



COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

May 1, 2025 from 1:00-3:00

WELCOME

Nicole Green, *Chair & Reentry Services Representative*

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.

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.

Emergency Circumstances

- A physical or family medical emergency that prevents a member from attending in person.

VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE EXEMPTION

HYBRID MEETING NORMS

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HYBRID MEETING NORMS

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

HYBRID MEETING NORMS

An individual may be asked to leave should they behave in a manner that threatens the safety of the group or does not honor these meeting norms.

POLL – WHO'S IN THE ROOM?

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

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CONSENT CALENDAR

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CONSENT CALENDAR

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

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

ACTION ITEM

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

- Approve minutes from the April 3, 2025 Council Meeting
- Approve staff report for the May 1, 2025 Council Meeting



COMMITTEE REPORT OUTS

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

Nominating Committee – Jaime Jenett, *H3*

YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD (YAB)

Juno Hedrick, *Lived Experience Advisor and Vice Chair*

Leon Saelee, *YAB Lead & Member*

Anastasia Lockwood, *YAB Facilitator & Member*

YAB APRIL MEETINGS

YAB Subcommittees
Meetings:
Communications and
Outreach &
Retention.

YYA Community
Strategic Planning:
Core and
Implementation
Committees.

CE Housing Needs
Assessment Redesign
Steering Committee.

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

YAB APRIL ACTIVITIES

UC Berkeley Innovative
Approaches to Youth
Engagement in Policy,
Democracy, and
Participatory Research.

Public Comment
during Measure X
Community Advisory
Board Meeting on
April 16.

YAB-only spaces,
restorative work,
community building—
field trip to Japantown!

NEXT STEPS

Introduce and utilize SMART goals within each YAB Committee.

Continued collaboration with Rainbow for workshop development and YAB meeting space.

Meeting with Contra Costa Health, Community, Education, and Information to support Communications Committee and social media presence.

Continued participation in the Housing Needs Assessment Committee, and Strategic Planning Core and Implementation Committees.

Improve collaboration with CoH Oversight Committee with YAB report out at each meeting.

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

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Jaime Jenett, *H3*

CITY GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE SEAT

- Jazmin Ridley stepped down from City Government Representative
- Soliciting 3-5 COH members to form Nominating Panel to review applications and nominate replacement
 - Likely week of 5/26, with COH voting at 6/5 meeting
- Likely 2-5 hours of time

OLD BUSINESS

Funding Updates - Jamie Schechter, *H3*

Discuss and Approve 2025 Quarter 1

Council on Homelessness

Recommendations for Report to County

Board of Supervisors (ACTION ITEM) –

Jaime Jenett, *H3*

Conference Report Outs – Jamie Schechter,
H3

FUNDING UPDATES

Jamie Schecter, *H3*

FUNDING UPDATES - HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS SERVICES RFP



- Board of Supervisors approved recommendations at April 15, 2025 [meeting](#)
- Nearly \$6.6 million in federal, state, and local funding awarded.
- All contracts to start July 1, 2025 or later
- Sign up for Funding Opportunity updates through the [CoC Newsletter](#)

FUNDING UPDATES – COC FUNDING



- In March 2025, CoC grantees began receiving award letters. Depending on program year, some agencies began receiving grant agreements.
- The funding amounts announced in January were preserved
- HUD significantly changed language in grant agreements to enforce compliance with executive orders
- The [National Alliance to End Homelessness](#) recommends seeking legal counsel to review grant documents, however many non-profit entities do not have access to free or affordable legal counsel

FUNDING UPDATES – COC FUNDING



Contract language changes include

- Prohibits the use of grant funds to promote “gender ideology,” as defined in EO 14168.
- Restricts the use of grant funds for elective abortions, following EO 14182.
- Prohibits state and local governments receiving these funds from using them to support undocumented immigrants or policies that prevent their deportation.
- Mandates that grant recipients verify the immigration status of those receiving federal benefits and deny services to those deemed ineligible.

FUNDING UPDATES – MISCELLANEOUS



- AB 109 funding
- Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round 6 – application due August 2025
- United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) reduced to “minimum presence and function required by law” by Executive Order on March 14, 2025.

DISCUSS AND
APPROVE 2025
QUARTER 1 COUNCIL
ON HOMELESSNESS
RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR REPORT TO
COUNTY BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

Jaime Jenett, *H3*

RECOMMENDATION

- Publicize CCH/Contra Costa Library "Homelessness 101" events in district newsletters when quarterly event falls in their district.
- Other?

ACTION ITEM

- Approve 2025 Quarter 1 Council on Homelessness Recommendations for the Report to the County Board of Supervisors



CONFERENCE REPORTS

Jamie Schecter, *H3*

CORPORATION FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

CSH Summit 2025

*"Building Capacity for Services
and Housing Providers to
Support Brave Spaces"*

- Shelby Ferguson and Jaime
Jenett, H3



HOUSING CALIFORNIA

Jamie Schechter, *H3*

Housing California

Annual Conference hosted by Housing California

Emphasis on affordable housing development and ending homelessness

Nearly 3,000 attendees



Housing California – Contra Costa Spotlights



Offices to Homes – session presented by H3, Hope Solutions, and Overaa Construction about the development of El Portal Place

Getting Creative with Funding: Leveraging Legal System Funds for Housing and Supportive Services – session presented by Homebase, Nicole Green, and Brilliant Corners

From the Ground Up: Residents United Network Leading the Charge on Housing Solutions – session presented by leaders from RUN, including Hope Solutions Board Member, William Goodwin

NEW BUSINESS

Update: System Performance Measures –
Jamie Schechter and Kimberly Thai, *H3*

Sector Report Outs from Council Members
– Nicole Green, *Chair and Reentry Services Representative*

Learning Corner: Presentation on Opioid Response and Services – Fátima Matal Sol and Elissa Kim, *Alcohol and Other Drugs Program*

UPDATE: SYSTEM PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Jamie Schechter and Kimberly Thai, *H3*

FY24 SYSTEMWIDE PERFORMANCE REPORT

- System Performance Measures (SPMs) established in 2015 by HUD
- October 1st through September 30th
- Used at federal level to determine funding for the CoC
- Used at local level to identify trends, understand impacts from program or policy changes, and to guide decision-making
- Looks at entire system, not individual programs or project types
- Does not allow for understanding differences across sub-populations

7 KEY MEASURES

1. Measure One: Length of Time Homeless
2. Measure Two: Returns to Homelessness
3. Measure Three: Number of People Experiencing Homelessness
4. Measure Four: Increase in Income
5. Measure Five: First Time Homeless
6. *Measure Six: Prevention Outreach**
7. Measure Seven: Positive Outcomes

**No data available on Measure Six. Measure Six is only available to [High Performing Communities](#)*

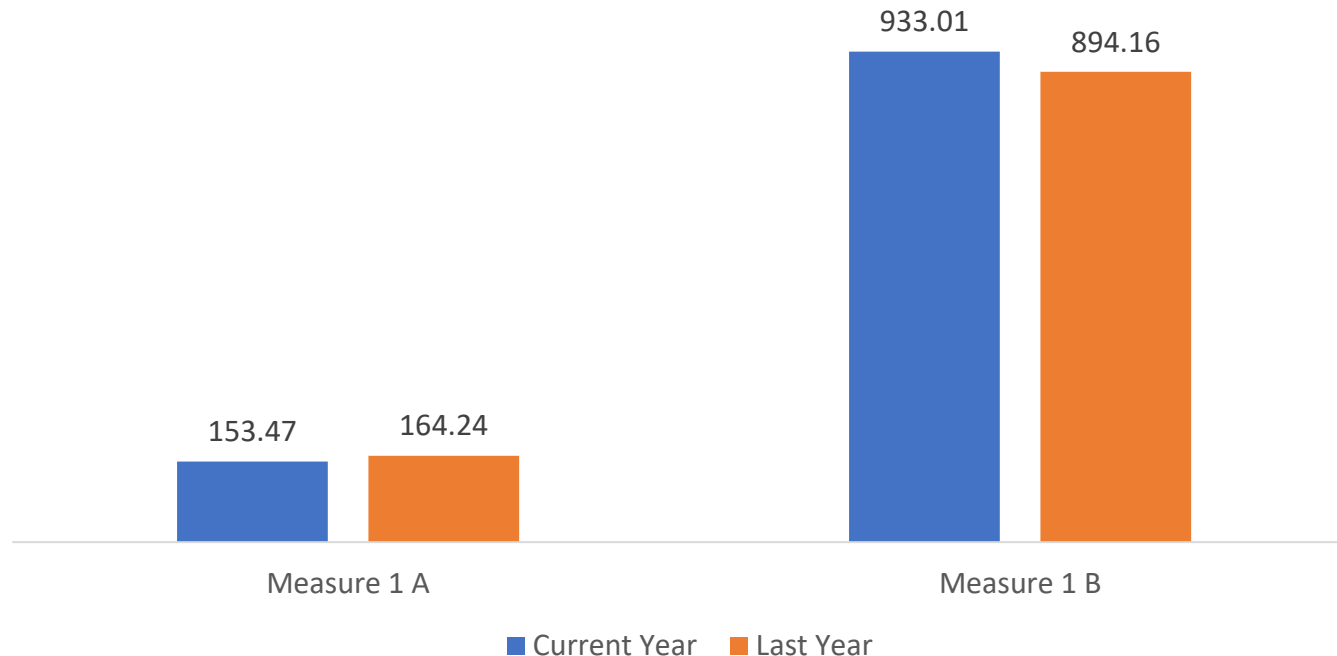
HOW TO USE SPM FINDINGS

- Understand how the CoC has changed over time
 - Consider changes in funding sources, priorities, initiatives
 - Consider influences outside of the CoC like housing capacity and economic shifts
- Use the Program Model Performance Measures dashboards to understand performance measures at program level
- Set SPM goals for the CoC

Measure One: Length of Time Homeless

- Measure 1A: Average number of days in emergency shelter and transitional housing until exits to permanent housing
- Measure 1B: Average number of days in ES/TH/RRH/PSH (prior to move in), plus self-reported days homeless prior to enrollment, until exit to permanent housing

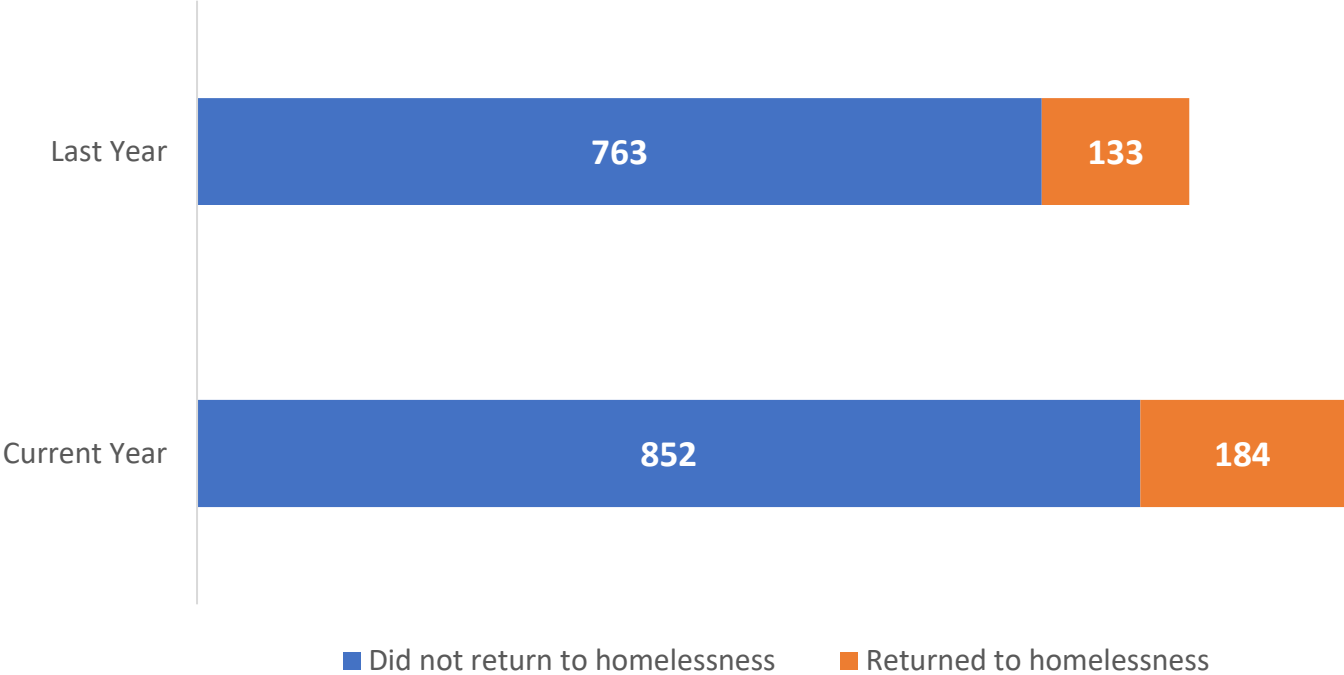
Measure 1A:
only includes
days enrolled in
ES or TH



Measure 1B:
includes self-
reported
homelessness
prior to
enrollment

Measure Two: Returns to Homelessness

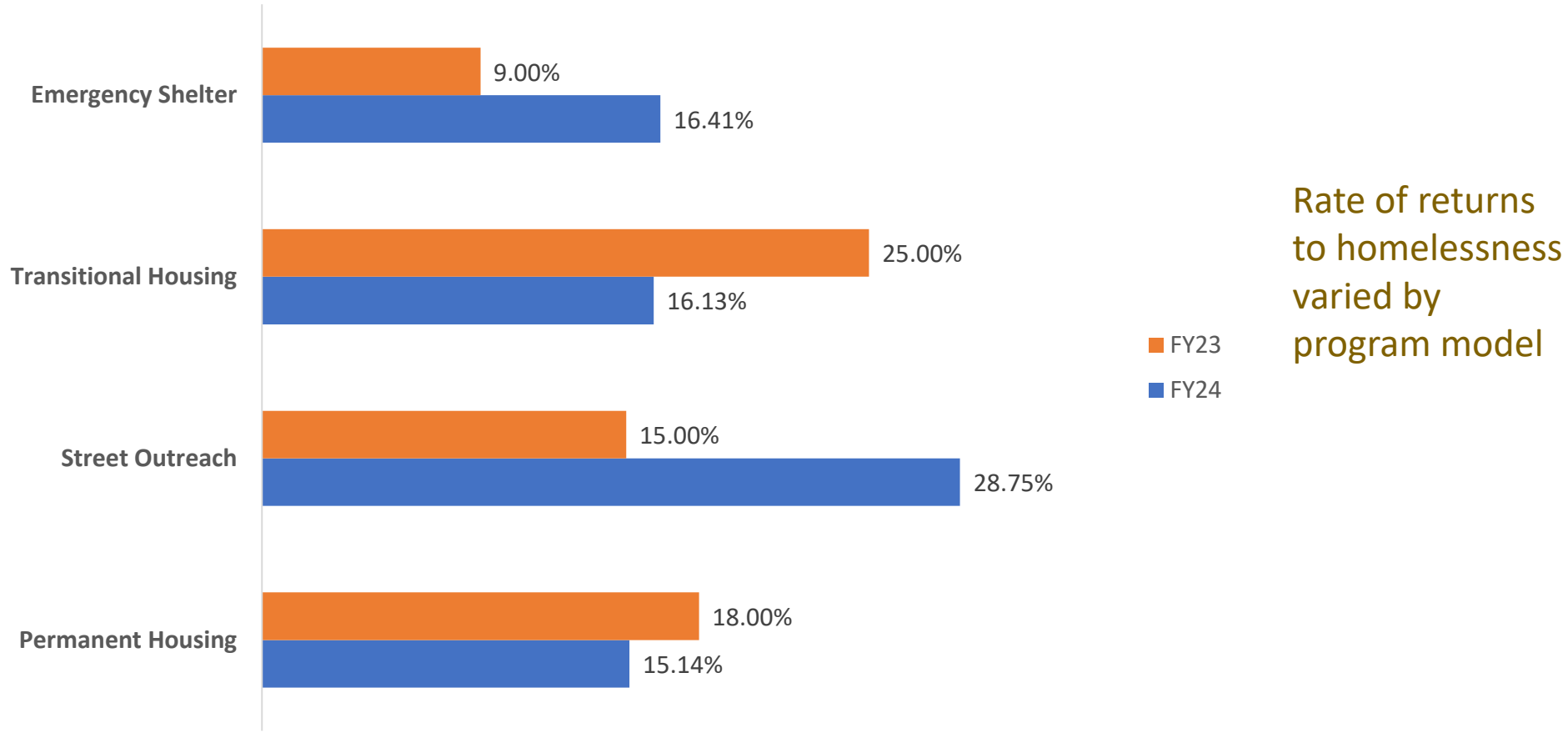
- Identifies all people who exited homelessness to permanent housing and returned to homeless programs within 24 months and during FY24



15% of people who exited to permanent housing two years prior to FY23 returned to homelessness during FY23
In FY24, that proportion increased to 17.7%

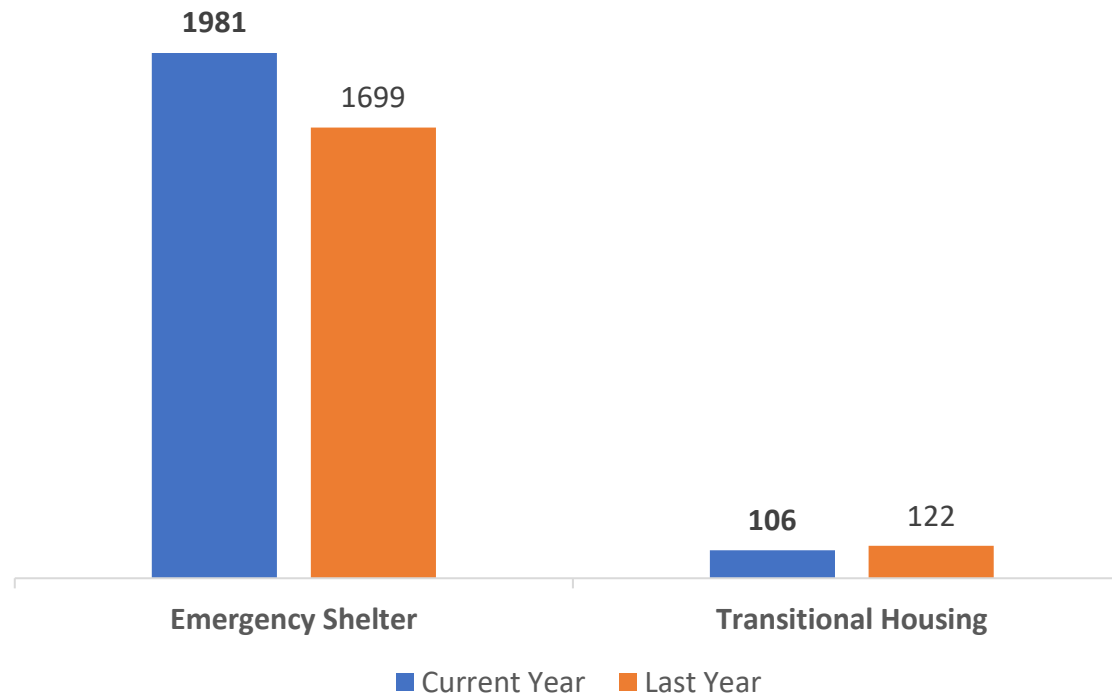
Measure Two: Returns to Homelessness

Measure Two: Proportion of Permanent Housing Exits that Returned to Homelessness by Program Model Category



Measure Three: Number of Homeless Persons

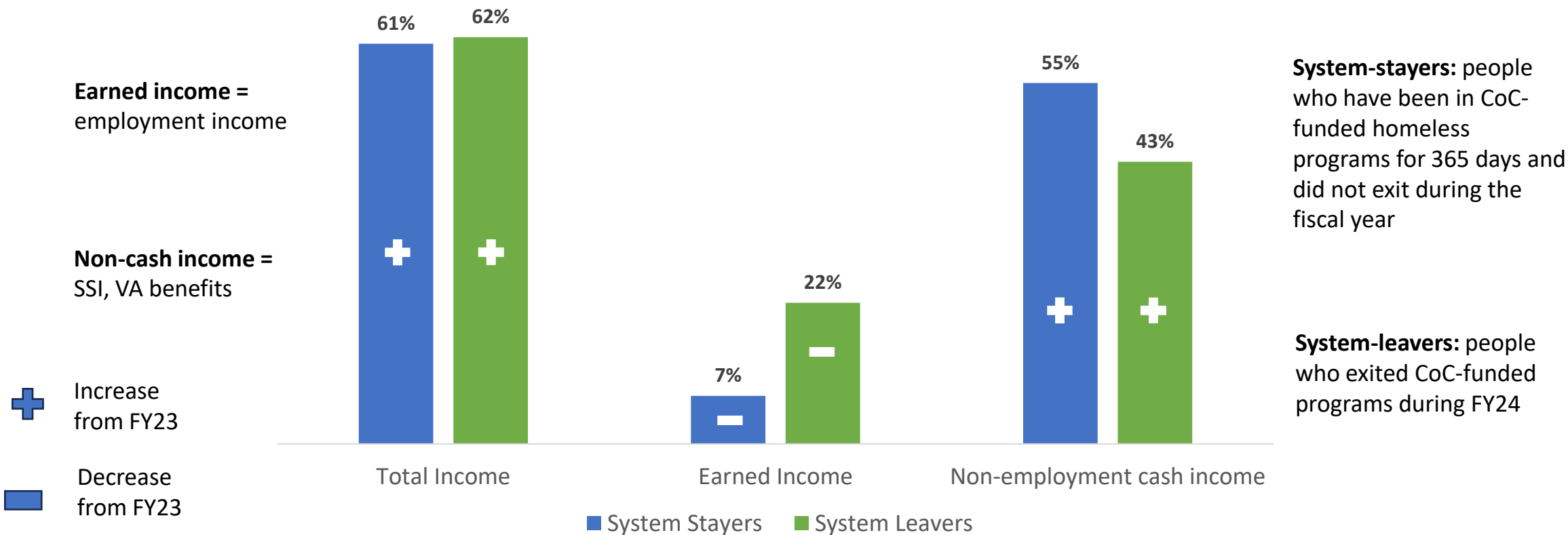
- **Measure 3A: number of unsheltered people identified in PIT (not yet analyzed for FY24)**
- Measure 3B: number of people in emergency shelters and transitional housing served in HMIS during FY24



2,056 people served
in emergency shelter
and transitional
housing in FY24

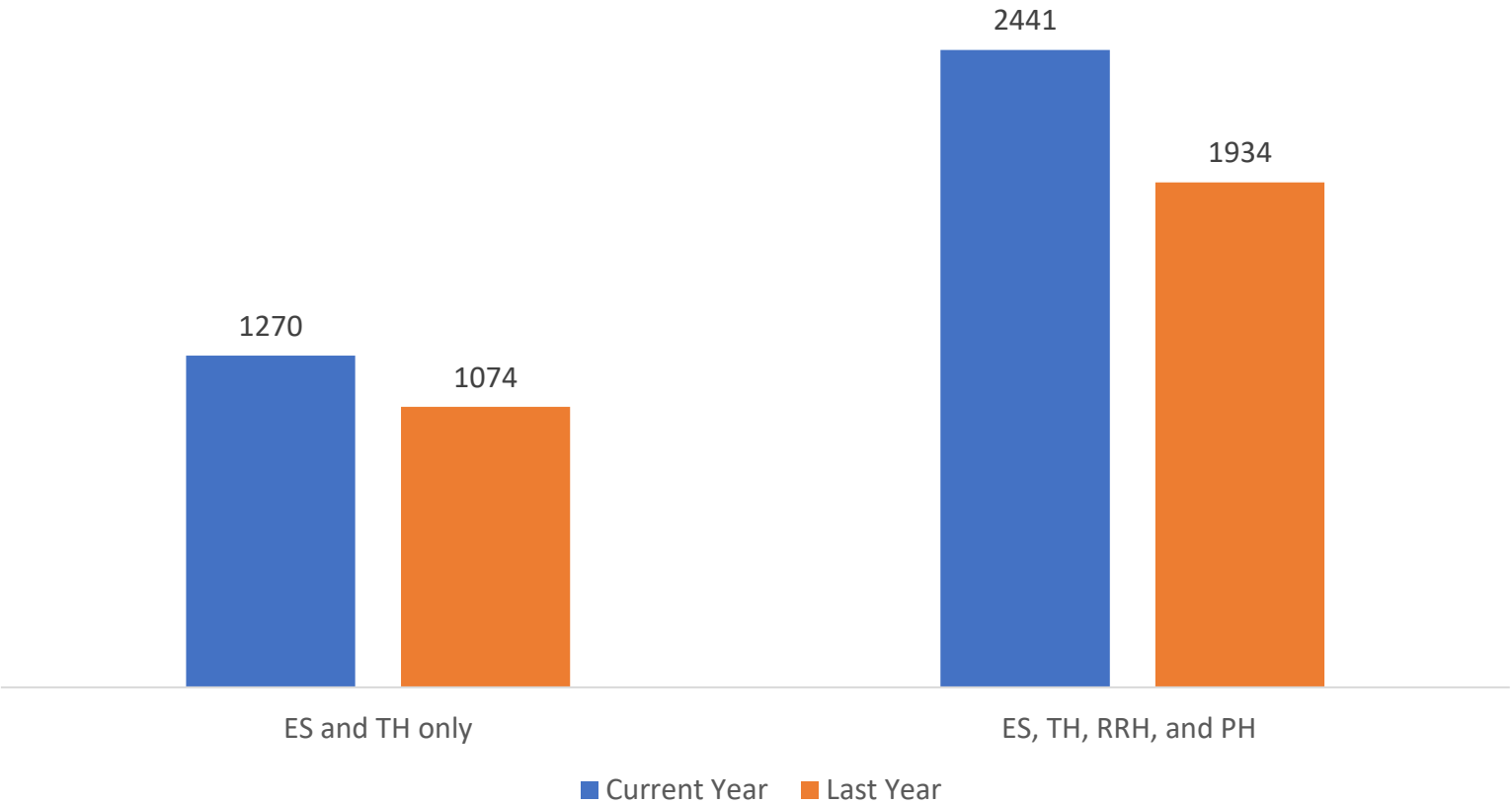
Measure Four: Employment and Income Growth

- Measure 4A: number of “system-stayers” with increased income
- Measure 4B: number of “system-leavers” with increased income
- Measure 4 only looks at cash income, does not include non-cash benefits like SNAP



Measure Five: First Time Homelessness

- Measure 5A: number of people enrolled into emergency shelter or transitional housing during FY24 with no prior enrollment during the previous 24 months
- Measure 5B: number of people with enrolled into emergency shelter or transitional housing, rapid rehousing, or permanent housing with no prior enrollment



Measure Six: Homeless Prevention – Not available

- Assesses whether people who accessed prevention programs 12 months prior to the report period returned with homeless status during FY24
- Only available for designated High Performing Communities
- To be designated a High Performing Community, must demonstrate the following milestones, among many other requirements
 - Mean length of time homeless for individuals and families is less than 20 days OR
 - Mean length of time homeless for individuals and families is at least 10% lower for the most recent federal fiscal year compared to the previous year.

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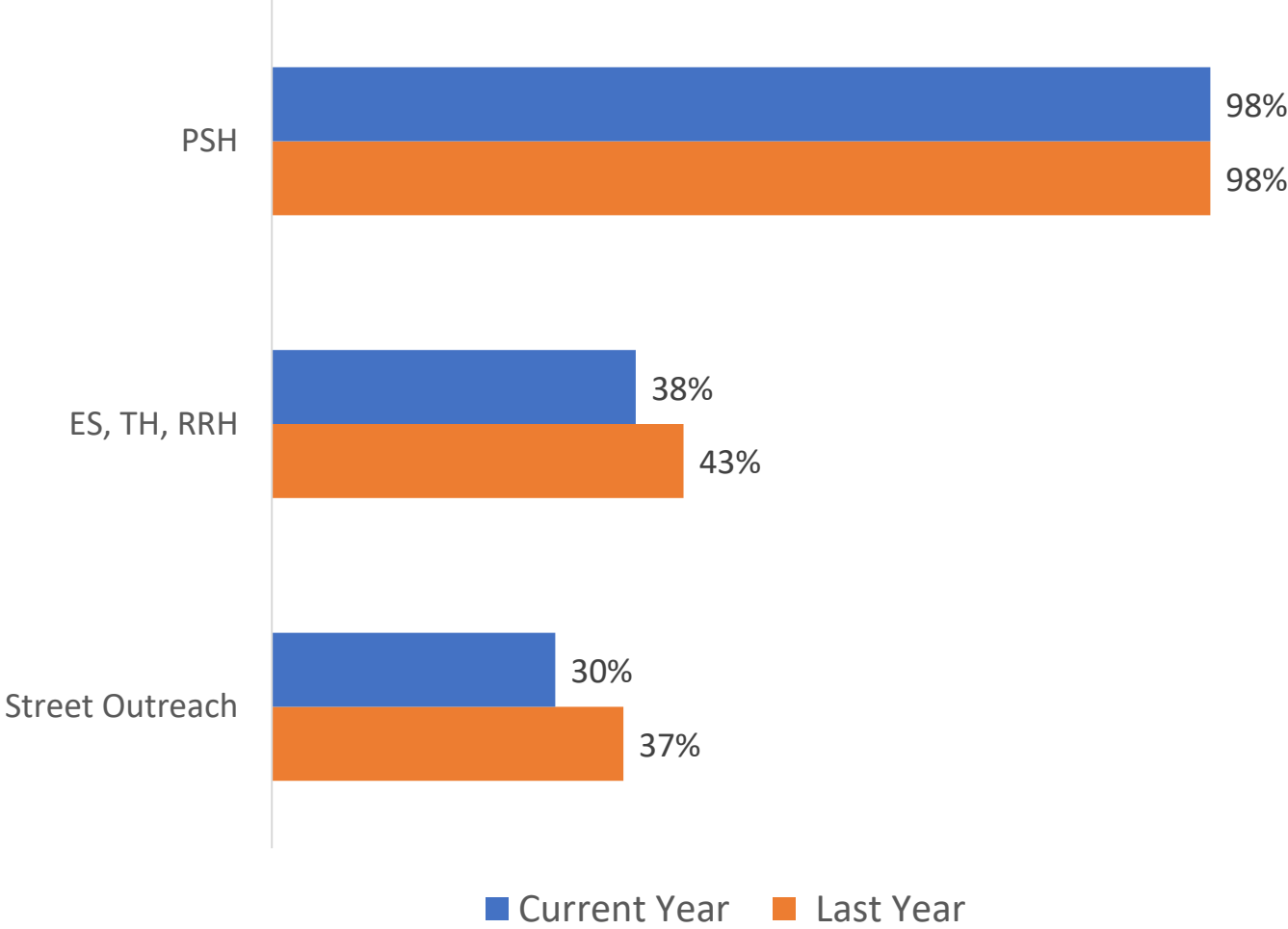
- Rate of returns to homelessness is fewer than 5% OR
- Rate of returns to homelessness is at least 20% lower for the most recent federal fiscal year

Measure Seven: Successful Outcomes

- Measure 7A: proportion of people served in **street outreach** with exits to interim housing or permanent housing
- Measure 7B: proportion of people served in **emergency shelter or transitional housing** with exits to permanent housing
- Measure 7C: proportion of people served in **permanent supportive housing** with retention in housing or exits to other permanent housing

Measure Seven: Successful Placements

Measures 7A, 7B, and 7C: Percent of Positive Exits by Program Model Category, FY24



QUESTIONS?

SECTOR REPORT OUTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Representative*

**LEARNING
CORNER:
PRESENTATION
ON OPIOID
RESPONSE AND
SERVICES**

Fátima Matal Sol and Elissa Kim, *Alcohol and Other
Drugs Program*

PLACEHOLDER

- Placeholder

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

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **Next COH Meeting:** Thursday, June 5, 1 – 3 PM (IN PERSON)
- **Homeless Service Provider Meeting:** Thursday, May 8, 8:30 – 9:30 AM (Zoom)
- **CoC Training (Trauma-Informed Care):** Monday, May 12, 10 AM – 12 PM (Zoom)
- **Equity Committee Meeting:** Tuesday, May 13, 2 – 4 PM (IN PERSON)
- **Homeless Workforce Integration Network Meeting:** Wednesday, May 14, 10 AM – 12 PM (Zoom)
- **PATH Committee Meeting:** Thursday, May 15, 9:30 – 11 AM (IN PERSON)