



COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

February 5, 2026 from 1:00-3:00

WELCOME

Juno Hedrick, *Vice Chair & Lived Experience Advisor*

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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

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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.
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

Juno Hedrick, *Vice Chair & Lived Experience
Advisor*

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 January 8, 2026 Council Meeting
- Approve staff report for the February 5, 2026 Council Meeting



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

2025 Process

2025 has NOT been a routine CoC NOFO year

- July 2024 – HUD announced that NOFO was moving to a 2yr cycle (next would be in 2026)
- Nov 13, 2025 – HUD unexpectedly released FY 2025 NOFO
- Dec 8, 2025 – HUD withdrew FY 2025 NOFO (due to ongoing litigation)
- Dec 12, 2025 – Contra Costa CoC paused the local competition
- Dec 19, 2025 – HUD released v.2 of FY 2025 NOFO, but was blocked from implementing it due to preliminary injunction
- Jan 8-9, 2026 – HUD re-issued the two-year FY 2024 – 2025 CoC NOFO (from July 2024)

Where are we now?

NOFO process based on the two-year FY 2024 - 2025 NOFO (re-issued on 1/9/26)

- Focuses largely on renewing existing CoC grants in a non-competitive manner
- A very limited amount of reallocated funds are available to new projects
- Per 1/22/26 Funding Committee, eligible project types are limited to new Coordinated Entry (CE) and Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and eligible applicants are limited to H3 as current operator of CE/HMIS projects

Local competition launched in Nov 2025 (based on the FY 2025 NOFO) is indefinitely paused pending changes in the court case (which seems unlikely)

- HUD priorities reflected in the Nov 2025 NOFO no longer apply (e.g., 30% permanent housing cap, service participation requirements, etc.)
- A FY 2026 NOFO is expected to be released this summer which will likely mirror the FY 2025 NOFO and will have funding available for new projects

Key Local Competition Dates

Date	Event
January 22, 2026	Funding Committee revises scoring tools and competition policies
January 23, 2026	Local new project applications open for limited reallocated funding
January 30, 2026 (12pm)	Deadline for new project (for limited reallocated funds) local applications and e-snaps projects applications
February 3, 2026	Review and rank panel meeting, preliminary priority listing released
February 4, 2026	Priority listing approved by

COMMITTEE REPORT OUTS

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

YOUTH ACTION BOARD (YAB)



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

Anastasia Lockwood, *Council Youth Representative and YAB Member*

YAB JANUARY 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
Survey

Peer Support Check-
In Meetings

YAB JANUARY ACTIVITIES

RFP Review Panel for
Consolidated Housing &
Homelessness Funding

3 YAB members
participating in Point-
In-Time Count!

Outreach at Contra
Costa Community
College Welcome Week

National YAB
Connection Space

COMING UP IN 2026!

YAB 2026
Retreat

YAB on social
media

Reconvene
Youth & Young
Adult Strategic
Planning

Youth Survey in
fall 2026

Release
updates to
2024
Community
Needs
Assessment

CONNECT WITH YAB

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OLD BUSINESS

Update: 2026 Point-In-Time Count – Janel Fletcher, *H3*

Sector Report Outs from Council Members – Juno Hedrick, *Vice Chair and Lived Experience Advisor*

Funding Updates – Jamie Schechter and Christy Saxon, *H3*

UPDATE: 2026 POINT-IN-TIME COUNT

Janel Fletcher, *H3*

DONE: CENSUS AND OBSERVATIONAL PIT COUNT

HUGE THANKS TO OUR COMMUNITY FOR A SUCCESSFUL PIT COUNT

- The Point in Time Count is a biennial count required by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and is used to estimate the number of people experiencing homelessness in the country on a given night during the last 10 days of January.
- The count includes those experiencing sheltered homelessness in Emergency Shelter or Transitional Housing programs; and households experiencing unsheltered homelessness in places such as cars, tents, RVs, and other areas not meant for habitation.

The Contra
Costa County Point
in Time Count
occurred on January
28th , 2026.

(The morning of
January 29th)

Over 200 Volunteers supported the 2026 PIT!

NEXT: PIT INTERVIEW 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 is from February 9th until February 20th.

WRAP UP AND RESULTS TIMELINE

- 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 29th.
- PIT Data are submitted to HUD for review and approval (TBD).
- Once approved, final results are shared with the COH community.

SECTOR REPORT OUTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Juno Hedrick, *Vice Chair and Lived Experience
Advisor*

FUNDING UPDATES

Jamie Schechter and Christy Saxton, *H3*

FEDERAL FUNDING UPDATES

- Partial federal shutdown, including Housing and Urban Development, possible if federal budget bills not passed by January 30, 2026.
- Homeless Assistance Grants (HAG) program would receive over \$4.4 billion, a \$336 million boost from the previous year.
- The bill also includes language that requires HUD to renew Continuum of Care (CoC) grants expiring in the first quarter of 2026 (January-March) for 12 months, and creates a timeline for HUD to renew expiring grants throughout the year, if HUD has not issued awards under a new NOFO.

OTHER FUNDING UPDATES

- Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors directed the reappropriation of funds totaling \$9,729,868 from General Fund Appropriation for Contingencies, include \$2.8M for rental assistance programs
- Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round 6 application revisions approved by State. Grant agreement expected soon.
- Consolidated Homelessness and Housing Services RFP process ongoing. Applicant interviews completed in January

NEW BUSINESS

Family and Human Services Quarterly Report and Recommendations – Jaime Jenett, *H3*

Update: Brown Act and Virtual Attendance – Jaime Jenett, *H3*

Learning Corner: Community College Basic Needs Programs – Hope Dixon, *Contra Costa College & Community Member Representative*

**FAMILY AND HUMAN
SERVICES QUARTERLY
REPORT AND
RECOMMENDATIONS**

Jaime Jenett, *H3*

FAMILY AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

- Subcommittee of Board of Supervisors
- COH present quarterly reports

RECOMMENDATIONS

Advocate to the Governor and Legislature for the following actions:

1. Restore full HHAP funding for FY 2025–26 and beyond.
2. Ensure timely distribution of the \$1 billion in HHAP funds already approved for FY 2024–25.
3. Commit to sustained, predictable homelessness funding in future budgets.

UPDATE: BROWN ACT AND VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE

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- Immunocompromised child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse or domestic partner
- Military service obligations
- Physical or family medical emergency

Emergency Circumstances

- REMOVED

REMOTE ATTENDANCE AS REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION

- SB707 allows member with a disability to participate remotely and count towards in person quorum
 - Request approval from Clerk of the Board at least a week before first time using
 - Attend with audio AND visual technology except when physical condition related to disability results in need to be of camera
 - Disclose people in the room with virtual attendee
- Disability: physical or mental disability as defined in the [CA Government Code](#)

**LEARNING
CORNER:
COMMUNITY
COLLEGE BASIC
NEEDS
PROGRAMS**

Hope Dixon, *Contra Costa College & Community
Member Representative*

PLACEHOLDER

- Placeholder

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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Advisor*

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **Next COH Meeting:** Thursday, March 5, 1 – 3 PM (IN PERSON)
- **CoC Training:** Working with Families with School Aged Children
- **Homeless Service Provider Meeting:** Thursday, February 12, 8:30 – 9:30 AM (Zoom)
- **Homelessness 101:** Thursday, February 12, Noon – 1:30 pm(Zoom)
- **Governance Committee:** Wednesday, February 18, 1 – 3 PM (Zoom)
- **Oversight Committee:** Thursday, February 19, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM (IN PERSON)