



PLAN FOR ACCELERATING TRANSFORMATIVE HOUSING (PATH) INNOVATIONS COMMITTEE

April 17th, 2025, 9:30 – 11:00 am

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Matt Lemon, Focus Strategies

PATH Innovations Committee is comprised of a diverse group of community stakeholders and CoC partners who monitor projects related to the countywide goal of reducing unsheltered homelessness in Contra Costa County in alignment with the [Regional Action Plan](#).

INTRODUCTIONS

PATH Committee Members

H3 Staff

Focus Strategies

Stakeholders

WORKGROUP MEETING NORMS

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1. Raise your hand (virtually) before speaking
2. Say your name and if you're a Committee member before speaking
3. Maintain a safe and respectful environment, even when disagreeing
4. Make and take space – consider your privilege and other voices who are in and not in the room

WORKGROUP 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.

POINT-IN-TIME (PIT) COUNT UPDATE

Janel Fletcher, H3

POST PIT SURVEYS

- After the observational count, the CoC collects community surveys to learn about the demographics, needs, and causes of unsheltered homelessness from people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in our community
- The survey collection period started on February 24th and ended March 21st

Volunteers collected over 430 surveys!

NEXT STEPS

- Results from the Post PIT surveys will be used to estimate the demographics, needs, and causes of homelessness for individuals and sleep settings identified during the observational count on January 29th
- PIT Data are submitted to HUD for review and approval (TBD)
- Once approved, final results are shared with the COH community

THANK YOU!

HUGE THANK YOU TO VOLUNTEERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT!

BARM

H3 Programs

- Concord Service Center

- CORE Outreach

Contra Costa College

GRIP

RYSE

SHELTER, INC.

STAND! For Families
Free of Violence

The Share Community

Trinity Center

CONFERENCE UPDATES

Jamie Schechter, H3

Shelby Ferguson, H3

Mary Juarez-Fitzgerald, 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

NATIONAL ALLIANCE TO END HOMELESSNESS (NAEH) CONFERENCE



H3 presentation on
Encampment Resolution
Funding (ERF)



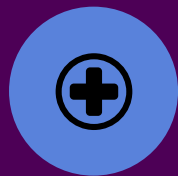
Focus on unsheltered
homelessness



Creating safe and low
barrier shelter settings



Leveraging Lived
Experience and Peer
Support



Connecting Health/Public
Health and Homeless
Services



Centering Equity

FEDERAL CHANGES & HUD UPDATES

Jamie Schechter, H3

Shelby Ferguson, H3

CHANGES TO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Effective February 25th, 2025, HUD technical assistance for the Special NOFO was terminated

The Special NOFO projects Contra Costa was receiving Technical Assistance for:

- CoC Planning – H3
- HMIS – H3
- Thrive CCC – SHELTER, Inc.

H3 will continue to offer support and technical assistance to SHELTER, Inc. as needed

DATA INTEGRATION PROJECT

Kim Thai and Ryan Rae Tapia, H3

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This project expands bi-directional data sharing between HMIS and EPIC to improve care coordination and reduce service duplication for at-risk individuals and those experiencing homelessness. It involves integrating CalAIM/CHW data, creating high-risk notifications, and enhancing communication through in-basket messaging, with training and documentation for all impacted users.

DATA INTEGRATION GOALS

- Expand bi-directional data sharing in HMIS and EPIC to improve care coordination and reduce service duplication.
- Build on existing infrastructure (daily ETL) from Whole Person Care for integration.
- Provide Community Supports and CHW services in 2025 to address the needs of at-risk individuals and those experiencing homelessness.

DATA INTEGRATION FLOW

HMIS Data loaded into EPIC

- Program Contact Info (static table)

Future state would include:

- CalAIM assessments/services/notes
 - Vital docs/pdfs
- Program Contact Info to be dynamic

EPIC Data loaded into HMIS

- CCHP effective date
- CalAIM authorization status and dates
- Limited Case Manager info

Future state would include:

- Expanded care team
- High risk flag

WHERE ARE WE NOW?

- Significant portions of this project is still in the discovery phase, with key elements and workflows being refined and finalized.
- Expanding our capabilities to increase visibility of information and enhance care team information sharing between systems.
- High Risk Notifications – When a H3 client is seen in an ED/IP/Detention, a High Risk Event flag is added to their HMIS profile, triggering H3 staff follow-up on discharge planning, transportation, and referrals to ensure post-discharge support.

STAKEHOLDER SPOTLIGHT: YOUTH ACTION BOARD (YAB)

Juno Hedrick, *Lived Experience Advisor and Vice Chair
and YAB Lead*

Leon Saelee, *YAB Lead*

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SUMMIT (YES)

- ❧ Annual event hosted by the California Coalition for Youth in Sacramento.
- ❧ Brought together young people, community leaders, and youth service providers from around California to explore, learn, share, advocate, and work collectively to prevent, intervene, and end youth homelessness.
- ❧ YAB and RYSE Center represented Contra Costa County!



YES DAY 1:

Focused on the plans and structure for the Legislative Meetings at the Capitol.

- 🔗 Reviewing the agenda and workshops
- 🔗 Learning about Advocacy 101
- 🔗 How to network with providers
- 🔗 Structure and guideline for capital meeting



YES DAY 2: DEVELOPMENTAL SKILLS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, COMMUNITY LEADERS, & SERVICE PROVIDERS

**Trauma-Informed
Care:** Shelter
Programs, Support for
Foster Youth

Suicide Prevention/ 988

Community Care
Licensing: Hot Topics
for Youth
Homelessness
Prevention Centers

Leadership: How You
Lead is How You
Succeed, Power in Our
Hands

R.A.P Rhythm and
Poetry and Public
Speaking

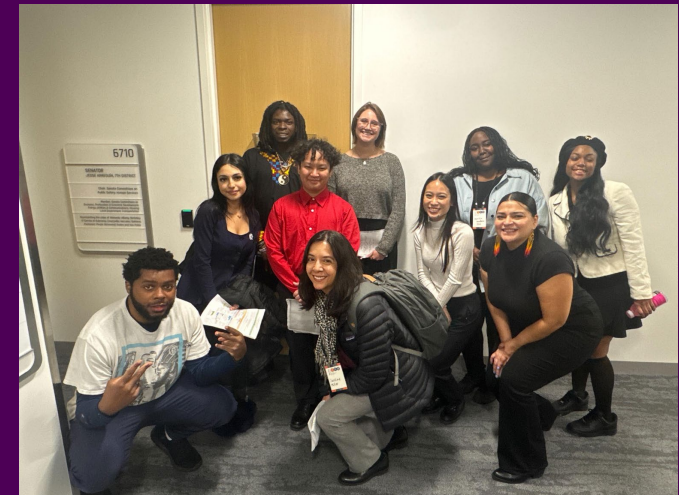
Housing for Health with
California Department
of Health Care Services

Wellness: Decompress
with a Game, Mindful
Movement & Outdoor
Mindfulness, and more!

Keynote speaker,
Stephani Ellison, and
award luncheon

YES DAY 3: RALLY AND LEGISLATIVE VISITS

- 🔗 Walked and chanted together in support of policies that affect youth experiencing homelessness.
- 🔗 Met with local assembly members, senators and staff to discuss goals and policies.
- 🔗 Worked in collaboration with other YABs to advocate as well as strengthen connections.



KEY TAKEAWAYS

- 🔗 Advocacy and support in collaboration with peers and adult allies
- 🔗 Uplifting community connections, being present in our work and creating space for joy
- 🔗 Skill building and professional development



NEXT STEPS FOR YAB

Informing Contra Costa YAB

- 🔗 Using information gathered during summit to create awareness upon updates and current sources

Using Guidelines and Workshops

- 🔗 Building structure and team bonding

Continuing Advocacy

- 🔗 Expanding resources and programs to advocate upon policies for homeless youth

Plans to return to 2026 YES Conference!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT STEPS

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

- May 15, 2025 (Committee Meeting)
- June 19, 2025 (Working Group Meeting)
- July 17, 2025 (Working Group Meeting)