



## COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

October 2, 2025 from 1:00-3:00

# WELCOME

Nicole Green, *Chair & Reentry Services Representative*

***Purpose of the Meeting:*** These are monthly meetings for the Council on Homelessness (COH) to conduct the business of the Council. The Council is the planning body that coordinates the community's policies, strategies, and activities toward preventing and ending homelessness in Contra Costa County.

# 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

# HYBRID MEETING NORMS

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# HYBRID MEETING NORMS CONT.

1. Raise your hand (actual or virtual) before speaking
2. Say your name before speaking and try to speak as clearly as you can
3. 2-minute timer for public comments
4. Make and take space – consider your privilege and the other voices who are in and not in the room
5. Minimize distractions like side conversations and cell phone use
6. Maintain a safe and respectful environment, even when disagreeing
7. If in-person meeting is interrupted for an emergency, the meeting will be suspended or cancelled, case-by-case basis.
8. 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.

# ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

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# 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 September 4, 2025 Council Meeting
- Approve staff report for the October 2, 2025 Council Meeting



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

**CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity Update –**  
Mark Mora, *Homebase*

# COC NOFO UPDATE

Mark Mora, *Homebase*

# 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)
  - Released on July 31, 2024, and made approximately \$3.5 billion available nationally
  - Contra Costa was awarded \$22.3 million in FY 2024



# UPDATE: HUD COC NOFO

- HUD has indicating that there will be a 2025 CoC NOFO competition but it has not yet been released
- \*If\* there is a 2025 competition:
  - We do not when the NOFO will be released (usually any time from July to October)
  - The competition window might be shorter than usual
  - Expect significant changes to funding requirements → new HUD priorities
- Flag for Council – the NOFO timeline may not allow time for typical Council review and approval of competition process revisions
  - In this scenario, the revisions would be finalized by the Funding Committee

# COC NOFO WORK GROUP

- Work group of the Funding Committee - tasked with improving the CoC NOFO competition process
- Work group meetings:
  - Goals: streamlining process, aligning with new HUD priorities
  - 8/19: Renewal Housing Project Scoring Tool
  - 9/16: Renewal Housing Project Scoring Tool + Policy Prioritizing High Performing Renewal Projects
  - 9/30: New Housing Project Scoring Tool
- We encourage all stakeholders (especially providers) to stay tuned and plan to participate

# COMMITTEE REPORT OUTS

**Homelessness Awareness Month Committee  
(ACTION ITEM)**– Nicole Green, *Chair and Reentry  
Services Representative;*

**Youth Advisory Board** – Juno Hedrick, *Vice Chair  
and Lived Experience Advisor;* Anastasia Lockwood,  
*YAB Facilitator and Member*

**HOMELESSNESS  
AWARENESS  
MONTH  
COMMITTEE  
(ACTION ITEM)**

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# EVENTS AND TOOLS FOR 2025 HAM

## Tools

- Resolutions of Support
- Recognitions
- Toolkit
- Video

## Events

- BOS Presentation (11/4)
- HAM Recognitions Reception (11/4)
- Memorial Event (12/19)
- TAY led community training

# IMPORTANT HAM DATES

## Launch Toolkit and Social Media

- October 27<sup>th</sup>

## Board of Supervisors Presentation

- Tuesday, 11/4, 10(ish) am
- Martinez

## Reception and Recognition Ceremony

- Tuesday, 11/4, Noon – 1:30
- Martinez

## TAY Led Training

- Monday, 11/10, 10 am - Noon
- Virtual

## Memorial Event

- Friday, 12/19, 11 am – 1 pm
- Antioch

# RECOGNITION CATEGORIES

Outstanding  
Volunteer

Outstanding  
Housing  
Provider

Outstanding  
Partnership

Phoenix  
Rising

# WHAT DO NOMINEES RECEIVE?

## Toolkit

- Document with full submission language (like what's in packet) put in toolkit

## Board of Supervisors presentation

- Document with full submission language included as attachment to presentation packet

## Reception

- Individual recognition and certificate during ceremony at reception



# NOMINATION SUBMISSIONS

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Outstanding  
Volunteer

16

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Outstanding  
Housing  
Provider

13

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Outstanding  
Partnership

45

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Phoenix Rising

17

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# ACTION ITEM

Approve recognition nominations as recommended by the Homelessness Awareness Month Committee.



# RECEPTION 11/4, NOON -1:30 PM



- Mix and Mingle
- Presentation of certificates to nominated people/agencies
- Eat tasty things
- Celebrate

# POINT-IN-TIME COUNT COMMITTEE

Janel Fletcher, *H3*

# SEPTEMBER PIT SUBCOMMITTEE RECAP

- No change to “Night of” observational PIT count methodology from previous years.
- PIT Date identified:
  - Night of Count: January 28th (sheltered)
  - PIT Count observational count morning of January 29th (unsheltered)
  - PIT Survey for ~two weeks after the Night Count
- Volunteer Recruitment begins in December
- Survey Incentives discussion:
  - \$10.00 gift card recommendations included: Target, Walmart, McDonalds, 7-Eleven, DollarTree, Dollar General, and Chevron

# PIT PLANNING CALENDAR

September	October	November	December	January	February
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review HUD PIT Count Methodology and Guidance</li> <li>Select PIT Count date and time</li> <li>Choose PIT Count Methodology</li> <li>COH Sub-Committee selected (August)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify and confirm all sheltered count locations</li> <li>Review unsheltered hotspots</li> <li>Identify unsheltered grids and technology</li> <li>Develop volunteer recruitment plan and tools</li> <li>Identify new HUD data standards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>COH votes to approve PIT Methods</li> <li>Secure incentives</li> <li>Set training dates and select kick-off sites</li> <li>Review PIT survey</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assign CORE and stakeholders teams to grids</li> <li>PIT HUB will be LIVE</li> <li>Publicize the Count for media purposes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Train PIT Volunteers</li> <li>Test data collection</li> <li>Conduct PIT Count</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow-up surveys at shelter and unsheltered sites</li> <li>Data analysis</li> <li>Submit HUD data to HDX</li> <li>Debrief and summarize tentative plans for future PIT Counts</li> </ul>

# UPCOMING PIT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS

HOT SPOTS: Friday, October 17th 1 pm – 3 pm VIRTUAL

PIT SURVEY: Friday, November 21st 1 pm – 3 pm **IN PERSON**  
(Hybrid)

# YOUTH ACTION BOARD (YAB)

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



# YAB SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

Bimonthly hybrid YAB Meetings at H3 Offices, Concord and RYSE Center, Richmond

YAB Subcommittees Meetings: Outreach & Retention

Youth & Young Adult (YYA) Community Strategic Planning: Core Team Meeting

CoH and Oversight Committee

PIT and HAM Committee Workgroup

Peer Support Check-In Meetings

# YAB SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

YAB Fall Fest  
Resource Fair at  
DVC San Ramon

Trinity Rooted  
Partners  
Roundtable in  
Walnut Creek

Community  
Impact Fund  
Town Halls in  
Districts 1 and 3

Adulthood and YYA  
Partnership teach  
back sessions

National YAB  
Connection Space

# YAB SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES



# NEXT STEPS



Data & Research  
subcommittee to begin  
planning for Youth  
Point-in-Time Count.

Homeless Awareness  
Month planning,  
including YAB-lead YYA  
& Adultism training on  
November 10th

YAB community  
outreach for 2026  
members.

Prepare for HUD Youth  
Homeless  
Demonstration Program  
FY 2024 NOFO to be re-  
released soon!

# 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?

RSVP to join a meeting as a guest to learn more!

For more information, email:

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



# OLD BUSINESS

**Sector Report Outs** – Nicole Green, *Chair & Reentry Services Representative*

**Funding Updates** - Jamie Schechter and Christy Saxton, *H3*

# SECTOR REPORT OUTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Nicole Green, *Chair and Reentry Services  
Representative*

# FUNDING UPDATES

Jamie Schechter, *H3*  
Christy Saxton, *H3*



# FUNDING UPDATES - HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS SERVICES RFP



- Released September 24, 2025 – [Consolidated Housing and Homelessness Services Request for Proposals](#)
- Includes renewal funding for Measure X Housing programs, HHAP, and other funding sources
- Prioritizing sustaining services given shifting federal and state funding landscape
- Sign up for Funding Opportunity updates through the [CoC Newsletter](#)

# FUNDING UPDATES – FEDERAL BUDGET



- Federal Budget – **No update since September meeting (as of posting)**
  - Both the [House](#) and [Senate](#) passed appropriations bills for Transportation and Housing and Urban Development (THUD) that increases CoC funding
  - Neither bill contained additional funding for the Emergency Housing Voucher program
  - Congress has until October 1 to pass final FY2026 spending bills or enact a continuing resolution

# FUNDING UPDATES – COC BUILDS



- On Friday, September 5, 2025, issued a **third** CoC Builds notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) due by September 12, 2025. Litigation has paused this NOFO.
- Applicant eligibility and prioritized populations changed such that no Contra Costa CoC projects would be eligible
- Senators Murray and Gillibrand [wrote to the Office of the Inspector General](#) requesting information on the CoC Builds process, including why Round 2 awards shared with Congress, were never announced
- In the Round 2 awards, Hope Solutions' Village of Hope Project was awarded to build permanent supportive housing for transition aged youth in Pittsburg.

## NEW BUSINESS

**(ACTION ITEM) Discuss and Approve 2025  
Quarter 3 Council on Homelessness  
Recommendations for Report to County  
Board of Supervisors – Jamie Schechter, H3**

**Update: Website Compliance with  
Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) –  
Jamie Schechter, H3**

**DISCUSS AND  
APPROVE 2025 Q3  
COUNCIL ON  
HOMELESSNESS  
RECOMMENDATIONS  
FOR REPORT TO  
COUNTY BOARD OF  
SUPERVISORS**

Jamie Schecter, *H3*

# POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS

- Advocate for evidenced based solutions like Housing First and Harm Reduction.
- Include end of year opportunities such as Homeless Persons' Memorial event (12/19) and Point in Time count volunteer event in district newsletters and networks.
- In alignment with CoCs and nonprofits across the country, advocate on behalf of CoCs to:
  - ensure CoC Builds round two awards are restored and
  - the FY25 HUD CoC NOFO competition honors FY24 awards to avoid interruptions in services.

# ACTION ITEM

Approve the recommendations for the Q3 Council report to the FHS Committee of the County Board of Supervisors



# UPDATE: WEBSITE COMPLIANCE WITH ADA

Jamie Schecter, *H3*



# ADA COMPLIANCE FOR DIGITAL CONTENT

New standards for making documents and content on public facing websites accessible for people who use screen readers.

- **By April 24, 2026**
  - U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
  - All public-facing digital content for County websites meets accessibility standards

## **Now**

- No new PDFs being posted to cchealth.org unless required for other regulatory compliance or a funding deliverable
- Removing or modifying existing .pdfs (we have 300!)
- Removed documents will be available upon request by emailing [contracostacoc@cchealth.org](mailto:contracostacoc@cchealth.org)

# 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

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Representative*

# UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **Next COH Meeting:** Thursday, October 30, 1 – 3 PM (IN PERSON)
- **CoC Training (Creating a Stronger Homeless System of Care: Building Better Connections and Outcomes):** Monday, October 6, 10 AM – 12 PM (Zoom)
- **Homelessness Memorial Event Planning Meeting:** Wednesday, October 8, 2 – 3 PM (Zoom)
- **Homeless Service Provider Meeting:** Thursday, October 9, 8:30 – 9:30 AM (Zoom)
- **PATH Committee Meeting:** Thursday, October 16, 9:30 – 11 AM (VIRTUAL)
- **Oversight Committee Meeting:** Thursday, October 16, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM (VIRTUAL)
- **Point-In-Time Count Committee Work Group:** Friday, October 17, 1 pm – 3 pm (Zoom)
- **Funding Committee:** Tuesday, October 21, 12:30 – 2:30 PM (Possibly IN PERSON)
- **Homelessness Awareness Month Committee Work Group:** Wednesday, October 22, 2 – 4 PM (Zoom)