CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP

VIRTUAL WORKING GROUP AGENDA
Thursday August 21, 2025, 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:
Working Group (VIRUTAL ONLY) Link to register:
https://homebaseccc.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcsf-2urDssGdzVjZhCYrYEYtBPv6TuzAce
How to Join the Meeting Via Call-In: 1- 669-900-6833 / Meeting ID: 831 8462 0638

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTERS
11:30am (10 min)	**Welcome & Introductions** a. Welcome b. Review agenda c. Introductions d. Mentimeter - Who's in the Room?	- Wayne Earl, *CoH* - Jamie Schecter, *H3* - Riley Meve, *HB*
11:40am (5 min)	**2025 Meeting Logistics** a. Cmte vs. Work Group Mtg b. 2025 Meeting Schedule Update	- Wayne Earl, *CoH*
11:45am (5min)	**Announcements** a. Open period for announcements on items not listed on the agenda.	- Courtney Pal, *CoH* - Members of the public
11:50am (5 min)	**June Meeting Recap** a. Provide June meeting recap; June meeting minutes will be approved during October 2025 meeting	- Courtney Pal, *CoH*
11:55am (35min)	**CES Updates** a. Coordinated Entry Housing Needs Assessment Replacement & Redesign, Project Update Link to Coordinated Entry Policies & Procedures	- Mary Juarez-Fitzgerald, *H3* - Chela Shuster, *Focus Strategies*
12:30pm (10min)	**YAB Update**	- Juno Hedrick, *CoH/YAB* - Anastasia Lockwood, *YAB*

12:40pm (5 min)	**Q2 Accountability Corner**	- Jamie Schecter, *H3*
12:45pm (15min)	**Program Models & Performance Standards Updates** a. Contra Costa Health, Change Agent Fellowship Link to Program Models & Performance Standards	- Shelby Ferguson, *H3*
1pm (2 min)	**Closing** a. Review next steps b. Overview of upcoming meetings	- Juno Hedrick, *CoH/YAB*

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.
CES	Coordinated Entry System
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

EQUITY DEFINITIONS

(adapted from C4 Innovations and approved by COH on 8.3.23)

Term	Definition
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
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.
Interpersonal Racism	The interactions between people - both within and across racial groups
Microaggressions	Brief, everyday exchanges that send denigrating messages to certain individuals because of their group membership
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.
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.
Racial Bias	Implicit and/or explicit bias that reinforces discriminatory attitudes and behaviors when interacting with people or situations

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