



CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP

VIRTUAL WORKING GROUP AGENDA

Thursday August 20, 2026, 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:

Link to register: <https://homebaseccc.zoom.us/meeting/register/ZPCubvY7RNihEWuJOeusFg>

How to Join the Meeting Via Call-In: 1- 669-900-6833 / Meeting ID: 831 8462 0638

AGENDA

- 1. 11:30am (10min) – Welcome & CoH Roll Call – Wayne Earl, CoH**
 - a. Welcome
 - b. Review agenda
 - c. Introductions & CoH Roll Call
 - d. Poll - Who's in the Room?
- 2. 11:40am (5min) – Meeting Logistics – Wayne Earl, CoH**
- 3. 11:45am (5min) – Announcements – Courtney Pal, CoH**
 - a. Open period for public comment on items not listed on the agenda
- 4. 11:50am (5min) – June Working Group Recap – Courtney Pal, CoH**
- 5. 11:55am (15min) – ERF Updates – Natalie Siva, CCH Community Response Division**
- 6. 12:10pm (20min) – CES Updates – Mary Juarez-Fitzgerald, H3**
- 7. 12:30pm (15min) – RED Team Updates – Yessenia Aguilar & Carina Rodriguez-Peña, H3**
- 8. 12:45pm (10min) – YAB Updates – Juno Hedrick, COH/YAB**
- 9. 12:55pm (10min) – Federal/HUD Updates – Jamie Schechter, H3**
- 10. 1:05pm (10min) – Q2 Accountability Corner – Jamie Schechter, H3**
- 11. 1:15pm (5min) – Nominating Update – Jamie Schechter, H3**
- 12. 1:20pm (5min) – Closing – Wayne Earl, CoH**



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Contra Costa County Continuum of Care System Acronyms & Definitions

1. **APR:** Annual Performance Report (for HUD homeless programs)
2. **CARE:** Coordinated Assessment and Resource
3. **CCYCS:** Contra Costa Youth Continuum of Services
4. **CDBG, CDBG-CV:** Community Development Block Grant (federal and state programs) and the federal Community Development Block Grant CARES Act coronavirus allocation.
5. **CES:** Coordinated Entry System
6. **CESH:** California Emergency Solutions and Housing program (state funding)
7. **Continuum of Care (CoC):** Continuum of Care approach to assistance to the homeless. Federal grant program promoting and funding permanent solutions to homelessness.
8. **Con Plan:** Consolidated Plan, a locally developed plan for housing assistance and urban development under CDBG.
9. **CORE:** Coordinated Outreach Referral, Engagement program
10. **COVID-19:** Coronavirus
11. **DOC:** Department Operations Center
12. **EHSD:** (Contra Costa County) Employment and Human Services Division
13. **EOC:** Emergency Operations Center
14. **ESG and ESG-CV:** Emergency Solutions Grant (federal and state program) and the federal Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act coronavirus allocation.
15. **ESG-CV:** Emergency Solutions Grant CARES
16. **FMR:** Fair Market Rent (maximum rent for Section 8 rental assistance/CoC grants)
17. **HCD:** Housing and Community Development (State office)
18. **HEAP:** Homeless Emergency Aid Program (State funding)
19. **HEARTH:** Homeless Emergency and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009
20. **HHAP:** Homeless Housing and Assistance Program
21. **HMIS:** Homeless Management Information System
22. **HOME:** Home Investment Partnerships (CPD program)
23. **HUD:** U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (federal)
24. **MHSA:** Mental Health Services Act
25. **NOFA:** Notice of Funding Availability
26. **PHA:** Public Housing Authority
27. **PUI:** Persons Under Investigation
28. **SAMHSA:** Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration
29. **SRO:** Single-Room Occupancy housing units
30. **SSDI:** Social Security Disability Income
31. **SSI:** Supplemental Security Income
32. **TA:** Technical Assistance
33. **TAY:** Transition Age Youth (usually ages 16-24)



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- 34. **VA:** Veterans Affairs (U.S. Department of)
- 35. **VASH:** Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing
- 36. **VI-SPDAT:** Vulnerability Index – Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool

EQUITY DEFINITIONS - adapted from C4 Innovations and approved by COH on 8.3.23

1. **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
2. **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.
3. **Interpersonal Racism:** The interactions between people - both within and across racial groups
4. **Microaggressions:** Brief, everyday exchanges that send denigrating messages to certain individuals because of their group membership
5. **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.
6. **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.
7. **Racial Bias:** Implicit and/or explicit bias that reinforces discriminatory attitudes and behaviors when interacting with people or situations
8. **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.
9. **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.
10. **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.
11. **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



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

12. **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.