population to senior adults 62 years old and up. The waitlist will open on March 2nd, 2026 on the [HACCC's website](#).
- Mia Fairbanks shared that The Healthcare for the Homeless agency will start a laser tattoo removal for people who have gang tattoos, and service providers will be trained by Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles. More information about the logistic on how to request the services will be shared soon.

### C. Funding Updates

Speaker: Jamie Schechter and Christy Saxton, *H3*

Jamie Schechter shared that the Homeless Assistance Grants (HAG) program, which includes the Continuum of Care (CoC) Emergency Solutions Branch, would receive over \$4.4 billion, a \$336 million increase from the previous year. The budget bill also includes language that requires HUD to renew CoC grants expiring in the first quarter of 2026 for a period of 12 months and creates a timeline for HUD to renew expiring grants throughout the year. HUD has until June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 to release the 2026 NOFO. Moreover, the Board of Supervisors



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directed the reappropriation of funds for \$9.7 million from the general fund appropriation designated for contingencies for food insecurity and other critical needs in the community in addition to \$2.8 million to be used for rental assistance programs to support emergency rental assistance and eviction prevention through the Contra Costa Crisis Center's 2-1-1 process.

The State of California approved H3's Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round 6 application that will provide \$6.7 million funds for interim housing and other programs in the community. The grant agreement is expected to be signed in the next few weeks. Furthermore, the Consolidated Homelessness and Housing Services program conducted applicant interviews in January from agencies that submitted proposals. The next step will be for the Family and Human Services Committee of the Board of Supervisors, H3, and the Department of Conservation and Development to make the final selection.

### 8) New Business

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#### A. Family and Human Services (FHS) Quarterly Report and Recommendations

Speaker: Jaime Jenett, H3

The Council of Homelessness has prepared the quarterly report with recommendations to Advocate to the Governor and Legislature for the following actions: 1) Restore full HHAP funding for FY 2025–26 and beyond; 2) Ensure timely distribution of the \$1 billion in HHAP funds already approved for FY 2024–25; and 3) Commit to sustained, predictable homelessness funding in future budgets. The recommendations will be sent to the Family and Human Services Committee of the Board of Supervisors for approval. Jaime Jenett added that these meetings are virtual and COH members can attend and participate

#### B. Update: Brown Act and Virtual Attendance

Speaker: Jaime Jenett, H3

Per the original Brown Act, from 2023 COH members were required to attend in person meetings unless they used a just cause exception. Effective January 1, 2026, California Senate Bill 707 (SB707) made some updates by removing the emergency circumstances rule and added a few other reasonable accommodations under just cause. These include immunocompromised child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse or domestic partner, military service obligations, and physical or family medical emergency, allowing members with disabilities to attend public meetings and allows them to participate remotely and count towards in person quorum. Members need to request approval from Clerk of the Board at least a week before using the first time.



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### C. Learning Corner: Community College Basic Needs Programs

Speaker: Hope Dixon, *Contra Costa College & Community Member Representative*

Hope Dixon, Basic Needs Coordinator, presented an overview of Community College School District in Contra Costa County. The district has three large campuses: Diablo Valley College, Los Madanos College, and Contra Costa College in addition to two other satellite campuses. One of them, St. Mary's, is the only college in the county with student housing. The lack of student housing creates an impact on the homeless system and the way students access services. The presentation covered information about cost of college, how to pay for college and apply for financial aid, where to find resources, challenges that unhoused students encounter and ways to support them. In addition to being able to apply for financial aid through grants and scholarships, students can also access healthcare, food, and housing pathways. Those interested in getting more information may contact Hope at [hdixon@contracosta.edu](mailto:hdixon@contracosta.edu).

## 9) General Announcements

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### A. General Announcements:

Speaker: All

- The website [EastBayworks.com](http://EastBayworks.com) is a career building resource that posts jobs and career fairs at the regional level across Contra Costa County and Alameda County. This resource is possible thanks to collaboration from different agencies such as American Job Center, Contra Costa College, LMC, among others.

## 10) Pin It

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Speaker: Jaime Jenett, *H3*

- The next COH meeting will be on March 5, from 1 – 3 p.m.
- 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.



# CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS MEETING

## 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



# CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

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## Staff Report

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**File #:** 26-869

**Agenda Date:** 3/5/2026

**Agenda #:** 5.

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Advisory Board: Contra Costa Council on Homelessness

Subject: Committee Report Outs: Oversight Committee i.(ACTION ITEM) Approve New Contra Costa Housing Needs Assessment as recommended by the Oversight Committee

Presenter: Mary Juarez-Fitzgerald, H3

Contact: [contracostacoc@cchealth.org](mailto:contracostacoc@cchealth.org)

Information:

Referral History and Update:

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

Approve New Contra Costa Housing Needs Assessment as recommended by the Oversight Committee

## Contra Costa Coordinated Entry Housing Needs Assessment (CC-HNA)

### HISTORY OF HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS (Medium Weight)

Episodes of Homelessness	<b>1.</b> How many times has your household been homeless on the streets, in a shelter, in a car, or in any other place not meant for habitation in the past three years, including today? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="radio"/> 1 time</li> <li><input type="radio"/> 2 times</li> <li><input type="radio"/> 3 times</li> <li><input type="radio"/> 4 or more times</li> </ul>
Total Time Homeless	<b>2.</b> Total number of months your household has been homeless in the past three years: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="radio"/> One month (this time is the first month)</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Two months</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Three months</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Four months</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Five months</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Six months</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Seven months</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Eight months</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Nine months</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Ten months</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Eleven months</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Twelve months</li> <li><input type="radio"/> More than 12 months</li> </ul>
Lack of Rental History	<b>3.</b> Has any adult in your household ever been on a lease for housing?
Negative Rental History	<b>3b.</b> <i>(If yes – have been on a lease,)</i> Do any of the following describe your household’s rental history? (select all that apply) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="radio"/> Have outstanding rental debt or utility debt</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Have been formally evicted</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Have broken lease agreements</li> <li><input type="radio"/> None of these apply</li> </ul>
Housing Loss Due to Gender, Cultural, Religious, or Sexual Identity	<b>4.</b> Have you or anyone in your household ever been forced to leave housing because of differences in religious or cultural beliefs, or because of gender identity or sexual orientation?
<b>INCOME &amp; EMPLOYMENT (Medium Weight)</b>	
Income Sources/Zero Income	<b>5.</b> Which option best describes your household’s current income status? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="radio"/> Household has no current income</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Household has a fixed income (ex., SSI, SSDI, Pension, Survivor Benefits, etc.)</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Household has earned income</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Household has both fixed and earned income</li> </ul>
	<b>5b.</b> <i>(If no income or fixed income only)</i> Is any adult household member able to increase their income? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="radio"/> No adult household member is able to increase their income</li> <li><input type="radio"/> At least one adult household member is able to increase their income</li> </ul>

**DISABILITIES & HEALTH CONDITIONS (Medium Weight)**

<p>Number of Disabling Conditions in the Household</p>	<p><b>6. For each household member:</b></p> <p><u>Self</u> – Do you have a ... (select all that apply)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="radio"/> Physical Disability– Long Term &amp; Impairs Independence – Y/N</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Developmental Disability (Born with or developed early conditions like autism, down syndrome, or other learning disabilities) – Y/N</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Chronic Health Condition – Long Term &amp; Impairs Independence – Y/N</li> <li><input type="radio"/> HIV+ - Y/N</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Mental Health Condition- Long Term &amp; Impairs Independence – Y/N</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Alcohol Use - Long Term &amp; Impairs Independence – Y/N</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Drug Use- Long Term &amp; Impairs Independence – Y/N</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Both Alcohol and Drug Use - Long Term &amp; Impairs Independence – Y/N</li> </ul> <p><u>Other Adult 1</u> – Do they have a... (select all that apply)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="radio"/> Physical Disability– Long Term &amp; Impairs Independence – Y/N</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Developmental Disability (Born with or developed early conditions like autism, down syndrome, or other learning disabilities) – Y/N</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Chronic Health Condition – Long Term &amp; Impairs Independence – Y/N</li> <li><input type="radio"/> HIV+ - Y/N</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Mental Health Condition- Long Term &amp; Impairs Independence – Y/N</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Alcohol Use - Long Term &amp; Impairs Independence – Y/N</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Drug Use- Long Term &amp; Impairs Independence – Y/N</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Both Alcohol and Drug Use - Long Term &amp; Impairs Independence – Y/N</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Client doesn't know</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Client prefers not to answer</li> </ul> <p><u>Child 1</u> – Do they have a... (select all that apply)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="radio"/> Physical Disability– Long Term &amp; Impairs Independence – Y/N</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Developmental Disability (Born with or developed early conditions like autism, down syndrome, or other learning disabilities) – Y/N</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Chronic Health Condition – Long Term &amp; Impairs Independence – Y/N</li> <li><input type="radio"/> HIV+ - Y/N</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Mental Health Condition- Long Term &amp; Impairs Independence – Y/N</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Alcohol Use - Long Term &amp; Impairs Independence – Y/N</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Drug Use- Long Term &amp; Impairs Independence – Y/N</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Both Alcohol and Drug Use - Long Term &amp; Impairs Independence – Y/N</li> </ul>
<p>Severity of Disabling Conditions in the Household</p>	<p><b>6b.</b> (If yes to a Physical Disability, Chronic Health Condition, HIV, Mental Health Disorder, Alcohol or Drug Use Disorder in the HH), Do any of the disabilities or health conditions in your household cause you/your household to.... (select all that apply)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="radio"/> Be unable to work or work enough hours to support the household</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Lose your housing in the past</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Require assistance with daily activities (ADLs)</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Need a special unit accommodation in housing (for ex. an ADA accessible unit)</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Not Applicable</li> </ul>

**EXPERIENCES WITH SERVICES & OTHER SYSTEMS OF CARE (High Weight)**

Access to/Avoidance of Care	<p><b>7.</b> Have you or anyone in your household avoided or been unable to access medical, mental health, or other care due to (select all that apply):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="radio"/> Being concerned about being treated poorly or unfairly</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Not feeling safe or comfortable</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Being unable to afford it</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Being uninsured</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Not having transportation</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Not knowing how to access care</li> <li><input type="radio"/> No, my household accesses care when needed</li> </ul>
Utilization of Emergency Services	<p><b>8.</b> In the past six months, how many times have you or anyone in your household gone to an emergency room for medical treatment?</p> <p><b>9.</b> In the past six months, how many times have you or anyone in your household taken an ambulance to the hospital?</p> <p><b>10.</b> In the past six months, how many times have you or anyone in your household been hospitalized as an inpatient? For example, being admitted to a hospital overnight for medical care, mental health treatment, or substance use treatment.</p> <p><b>11.</b> In the past six months, how many times have you or anyone in your household used a crisis service? For example, crisis services for sexual assault, mental health or suicide prevention, family or intimate violence, and distress centers.</p>
Criminalization of Homelessness	<b>12.</b> Have you or anyone in your household ever been stopped or harassed by police due to being homeless?
Outcomes of Law Enforcement Encounters	<p><b>12b.</b> <i>If yes</i>, what were the results of the police interaction(s)? (select all that apply)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="radio"/> No negative repercussions or follow-up</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Told to move or leave the area</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Belongings were taken or thrown away</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Received a ticket or fine</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Arrested or jailed</li> </ul>
History of Incarceration	<b>13.</b> Have you or any adult in the household ever been incarcerated in State/County/Federal Prison?
History with Child Welfare	<b>14.</b> Were any adults in the household formerly a ward of child welfare/foster care?
History with Juvenile Justice	<b>15.</b> Were any adults in the household formerly a ward of the juvenile justice system?
Level of Education	<b>16.</b> Did any adult in the household graduate high school or receive their GED?
<b>EXPERIENCES IMPACTING WELL- BEING (Low Weight)</b>	
Fleeing DV	<b>17.</b> Are you/ your household currently fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence?
History of Abuse	<b>18.</b> Before becoming homeless, did anyone in your household experience: physical or sexual violence, threats, exploitation, or other abuse?
Homelessness & Abuse	<b>19.</b> Since becoming homeless, have you or anyone in your household experienced: physical or sexual violence, threats, exploitation, or other abuse?