



AGENDA

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY Contra Costa Council on Homelessness

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

2:00 PM

Register here:

<https://homebaseccc.zoom.us/j/91875187518>

Homelessness Awareness Month Committee WG

HAM WG Slides 8.4.26

[26-3276](#)

Attachments: [HAM 8.4.26](#)

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. Recognitions

[26-3277](#)

Attachments: [Constant Contact Nominations email draft](#)
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Jaime Jenett, H3

4. Reception

Jaime Jenett, H3

5. Community Forum

Jaime Jenett, H3

6. Video and Posters

Jaime Jenett, H3

7. Toolkit [26-3278](#)

Attachments: [Submissions for 2026 Homelessness Awareness Month Toolkit](#)

Jaime Jenett, H3

8. Homeless Persons' Memorial Event

Jaime Jenett, H3

9. Next Steps

Jaime Jenett, H3

The next meeting is currently scheduled for 9/1/26.

Adjourn

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For Additional Information Contact: contracostacoc@cchealth.org



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

1025 ESCOBAR STREET
MARTINEZ, CA 94553

Staff Report

File #: 26-3276

Agenda Date: 8/4/2026

Agenda #:

Advisory Board: Contra Costa Council on Homelessness

Subject: HAM WG Slides 8.4.26

Presenter:

Contact:

Information:

Referral History and Update:

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):



HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS MONTH COMMITTEE

8.426

INTRODUCTIONS

Jaime Jenett, H3

WHO IS IN THE ROOM?

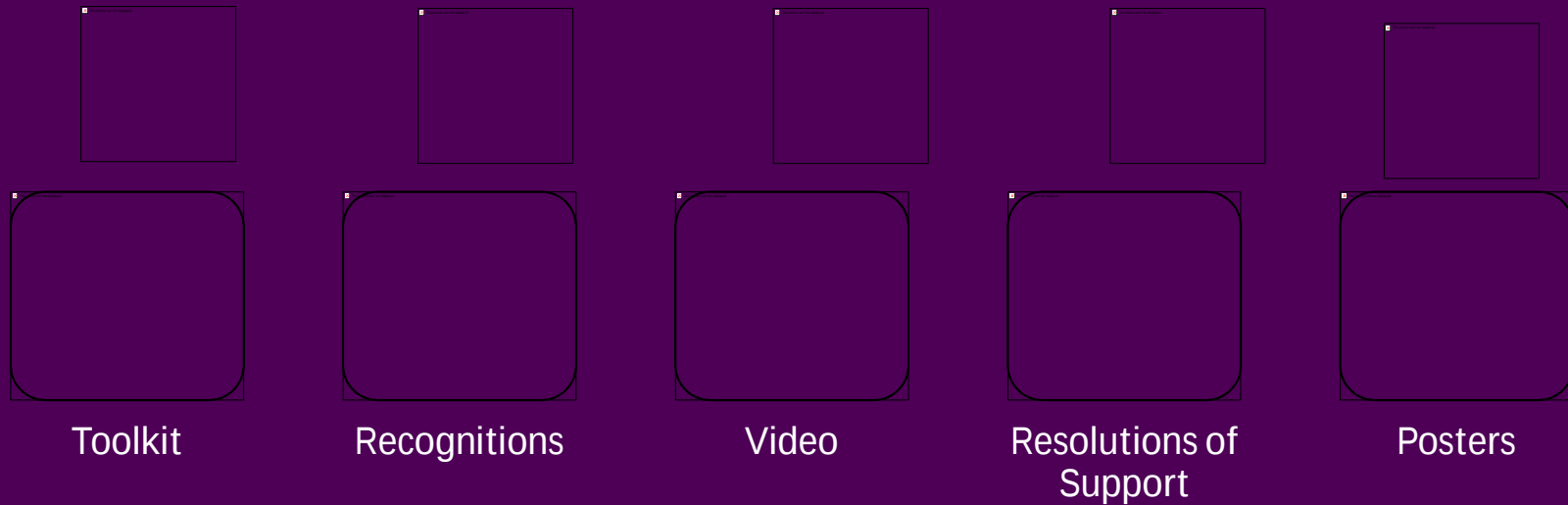
- Helps us assess how we're doing with recruitment
- We will not share out individual responses!

RECAP WORK TO DATE

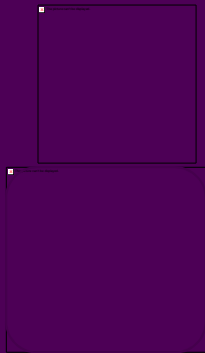
PURPOSE OF HAM

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

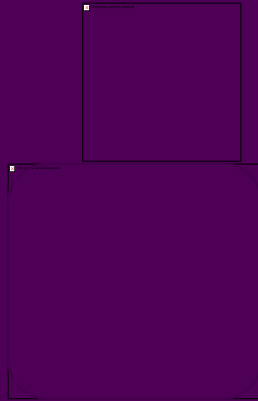
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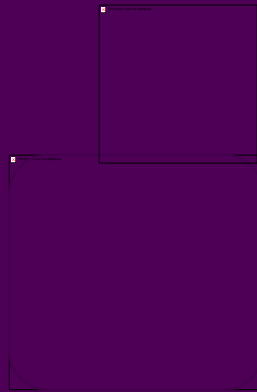
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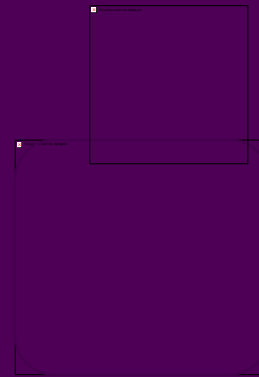
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Forum



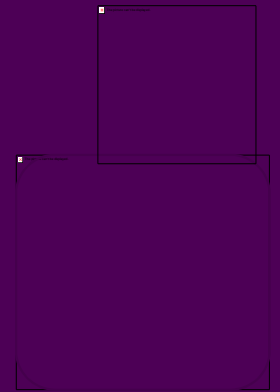
Recognition Reception



Youth Focused training



BOS Presentation



Homeless Person's
Memorial Event
(December)

JULY MEETING

Recognition:

Finalize categories for COH approval at July meeting

Resolutions:

Finalize for COH approval at July meeting

Community Forum

Decide on committee level of involvement

Memorial Event:

Decide on committee level of involvement

Reception:

Identify members for planning group

Toolkit:

Identify members for planning group
Finalize categories

Video/Posters

Identify members for planning group
Decide on theme

RECOGNITIONS

Review Materials

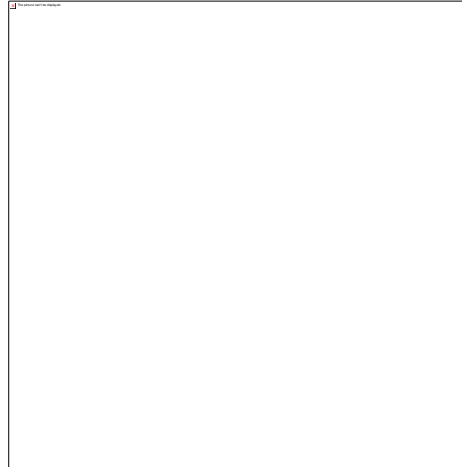
REVIEW APPLICATION FORMS

Outstanding Housing Provider

Outstanding Volunteer

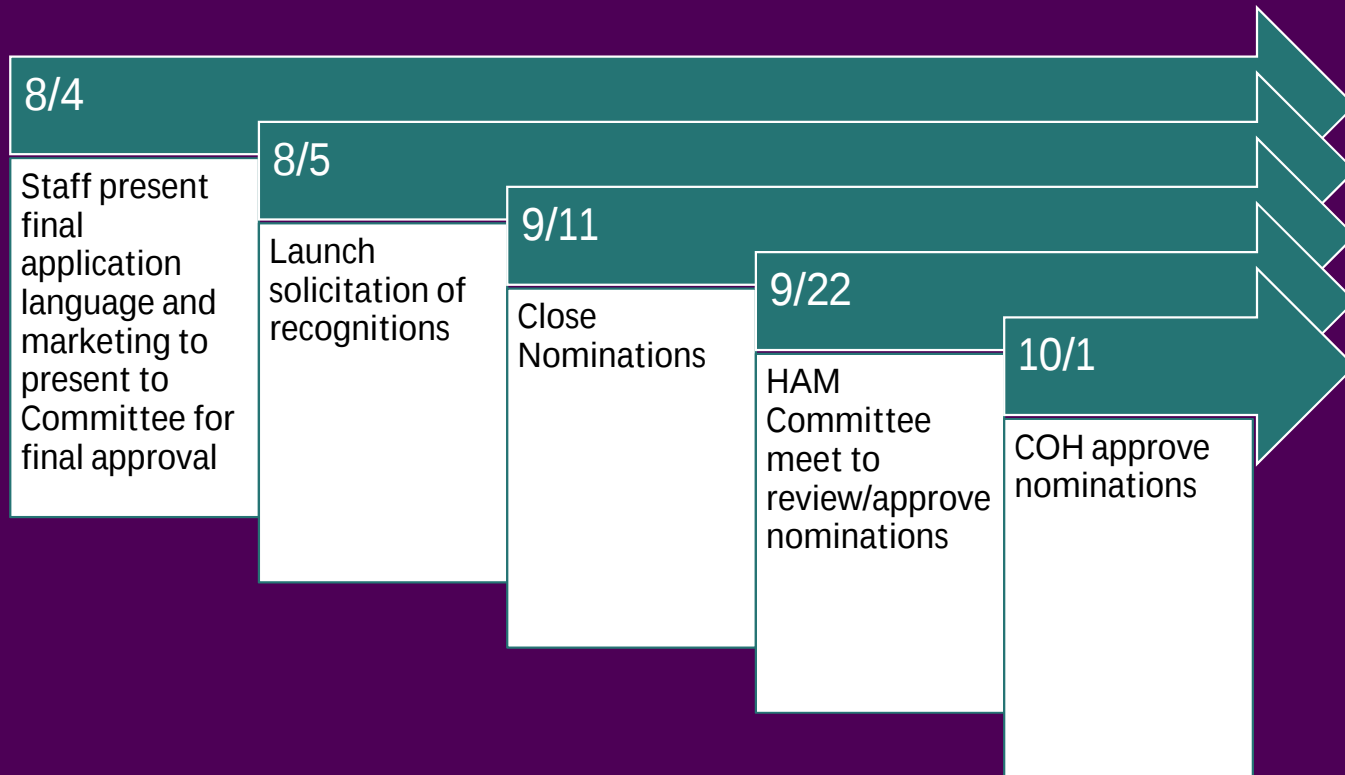
Outstanding Partnership

Phoenix Rising



REVIEW COMMUNITY EMAIL

NEXT STEPS: RECOGNITIONS



RECEPTION

Updates and Next Steps

RECEPTION PLANNING GROUP

Members	Tasks	Meeting Date
• Anastasia • Donnie • LeAnn • Myisha • Rina	• Location • Best Way to Honor Nominees • Agenda • Decorations	• 7/28 • 8/17

RECEPTION UPDATE

Honoring Nominees

- Branded token of appreciation
- Slide deck/presentation for Phoenix Rising only
- Additional support for Phoenix Rising to attend
- Solicit photo/quotes from nominees for Gallery

Physical Room

- Café set up
- Gallery of nominations on wall
- Photo booth

COMMUNITY FORUM

Update

OLDER ADULT HOMELESSNESS

Tentative Date:	Goal:	Speakers:	Tentative Format	Convening Partners:
• Wednesday, 11/18, 4 pm – 6 pm • Hybrid	• Identify key issues and interventions for older adults at risk of or experiencing homelessness for legislators at local, regional, state and federal level • Have policymakers tell us commitment they'll make	• Dr. Margot Kushel, UCSF (!!) • Maybe CCH Director • Others	• Data/big picture framing • Older Adult Specific Challenges • Potential Interventions and Best Practices	• Area Agency on Aging • Advisory Council on Aging • Choice in Aging • CCH: Behavioral Health • CCH: H3 • EHSD: Aging and Adult Services

VIDEO AND POSTERS

Update and Next Steps

VIDEO/POSTER PLANNING GROUP

Members

- Clare (Hope Solutions)
- Bryan (Advisory Council on Aging)
- Juno

Tasks

- Decide theme
- Help draft video
- Help select stories/photos for posters

Meeting Date

- 7/31

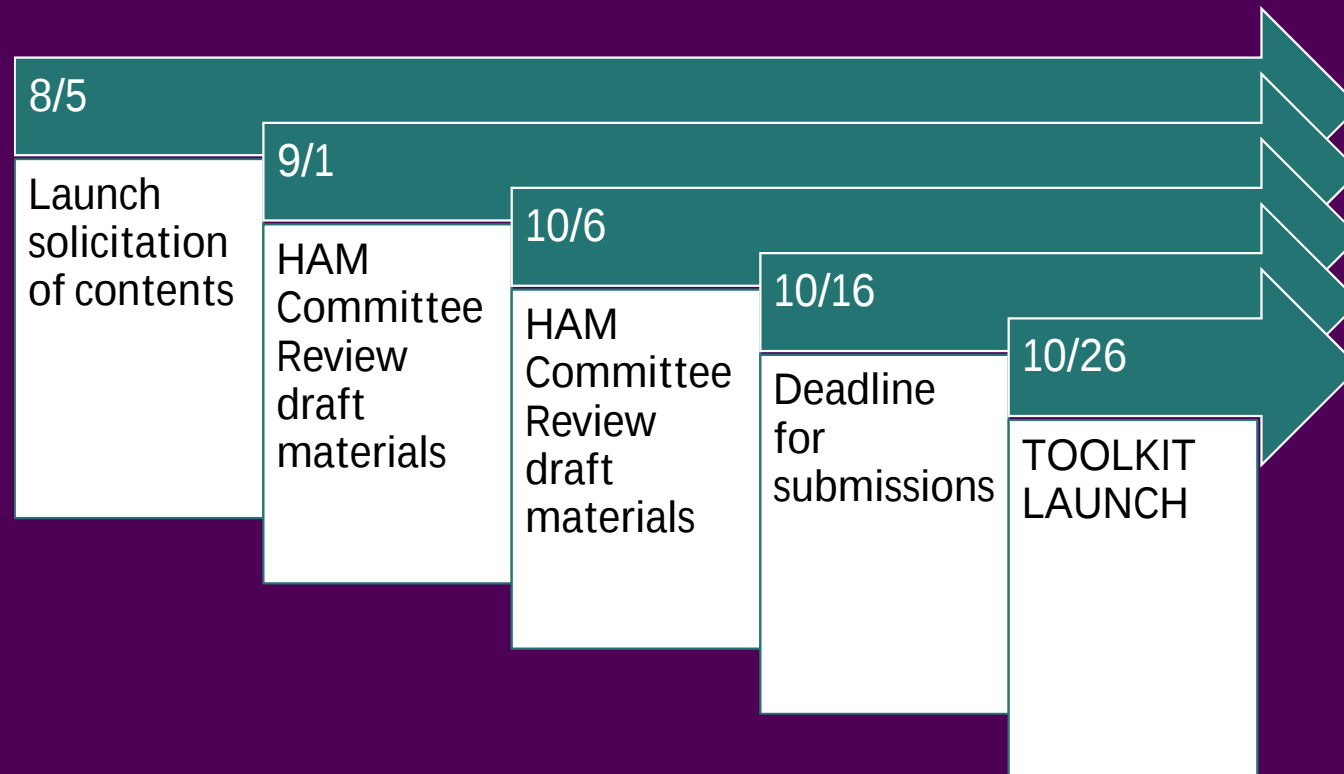
TOOLKIT

Review Materials

REVIEW SUBMISSION FORM

- Anything missing?
- Any suggested edits?

NEXT STEPS: TOOLKIT



HOMELESS PERSONS' MEMORIAL EVENT

Update and Next Steps

UPDATES

- Trinity Center is lead organizer
- Planning Meeting 4th Fridays from 10 am – Noon
 - [Teams Link](#)
 - Meeting ID: 294 506 568 563 112
 - Passcode: Ed7kW3pw
- Event will be held Monday, December 21st, from 11 am – 2 pm @ SoS Richmond

NEXT STEPS

Update and Next Steps

BEFORE 9/1 MEETING

Recognitions	Staff launch Nomination Forms
Reception	Staff research swag options; meet 8/17
Community Forum	Leadership meeting to discuss
Memorial Event:	Meeting 8/28
Resolutions:	N/A
Toolkit:	Staff to launch form; update content
Video/Posters	Meet again; determine theme; staff begin mock up

KEY DATES

9/1	HAM Committee meet
9/11	Nominations close
9/22	HAM review and approve nominations
10/1	COH review and approve nominations
10/26	Launch ALL materials
11/3	HAM Committee meet
11/5	Present HAM package at COH meeting
11/17	BOS Presentation and Reception
11/18	Older Adult Forum
12/21	Memorial Event



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Information:

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Referral History and Update:

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

Review and provide edits to draft Nomination Solicitation forms and Community email at 8/4 meeting. Staff will incorporate feedback and launch all materials on 8/5.

From: Contra Costa Council on Homelessness <contracostacoc@cchealth.org>
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2026 1:25 PM
To: Jaime Jenett
Subject: Know Someone Making A Difference?



Nominate a Person, Agency, Project or Partnership for Homelessness Awareness Month Recognition



Tell us about all the heroes in our community!

Every November, for Homelessness Awareness Month, the Council on Homelessness recognizes outstanding individuals, groups and partnerships for their work addressing homelessness in Contra Costa. We need you to tell us who they are!

The four categories for nominations are:

- [Phoenix Rising \[forms.office.com\]](https://forms.office.com)
- [Outstanding Partnership \[forms.office.com\]](https://forms.office.com)
- [Outstanding Volunteer \[forms.office.com\]](https://forms.office.com)
- [Outstanding Housing Provider \[forms.office.com\]](https://forms.office.com)

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Email contracostacoc@cchealth.org or text or call 925-464-0152 with any questions

See below for more details on each nomination category.

Phoenix Rising

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Phoenix Rising Nomination Form [\[forms.office.com\]](https://forms.office.com)

Outstanding Partnership

The Outstanding Systems Partnership category recognizes **two or more organizations that have worked together in a formal, ongoing collaboration** that strengthens the homelessness response system. Recognized partnerships should demonstrate shared goals, coordinated work, and measurable improvements in the lives of people facing homelessness. This category focuses on deep, high-impact partnerships rather than informal collaborations or one-time joint activities.

Outstanding Partnership Nomination Form [\[forms.office.com\]](https://forms.office.com)

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experiencing or at risk of homelessness in Contra Costa County. Volunteers may contribute through direct service, community support, resource distribution, mentoring, advocacy, organizing, or any other form of sustained, impactful involvement.

[Outstanding Volunteer Nomination Form \[forms.office.com\]](#)

Outstanding Housing Provider

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Eligibility: Nominees must meet all of the following:

- Operate **housing units or rooms in Contra Costa County** that they rent to people **at risk of or experiencing homelessness**.
- Provide **permanent or transitional housing**, which may include shared housing, sober living environments, recovery housing, board and care homes, halfway houses, or transitional programs.
- Demonstrate **one or more** of the following:
 - Commitment to renting units consistently over time
 - Meaningful number of units/rooms offered
 - High quality of units/rooms, responsiveness to tenants, and good property stewardship
 - Reduced barriers to entry (e.g., flexible screening, fair consideration)
 - Partnership with service providers or system partners
- Providers may be individuals, companies, faith-based operators, organizations, or site-based housing programs.

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Tell us about the nominee

1. **Housing Type(s) Provided (required):** Describe the housing offered (e.g., shared housing, single-site units, rooms, sober living, transitional housing, board-and-care, etc.).

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Enter your answer

2. **Impact on Others (required):** Share how the nominee has inspired, supported, advocated, or positively influenced others. *

Enter your answer

3. **Quality and Consistency (required):** Describe the quality of the units/rooms, maintenance practices, responsiveness, and length of time they have provided units to the homelessness system. *

Enter your answer

4. **Impact (required):** Share specific examples of how this provider has made a significant difference — whether through number of units, support for tenants, collaboration with case managers, crisis responsiveness, or innovative practices. *

Enter your answer

5. Anything you wish to share that was not covered above. Nominee's comments or comments from recipients are also welcome.

Enter your answer

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To be eligible, a partnership must meet all of the following:

- Involves two or more organizations (e.g., government agencies, nonprofits, CBOs, health or behavioral health providers, faith-based organizations, or businesses) working together in an established collaboration.
- Has been active for at least 12 consecutive months.
- Demonstrates clear, documented impact on people at risk of or experiencing homelessness in Contra Costa County.
- Shows one or more of the following:
 - Cross-sector collaboration
 - Coordinated service delivery or integrated care
 - Systems--level improvements (policy, process, data sharing, workflows)
 - Innovations that expand access, reduce barriers, or improve outcomes

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Tell us about the nominee

1. **Partner Organizations (required):** List all primary partner organizations involved in this collaboration.

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Enter your answer

2. **Length of Partnership (required):** Provide the start date (month/year) and describe how long the partners have been collaborating.

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Enter your answer

3. **Description of the Partnership (required):** Summarize the purpose of the partnership, what the partners do together, and how they coordinate their work. *

Enter your answer

4. **Impact on People Experiencing Homelessness (required):** Describe the partnership's outcomes. Where possible, include specific examples such as increased placements, reduced barriers, improved coordination, or innovative approaches. *

Enter your answer

5. **Why This Partnership Should Be Recognized (optional):** Explain what makes this partnership exceptional, unique, or especially impactful.

Enter your answer

6. Anything you wish to share that was not covered above. Nominee's comments or comments from recipients are also welcome.

Enter your answer

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Nominees must:

- Volunteer **within Contra Costa County** in a non-paid capacity.
- Support people **experiencing or at risk of homelessness**, either directly or indirectly.
- Demonstrate one or more of the following:
 - **Length of service** (sustained involvement over time)
 - **Concentration of service** (significant commitment in a shorter period)
 - **Impact of service** (notable outcomes, consistency, or influence)
- Contribute through any setting including nonprofit organizations, community groups, faith communities, local initiatives, mutual aid networks, public programs, or independent volunteer efforts.
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Tell us about the nominee

1. **Volunteer Activities in Contra Costa County (required):**

Describe the volunteer roles, responsibilities, activities, or contributions supporting people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

*

Enter your answer

2. **Length and/or Intensity of Involvement (required):** Explain how long the nominee has been volunteering or describe the depth of their involvement.

*

Enter your answer

3. **Impact of the Nominee's Volunteer Service (required):** Provide specific examples showing how the nominee has enriched the lives of people facing homelessness — through support, connection, leadership, advocacy, reliability, or other contributions. *

Enter your answer

4. **Additional Strengths or Qualities (optional):** Share any qualities that make the nominee exceptional (e.g., compassion, creativity, perseverance, problem solving, community building). *

Enter your answer

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Nominees must:

- Have **lived experience of homelessness in Contra Costa County**, or have experienced homelessness elsewhere and currently **live, work, or contribute** in Contra Costa County
- Be **anywhere in their journey**, including those who are currently unhoused, in shelter, in temporary or interim housing, or in permanent housing.
- Demonstrate courage, resilience, determination, personal growth, or positive influence on others, whether through everyday perseverance, supporting peers, engaging in community or advocacy efforts, or inspiring others by example.
- People may nominate themselves.
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Tell us about the nominee

1. *Does this person have a lived experience of homelessness in Contra Costa County and/or have experienced homelessness elsewhere and currently live and/or work in Contra Costa County? **

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Not sure

2. **Resilience and Growth (required):** Describe the obstacles they have overcome and the personal growth they have demonstrated. *

Enter your answer

3. **Impact on Others (required):** Share how the nominee has inspired, supported, advocated, or positively influenced others. *

Enter your answer

4. **Community Engagement or Leadership (optional):** Note any volunteerism, advocacy, peer leadership, or community contributions.

Enter your answer

5. **Anything you wish to share that was not covered above. Nominee's comments or comments from recipients are also welcome.**

Enter your answer

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Advisory Board:

Subject: Toolkit

Presenter: Jaime Jenett, H3

Contact:

Information:

An electronic Toolkit hosted on Google Drive is developed as part of HAM activities.

Referral History and Update:

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

Review draft form that will be shared with community partners soliciting contents and solicitation for the HAM toolkit. Provide feedback and suggested edits to staff before or at 8/4 HAM meeting.

Staff will launch Solicitation email and form 8/5.



Submissions for 2026 Homelessness Awareness Month Toolkit

The Contra Costa Continuum of Care is happy to join communities around the country in recognizing November as Homelessness Awareness Month. In Contra Costa, we take this opportunity to create and share materials and events that help people learn, engage and recognize people and projects working to address homelessness.

The Contra Costa CoC generates an online Toolkit that will be shared with the whole community that includes a calendar of community events, homeless service agency volunteer opportunities, donation needs. Below you can tell us about anything that you'd like shared out in the toolkit.

[See an example of last year's toolkit](#)

Deadline for submission is Friday, October 16, 2026

Events

1. Do you have an EVENT (eg: community forum, volunteer event, special meal) in November to submit?

☐ Yes

☐ No

2. What is the name of your event?

3. When will your event be held?

4. What time will your event be held?

5. Where will your event be held?

6. Please give us a description for your event

7. Who should people contact if they have questions about your event?

8. Do people need to register for your event? If so, how do they register?

9. Will you have a flyer you'd like us to share about this event? If so, please send a flyer with the details to contracostacoc@cchealth.org so we can include it in our online toolkit. We'll also reach out as it gets a little closer to see if you have anything you want to include.

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Not sure yet

Volunteer Opportunities

We will be sharing out a list of all CoC agencies and volunteer/donation contact information in the toolkit, but if your agency has specific volunteer opportunities, please send us a flyer with the details so we can include it in our online toolkit. You can send flyers to contracostacoc@cchealth.org. We'll also reach out as it gets a little closer to see if you have anything you want to include.

10. Is your agency seeking volunteers for any specific projects or events in November?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure yet

Donation Needs

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11. Does your agency have any specific donation needs or drives in November?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure yet

Contact Information

12. Your Name *

13. Agency/Organization *

14. Email Address *

15. Phone Number *

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