



PLAN FOR ACCELERATING TRANSFORMATIVE HOUSING (PATH) INNOVATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

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DATE:

Thursday, June 26th, 2025, 9:30 am – 11:00 am

RECORDING OF MEETING:

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Time	Agenda Item	Presenter/Facilitator
9:30	<u>Welcome and Introductions</u>	- <i>Matt Lemon, Focus Strategies</i>
	<u>Working Group Meeting Norms</u>	- <i>Matt Lemon, Focus Strategies</i>
9:45	<u>Prevention Screening Tool Pilot Update</u> - Preview of the community's new prevention screening tool and an update on the planned pilot	- <i>Shelby Ferguson, H3</i> - <i>Mary Juarez-Fitzgerald, H3</i>
10:00	<u>Stakeholder Spotlight:</u> CalAIM Team – Presentation on the CalAIM Team's housing deposit program	- <i>Ryan Tapia, H3</i> - <i>Justin Pennell, H3</i>
10:00	<u>PATH Committee Meeting Schedule</u> – Discussion of the PATH Committee meeting cadence	- <i>Shelby Ferguson, H3</i>
10:50	<u>Announcements</u>	- <i>All</i>
10:55	<u>Next Steps</u>	- <i>Matt Lemon, Focus Strategies</i>



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Welcome and Introductions

Committee Members in Attendance: Wayne Earl, LeAnn Matthews, Shawn Ray, Tony Ucciferri, Juno Hedrick, Shawn Ray

Staff and Consultants: Jamie Schecter (H3), Shelby Ferguson (H3), Janel Fletcher (H3), Ryan Tapia (H3), Justin Pennell (H3), Caroline Miller (H3), Jaqueline Franco (H3), Matt Lemon (Focus Strategies), Allison Mabbs (Focus Strategies)

Additional Attendees: Bawchin Tial, Caleb Chung, Carmen Cano, Deann Pearn, Jill Ray, Maria Dominguez

Meeting Norms

Matt Lemon described norms for virtual meetings including raising your hand (virtually), saying your name before speaking, and maintaining a safe and respectful environment. Individuals who behave in a manner that threatens safety or does not align with norms may be asked to leave.

Prevention Screening Tool Pilot Update

Mary Juarez-Fitzgerald presented the new screening tool for prevention services. The tool will be administered by 2-1-1 and is intended to determine who is most at risk of becoming homeless to improve targeting of prevention resources, consistently screen participants, and increase equity across the Coordinated Entry (CE) system. The new prevention screening tool updates a previous tool that was focused on program eligibility rather than who is most likely to enter homelessness. The community wanted to implement a new tool aligned with best practices to help reduce inflow to the system. The community's new tool was developed with Community Solutions as part of the Housing Stabilization Learning Cohort.

The new tool assesses households' risk of entering homelessness within ten domains including imminent risk of housing loss, extremely low or no income, history of homelessness and evictions, legal system involvement, disability and health concerns, family compositions and caregiving responsibilities, risk of subsidy loss, and populations overrepresented in homelessness.

The new assessment tool pilot will be launched with the 211 Contra Costa Crisis Center in the first week of July. Staff have been trained in how to administer the new tool. The prevention tool has been fully embedded into the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and is auto scored, providing 211 assessors with guidance on next steps. After completing the new screening tool, households indicating a higher risk of entering homelessness will be referred to the CE prevention programs. Households that are not indicated as at higher risk will be referred to alternative community prevention programs.



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Deanne Pearn inquired about whether this new tool will replace the tool used by BACs or if there will be two separate screening tools in the community. Mary Juarez-Fitzgerald responded that BACs prevention program is separate from the CE prevention programs so they will continue to use their screening process. The new tool will replace what was previously used for CE prevention programs and will be used to screen for those programs moving forward. An example of the CE programs is the Hope Solutions prevention program. Deanne Pearn noted that this means there are multiple entry points for prevention in the community. Mary Juarez-Fitzgerald agreed and stressed that all CE prevention resources will flow through this new CE prevention screening tool. She noted that the new tool was created in partnership with prevention providers and with input from participants.

Stakeholder Spotlight: CalAIM Housing Deposits

Ryan Tapia presented the County's CalAIM Housing Deposits services. As of July 1, California's Department of Healthcare Services (DHCS) will implement Volume 2 of the Policy Guide for CalAIM Community Supports. Housing Deposits are one service available through Community Supports. Housing Deposit services include security deposits for leasing an apartment or home, set up fees and deposits for utilities, payment of arrears, first month of utilities, application fees, and household goods. Housing Deposits will no longer cover first and last month's rent, which will shift to Transitional Rent Community Support.

To be eligible for Housing Deposit services is, households must be experiencing or at risk of homelessness and have one or more clinical risk factor (e.g., physical, intellectual, or developmental disability or serious chronic health condition). Individuals who are eligible for Transitional Rent and those who have been prioritized for permanent supportive housing or a rental subsidy through CE are also eligible.

Ryan Tapia shared Housing Deposit program data from March to June 2025. Five clients received services from the program, four more have been approved for services, and there are three pending applications. The County has recently onboarded the Public Health Department to the program to expand access to their housing navigation clients.

Wayne Earl inquired about if the Housing Deposits program only covers the move in costs, pointing out that many clients need supportive services and more than just move in cost support. Ryan Tapia clarified that the Housing Deposits program is part of a continuum of CalAIM programming including the Housing Navigation Community Support and the Tenancy Sustaining Community Support. Justin Pennel further clarified that the Housing Deposit program is just one piece of all the services offered through CalAIM.

PATH Meeting Schedule

Shelby Ferguson facilitated a discussion on adjusting the meeting cadence for the PATH Committee. Currently the group has monthly meetings with two work group meetings and one in-person committee meeting per quarter.



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Shelby Ferguson presented two potential adjusted schedule options including, 1) an option to align with the Oversight Committee meeting structure which occurs every other month (six times per year), or 2) an option to align with the Equity Meeting structure which occurs twice a quarter (eight times per year) with no meetings in the first month of each quarter.

Tony Ucciferi offered that he would prefer to align with the Oversight Committee. Wayne Earl agreed that he would prefer the schedule aligned with the Oversight Committee but offered that he would be willing to meet more frequently if things occurring at the national or state level necessitate an additional meeting. Shawn Ray also preferred aligning with the Oversight Committee, while Juno Hedrik was open to either option.

Jamie Schecter inquired whether committee members who are also on the Oversight Committee preferred having two in-person meetings on the same day if the PATH Committee aligned with the Oversight schedule. Wayne Earl and Juno Hedrick said having both meetings on the same day would be easier.

Shelby Ferguson stated that the group appears to be to prefer aligning with the Oversight Committee schedule. Jamie Schecter and Shelby Ferguson noted they will review the procedures for updating the schedule and will follow up with Committee members.

Announcements

There were no announcements made.

Next Steps

Matt Lemon stated that, based on the discussion of the PATH Committee schedule, upcoming meeting dates may be adjusted. Currently the next workgroup meeting is scheduled for July 17, 2025.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:08 am.