



## COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

January 8, 2025 from 3:00-4:00

# WELCOME

Nicole Green, *Chair & Reentry Services Representative*

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# WEBINAR VS. MEETING FORMAT

- Due to Zoom Bombing, the virtual component of COH meetings have moved from Meeting to Webinar format.

## What's Different?

- Participants will join WITHOUT the ability to unmute or be seen on camera
- Host can give participants ability to unmute or be seen on camera as needed

## What's the Same?

- Participants can raise hand
- Participants can share in the chat

# IN-PERSON / HYBRID MEETING

- As of March 1, 2023, all Council on Homelessness Meetings and CoH Committee meetings are required to convene in person or in a hybrid format
- All CoH members must attend in person unless using a “just cause” exemption

### Just Cause

- A need to care for a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner
- A contagious illness that prevents a member from attending in person;
- A need related to a physical or mental disability that is not otherwise accommodated for; or
- Travel while on official business of the body or another state or local agency.

### Emergency Circumstances

- A physical or family medical emergency that prevents a member from attending in person.

## VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE EXEMPTION

# ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Representative*

# INTRODUCTIONS

**Council Members:** Please unmute and share your name, pronouns, seat, and agency (if applicable)

**Community Members:** Please introduce yourself in the chat.

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# POLL – WHO'S IN THE ROOM?

- 1) How many Council on Homelessness meetings have you attended?
- 2) Do you have lived experience of homelessness?
- 3) What best describes your racial identity?

# PUBLIC COMMENT

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# CONSENT CALENDAR

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# CONSENT CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

- Items on the consent calendar are **generally non-controversial and do not require much, if any, discussion**
- Enables grouping such items together and **deciding on them at one time**
- Council members and the public can **remove an item** from the consent calendar if they **desire to discuss the item by informing the Chair**

*Source: <https://www.ca-ilg.org/resource/concept-consent-calendar>*

# ACTION ITEM

Approve the **consent calendar** items as listed:

- Approve minutes from the December 4, 2025 Council Meeting
- Approve staff report for the January 8, 2025 Council Meeting
- Approve rescheduling Council on Homelessness Meeting on July 2, 2026 to July 9, 2026



# CONTINUUM OF CARE (COC) NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (NOFO) UPDATE

**Update on CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity  
and Funding Committee** – Mark Mora, *Homebase*  
and Jamie Schechter, *H3*

# UPDATE ON COC NOFO AND FUNDING COMMITTEE

Mark Mora, *Homebase*  
Jamie Schecter, *H3*

# BACKGROUND: HUD COC NOFO

- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program
- HUD releases a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), competition for approximately 450 Continuums of Care
- FY 2024-25 and FY 2025-26 CoC NOFO:
  - First time two-year NOFO cycle (was annual competition)
  - Next competition was set for 2026

# 2025 CoC NOFO

- **11/13/25** - 2025 NOFO was released with a deadline to submit applications to HUD by January 14, 2026 (60-day window)
- **12/8/25** - HUD withdrew NOFO with intent to revise and re-issue it
- **12/12/25** - The CoC paused the local competition
- **12/19/25** – HUD re-issued the 2025 NOFO
- **12/23/25** – Court order granted the States and NAEH's request for preliminary relief effectively blocking the 2025 NOFO until further notice, HUD was ordered to take steps to process renewals for FY 2025 (but order does not require HUD to award/obligate funds yet)

# HUD's Plan to Implement FY 24-25 NOFO

- **1/6/26** – HUD will reopen and post the FY 24-25 CoC NOFO with an extended deadline to allow for all eligible renewals and reallocations
- **2/19/26** – HUD will close the application window
- **May 2026** – anticipated award date, barring government shutdowns or other disruptions
- However, HUD reserves the right to implement a new NOFO if/when a court order does not preclude it from doing so

# COMMITTEE REPORT OUTS

**Point-In-Time Count Committee** – Janel Fletcher,  
*H3*

**Youth Advisory Board** – Juno Hedrick, *Vice Chair  
and Lived Experience Advisor* and Anastasia  
Lockwood, *Youth Representative*

# POINT-IN-TIME COUNT COMMITTEE

Janel Fletcher, *H3*

# Point in Time Count Volunteer Opportunity

## Volunteer Duties

Volunteers will:

- Be part of a one-day, county-wide project to count unsheltered people in Contra Costa
- Be in pairs and either drive or capture data on an iPhone based app
- Be able to choose the area where they will do the count (with some limitations)
- Need to be available between 5:30 am and 9 am on Thursday 1/29
- Need to complete an IN PERSON volunteer training the week of January 12, 2026

## How to Register

- Register here: <https://arcg.is/a0jya>
- Learn more here: <https://contra-costa-point-in-time-count-cocogis.hub.arcgis.com/>
- Questions? Email [PITcount@cchealth.org](mailto:PITcount@cchealth.org) or call/text 925-464-0152.



# YOUTH ACTION BOARD (YAB)



Juno Hedrick, *CoH Lived Experience Advisor and Vice Chair, YAB Coordinator*

Anastasia Lockwood, *YAB Member & Outreach & Retention Facilitator*

# YAB DECEMBER MEETINGS

Bimonthly hybrid  
meetings at H3 in and  
RYSE

Subcommittees:  
Communications,  
Data & Research,  
Outreach & Retention

Workgroups:  
Governance and  
Nominating

Council on  
Homelessness (CoH):  
CoH Meeting, Youth  
PIT Survey

Peer Support Check-In  
Meetings

# YAB DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

Public Comment for  
Board of Supervisors  
Community Impact  
Funds--\$2.8 million for  
rental assistance

RFP Review Panel for  
Consolidated Housing &  
Homelessness Funding

CoC Adultism and YYA  
Partnership Training  
with Marin County

National YAB  
Connection Space

# YAB APPLICATIONS



- 17 applicants for 5 vacant seats



Scoring rubric developed with auto-scored factors



- Nominating Workgroup: 5 members (3 YAB members, YAB Coordinator, H3 staff)



3 Nominating Workgroup meetings held to review and score applications



- Applications were redacted for confidentiality



Notifications sent on December 18; new members will be welcomed on January 8

# COMING UP IN 2026!



Welcoming 5  
new members  
& YAB retreat

YAB on social  
media

Reconvene  
Youth & Young  
Adult Strategic  
Planning

PIT and Youth  
PIT Survey

Release  
updates to 2024  
Community  
Needs  
Assessment

# CONNECT WITH YAB

Are you—or do you know—a young person with lived experience of homelessness or housing instability who wants to create change?

Join a meeting as a guest to learn more!

For more information:

✉ [ContraCostaYAB@cchealth.org](mailto:ContraCostaYAB@cchealth.org)

☎ 925-500-3237

2026 Contra Costa County YAB  
Meeting RSVP



# NEW BUSINESS

**Select 2026 Council on Homelessness Chair and Vice Chair (ACTION ITEM)** – Jaime Jenett, *H3*

**Selection 2026 Council on Homelessness Committee Members (ACTION ITEM)** – Jaime Jenett, *H3*

**SELECT 2026  
COUNCIL ON  
HOMELESSNESS  
CHAIR AND VICE  
CHAIR  
(ACTION ITEM)**

Jaime Jenett, *H3*

# CHAIR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Provides **general oversight** for the CoH
- **Presides over CoH meetings**
- Participates in a **monthly CoH planning call** with H3 and Homebase
- **Represents the CoH** in community-facing efforts as needed:
  - Presents the quarterly CoH report to the Family and Human Services Committee; writes an introductory message for this report
  - Presents the Homelessness Awareness Month toolkit at the Board of Supervisors meeting in November; writes an introductory message for the toolkit
  - Reviews and approves CoC applications for funding

# VICE-CHAIR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Participates in a **monthly CoH planning call** with H3 and Homebase
- Assumes responsibility of Chair if the Chair is absent or vacant

# ACTION ITEM

- Approve 2026 Chair and Vice Chair for Council on Homelessness.



**SELECT 2026  
COUNCIL ON  
HOMELESSNESS  
COMMITTEE  
MEMBERS  
(ACTION ITEM)**

Jaime Jenett, *H3*

# OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

## Purpose:

- Reviewing and assessing the development, implementation, and improvement of:
  - CoC
  - Coordinated Entry System
  - HMIS database
  - System Outcomes
- Oversee the following Working Groups: TBD

## Timing:

Every other month, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 11:30 - 1:30pm, 6 meetings

## Membership:

- 2025 Number of CoH Members: 6
- 2025 CoH Members:
  - Alejandra Chamberlain
  - Courtney Pal
  - Gabriel Lemus
  - Hope Dixon
  - Juno Hedrick
  - Leslie Gleason
  - Mia Fairbanks

# HMIS POLICY COMMITTEE

## Purpose:

- Develops and shares updates on HMIS policies and practices, compliance, and troubleshooting
- Plans technical assistance and training
- Informs standards of practice and monitoring

## Timing:

3<sup>rd</sup> month each quarter, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays from, 12-1:30pm, 4 meetings

## Membership:

- 2025 Number of CoH Members: 5
- 2025 CoH Members:
  - Dani Jimenez
  - Gabriel Lemus
  - Heather Worobey
  - Juno Hedrick
  - Tony Ucciferri

# FUNDING COMMITTEE

## Purpose:

- Expanded in scope after previously existing as the CoC/ESG Committee (which supported the application process for funds administered by HUD, including the CoC Program)
- Direct community input process for several federal and state funding streams, including CoC NOFO

## Timing: early 2026

## Membership:

- 2025 Number of CoH Members: 6
- 2025 CoH Members:
  - Courtney Pal
  - Dani Jimenez
  - Juno Hedrick
  - Nicole Green
  - Sherina Criswell
  - Wayne Earl

# GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

## Purpose:

- Review and revise the Governance Charter & Bylaws to increase CoH efficiency and impact

## Timing:

2-3 monthly meetings: February through April

## Membership:

- 2025 Number of CoH Members: 5
- 2025 CoH Members:
  - Carolyn Foudy
  - Hope Dixon
  - Juno Hedrick
  - Sherina Criswell
  - Tony Ucciferri

# AD HOC COMMITTEES/WORK GROUPS: RECRUITING LATER

- **CoH Nominating Committee**: Reviews applications for potential new Council members and provides recommendations to the full Council
  - Estimated Timing: ad hoc, 1-2 meetings from July to October 2026, dates TBD
- **Point-in-Time Count Workgroup**: Plan and implement the annual Point-in-Time Count, an annual HUD-required count of sheltered and unsheltered people experiencing homelessness and provide recommendations to the full Council
  - Estimated Timing: ad hoc, November 2026 to January 2027, dates TBD
- **Homelessness Awareness Month Workgroup**: Plan for annual Homelessness Awareness Month (November) activities
  - Estimated Timing: March - November

# ACTION ITEM

- Approve 2026 committee selections for Council on Homelessness members.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Open for all to share announcements about upcoming events and to give brief reports about recent events/trainings relevant to the Council on Homelessness

PIN IT

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# UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **Next COH Meeting:** Thursday, February 5, 1 – 3 PM (IN PERSON)
- **Homeless Service Provider Meeting:** Thursday, January 8, 8:30 – 9:30 AM (Zoom)
- **CoC Training:** NO TRAINING IN JANUARY
- [Point in Time Count](#), 1/29, 5:30 am – 9 am
- [Homelessness 101](#), 1/15, 6 pm – 7:30 pm, VIRTUAL only