



CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE WORKGROUP MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, February 18, 2026, 1 pm – 3 pm

Recording link: Available by email request to CChomelesscouncil@cchealth.org

Governance Committee Attendance:

- Anastasia Lockwood, *Youth Representative*
- Dani Jimenez, *Behavioral Health Representative*
- Jared Murti, *City Government Representative*
- Juno Hedrick, *Lived Experience Advisor, Co-Chair*
- LeAnn Matthews, *Lived Experience Advisor*
- Sherina Criswell, *Homeless Service Provider Representative*

Staff Attendance: Jaime Jenett, H3; Jamie Schecter, H3; Mark Mora, Homebase; Michele Byrnes, Homebase

Community Virtual Attendance:

- Nakia Kaisa
- Serene Terrazas

Time	Agenda Item	Presenter
1:00	1. <u>Introductions</u>	Mark Mora, <i>Homebase</i>
1:15	2. <u>Public Comment</u> – Open Period for members of the public to comment on items not listed on the agenda.	Members of the public
- No public comment.		
1:20	3. <u>Level Setting and Review 2025 CoH Bylaws and Memo</u>	Mark Mora, <i>Homebase</i>
Homebase provided an overview of the purpose of the Governance Committee; the purpose of Governance Charter and Bylaws; a summary of revisions resulting from the 2025 Governance Committee; and a summary of the recommendations proposed by the Committee in its 2025 memo to the Council on Homelessness.		
1:40	<u>Review and Discuss Potential 2026 Bylaws Revisions</u>	Michele Byrnes, <i>Homebase</i>
<p>Revision 1: Update Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Workgroup discussed the following proposed bylaws revisions related to updating membership: 		



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- Update Council seat descriptions
- Remove specific list for potential outreach
- Clarify nominating panel composition to fill unscheduled Council vacancies

Discussion

- The Workgroup agrees with these proposed revisions
- The Workgroup recommends specifying that the nominating panel will include the Chair and/or Vice-Chair when non-conflicted

Revision 2: Update Committees and Committee Descriptions

- The Workgroup discussed the following proposed bylaws revisions related to updating Committees and Committee descriptions:
 - Update Oversight Committee description
 - Update list of Committees to ensure accuracy

Discussion

- In response to a question, it was clarified that there are certain seats on the Council that can be filled by someone who is impacted by the criminal legal system, including the reentry seat.
- The Workgroup agrees with these proposed revisions

Revision 3: Align with Federal Policy

- The Workgroup discussed the following proposed bylaws revision to align with federal policy:
 - Update Transparency and Community Participation section

Discussion

- Workgroup members agree with these proposed revisions and noted the importance of keeping community values at the center of the work.

Additional Bylaws Changes

- No additional bylaws changes requested by the Workgroup.

2:55	Timeline for the Governance Committee in 2026	Michele Byrnes, <i>Homebase</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Wednesday, March 18, 1-3pm: Governance Committee (in person) 		



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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



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SSI	Supplemental Security Income
TA	Technical Assistance
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