



# COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

April 3, 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

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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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?

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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 March 6, 2025 Council Meeting
- Approve staff report for the April 3, 2025 Council Meeting



# COMMITTEE REPORT OUTS

**Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Policy Committee (ACTION ITEM)** – Kimberly Thai, *H3*

**Youth Advisory Board** – Juno Hedrick, *Vice Chair and Lived Experience Advisor*; Leon Saelee, *YAB Lead*; Anya Kushwaha, *H3*

**Homeless  
Management  
Information  
System (HMIS)  
Policy  
Committee  
(ACTION ITEM)**

Kimberly Thai, *H3*

# ISSUES WITH CURRENT FORM

- Language is unclear and easily misinterpreted
- Provides too many options and requires too much thought to fill out
- States that only the agency the client specifies will not be able to share info.

**HMIS Client Revocation of Consent**

I revoke my permission for \_\_\_\_\_ (Agency) to have or enter personally identifying information about me and/or my dependent children under age 18 in the Contra Costa County Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

Identifying information to be removed from the system:  
(Please check any of the information below to be removed from HMIS)

<input type="checkbox"/> My First and Last Name	<input type="checkbox"/> My Ethnicity
<input type="checkbox"/> My Social Security Number	<input type="checkbox"/> My Race
<input type="checkbox"/> My Day and Month of Birth	<input type="checkbox"/> My Driver's license number
<input type="checkbox"/> My Last Permanent Address	<input type="checkbox"/> My Medical Record number
<input type="checkbox"/> My Phone Number	<input type="checkbox"/> My Gender

If Applicable: Identifying information of minor children to be removed from the system:  
(Please check any of the information below to be removed from HMIS)  
Insert child's/children's name(s):

<input type="checkbox"/> Child's First and Last Name _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Child's Social Security Number _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Child's Day and Month of Birth _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Child's Last Permanent Address _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Child's Phone Number _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Child's Ethnicity/ Race _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Child's Gender _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Child's Medical Record Number _____

All non-identifying information will remain in the system:  
Education, Year of Birth, Program, Entry/Exit Answers, Any other non-identifying information

I understand that I will continue to receive the same services from this agency whether I allow them to enter identifying personal information about me into the HMIS or not.

_____ Client Signature (or Parent/Guardian)	_____ Date	_____ Relationship to Client
_____ Client Print Name (Print clearly)		
_____ Agency Witness Signature	_____ Date	
_____ Agency Staff Print Name (Print clearly)		

**FOR AGENCY STAFF ONLY:** Please enter HMIS Client Unique ID once client completes all above fields and provides signature. Once complete, securely email this form to [H3REDteam@cchealth.org](mailto:H3REDteam@cchealth.org). \_\_\_\_\_  
HMIS Client Unique ID

This form may not be amended except by approval of the Contra Costa County's HMIS Lead Agency.  
Revised 08/08/2020

# REVISED VERSION

- Simplified language
- Provides the option to set their record to private (only visible to current service provider) OR anonymize their record.
- Added language around Coordinated Entry and that their name and contact info may be shared for the purpose of coordinating a housing referral

## HMIS Client Revocation of Consent

I revoke my permission to share personally identifying information (PII) about me and my dependent children under 18 with other agencies that participate in the Contra Costa County Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

- I would like my record to be set to private, which gives only my current service provider access to my record. (I understand this only applies if no other agency has updated my record. Otherwise, option 2 will apply).
- I would like my PII removed and my record anonymized. I understand that if I seek services in the future, providers will not have access to my past records and I may need to resubmit my personal information.

**The following personally identifying information for me and my dependent children will be removed:**

- First and Last Name
- Social Security Number
- Day and Month of Birth
- Contact Information and Addresses
- Medical Record Number (if applicable)
- Drivers License Number (if applicable)

**All non-identifying information will remain in the system.**

I understand that I will continue to receive the same services from HMIS-participating agencies, whether I allow them to enter personally identifying information about me into HMIS or not. I understand that if I have completed the Coordinated Entry Housing Needs Assessment, that information will be shared with Partner Agencies for the purpose of coordinating a housing or service referral. Partner Agencies receiving a housing or service referral from Coordinated Entry staff will be provided my name and contact information for this purpose.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Client Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Client Name (Print clearly)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Agency Witness Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Agency Staff Name (Print clearly)

**FOR AGENCY STAFF ONLY:** Once client completes all of the above, please write in the *HMIS Client Unique ID* here. Securely email this form to [H3REDteam@cchealth.org](mailto:H3REDteam@cchealth.org) and keep a copy for internal records.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*HMIS Client Unique ID*

# ACTION ITEM

- Approve Revocation Form as recommended by the HMIS Policy Committee



**YOUTH  
ADVISORY  
BOARD  
(YAB)**

Juno Hedrick, *Lived Experience Advisor and Vice Chair*

Leon Saelee, *YAB Lead*

Anya Kushwaha, *H3*

# YAB MARCH MEETINGS

YAB Subcommittees  
Meetings:  
Communications and  
Outreach & Retention.

YYA Community  
Strategic Planning:  
Core and  
Implementation  
Committees.

CE Housing Needs  
Assessment Redesign  
Steering Committee.

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

# YAB MARCH ACTIVITIES

California Coalition for Youth, Youth Empowerment Summit on March 2-4.

Rainbow Community Center partnership and site visit on 3/31 for Trans Day of Visibility.

Participated in Homebase training for CoH/YAB, *Impact of Stipends on Taxes and Public Benefits* on 3/5.

Collaboration with Alameda County YAB and shadowing on 3/20.

YAB Bylaws final draft completed on 3/31.

YAB-only spaces, restorative work, community building—mini golf!

# YAB 1-YEAR CELEBRATION AND COMMUNITY BUILDING!

- On March 14, 2024, the first YAB meeting, *Introduction to YAB*, was hosted at RYSE.
- Lots of reflection and celebration on 1-year anniversary!



# NEXT STEPS

Introduce and utilize SMART goals within each YAB Committee.

Continued collaboration with Rainbow for workshop development and YAB meeting space.

Meeting with Contra Costa Health, Community, Education, and Information to support Communications Committee and social media presence.

Continued participation in the Housing Needs Assessment Committee, Housing RFP Panel, and Strategic Planning Core and Implementation Committees.

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

Wait for HUD Youth Homeless Demonstration HDP FY 2024 NOFO to be re-released!

# OLD BUSINESS

**Update: 2025 Point-In-Time Count –**  
Yessenia Aguilar, *H3*

**Funding Updates -** Jamie Schechter, *H3*

**UPDATE: 2025  
POINT-IN-TIME  
COUNT**

Yessenia Aguilar, *H3*

# POST PIT SURVEYS

- After the observational count, the CoC collects community surveys to learn about the demographics, needs, and causes of unsheltered homelessness from people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in our community
- The survey collection period started on February 24<sup>th</sup> and ended March 21<sup>st</sup>

**Volunteers collected over 430 surveys!**

# THANK YOU!

HUGE THANK YOU TO VOLUNTEERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT!

BARM

H3 Programs

- CONCORD  
SERVICE CENTER

- CORE Outreach

Contra Costa College

GRIP

RYSE

SHELTER, INC.

STAND! For Families  
Free of Violence

The Share Community

Trinity Center

# NEXT STEPS

- Results from the Post PIT surveys will be used to estimate the demographics, needs, and causes of homelessness for individuals and sleep settings identified during the observational count on January 29<sup>th</sup>
- PIT Data are submitted to HUD for review and approval (TBD)
- Once approved, final results are shared with the COH community

# FUNDING UPDATES

Jamie Schechter, *H3*

# FUNDING UPDATES - HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS SERVICES RFP



## Next Steps –

- Presented recommendations to the Family and Human Services, March 10<sup>th</sup>
- Currently scheduled for April 15 Board of Supervisors Meeting
- All contracts to start July 1, 2025 or later
- Sign up for Funding Opportunity updates through the [CoC Newsletter](#)

# FUNDING UPDATES – FEDERAL FUNDING



- The Federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued OMB Memorandum M-25-13 on January 27, 2025, ordering a temporary pause all activities related to obligation or disbursement of all Federal financial assistance
  - The list of programs impacted included all Continuum of Care programs, Emergency Solutions Grants, and many other programs supporting housing and homeless services
- On January 28, 2025, OMB issued OMB Memorandum M-25-14 rescinding this pause
- The CoC recommends any service provider with federal grants completes timely, regular billing to minimize impact of possible future orders.

# FUNDING UPDATES – COC FUNDING



- On January 17th, HUD published the first round of FY 2024 Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) awards
- Contra Costa was awarded funding for all renewal projects, 1 new project through Domestic Violence Bonus funding, and its CoC Planning Grant.
- Contra Costa was awarded a total of \$22,336,034, which increases CoC funding by over \$3 million from FY2023 \$19,300,140 award.
- HUD anticipates a second announcement of CoC awards, but uncertain what those awards will contain.

# FUNDING UPDATES – COC FUNDING



- In March 2025, CoC grantees began receiving award letters. Depending on program year, some agencies began receiving grant agreements.
- The funding amounts announced in January were preserved
- HUD significantly changed language in grant agreements to enforce compliance with executive orders
- The National Alliance to End Homelessness recommends seeking legal counsel to review grant documents, however many non-profit entities do not have access to free or affordable legal counsel

# FUNDING UPDATES – CITY OF RICHMOND

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITY



- RFQ for Services in Support of the Unhoused
- Wide range of services requested from workforce support to technical assistance
- Applications due April 14, 2025
- Must register and apply through [BidsOnline](#)

## NEW BUSINESS

**Discuss and approve 2025/2026 Federal esg funding recommendations (ACTION ITEM)**

– Jaclyn Tummings, *DCD*

**Discuss and Approve 2025 Quarter 1 Council on Homelessness Recommendations for Report to County Board of Supervisors (ACTION ITEM) –**

Jaime Jenett, *H3*

**Conference Reports: Youth Empower Summit 2025, Housing California 2025 –**  
Juno Hedrick, *Vice Chair and Lived Experience Advisor*; Jamie Schechter, *H3*

**DISCUSS AND  
APPROVE 2025/2026  
FEDERAL ESG  
FUNDING  
RECOMMENDATIONS**

Jaclyn Tummings, *DCD*

# FY 2025/26 ESG RECOMMENDATIONS

Applicant	Project Name	Amount
Shelter, Inc.	Homelessness Prevention & Rapid Rehousing Program	\$131,060
Contra Costa Health	CORE Outreach	\$97,500
Contra Costa Health	Adult Shelter	\$30,000
Contra Costa Health	Calli House Youth Shelter	\$30,844
STAND! For Families Free of Violence	Emergency Shelter	\$49,500
Trinity Center	Trinity Center Emergency Day Shelter	\$30,500
Contra Costa Conservation and Development Department	Program Administration	\$29,736

# ACTION ITEM

- Approve 2025/2026 Federal Emergency Solutions Grant funding amounts as recommended by the Department of Conservation and Development



**DISCUSS AND  
APPROVE 2025  
QUARTER 1 COUNCIL  
ON HOMELESSNESS  
RECOMMENDATIONS  
FOR REPORT TO  
COUNTY BOARD OF  
SUPERVISORS**

Jaime Jenett, *H3*

# RECOMMENDATION

- Publicize CCH/Contra Costa Library "Homelessness 101" events in district newsletters when quarterly event falls in their district.

**CONFERENCE  
REPORTS:  
YOUTH  
EMPOWERMENT  
SUMMIT 2025,  
HOUSING  
CALIFORNIA  
2025**

*Juno Hedrick, Vice Chair and Lived Experience  
Advisor*

*Jamie Schecter, H3*

# YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SUMMIT

Juno Hedrick, *Lived Experience Advisor and Vice Chair*

Leon Saelee, *YAB Lead*

Anya Kushwaha, *H3 MSW Intern*

# YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SUMMIT (YES)

- Annual event hosted by the California Coalition for Youth in Sacramento.
- Brought together young people, community leaders, and youth service providers from around California to explore, learn, share, advocate, and work collectively to prevent, intervene, and end youth homelessness.
- YAB and RYSE Center represented Contra Costa County!



# YES DAY 1:

Focused on the plans and structure for the Legislative Meetings at the Capitol.

- Reviewing the agenda and workshops
- Learning about Advocacy 101
- How to network with providers
- Structure and guideline for capital meeting



# YES DAY 2: Developmental Skills for Young People, Community Leaders, & Service Providers

**Trauma-Informed Care:** Shelter Programs, Support for Foster Youth

Suicide Prevention/ 988

Community Care Licensing: Hot Topics for Youth Homelessness Prevention Centers

**Leadership:** How You Lead is How You Succeed, Power in Our Hands

R.A.P Rhythm and Poetry and Public Speaking

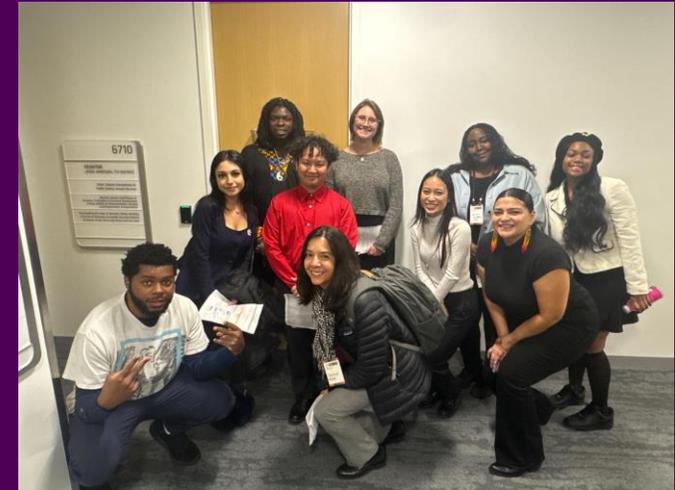
Housing for Health with California Department of Health Care Services

**Wellness:** Decompress with a Game, Mindful Movement & Outdoor Mindfulness, and more!

Keynote speaker, Stephani Ellison, and award luncheon

# YES DAY 3: RALLY AND LEGISLATIVE VISITS

- Walked and chanted together in support of policies that affect youth experiencing homelessness.
- Met with local assembly members, senators and staff to discuss goals and policies.
- Worked in collaboration with other YABs to advocate as well as strengthen connections.



# KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Advocacy and support in collaboration with peers and adult allies
- Uplifting community connections, being present in our work and creating space for joy
- Skill building and professional development



# NEXT STEPS FOR YAB

## Informing Contra Costa YAB

- Using information gathered during summit to create awareness upon updates and current sources

## Using Guidelines and Workshops

- Building structure and team bonding

## Continuing Advocacy

- Expanding resources and programs to advocate upon policies for homeless youth

Plans to return to 2026 YES Conference!



# Housing California

Jamie Schechter, *H3*

# Housing California

Annual Conference hosted by Housing California

Emphasis on affordable housing development and ending homelessness

Nearly 3,000 attendees



# Housing California – Contra Costa Spotlights



Offices to Homes – session presented by H3, Hope Solutions, and Overaa Construction about the development of El Portal Place

Getting Creative with Funding: Leveraging Legal System Funds for Housing and Supportive Services – session presented by Homebase, Nicole Green, and Brilliant Corners

From the Ground Up: Residents United Network Leading the Charge on Housing Solutions – session presented by leaders from RUN, including Hope Solutions Board Member, William Goodwin

# 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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Representative*

# UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **Next COH Meeting:** Thursday, May 1, 1 – 3 PM (IN PERSON)
- **Homeless Service Provider Meeting:** Thursday, April 10, 8:30 – 9:30 AM (Zoom)
- **CoC Training (VAWA Compliance & Strategies for Serving Survivors of Domestic Violence):** Monday, April 14, 10 AM – 12 PM (Zoom)
- **PATH Committee Work Group Meeting:** Thursday, April 17, 9:30 – 11 AM (Zoom)
- **Oversight Committee Work Group Meeting:** Thursday, April 17, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM (Zoom)