



AGENDA

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY Contra Costa Council on Homelessness

Thursday, August 20, 2026

11:30 AM

Virtual only:

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Oversight Committee WG

Agenda and slide deck for Oversight WG 8.20.26

[26-3565](#)

Attachments: [FOR POSTING 2026.08.20 Oversight WG Slides](#)
[8.20.26 Oversight Cmte. WG Agenda](#)

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. Meeting Logistics
Wayne Earl, COH
4. Announcements
Courtney Pal, COH
5. June Working Group Recap
Courtney Pal, COH
6. ERF Updates
Natalie Siva, CCH Community Response Division
7. CES Updates
Mary Juarez-Fitzgerald, H3
8. RED Team Updates
Yessenia Aguilar & Carina Rodriguez-Peña, H3

9. YAB Updates

Juno Hedrick, COH/YAB

10. Federal/HUD Updates

Jamie Schechter, H3

11. Q2 Accountability Corner

Jamie Schechter, H3

12. Nominating Update

Jamie Schechter, H3

13. Closing

Wayne Earl, CoH

The next meeting is currently scheduled for October 15, 2026.

Adjourn

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Staff Report

File #: 26-3565

Agenda Date: 8/20/2026

Agenda #:

Advisory Board: Contra Costa Council on Homelessness

Subject: Agenda and slide deck for Oversight WG 8.20.26

Presenter:

Contact:

Information:

Referral History and Update:

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):



OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP

August 20, 2026 from 11:30a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

WELCOME

Wayne Earl, *CoH*

AGENDA

1. Welcome, Introductions, & CoH Roll Call
2. 2026 Meeting Logistics
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INTRODUCTIONS AND ROLL CALL

Wayne Earl, *CoH*

STAFF INTRODUCTIONS



Jamie Schechter, *Homeless Services Chief*

Natalie Siva, *CCH Community Response Project Manager*

Mary Juarez-Fitzgerald, *Coordinated Entry Manager*

Yessenia Aguilar, *Service Worker*

Carina Rodriguez-Peña, *Planner and Evaluator*

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Michele Byrnes, *Directing Analyst*

Email: contracosta@homebaseccc.org

COH & COMMUNITY MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

CoH Members Roll Call

Name, pronouns, seat, organization

1. Alejandra Chamberlain
2. Courtney Pal
3. Donnie Diego
4. Juno Hedrick
5. Ralph Payton
6. Shawn Ray
7. Wayne Earl

Community Members (*in chat*)

Name, pronouns, organization

POLL: WHO'S IN THE ROOM?

2026 MEETING LOGISTICS

Wayne Earl, *CoH*

MEETING LOGISTICS

In-Person/Hybrid Meetings

- 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

Virtual Attendance Exemption

- Just Cause
- Emergency Circumstances

HYBRID MEETING NORMS

1. Masking is recommended but not required (masks are available)
2. Social distancing – red pen = please keep safe distance, black = ask first
3. Raise your hand (actual or virtual) before speaking
4. Say your name before speaking and try to speak as clearly as you can
5. Make and take space – consider your privilege and the other voices who are in and not in the room
6. Sign-in if you are in-person so we can track attendance
7. Maintain a safe and respectful environment, even when disagreeing
8. This meeting is being recorded
9. If in-person meeting is interrupted for an emergency, the meeting will be suspended or cancelled, case-by-case basis.

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.

COMMITTEE VS WORKGROUP

There will be two types of meetings held throughout the year, each with a different structure.

Committee Meeting

- Every other meeting, starting in Feb
- In-person attendance required (with exemptions)
- Activities include voting to approve/adopt minutes and other items as needed

Workgroup Meetings

- Every other month, starting in April
- Fully virtual
- Activities include hearing presentations, hearing from stakeholders and partners, and developing updates and other content

Date	Time	Location
February 19	11:30am – 1:30pm	In-person 2400 Bisso Lane, D2, Concord (Zoom link)
April 16	11:30am – 1:30pm	Virtual only (Zoom link)
June 18	11:30am – 1:30pm	In-person Location TBD (Zoom link)
August 20	11:30am – 1:30pm	Virtual only (Zoom link)
October 15	11:30am – 1:30pm	In-person Location TBD (Zoom link)
December 17	11:30am -1:30pm	Virtual only (Zoom link)

2026 MEETING SCHEDULE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Courtney Pal, CoH

HOW TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT

- In-person: stand where you are sitting when called upon.
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JUNE WORKING GROUP RECAP

Courtney Pal, CoH

JUNE WORKING GROUP TAKEAWAYS

The following items were covered during the June 2026 Oversight Committee working group:

- Housing Needs Assessment tool implementation
- PIT/HIC Count
- Participant satisfaction survey
- YAB Updates
- Youth Housing Survey
- 2026 Monitoring Process
- Federal updates



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Oversight Committee

Encampment Resolution
Funding (ERF) Updates

*Natalie Siva
ERF Project Manager*

August 2026

Overview

- ERF Overview

Updates

- ERF-2 Richmond, ERF-3 Richmond, San Pablo and Antioch

Data

- Update on outcomes

Next Steps

- ERF-5 funding

Encampment Resolution Funding (ERF) Overview

- ERF provides services for individuals experiencing *unsheltered homelessness in specific encampments* that results in pathways to safe and stable housing

- Funded through California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)

- Referrals made through CORE outreach

- Activities include *outreach, interim housing, and rapid rehousing*

- Community Response project manages ERF-2 Richmond, ERF-3 Richmond, ERF-3 San Pablo, and ERF-3 Antioch

ERF Services

ERF-2 Richmond

Rapid
Rehousing

Prevention

ERF-3 Richmond

Outreach

Interim Shelter

Employment &
Literacy

Rapid
Rehousing

ERF-3 San Pablo

Outreach

Rapid
Rehousing

ERF-3 Antioch

Outreach

Interim Shelter

Rapid
Rehousing

ERF Updates

ERF-2 Richmond

Extended through
August 2027

Assisting with housing
stability & income

ERF-3 Richmond

CORE getting
participants doc ready

Referrals to interim
housing, rapid
rehousing and
employment

ERF-3 San Pablo

Windy Flats remains
clear

CORE continuing to
work with those in
housing

Additional
encampments along
San Pablo Creek

ERF-3 Antioch

Opportunity Village fully
operational

CORE currently enrolling
those along the Railroad
encampment & moving
to OV

Hope Solutions on site
at OV

-104 participants served

-2,120 services provided

-17 exited to shelter

**-31 exited to permanent
housing**

-104 participants served

-2,608 services provided

-40 exited to shelter

**-11 exited to permanent
housing**

ERF-3 San Pablo

7/01/25 – 6/30/26

-67 participants served

-1,649 services provided

-14 exited to shelter

**-9 exited to permanent
housing (3 of those are adults
in the same HH)**

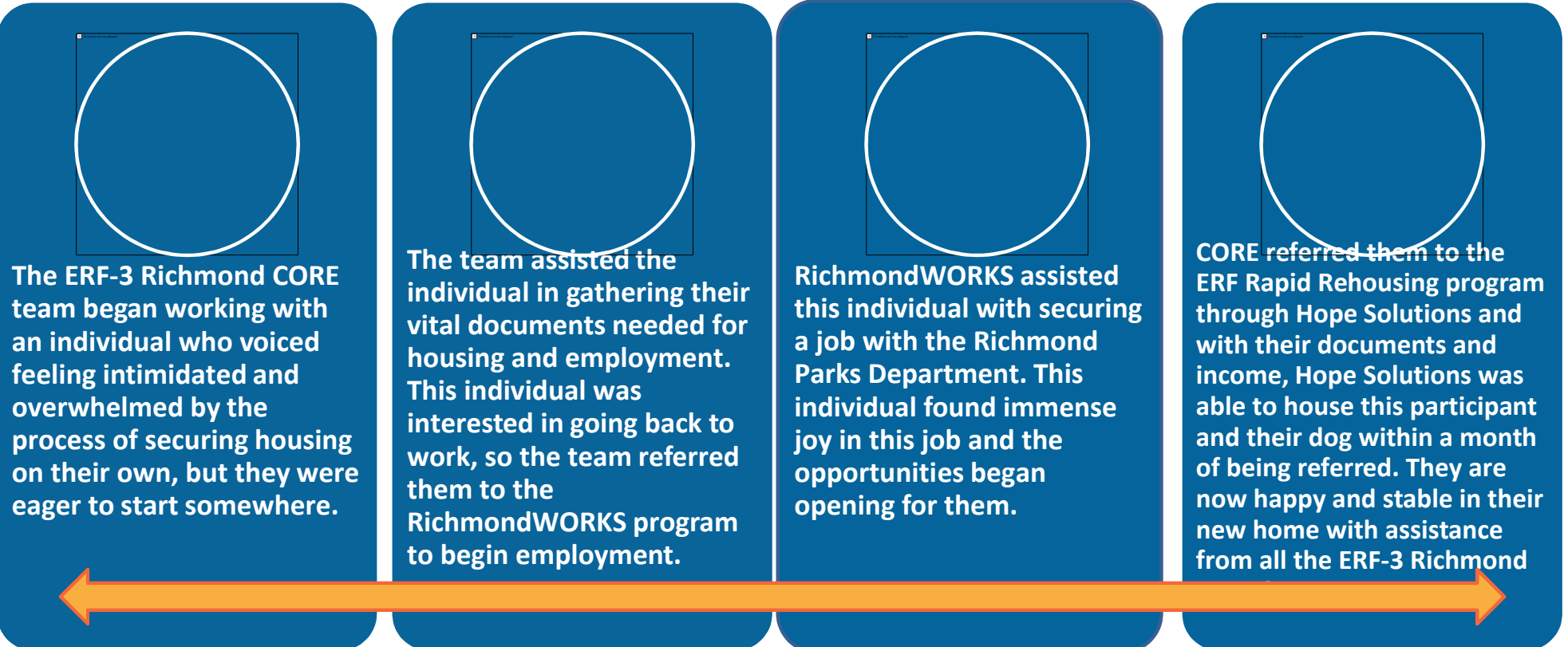
- 130 participants served

-5,301 services provided

-53 exited to shelter

**-10 exited to permanent
housing**

ERF-3 Richmond Success



Housing-Focused Street Outreach

Next Steps

•Additional Encampment Resolution Funding (ERF)

- HCD released ERF round 5 funding and Community Response applied for an encampment corridor in Concord
- Funding notifications released around October
- Funding for continued project management, a dedicated CORE team, and Rapid Rehousing



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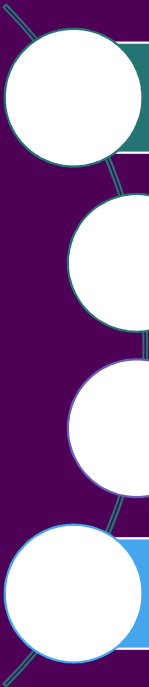
Thank You

COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM UPDATES

Mary Juarez-Fitzgerald

Coordinated Entry System Manager

TOPICS



Housing Needs Assessment: Implementation & Early Insights

Homelessness Prevention Triage Tool: Year One Review

Coordinated Entry Policies & Procedures

Other / General Coordinated Entry Highlights

HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT: IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS

Launched May 1, 2026

- The new Contra Costa Housing Needs Assessment (CC-HNA) replaced the VI-SPDAT as Contra Costa's Coordinated Entry Housing Needs Assessment and Prioritization Tool

Implementation Approach

- New participants are assessed using the new CC-HNA
- Existing participants are being reassessed to transition to the new prioritization framework
- Original July 1 transition to CC-HNA-based prioritization extended to allow additional time for reassessment
- CORE, CARE Center, and Shelters continue targeted reassessment efforts

658 Clients Assessed

664 HNAs
Completed

XXX Active Clients
still needing an HNA

CURRENT FOCUS:

CC-HNA TRANSITION SUPPORT

REASSESSMENT & PROVIDER OUTREACH



PROVIDING PROGRAMS
WITH PARTICIPANT-
LEVEL LISTS
IDENTIFYING ACTIVE
PARTICIPANTS WHO
STILL NEED AN HNA



SUPPORTING CORE,
CARE CENTERS, AND
SHELTER STAFF IN
COMPLETING
OUTSTANDING
REASSESSMENTS



CONTINUING TO
ASSESS NEWLY
PRESENTING
PARTICIPANTS USING
THE HNA

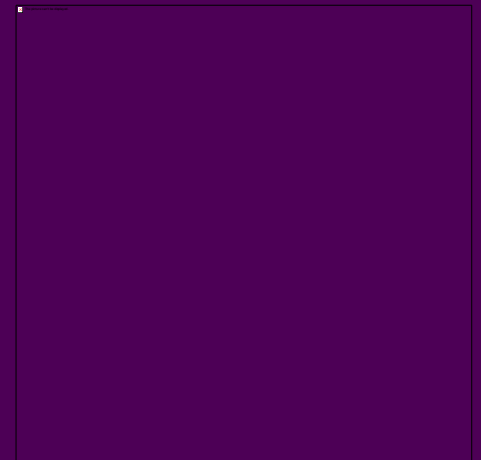


PREPARING FOR FULL
TRANSITION TO HNA-
BASED COORDINATED
ENTRY PRIORITIZATION

REASSESSMENT MILESTONE

Shout-out to the following teams that have completed HNAs for all active participants:

- Concord Adult Shelter & Concord Respite
- GRIP Family Shelter
- Brookside Adult Shelter



HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION TRIAGE TOOL

YEAR ONE REVIEW

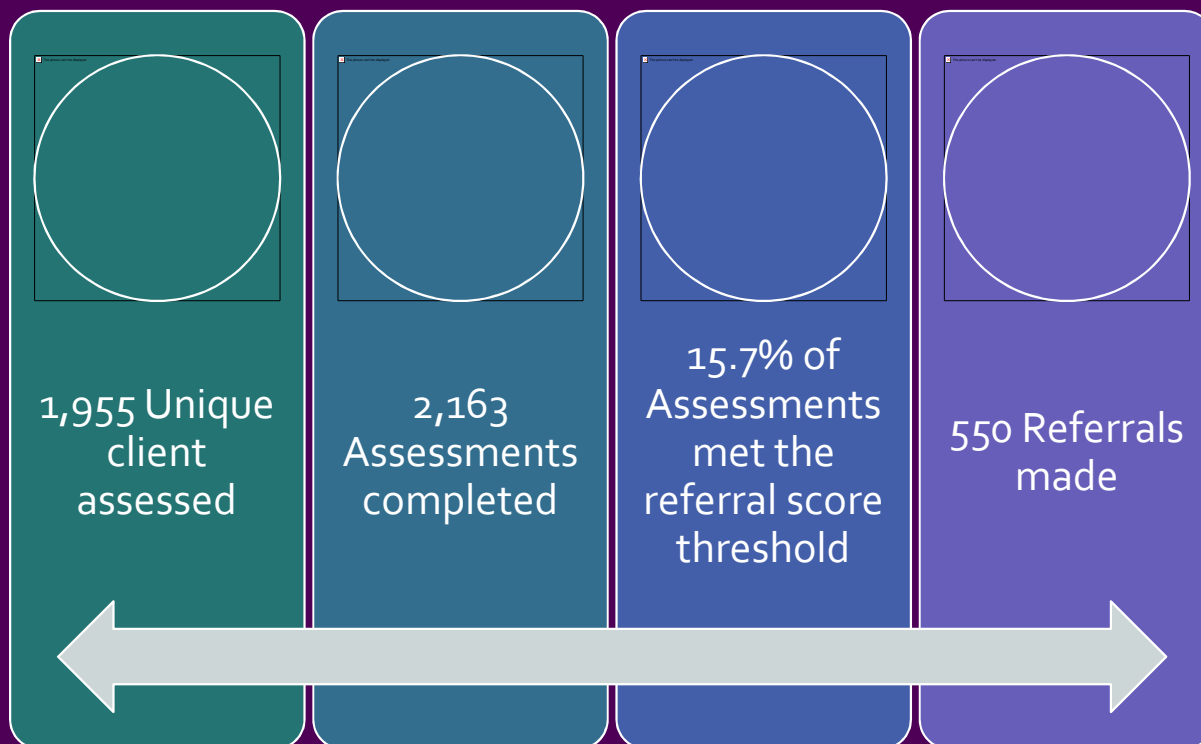
Purpose: Target limited prevention resources to households at highest risk of entering literal homelessness and support consistent, equitable referrals through Coordinated Entry.

Why a *Risk-Based* approach?

- Previous screening was primarily an eligibility-based, first-come / first-served approach, rather than risk-based
- Uses research-informed risk factors and local data to identify households at greatest risk of entering the homeless response system
- Supports the system goal of reducing inflow into homelessness
- Helps align referrals with available prevention capacity

Launched: July 1, 2025 in partnership with Contra Costa Crisis Center (211) and Homeless Prevention Providers (Hope Solutions, Catholic Charities of the East Bay, St. Vincent de Paul, and Bay Area Community Services)

YEAR ONE OVERVIEW



The score threshold prioritizes access to limited CE prevention resources; households below the threshold may still be connected to other prevention programs or community resources based on eligibility and available capacity.

EARLY FINDINGS

WHAT ARE WE LEARNING?

Risk varies across household types

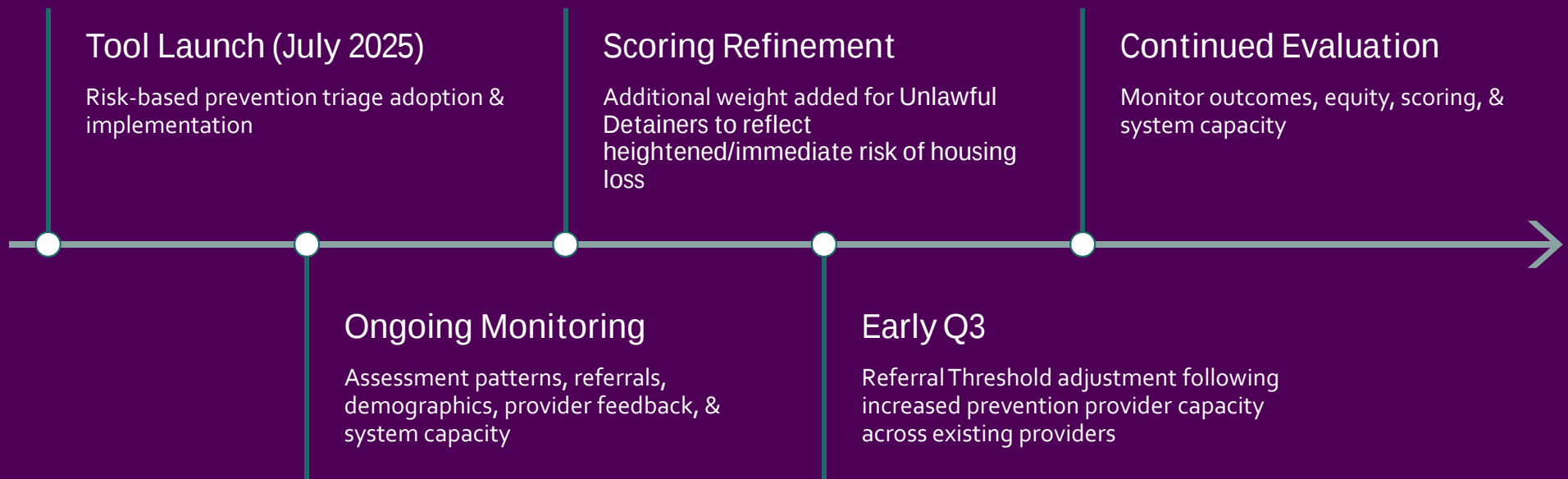
- 29% of households with children met the referral threshold
- 24.7% of adult households without children met the referral threshold
- 16.5% of single adults met the threshold

The tool is identifying differences in assessed risk across populations

Ongoing Demographic Monitoring

- Results are routinely reviewed by: race/ethnicity, age, disability, household composition, geography
- Demographic monitoring remains an ongoing component of tool evaluation and refinement and helps identify potential disparities and informs future evaluation and refinement of the tool

YEAR ONE REFINEMENTS & NEXT STEPS



CE POLICIES & PROCEDURES



Minor revisions to the CE P&Ps are in process, and will be presented in the October Oversight Committee Meeting



Revisions include updates to reflect new CC-HNA, Prevention Triage Tool, and other federal & state compliance



We may propose a September Workgroup or feedback / listening session for Oversight Committee members / attendees in September, in order to review revisions that will be presented in the October meeting

OTHER / GENERAL CES UPDATES

Civic Center Apartment Placement Meetings Ongoing

- Homekey / City of Richmond Project
- 48 Efficiency Style Units of Permanent Supportive Housing
- Move-Ins anticipated Late Sept / October and through the Fall

Re-Launch of Bringing Families Home Program (CDSS)

- Rapid Rehousing and Homeless Prevention for Child-Welfare Involved Families

Housing Disability Advocacy Program (CDSS)

- Rapid Rehousing and Homeless Prevention for literally homeless single adults receiving GA and SSI Pending / SSI Advocacy

CE Annual Performance Report Data Review & Preparation

- CE performance period concludes Sept. 30
- Preparation & clean up of data, which includes # of households assessed, referrals made & other CE-specific outcome data

PERFORMANCE DASHBOARDS

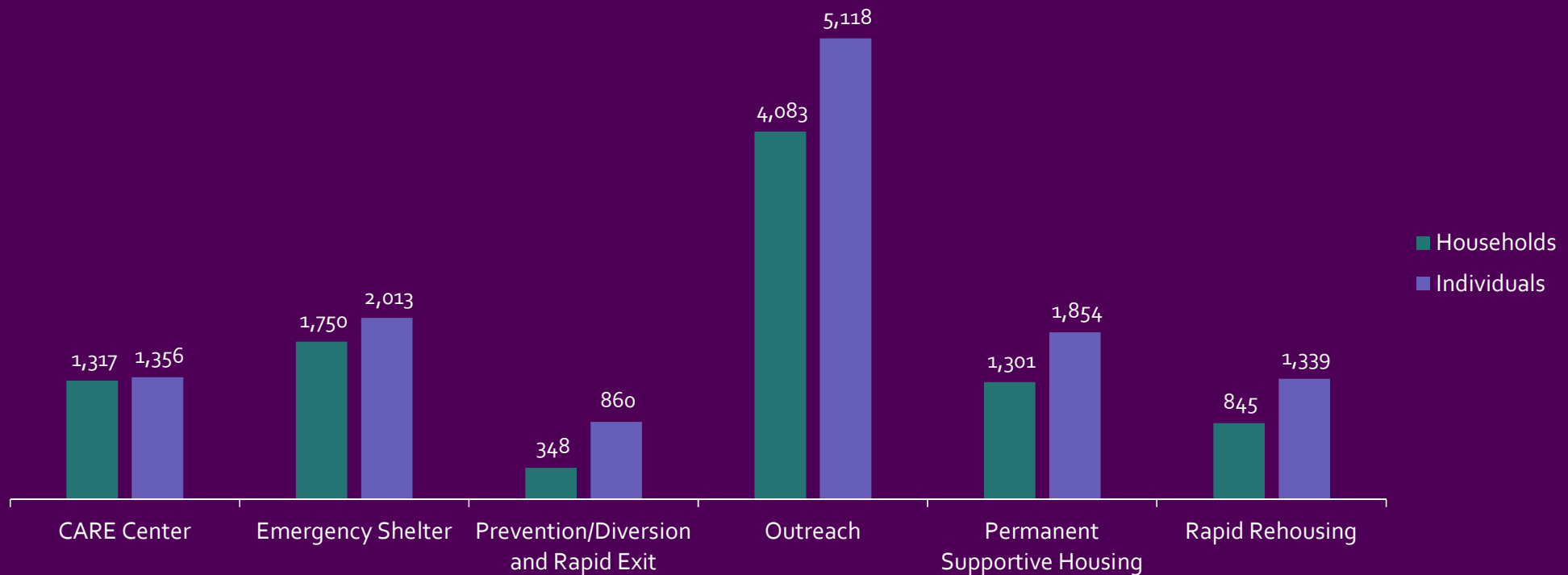
Yessenia Aguilar, H3

PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

- Each program model has performance measures based on its role in the homeless response system (e.g., exits to permanent housing and housing retention).
- Benchmarks are informed by national best practices, local performance, and comparable Continuums of Care (CoCs). For providers below the aspirational benchmark, a 10% improvement is considered meeting expectations.
- Performance standards support accountability and continuous quality improvement. The goal is to improve outcomes for people experiencing homelessness, not to penalize providers.
- Performance measures use data that is already collected and reported in HMIS.

[Contra Costa County - Program Models & Performance Standards](#)

HOUSEHOLDS AND INDIVIDUALS SERVED, BY PROGRAM MODEL



Reporting Period: 7/1/2025 – 7/1/2026

IN-DEPTH REVIEW, BY PROGRAM MODEL

Total Served & Exit Destinations

CARE CENTER – TOTAL SERVED

Households
Served

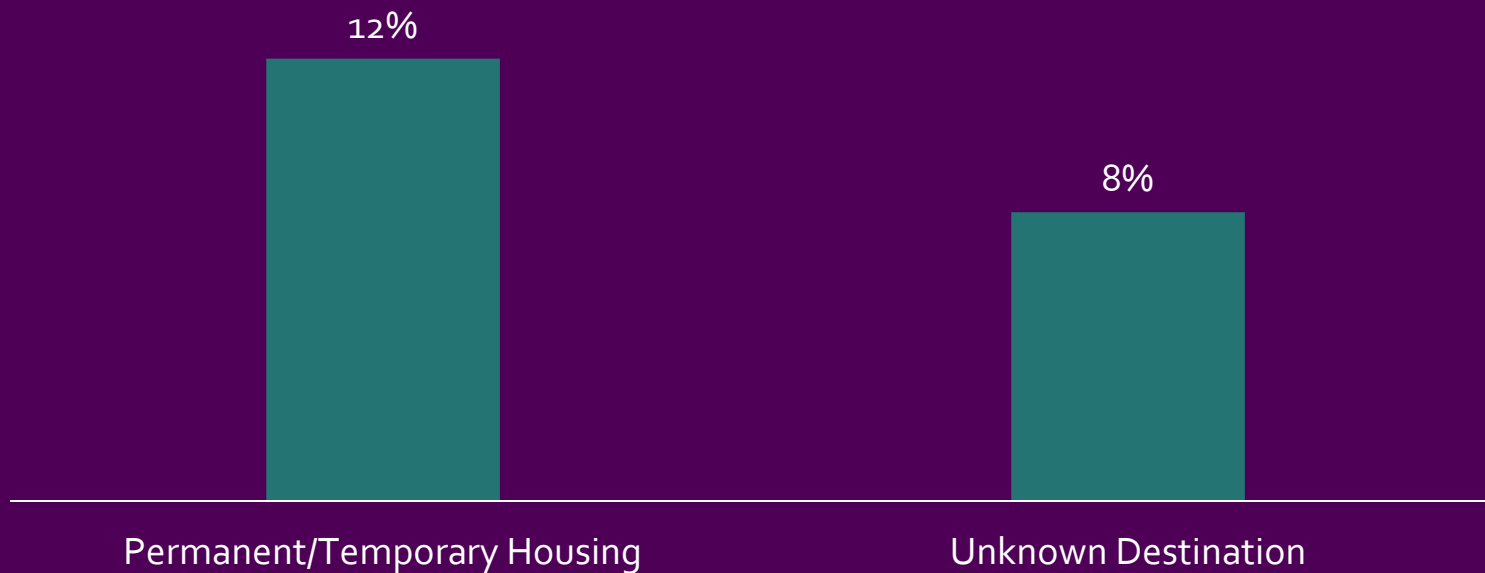
1,317

Individuals
Served

1,356

CARE CENTER – EXIT DESTINATION

Goal: more than 35% exited to housing and less than 30% of clients exit to an unknown destination



EMERGENCY SHELTER – TOTAL SERVED

Households
Served

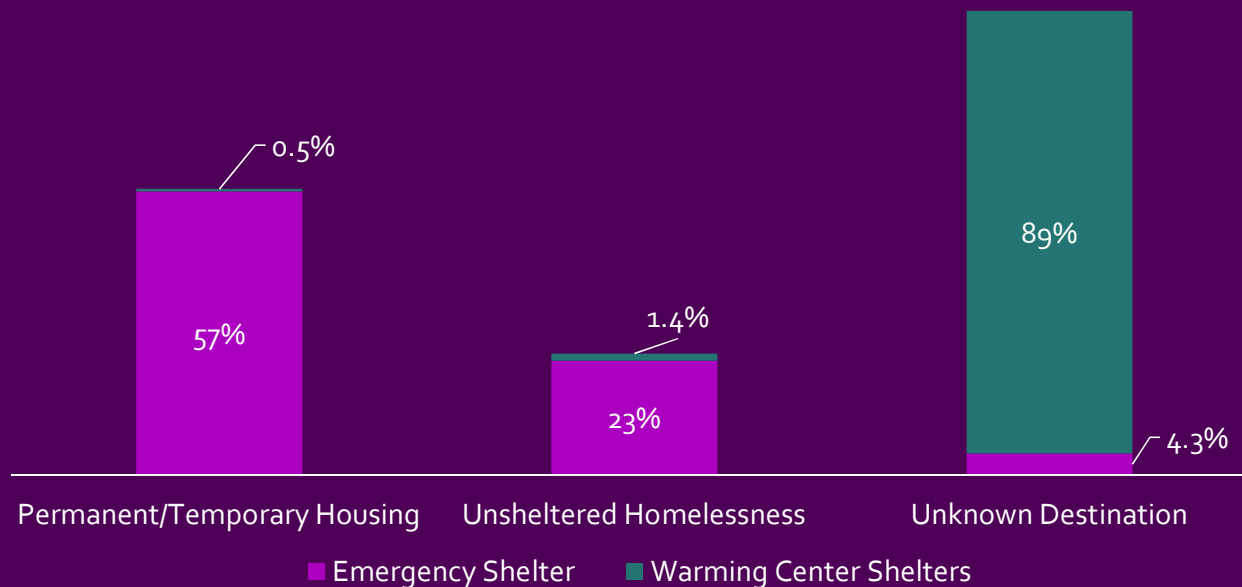
1,750

Individuals
Served

2,013

EMERGENCY SHELTER – EXIT DESTINATION

Goal: less than 20% of HoHs exit to unsheltered homelessness, less than 20% of HoHs exit to an unknown destination, more than 40% of clients housed on exit



EMERGENCY SHELTER – COC FUNDED, TOTAL SERVED

Households
Served

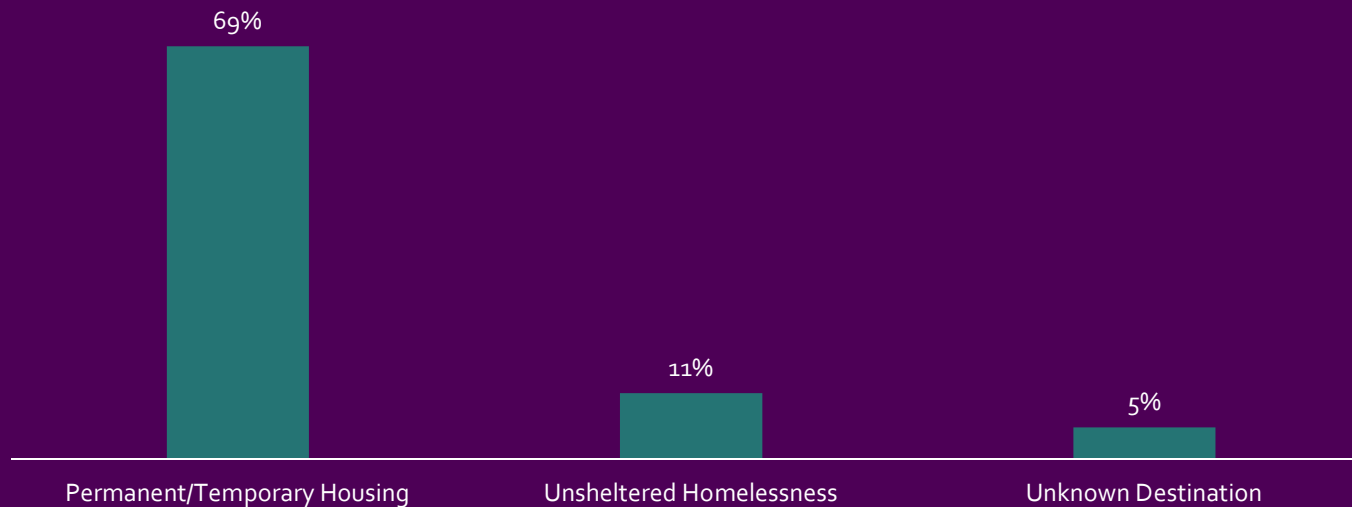
793

Individuals
Served

1,033

EMERGENCY SHELTER – COC FUNDED, EXIT DESTINATION

- Goal: less than 20% of HoHs exit to unsheltered homelessness, less than 20% of HoHs exit to an unknown destination, more than 40% of clients housed on exit



HOMELESS PREVENTION/DIVERSION AND RAPID EXIT–TOTAL SERVED

Households
Served

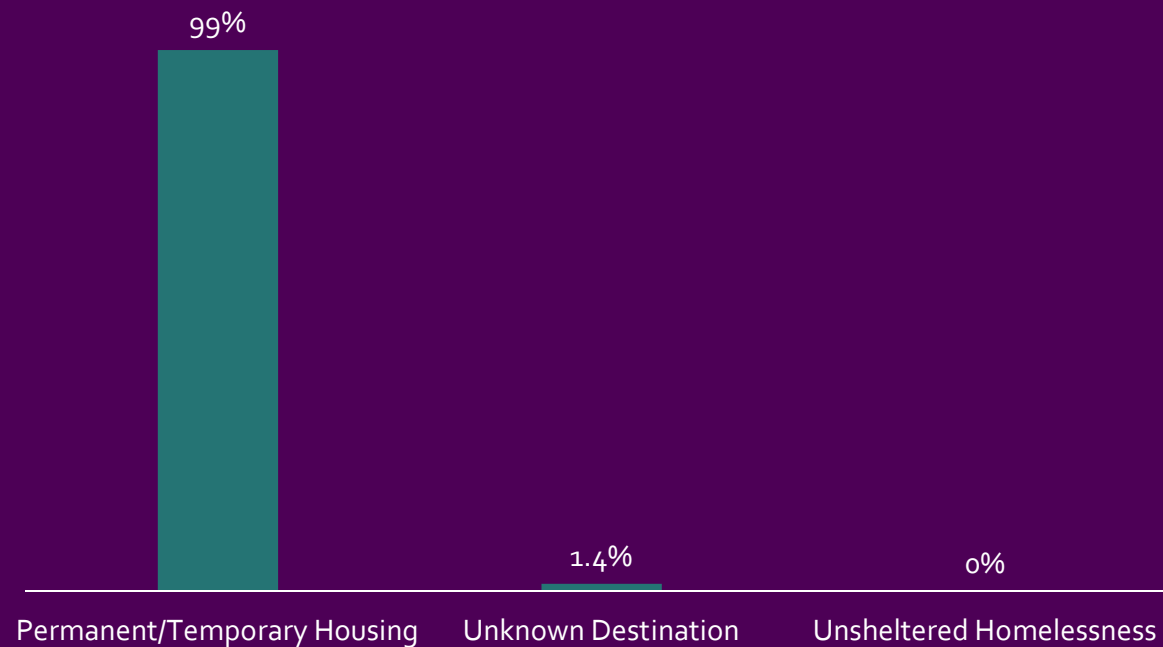
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Individuals
Served

860

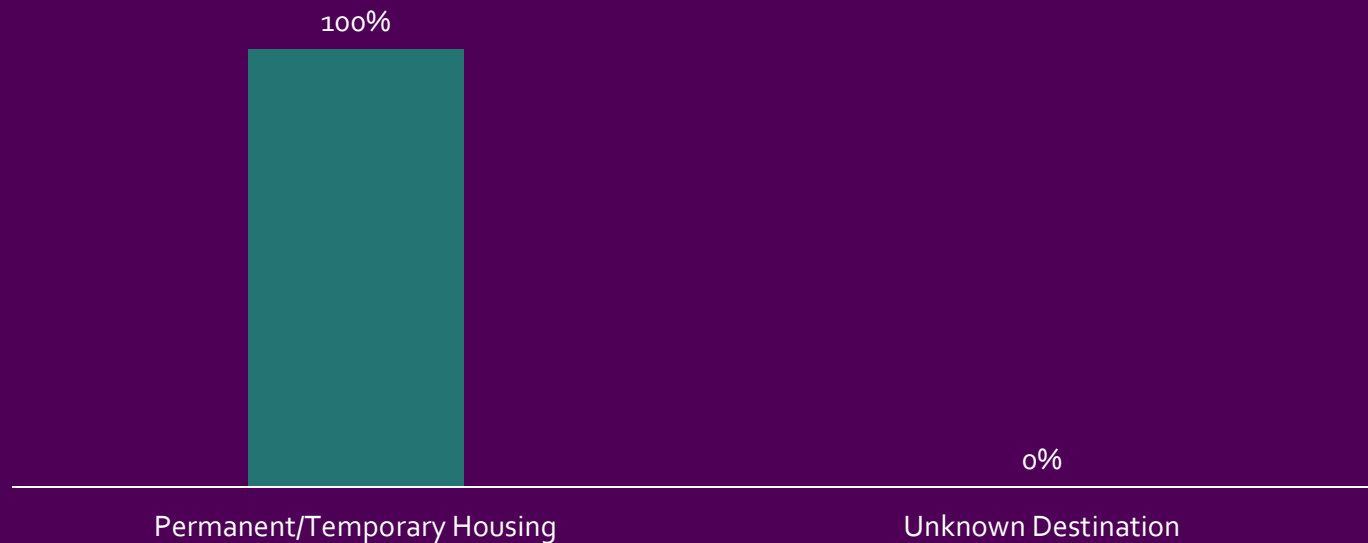
HOMELESS PREVENTION/DIVERSION – EXIT DESTINATION

Goal: less than 10% exiting to unsheltered , less than 30% exiting to unknown, and more than 70% exiting to housing



RAPID EXIT – EXIT DESTINATION

Goal: more than 75% of literally homeless participants exit to housing, and less than 20% exited to an unknown destination



OUTREACH/CORE TEAMS – TOTAL SERVED

Households
Served

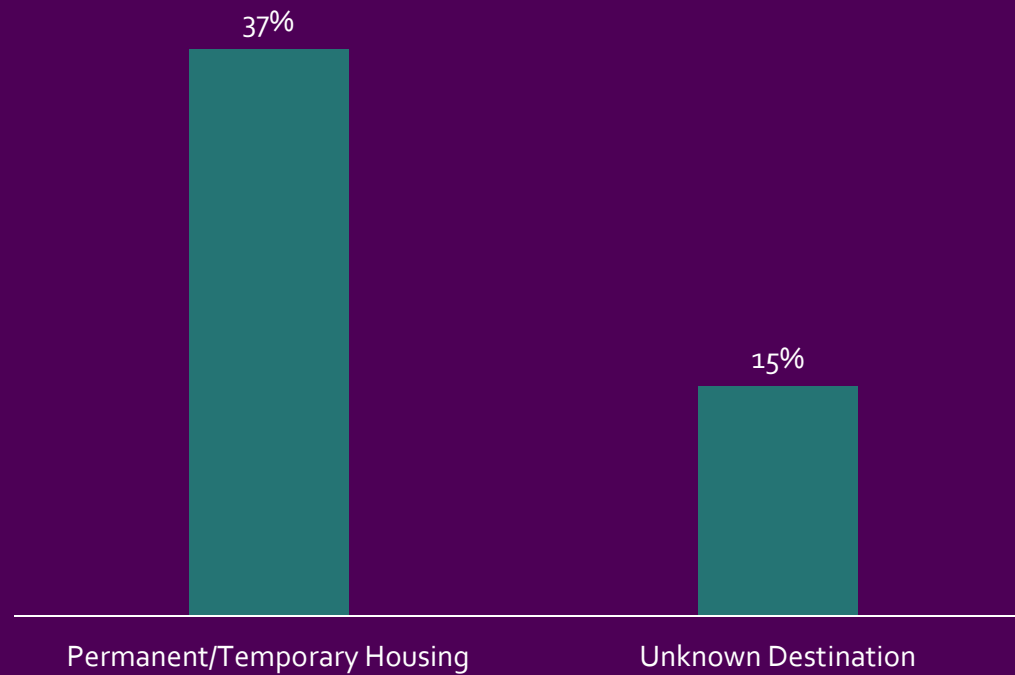
4,083

Individuals
Served

5,118

OUTREACH/CORE TEAMS – EXIT DESTINATION

Goals: more than 35% of HoH exited to housing and less than 30% of clients exit to an unknown destination.



PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING – TOTAL SERVED

Households
Served

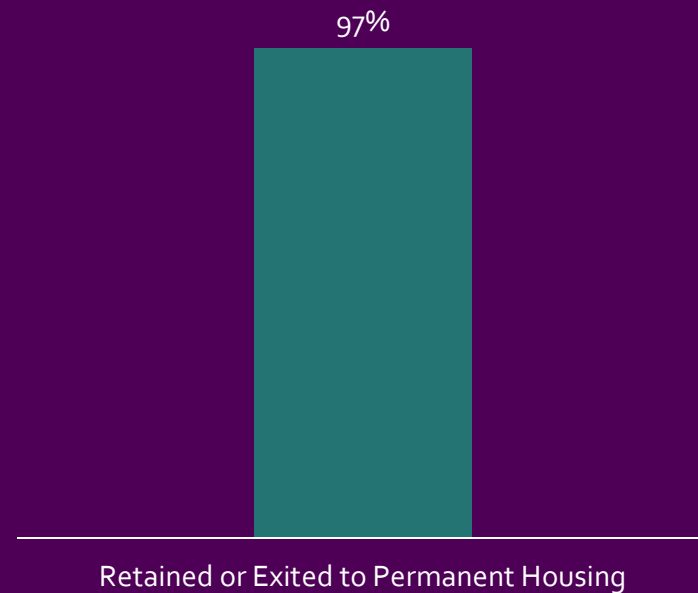
1,301

Individuals
Served

1,854

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING – EXIT DESTINATION

Goal: more than 96% housed/retained.



RAPID REHOUSING – TOTAL SERVED

Households
Served

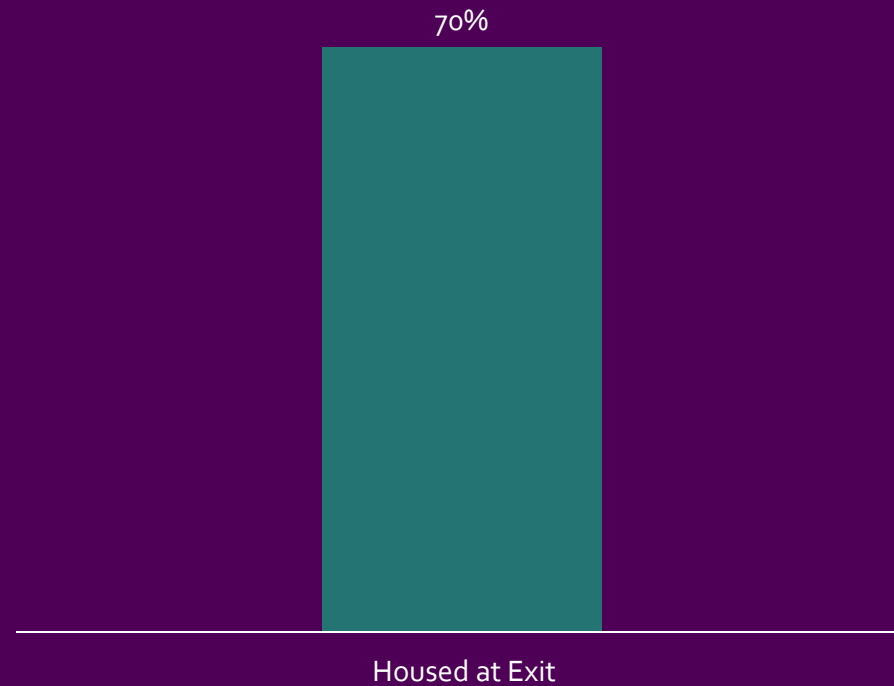
845

Individuals
Served

1,339

RAPID REHOUSING – EXIT DESTINATION

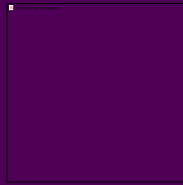
Goal: more than 80% exited to housing.



YOUTH HOUSING SURVEY

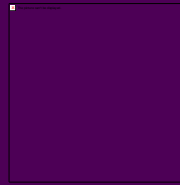
Carina Rodriguez-Peña, H3

Youth Housing Survey - Purpose



Why This Matters?

- Current data is limited and often inaccurate
- Youth experiencing homelessness may avoid or hide from traditional programs
- Last Youth PIT conducted in 2018



Purpose of This Work

- Identify needs and risks
- Build a clearer understanding of youth experiences
- Develop more targeted, effective strategies



What's Happening

- H3 RED team + Youth Action Board (YAB) currently in development
- Survey implementation in October in partnership with community organizations and YAB members
- Age ranges: 12-26

Youth Housing Survey - Overview

Format

- In-Person: conducted with partners and YAB members
- Hub Site: distributed via online platform
- Respondent Driven Sampling: non-random, referral-based data collection

Distribution

- Shared through CoC/CoH networks and partner organizations
- Coupons with unique QR Codes for referrals
- \$25 gift card incentive for survey completion
- \$10 gift card incentive for completed referrals

Survey

- 39 total questions
- Questions reviewed by our Youth Action Board (YAB)
- 160 collected responses
- Survey design informed by the Point-in-Time Count and youth surveys from Massachusetts, Los Angeles, and King County

Email us at: H3Evaluations@cchealth.org

YAB UPDATES

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

YAB JULY MEETINGS

Bimonthly hybrid
meetings at H3 in and
RYSE

Subcommittees:
Communications, Data
& Research, Outreach &
Retention

Youth & Young Adult
(YYA) Homelessness
Community
Collaborative

CoH: CoH Meeting,
Oversight Committee,
Homeless Awareness
Month (HAM)
Committee

Peer Support Check-In
Meetings

HUD YAB Youth
Homelessness NOFO
Sessions

YAB JULY ACTIVITIES

Homelessness 101-
Virtual Sessions

YAB HUD Youth
Homelessness
Demonstration
Program (YHDP)
Review Panel

Contra Costa Health
Community Health
Assessment in East
County

National YAB
Connection Space

COMING UP!



YYA Homelessness Community Collaborative

Meetings began in February 2025. Last month, relaunched the YYA Homelessness Community Collaborative—where YYA with lived experience and community partners can:

- Review and shape plans like the [YYA Strategic Plan](#)
- Workshop ideas for events such as [CAL Youth HOPE Month](#) in November
- Explore ways to advance action, improve services, and uplift funding opportunities.
- Build community with others committed to supporting YYA in Contra Costa

Meetings co-hosted by H3 and YAB!

? Monday, August 17th (3rd Mondays) | ? 3:00–4:00 PM

<https://homebaseccc.zoom.us/j/89336324642>

CONNECT WITH YAB

Young people with lived experience of homelessness and community partners are invited to join a meeting to learn more!

For more information:

✉ ContraCostaYAB@cchealth.org

? 925-500-3237

2026 Contra Costa County YAB
Meeting RSVP



FEDERAL/ HUD UPDATES

Jamie Schechter, *H3*

FEDERAL FUNDING UPDATES

- On Friday (8/7) the U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island issued a [ruling \[storage.courtlistener.com\]](#) that vacated, or set aside, the entire FY2026 NOFO.
- Then, on Monday (8/10) HUD announced that given the court ruling, the 2026 CoC NOFO and its August 26, 2026 deadline are no longer in force as HUD is unable to accept applications at this time
- YHDP and YHSI Community Application and Priority Listing was submitted by the CoC on Monday, August 10th

Q2
ACCOUNTABILITY
CORNER

Jamie Schechter, *H3*

APRIL – JUNE GOALS AND ACTIVITIES

Goals

- Deepen understanding of System Performance
- Provide input on planning and policy
- Engage with partners

Activities

- Review System Performance measures, updates on Coordinated Entry, PIT/HIC, and local data
- Provide input on governance revisions
- Hear updates on CoC NOFO and federal priorities
- Hear from stakeholders

*Goals and activities summarized from workplan

ACCOUNTABILITY CORNER – Q2

What we accomplished

Received updates on:

- Coordinated Entry Housing Needs Assessment
- Housing Programs
- CoC monitoring
- Youth Action Board and Youth Survey project
- CoC Participant Satisfaction Survey
- Point-in-Time Count
- System Performance Measures

What was left unfinished

- Hear from stakeholders

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Jamie Schechter, H3

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- The Nominating Committee revises recruitment materials and process for the recruitment of open Council seats expiring this year
- In previous years, the Equity Committee has provided input on possible revisions
- This year the timeline does not allow for a touch point with the Oversight Committee
- The Nominating Committee will meet on 8/18 to discuss revisions and the Council review and approve revisions on 9/3 – all are welcome to provide input at both meetings

WRAP UP

Wayne Earl, *CoH*

UPCOMING MEETINGS

August 2026

- 8/28 10am-12pm – Homeless Persons' Memorial Event Planning Meeting

September 2026

- 9/1, 2-4pm - Homelessness Awareness Month Committee meeting
 - <https://homebaseccc.zoom.us/meeting/register/F4lfpXP5QKCFxgmQwBGzGw>
- 9/3, 1-3pm, Council on Homelessness
 - [1025 Escobar St, Martinez, California 94553, United States](#)
- 9/22, 2-4pm - Homelessness Awareness Month Committee meeting
 - <https://homebaseccc.zoom.us/meeting/register/F4lfpXP5QKCFxgmQwBGzGw>
- 9/25 10am-12pm – Homeless Persons' Memorial Event Planning Meeting



CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP

VIRTUAL WORKING GROUP AGENDA

Thursday August 20, 2026, 11:30AM – 1:00PM

COMMITTEE PURPOSE: The purpose of the Oversight Committee is to review and assess the development, implementation, and improvement of the CoC, Coordinated Entry System, HMIS Database, and system outcomes.

HOW TO JOIN THE MEETING VIA ZOOM:

Link to register: <https://homebaseccc.zoom.us/meeting/register/ZPCubvY7RNihEWuJOeusFg>

How to Join the Meeting Via Call-In: 1- 669-900-6833 / Meeting ID: 831 8462 0638

AGENDA

- 1. 11:30am (10min) – Welcome & CoH Roll Call – Wayne Earl, CoH**
 - a. Welcome
 - b. Review agenda
 - c. Introductions & CoH Roll Call
 - d. Poll - Who's in the Room?
- 2. 11:40am (5min) – Meeting Logistics – Wayne Earl, CoH**
- 3. 11:45am (5min) – Announcements – Courtney Pal, CoH**
 - a. Open period for public comment on items not listed on the agenda
- 4. 11:50am (5min) – June Working Group Recap – Courtney Pal, CoH**
- 5. 11:55am (15min) – ERF Updates – Natalie Siva, CCH Community Response Division**
- 6. 12:10pm (20min) – CES Updates – Mary Juarez-Fitzgerald, H3**
- 7. 12:30pm (15min) – RED Team Updates – Yessenia Aguilar & Carina Rodriguez-Peña, H3**
- 8. 12:45pm (10min) – YAB Updates – Juno Hedrick, COH/YAB**
- 9. 12:55pm (10min) – Federal/HUD Updates – Jamie Schechter, H3**
- 10. 1:05pm (10min) – Q2 Accountability Corner – Jamie Schechter, H3**
- 11. 1:15pm (5min) – Nominating Update – Jamie Schechter, H3**
- 12. 1:20pm (5min) – Closing – Wayne Earl, CoH**



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Contra Costa County Continuum of Care System Acronyms & Definitions

1. **APR:** Annual Performance Report (for HUD homeless programs)
2. **CARE:** Coordinated Assessment and Resource
3. **CCYCS:** Contra Costa Youth Continuum of Services
4. **CDBG, CDBG-CV:** Community Development Block Grant (federal and state programs) and the federal Community Development Block Grant CARES Act coronavirus allocation.
5. **CES:** Coordinated Entry System
6. **CESH:** California Emergency Solutions and Housing program (state funding)
7. **Continuum of Care (CoC):** Continuum of Care approach to assistance to the homeless. Federal grant program promoting and funding permanent solutions to homelessness.
8. **Con Plan:** Consolidated Plan, a locally developed plan for housing assistance and urban development under CDBG.
9. **CORE:** Coordinated Outreach Referral, Engagement program
10. **COVID-19:** Coronavirus
11. **DOC:** Department Operations Center
12. **EHSD:** (Contra Costa County) Employment and Human Services Division
13. **EOC:** Emergency Operations Center
14. **ESG and ESG-CV:** Emergency Solutions Grant (federal and state program) and the federal Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act coronavirus allocation.
15. **ESG-CV:** Emergency Solutions Grant CARES
16. **FMR:** Fair Market Rent (maximum rent for Section 8 rental assistance/CoC grants)
17. **HCD:** Housing and Community Development (State office)
18. **HEAP:** Homeless Emergency Aid Program (State funding)
19. **HEARTH:** Homeless Emergency and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009
20. **HHAP:** Homeless Housing and Assistance Program
21. **HMIS:** Homeless Management Information System
22. **HOME:** Home Investment Partnerships (CPD program)
23. **HUD:** U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (federal)
24. **MHSA:** Mental Health Services Act
25. **NOFA:** Notice of Funding Availability
26. **PHA:** Public Housing Authority
27. **PUI:** Persons Under Investigation
28. **SAMHSA:** Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration
29. **SRO:** Single-Room Occupancy housing units
30. **SSDI:** Social Security Disability Income
31. **SSI:** Supplemental Security Income
32. **TA:** Technical Assistance
33. **TAY:** Transition Age Youth (usually ages 16-24)



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- 34. **VA:** Veterans Affairs (U.S. Department of)
- 35. **VASH:** Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing
- 36. **VI-SPDAT:** Vulnerability Index – Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool

EQUITY DEFINITIONS - adapted from C4 Innovations and approved by COH on 8.3.23

- 1. **Individual Racism:** A person's beliefs and actions that serve to perpetuate racial oppression. This can be conscious and unconscious. This may be externalized or internalized
- 2. **Institutional Racism:** 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.
- 3. **Interpersonal Racism:** The interactions between people - both within and across racial groups
- 4. **Microaggressions:** Brief, everyday exchanges that send denigrating messages to certain individuals because of their group membership
- 5. **Race:** 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.
- 6. **Race Equity Lens:** 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.
- 7. **Racial Bias:** Implicit and/or explicit bias that reinforces discriminatory attitudes and behaviors when interacting with people or situations
- 8. **Racial Equity:** 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.
- 9. **Racism:** A system of institutional, systemic oppression, and practices of individuals and society that shape cultural beliefs and values that support racist policies and practices.
- 10. **Structural Racism:** 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.
- 11. **Systemic Racism:** 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



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society these same rights and privileges because of long-established cultural prejudices, religious prejudices, fears, myths, and Xenophobia's held by the entitled group

12. **White Fragility:** 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.