



# CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS MEETING

## AGENDA

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2025, 1 PM – 3 PM**

**1025 ESCOBAR STREET, MARTINEZ, CA**

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### MEETING PURPOSE:

The Contra Costa Council on Homelessness, appointed by the Board of Supervisors, provides advice & input on the operations of homeless services, program operations, and program development efforts in Contra Costa County.

### PUBLIC ACCESS AND PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS:

The public may attend this meeting in person at the above location. The public also may attend this meeting remotely via Zoom or call-in. Log-in information and call-in information is provided below.

### HOW TO JOIN THE MEETING VIA ZOOM:

Link to register: <https://homebaseccc.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZclf-uspzovGdR7op72t5-X4nsGdqdpvL-X>

How to Join the Meeting Via Call-In: 1-669-444-9171 / Meeting ID: 838 8249 1530

| TIME           | AGENDA ITEM                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | PRESENTER                                                                                                                                                     |
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| 1:00           | 1. <b>Call to Order</b> - Chair starts the meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Nicole Green, <i>Chair and Reentry Services Representative</i>                                                                                                |
| 1:00<br>15 min | 2. <b>Introductions</b><br>a. Hybrid Meeting Norms (1 min)<br>b. Roll call of Councilmembers and introduction of guests (11 min)<br>c. Poll – Who’s in the room? (3 min)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Nicole Green, <i>Chair and Reentry Services Representative</i>                                                                                                |
| 1:15<br>5 min  | 3. <b>Public Comment</b> - Open period for members of the public to comment on items not listed on the agenda.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Members of the public                                                                                                                                         |
| 1:20<br>5 min  | 4. <b>Consent Calendar (ACTION ITEM)</b> – Items on the consent calendar are generally non-controversial and may not require discussion. Approving the Consent Calendar means approving the items below in one vote. Council members and the public can remove an item from the consent calendar for discussion by informing the Chair.<br>a. APPROVE minutes from the July 10, 2025 Council meeting<br>b. APPROVE staff report for the August 7, 2025 Council meeting | Nicole Green, <i>Chair and Reentry Services Representative</i>                                                                                                |
| 1:25<br>25 min | 5. <b>Committee Report Outs</b> - Report outs from each of the committees below.<br>a. Funding Committee (5 min)<br>b. Youth Advisory Board (YAB) Update (10 min)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | a. Mark Mora, <i>Homebase</i><br>b. Juno Hedrick, <i>Vice Chair and Lived Experience Advisor</i> and Anastasia Lockwood, <i>YAB Member and Outreach &amp;</i> |



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|                              | c. (ACTION ITEM) Homelessness Awareness Month Committee approval of Resolutions and Recognition Categories (10)                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <i>Retention Subcommittee Facilitator</i><br>c. Nicole Green, <i>Chair and Reentry Services</i>                       |
| <b>1:50</b><br><i>20 min</i> | <b>6. <u>Old Business</u></b><br>a. Sector Report Outs from Council Members (10 min)<br>b. Funding Updates (10 min)                                                                                                                                                                                                  | a. Nicole Green, <i>Chair and Reentry Services Representative</i><br>b. Jamie Schechter and Christy Saxton, <i>H3</i> |
| <b>2:10</b><br><i>30 min</i> | <b>7. <u>New Business</u></b><br>a. (ACTION ITEM) Point in Time Count Committee Selection (5 min)<br>b. Update: Changes to Brown Act Re: Remote Meeting Attendance and Training Requirements (10 min)<br>c. Learning Corner: California Advancing Innovations in Medi-Cal (CalAIM) Enhanced Care Management (15 min) | a. Janel Fletcher, <i>H3</i><br>b. Jamie Schechter, <i>H3</i><br>c. Pasia Gadson, <i>Contra Costa Health Plan</i>     |
| <b>2:40</b><br><i>10 min</i> | <b>8. <u>Council Membership</u></b><br>a. Recognize Outgoing Council Member: Leslie Gleason (10 min)                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | a. Nicole Green, <i>Chair and Reentry Services Representative</i>                                                     |
| <b>2:50</b><br><i>5 min</i>  | <b>9. <u>Announcements</u></b> – Open for all to share announcements about upcoming events and to give brief reports about recent events/trainings relevant to the Council.                                                                                                                                          | All                                                                                                                   |
| <b>2:55</b>                  | <b>10. <u>Pin It</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Nicole Green, <i>Chair and Reentry Services Representative</i>                                                        |

### HOW TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT:

Persons who wish to address the Council on Homelessness during public comment on matters within the jurisdiction of the Council on Homelessness that are not on the agenda, or who wish to comment with respect to an item on the agenda, may comment in person, via Zoom, or via call-in. Those participating in person should stand where they are sitting when called upon. Those participating via Zoom should indicate they wish to speak by using the “raise your hand” feature in the Zoom app. Those calling in should indicate they wish to speak by pushing “9” on the phone. All public comments will be limited to 2 minutes per speaker. For assistance with remote access contact: [contracostacoc@cchealth.org](mailto:contracostacoc@cchealth.org) or call 925-608-6700. Public comments may also be submitted before the meeting by email at [contracostacoc@cchealth.org](mailto:contracostacoc@cchealth.org) or by voicemail at 925-608-6700. Comments submitted by email or voicemail will be included in the record of the meeting but will not be read or played aloud during the meeting.



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## COMMONLY USED ACRONYMS

| Acronym                    | Definition                                                                                                                                         |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| APR                        | Annual Performance Report (for HUD homeless programs)                                                                                              |
| CARE                       | Coordinated Assessment and Resource                                                                                                                |
| CCYCS                      | Contra Costa Youth Continuum of Services                                                                                                           |
| CDBG,<br>CDBG-CV           | Community Development Block Grant (federal and state programs) and the federal Community Development Block Grant CARES Act coronavirus allocation. |
| CESH                       | California Emergency Solutions and Housing program (state funding)                                                                                 |
| Continuum of<br>Care (CoC) | Continuum of Care approach to assistance to the homeless. Federal grant program promoting and funding permanent solutions to homelessness.         |
| Con Plan                   | Consolidated Plan, a locally developed plan for housing assistance and urban development under CDBG.                                               |
| CORE                       | Coordinated Outreach Referral, Engagement program                                                                                                  |
| COVID-19                   | Coronavirus                                                                                                                                        |
| DOC                        | Department Operations Center                                                                                                                       |
| EHSD                       | (Contra Costa County) Employment and Human Services Division                                                                                       |
| EOC                        | Emergency Operations Center                                                                                                                        |
| ESG and ESG-CV             | Emergency Solutions Grant (federal and state program) and the federal Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act coronavirus allocation.                  |
| ESG-CV                     | Emergency Solutions Grant CARES                                                                                                                    |
| FMR                        | Fair Market Rent (maximum rent for Section 8 rental assistance/CoC grants)                                                                         |
| HCD                        | Housing and Community Development (State office)                                                                                                   |
| HEAP                       | Homeless Emergency Aid Program (State funding)                                                                                                     |
| HEARTH                     | Homeless Emergency and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009                                                                            |
| HHAP                       | Homeless Housing and Assistance Program                                                                                                            |
| HMIS                       | Homeless Management Information System                                                                                                             |
| HOME                       | Home Investment Partnerships (CPD program)                                                                                                         |
| HUD                        | U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (federal)                                                                                         |
| MHSA                       | Mental Health Services Act                                                                                                                         |
| NOFA                       | Notice of Funding Availability                                                                                                                     |
| PHA                        | Public Housing Authority                                                                                                                           |
| PUI                        | Persons Under Investigation                                                                                                                        |
| SAMHSA                     | Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration                                                                                            |
| SRO                        | Single-Room Occupancy housing units                                                                                                                |
| SSDI                       | Social Security Disability Income                                                                                                                  |
| SSI                        | Supplemental Security Income                                                                                                                       |
| TA                         | Technical Assistance                                                                                                                               |
| TAY                        | Transition Age Youth (usually ages 16-24)                                                                                                          |
| VA                         | Veterans Affairs (U.S. Department of)                                                                                                              |
| VASH                       | Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing                                                                                                                |
| VI-SPDAT                   | Vulnerability Index – Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool                                                                              |



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## EQUITY DEFINITIONS

*(adapted from C4 Innovations and approved by Council on Homelessness on 8/3/23)*

| Term                        | Definition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| <b>Individual Racism</b>    | A person's beliefs and actions that serve to perpetuate racial oppression. This can be conscious and unconscious. This may be externalized or internalized                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Institutional Racism</b> | 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.                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Interpersonal Racism</b> | The interactions between people - both within and across racial groups.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Microaggressions</b>     | Brief, everyday exchanges that send denigrating messages to certain individuals because of their group membership.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Race</b>                 | 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.                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Race Equity Lens</b>     | 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.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Racial Bias</b>          | Implicit and/or explicit bias that reinforces discriminatory attitudes and behaviors when interacting with people or situations.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Racial Equity</b>        | 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.                                                           |
| <b>Racism</b>               | A system of institutional, systemic oppression, and practices of individuals and society that shape cultural beliefs and values that support racist policies and practices.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Structural Racism</b>    | 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.                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Systemic Racism</b>      | 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 society these same rights and privileges because of long-established cultural prejudices, religious prejudices, fears, myths, and Xenophobia's held by the entitled group. |
| <b>White Fragility</b>      | 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.                                               |