



COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

June 5, 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.

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

HYBRID MEETING NORMS

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HYBRID MEETING NORMS

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.

HYBRID MEETING NORMS

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

- 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 May 1, 2025 Council Meeting
- Approve staff report for the June 5, 2025 Council Meeting
- Approve members for the 2025 Nominating Committee: **Carolyn Foudy, Hope Dixon, Nicole Green, Tony Ucciferri**
- Approve members for the 2025 Homelessness Awareness Month Committee: **Nicole Green, Rina Criswell, Wayne Earl**



COMMITTEE REPORT OUTS

Nominating Panel (ACTION ITEM) – Juno Hedrick, *Vice Chair and Lived Experience Advisor*

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

**NOMINATING
PANEL
(ACTION ITEM)**

Juno Hedrick, *Lived Experience Advisor and Vice
Chair*

NOMINATING PANEL

Dani Jimenez

Juno Hedrick

LeAnn Matthews

NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS (4)

Stefanie Brynen

- Housing Manager, City of Walnut Creek

Jesus Morales

- Housing Manager, City of Richmond

Jared Murti

- Housing Policy Fellow, City of Pinole

Bessie Marie Scott

- City Manager, City of Antioch

RECOMMENDED CANDIDATE

- Bessie Marie Scott, City Manager, City of Antioch

ACTION ITEM

- Approve Bessie Marie Scott for City Government Representative as recommended by the Nominating Panel to be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for official approval for Council on Homelessness membership



YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD (YAB)

Juno Hedrick, *Lived Experience Advisor and Vice Chair*

Leon Saelee, *YAB Lead & Member*

YAB MAY MEETINGS

YAB Subcommittees
Meetings:
Communications and
Outreach &
Retention.

YYA Community
Strategic Planning:
Core and
Implementation
Meetings

CES Homeless
Needs Assessment
Committee.

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

YAB MAY ACTIVITIES

Homelessness 101:
Community Awareness
Session

Contra Costa Health
Youth and Young
Adult Transitional
Housing RFP

YAB-only spaces,
restorative work,
budgeting / funding,
CoH Subcommittees
and Workgroups

NEXT STEPS

Prepare and present key findings from the County's YYA Needs Assessment to support Measure X funding recommendations at the BoS June 10th meeting.

Participation in Contra Costa Health Youth and Young Adult Transitional Housing RFP.

Continued participation in the Housing Needs Assessment Committee, and Strategic Planning Core and Action Step Workgroups.

Continued collaboration with CoH Oversight Committee with YAB report out at each meeting.

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

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*

WAYNE: REIMAGINING SACRED LAND WORKSHOP

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

REIMAGINING SACRED LAND:

How Faith, Lived Experience, & Cross-Sector Collaboration Can Lead to Affordable, Permanent Cottage Communities

Join this interactive workshop to explore how faith-owned land can be transformed into permanent, affordable cottage communities with supportive services through innovative, cross-sector collaboration

Tuesday, May 20 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Coffee & Breakfast served at 9:00 AM

Christ the King Church: 199 Brandon Rd, Pleasant Hill, CA

Hosted by: East Bay Housing Organizations • Hope Solutions & the Resident Empowerment Program • Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County • LISC • Multi-faith ACTION Coalition

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

We'll dive into two powerful case studies:

- Hope Village at Grace Presbyterian Church
- Village of Hope at Church of the Nazarene

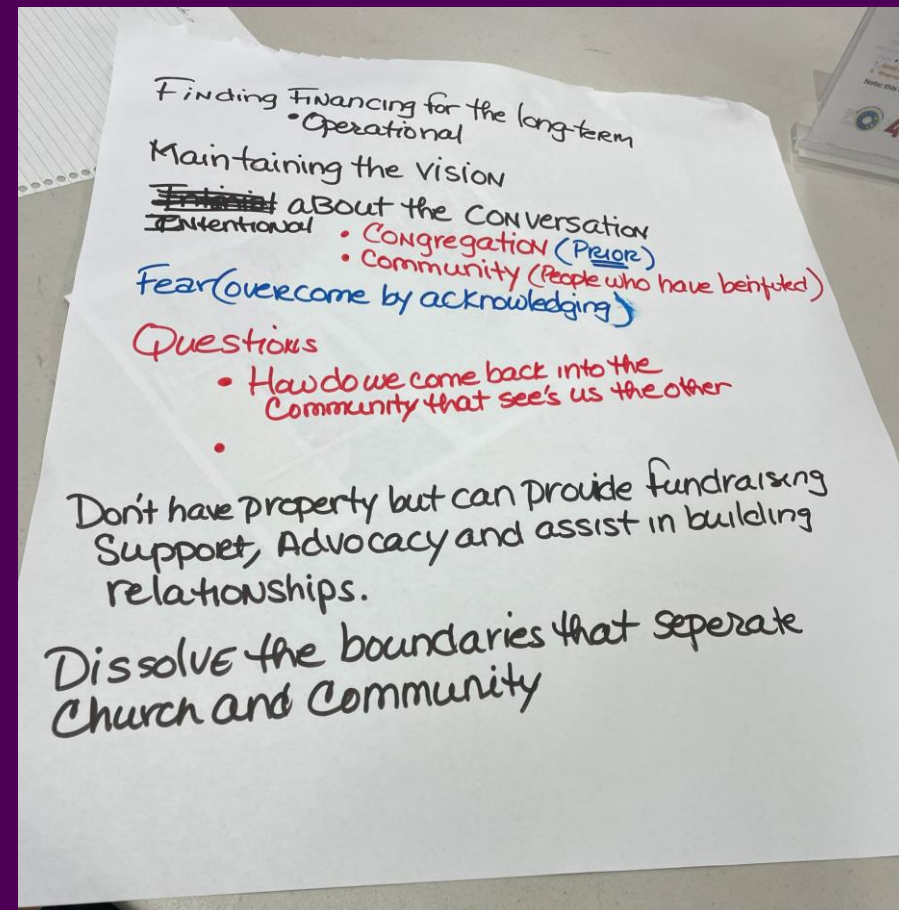


SCAN ME

RSVP by May 9th: bit.ly/ReimaginingSacredLand

For any questions, contact
Jasmine Tarkoff, 925-765-0832
jtarkoff@hopesolutions.org

Hosted by:    



OTHER REPORTS

Nicole

- **See Staff Report for details**

Others?

FUNDING UPDATES

Jamie Schechter and Christy Saxton, *H3*

FUNDING UPDATES – COC BUILDS



- In May 2025, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) re-released the CoC Builds Notice of Funding Opportunity
- Each CoC is able to submit up to one (1) project for capital development of permanent supportive housing
- In Fall 2024, the CoC selected **Hope Solutions' Village of Hope** project for this application and will proceed with re-submitting this project under the new NOFO
- **Applications are due to HUD by June 26, 2025**

FUNDING UPDATES – MISCELLANEOUS



- Transitional Housing for Transition Aged Youth RFP – coming soon!
- HUD CoC Collaborative Application debrief – CoC scored very well overall
- Other funding updates

NEW BUSINESS

Stakeholder Feedback

Contra Costa County Strategic Plan

- Allison Mabbs, *Focus Strategies*

Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round 6 Grant Funding

- Jamie Schechter, *H3*

Behavioral Health Services Stakeholder feedback

- Adam Down, *CCH – Behavioral Health*,
Kennisha Johnson, *CCH – Behavioral Health*

**FEEDBACK ON
HOMELESS
HOUSING,
ASSISTANCE AND
PREVENTION
(HHAP) ROUND 6
GRANT FUNDING**

Jamie Schecter, *H3*



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CONTRA COSTA COUNTY STRATEGIC PLAN TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS

FEEDBACK & ENGAGEMENT

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Agenda

Welcome & Introductions

Project Purpose & Background

Project Timeline

Engagement Opportunities

Feedback Activity

WHO WE ARE



Focus Strategies is a nationally recognized consulting and technical assistance firm based in California. Our mission and sole area of practice is helping communities develop and improve strategies to reduce homelessness.

The Focus Team



Marc Jolin

Project Lead/Lead
Senior Consultant



Allison Mabbs

Systems Consultant



Matt Lemon

Senior Analytics
Consultant



Brendi Velasquez

Lived Expertise
Consultant



Kat Jacobs-Crotta

Project Manager
Consultant

Project Background

In 2021, the County Board of Supervisors adopted the goals in All Home's Regional Action Plan (RAP) to address homelessness

County leadership recognized that the adopted goals are ambitious and require collaborative effort and support throughout the County and with other governmental partners

After initial discussions, County leaders decided that an inter-departmental and inter-governmental plan is needed to align efforts and make measurable progress toward the RAP goals

Project Objective

To develop an actionable strategic plan that aligns the work of various County departments, divisions, and the Housing Authority of Contra Costa County around the Board of Supervisors adopted goals related to reducing homelessness.



All Home Regional Action Plan (2024)



Targeted Homelessness Prevention to keep people at high risk of becoming unhoused in their homes, reducing the number of people in need to at least what our system can serve. **We'll never get homelessness under control if we don't slow it down.**



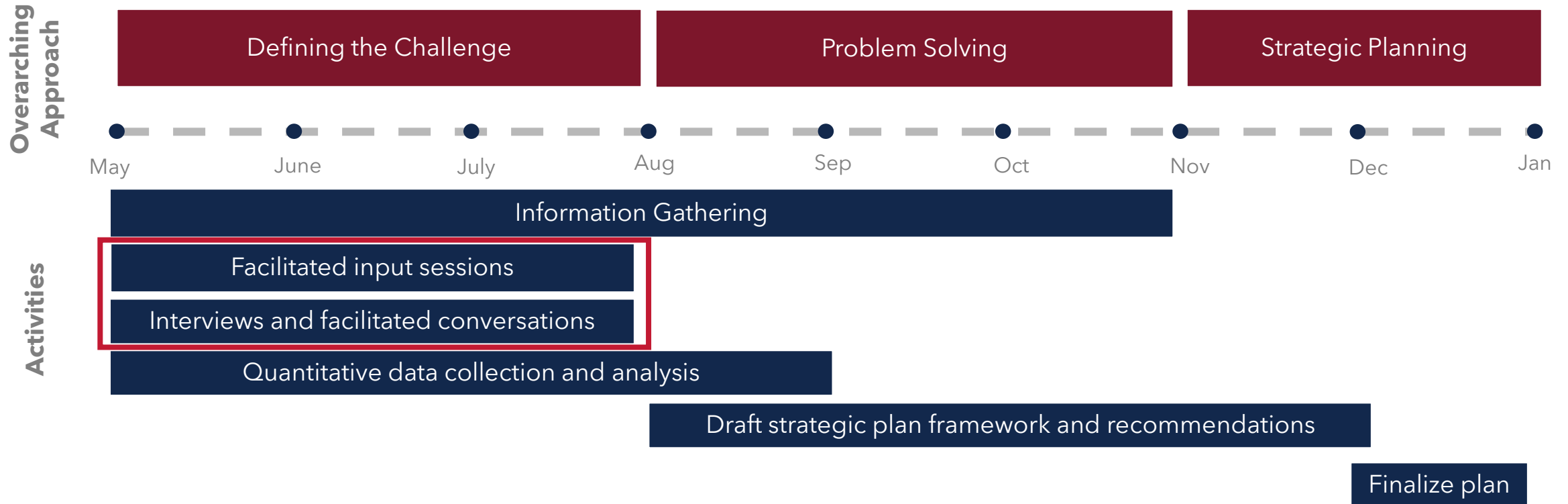
Permanent Housing includes a variety of options, including but not limited to Permanent Supportive Housing, that are affordable and accessible to people with very low incomes who are recovering from homelessness. **Ultimately, homes solve homelessness, and sometimes supportive services are necessary too.**



Interim Housing that features a basic level of individual privacy, supportive services, security, and space to keep belongings, can help people stabilize and heal from being unhoused, while they get connected to a permanent home. **The sidewalk should not be the waiting room for a proper place to live.**

*"To [drastically reduce homelessness], our region needs more than just an influx of funding. **We also have to transform our systems to improve coordination within and across counties** while bringing more urgency and flexibility to housing production and homelessness response. **No single department can possibly address such a complex problem that touches nearly every aspect of public life.**" --RAP*
page 5 [Regional Action Plan 2024.pdf](#)

Project Timeline



Purpose of Input Sessions & Interviews

- Explore how the County can work better across departments and divisions and with the cities to reduce homelessness
- Explore how the County and cities can better support the work of providers that are assisting people experiencing or at risk of homelessness
- Identify specific challenges and opportunities for better inter-departmental and inter-governmental collaboration on:
 - Shelter & Interim Housing strategies
 - Permanent Housing strategies
 - Homelessness Prevention strategies



Engagement Opportunities



- Provider Input Session: **June 26 from 8:30-9:30 AM**
- Key Informant Interviews: **Use the survey link to suggest individuals, coalitions, organizations, or advisory bodies to interview**
- Written feedback & input: **Collected today through a brief survey (link will remain open after today's meeting)**
- Contact us at any point at: Allison Mabbs, **allison@focusstrategies.net**

Input on Strategic Plan

- Who should we connect with (e.g., specific person, group, organizations, advisory body, agency) for input on the strategic plan?
- How can the County better work across departments and divisions and with cities to reduce homelessness?
- How can the County and cities better support providers that are assisting people who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness?
- How can local governments better support...
 - Shelter & Interim Housing strategies?
 - Permanent Housing strategies?
 - Homelessness Prevention strategies?



www.surveymonkey.com/r/53TLTXL



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QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION



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THANK YOU!

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HHAP 6 Behavioral Health Services Act

Community Feedback Session

June 5, 2025

HOMELESS HOUSING, ASSISTANCE AND PREVENTION (HHAP) GRANT PROGRAM

The HHAP Grant Program provides local jurisdictions in California with funds to support regional coordination and expand or develop local capacity to address immediate homelessness challenges.

There have been 5 previous rounds of HHAP funding.

In the 6th round of HHAP funding, there are \$1 billion available. California funding priorities for HHAP 6 are to:

- Sustain existing federal, state, and local investments towards long-term sustainability of housing and supportive services; *and*
- Prioritize permanent housing solutions.

WHY ARE WE HERE?

**A Regional Action Plan is required by the State for jurisdictions to receive
Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Grant funds**

- Iterations of an action plan from Contra Costa County have been [documented in previous rounds of HHAP](#) applications
- An updated plan is required for the HHAP 6 application

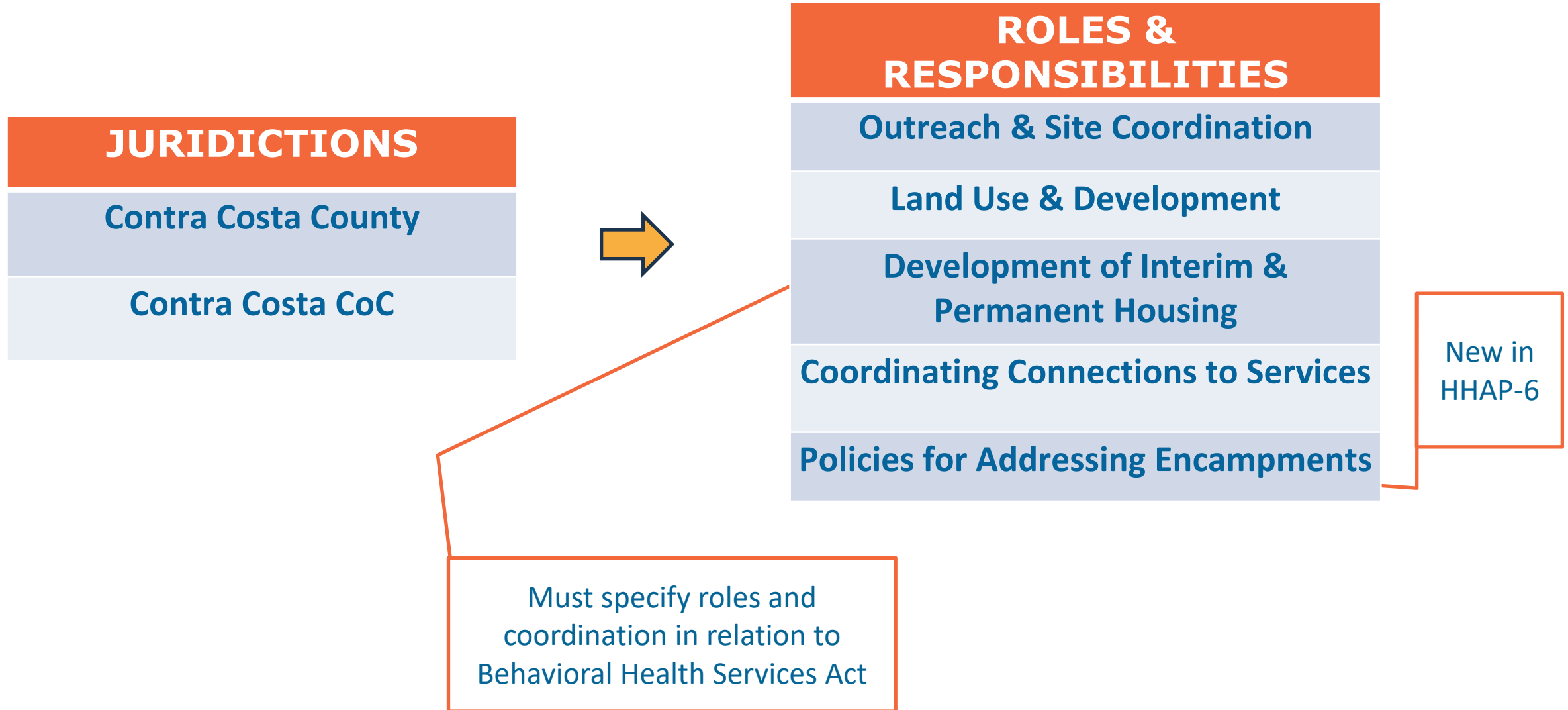
**The State requires no-less than three public meetings be conducted with stakeholders
for input and feedback when drafting the Regional Action Plan in HHAP 6**

The application for HHAP Round 6 funding is due August 29, 2025

REQUIRED COMPONENTS OF HHAP 6 APPLICATION

- Regional Partners Roles and Responsibilities
- System Performance Measures Improvement Plan
 - Key actions leveraging local, state, and federal funds
 - Each action must describe how it will address disparities and ensure racial and gender equity
- Funding Plans
 - Sustainability of interim housing portfolio
 - Sustainability of permanent housing portfolio
- Memorandum of Understanding

REGIONAL PARTNERS ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES



KEY ACTIONS TO IMPROVE SYSTEM PERFORMANCE MEASURES

People accessing services



- ☐ Increase access to Coordinated Entry
- ☐ Improve communications and marketing to increase knowledge of resources

Unsheltered Homelessness



- ☐ Sustain supply of interim housing
- ☐ Expand HMIS coverage

People new to homelessness



- ☐ Sustain Rapid Exit and prevention
- ☐ Increase access to CalAIM community supports

People exiting to permanent housing



- ☐ Expand supply of permanent housing units

Length of time homeless



- ☐ Increase coordination through case conferencing
- ☐ Improve data integration across County systems

Returns to homelessness



- ☐ Increase access to CalAIM community supports
- ☐ Target prevention resources to households with history of homelessness

Successful placements from street outreach



- ☐ Sustain and increase CORE services
- ☐ Coordinate with City and County partners to implement encampment resolution grant projects



COORDINATION WITH COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INTEGRATED PLAN



Behavioral Health Transformation Goals

- **IMPROVE** access to care
- **INCREASE** accountability and transparency for publicly funded, county administered behavioral health services
- **EXPAND** capacity of behavioral health facilities across California

Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) – Prop 1 (2024)

BH-CONNECT

(Behavioral Health Community Organized Network of Equitable Care and Treatment)

Integrated Plan

- To account for all BH programs and all funding sources
- Integrate new obligations under BHSA

Behavioral Health Services Act Funding Breakdown

90%

County Allocations

30%

Housing Interventions

Interventions include rental subsidies, operating subsidies, shared housing, family housing for eligible children and youth, and the non-federal share of certain transitional rent.

35%

Full-Service Partnership Services

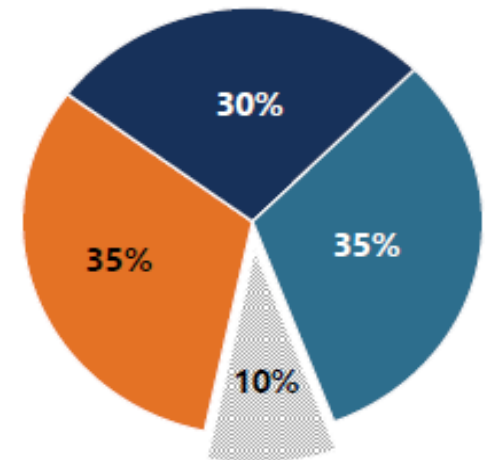
Comprehensive and intensive care for people at any age with the most complex needs (also known as the “whatever it takes” model).

35%

Behavioral Health Services and Supports

Includes early intervention, outreach and engagement, workforce, education and training, capital facilities and technological needs, and innovative pilots and projects.

90% County Allocations



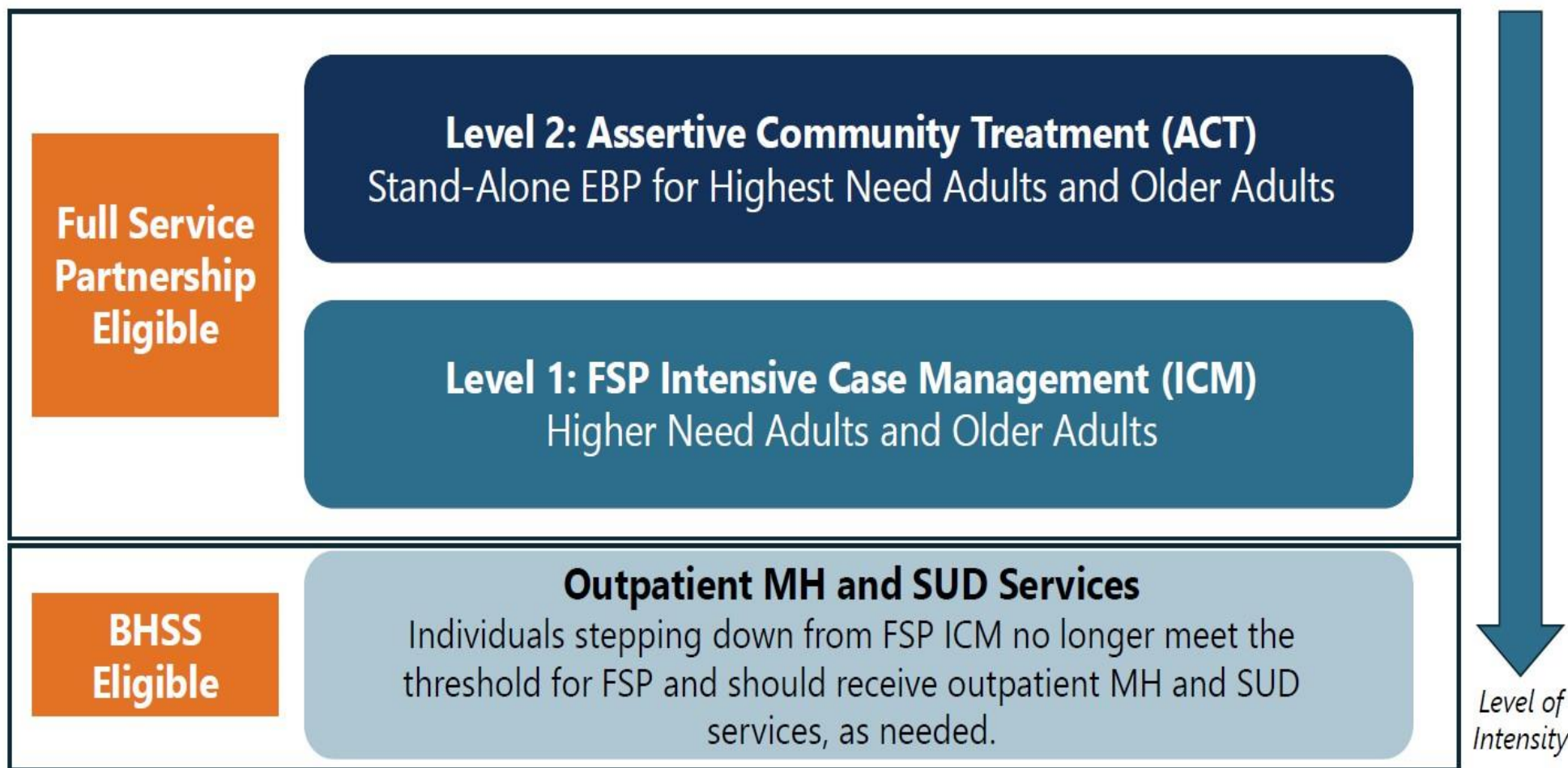


Adult FSP Levels of Care Framework

The framework includes two levels of coordinated care for adults and older adults with ACT/FACT as the highest level and a step-down level from ACT/FACT, called FSP Intensive Case Management (ICM).

ACT: Assertive Community Treatment

FACT: Forensic Assertive Community Treatment, ACT-level services for justice involved





Priority Populations for BHSA

» Eligible adults and older adults who are:

- Chronically homeless or experiencing homelessness or are at risk of homelessness.
- In, or are at risk of being in, the justice system.
- Reentering the community from prison or jail.
- At risk of conservatorship.
- At risk of institutionalization.

» Eligible children and youth who are:

- Chronically homeless or experiencing homelessness or are at risk of homelessness.
- In, or at risk of being in, the juvenile justice system.
- Reentering the community from a youth correctional facility.
- In the child welfare system.
- At risk of institutionalization.

Housing Interventions

Housing supports eligible for funding under the Behavioral Health Services Act are broad to help support the range of needs and help provide stable housing – in coordination with care – to improve health outcomes for target populations.

- **Housing interventions may include:**
 - **Rental subsidies (helping someone pay their rent)**
 - **Operating subsidies (supports operating shortfalls in affordable housing developments)**
 - **Shared housing (including recovery housing)**
 - **Family housing**
 - **Non-federal share for Medi-Cal transitional rent**
 - **Other housing supports as defined by DHCS, including, but not limited to, the Community Supports policy guide**
 - **Capital development projects (Up to 25%)**
 - **Project-based housing assistance, including master leasing**



INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION

- What barriers have participants encountered accessing housing?
- What specific housing resources would you like to see for participants with co-occurring mental health and substance use challenges?
- In your opinion, how could current housing supports and resources in Contra Costa County better serve the community?
- If you had a magic wand, what types of interventions and/or housing resources would you enhance or develop for people experiencing homelessness in Contra Costa County?

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, July 10 (*adjusted date), 1 – 3 PM (IN PERSON)
- **CoC Training (Fair Housing: Detecting & Preventing Discrimination):** Monday, June 9, 10 AM – 12 PM (Zoom)
- **HMIS Policy Committee Work Group Meeting:** Tuesday, June 10, 12 – 1:30 PM (Zoom)
- **Equity Committee Meeting Work Group Meeting:** Tuesday, June 10, 2 – 4 PM (Zoom)
- **Homeless Service Provider Meeting:** Thursday, June 12, 8:30 – 9:30 AM (Zoom)
- **PATH Committee Work Group Meeting:** Thursday, June 26, 9:30 – 11 AM (Zoom)
- **Oversight Committee:** Thursday, June 26, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM (IN-PERSON)