



## Meeting Minutes - Draft

# CONTRA COSTA COUNTY Health Care for the Homeless

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Wednesday, February 18, 2026

11:00 AM

YellowStone Room, 2500 Bates Ave.  
St B., Concord, CA 94520  
Zoom Webinar – Call In: (646) 518-9805,  
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### Co-Applicant Governing Board

**Chair: Rachna Pandya**

**Vice Chair: Daisy Gallegos**

*The meeting was called to order at 11:10 AM.*

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

*Board Members Present: Praneeti Parjan, Rachna Pandya, JR Wilson, Daisy Gallegos, Michael Callanan, O'Neill Fernandez, Alex Riggs, Curtis Gee*

*Board Members Absent: Mashal Kleven, Claude Battaglia*

*HCH Staff Attendance: Breanna Lingenfelter (HCH QI Team), Jicara Collins (HCH Administrator)*

*Public Present Online: Jill Ray, Serene Terrazaz*

2. CONSIDER approval of the January 21, 2026 Health Care for the Homeless Co-Applicant Governing Board meeting minutes.

*The board members present unanimously voted to approve the January 21, 2026 Health Care for the Homeless Co-Applicant Governing Board meeting minutes.*

*Motion: Daisy Gallegos*

*Second: Alex Riggs*

3. RECEIVE an update on Health Care for the Homeless services from program management.

1. *Public health vending machines began rolling out roughly 1 month ago*
  - a. *Include kits for Naloxone, hygiene, menstrual hygiene, safer sex, fentanyl test strips, wound care, pregnancy tests, and socks*
  - b. *Brookside has received theirs and it is up and running*
  - c. *CCRMC has received theirs but are awaiting some repairs*
  - d. *Delta Landing is waiting on delivery of theirs*
  - e. *Staff say they have been used so far, contracted with HepPack*
  
2. *Board member questions: what is the cost of these items? Are these being advertised to non-shelter residents? What are the most popular items? Staff responses below:*
  - a. *All items are free. Goal is to keep machines as low barrier as possible.*
  - b. *As of now, they are not advertised but they are available to anyone in need. There are also sharp exchange programs available*
  - c. *Most popular item so far has been socks, will restock as needed. Will review popularity of items in future to better understand what is highest in demand*
  - d. *Board member O'Neill tried using one himself, said it was very easy to use.*
  
4. RECEIVE an update on HCH program productivity and grants status.
  1. *Grants Status*
    - a. *UDS report was submitted last week 2/13*
    - b. *Will provide board members with updates regarding site visit*
  
5. DISCUSS board member recruitment and training and CONSIDER voting to add a designated Consumer Advisory Board seat.
  1. *So far this year we have removed two board members and added two new board members*
  
  2. *Discuss designating a board member seat for the CAB – any voting member can attend as the CAB seat, not specific to a single individual. Tentatively effective upon final acceptance from CAB – need to rework schedules before committing*
    - a. *Michael Callanan made a motion to create a designated seat CAB seat on the governing board tentative upon acceptance from CAB.*

*Second: Rachna Pandya*

*All board members present voted to accept the motion*
  
  3. *Daisy has a lead on someone from the police department, but the meeting schedule may pose as a barrier for attending in person.*
  
6. RECEIVE an update on the Consumer Advisory Board (CAB) from Breanna Lingenfelter (HCH QI Team).

*1. Membership*

- a. Still currently 5 members, new faces have been attending meetings regularly*
- b. Review PIT counts – want our CAB to reflect similar demographics*
- c. CAB blurb is being added to after visit summary for HCH visits – hope is that this will help with recruitment as well as making folks aware the CAB exists*

*2. Site Visit/Feedback*

- a. Want to focus outreach and recruitment efforts in west and central county, CAB has been very Delta Landing heavy*
- b. Site visit at Bay Point was scheduled for 2/17, but was rescheduled due to heavy rain*
- c. Other sites for future visits being considered are Fulton and GRIP*

*Board member suggestions for outreach: Offered suggestions for CAB recruitment, come to SOS events to table/share resources*

*3. HCH Feedback*

*a. Rodney – expressed concerns around the number of lives that have been lost since his time staying at Delta Landing; multiple suicides in the past year. He says it feels really heavy there, each one takes a toll on all of the residents. Lauren and Margaret took time to acknowledge his concerns and provide support. The group had a moment of silence to honor those who have lost their lives.*

*b. Rodney: On a separate positive note, he went to respite dental appointment and was sent home due to his blood pressure being too high (upset given recent loss). He went back the next week was able to complete his appointment since his BP had improved, he is very happy with the service at respite and very impressed with both their medical and dental care. He did not feel like he could list any negatives regarding his last few visits at respite.*

*c. Michaela: Expressed frustrations with her dental experiences. States they will only do part of her mouth at a time versus completing all in one visit. Cited examples of coming in multiple times to complete a single cleaning, also states she was told she would have to come in 4 separate times to address her 4 cavities (1 tooth per visit). She wants to better understand why their process is this way. Lauren will follow up with dental team on this. {Ellie, dental manager will come to next CAB meeting}*

*d. Gina: is very happy with the mental health services offered through HCH, says Margaret is the best thing for her head, has seen her many times*

*Board member feedback: Rachna expressed concerns around education. Is there sufficient time to address education gaps during appointments? Is there additional support staff outside of dental team? Curtis emphasized that this is a common occurrence, has seen it in the past; suggested limited time frame to complete work during appointments as a contributing factor.*

*7. DISCUSS future board meetings and all staff meetings.*

*1. HCH Clinic Visit*

- a. El Portal -early summer*
- b. Brookside - sometime in spring*

*2. Check in with Mia regarding dates that would be best for a visit*

8. DISCUSS any updates to Health Care for the Homeless services and other programs.

*1. New Life Dream Center submitted an applicant for a grant to help them house veterans, fingers crossed!*

*2. Serene – they have 40 beds throughout Contra Costa County. They are looking to provide assistance to those who are domestic violence survivors, those with pets, released from jail, etc. Working to join CoC!*

9. DISCUSS the next meeting's agenda and potential items of discussion.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for March 18, 2025 at 11:00 AM..

Adjourn

*The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 PM.*

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