



COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

May 7, 2026 from 1:00-3:00

WELCOME

Nicole Green, *Chair and Reentry Services Representative*

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BROWN ACT ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

		Traditional Teleconferencing	Alternative Teleconferencing (1/1/26-1/1/2030)
<p>If not attending in person</p>	<p>Basis for Remote Attendance</p>	<p>When unable to attend in person</p>	<p>May appear remotely for Just Cause:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2x/year • Notify COH by state of meeting with specific just cause reason
	<p>Agenda and Public Access</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide address to be listed on agenda to COH staff 1 week before meeting (name not listed on address) • Post agenda at your location • Public may attend at your location 	<p>N/A</p>
	<p>Quorum</p>	<p>Counts towards quorum</p>	<p>Quorum must be met by in person members & traditional teleconferencing</p>
	<p>Voting</p>	<p>May vote if meet address/posting requirement</p>	<p>A majority of membership body participates in person</p>

HYBRID MEETING NORMS

Nicole Green, *Chair and Reentry Services
Representative*

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?

Go to:

<https://forms.office.com/g/tukUyo8gmy>



PUBLIC COMMENT

Nicole Green, *Chair and Reentry Services
Representative*

CONSENT CALENDAR

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Representative*

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 April 2, 2026 Council Meeting
- Approve staff report for the May 7, 2026 Council Meeting



CONTINUUM OF
CARE (COC)
NOTICE OF
FUNDING
OPPORTUNITY
(NOFO) UPDATE

CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity Update –
Jamie Schechter, *H3*

COC NOFO UPDATE

Jamie Schechter, *H3*

HUD COC NOFO

- Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program, releases an annual Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) competition
- HUD has committed to noncompetitively renew the remaining FY 2025 grants expiring in Q3 and Q4 – closes the book on rehashing the rescinded FY 2025 NOFO
- What we know about the FY 2026 CoC NOFO :
 - The lowest HUD can set Tier 1 at is 60% of Annual Renewal Demand – it was 30% in the rescinded FY 2025 CoC NOFO which was unprecedented
 - HUD is required to publish the FY 2026 NOFO by June 1, 2026 with awards made by December 1, 2026
 - HUD estimates post date (5/29/26) and application due date (8/26/26)
 - Stay tuned, contact contracosta@homebaseccc.org with questions

UPDATE

- HUD released the FY 2024 and FY 2025 CoC NOFO on July 31
- First 2-year competition (more details to come) but we expect the process to be similar to previous years
- Complete CoC grant application due October 30 (~ 90 days)
- Local application deadline for renewal projects was July 31
- Mandatory TA Workshop will be held in 2-3 weeks, date TBD
- Stay tuned for more info, contact contracosta@homebaseccc.org with questions

COMMITTEE REPORT OUTS

Funding Committee Update – Jamie Schechter, *H3*

Youth Action Board (YAB) Update – Juno Hedrick, *Vice Chair and Lived Experience Advisor* and
Anastasia Lockwood, *Youth Representative and YAB Member*

**FUNDING
COMMITTEE
UPDATE**

Jamie Schechter, *H3*

FUNDING COMMITTEE

- April 28 Funding Committee meeting - discussed changes to competition policies:
 - If there is a cap on permanent housing funding: prioritizing renewal projects who apply for a transition grant over new projects, limiting appeals, prioritizing
 - If there is a short competition window: giving the Funding Committee authority to approve changes to scoring tool and competition policies, late applications
- Join the **next meeting on May 19 from 2:30-4:30pm** (hybrid, in-person for Council committee members)
 - Register: <https://homebaseccc.zoom.us/meeting/register/dZ3KHOTHTY-pAFqHaGwFFA>
 - *We will continue scoring tool revisions and policies that affect renewal projects. Current and prospective CoC Grantees highly encouraged to join!*

YOUTH ACTION BOARD (YAB)



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

Anastasia Lockwood, *CoH Youth Representative and YAB Member*

YAB APRIL MEETINGS

Bimonthly hybrid meetings at H3 in and RYSE

Communications, Data & Research, Outreach & Retention

CoH: CoH Meeting, Oversight Committee

Peer Support Check-In Meetings



YAB APRIL ACTIVITIES

Contra Costa Budget
Justice Youth Academy
Workshops in Richmond
& Brentwood

Contra Costa Together
2026 Summit in Concord

RYSE Listening
Campaign 2.0

CCY Youth
Empowerment Summit
in Sacramento



National YAB
Connection Space

CCY YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SUMMIT (YES)

YES is the California Coalition for Youth's (CCY) annual convening in Sacramento, bringing together young people, community leaders, and youth service providers from across the state to collaborate on preventing youth homelessness.

YES Highlights

- Workshops for youth and/or adults
- Interacting with speakers and panelists
- Hearing from elected officials
- Learning about California youth-focused initiatives
- Networking
- Scholarship opportunities for next year



CCY LEGISLATIVE DAY

YAB highlighted the importance of Homeless Housing, Assistance & Prevention (HHAP) funding and CoH recommendations, emphasizing how HHAP dollars strengthen the youth system of care — including CORE TAY, the YAB, TAY Rapid Re-Housing, and more!

1. Restore full HHAP funding for FY 25-26 and beyond.
2. Ensure timely distribution of the \$1 billion in HHAP funds approved for FY 24-25.
3. Commit to sustained , predictable homelessness funding in future budgets.

Contra Costa Meetings

- Assemblymember Avila Farias
- Maren Birk-Maurischat, Office of Assemblymember Bauer-Kahan
- Leo Lopez, Office of Senator Cabaldon's office





COMING UP!



CONNECT WITH YAB

Young people with lived experience of homelessness and community partners are invited to join a meeting to learn more!

For more information:

✉ ContraCostaYAB@cchealth.org

☎ 925-500-3237

2026 Contra Costa County YAB
Meeting RSVP



OLD BUSINESS

Point-In-Time Count and Participant Satisfaction Surveys – Janel Fletcher, *H3*

Sector Report Outs from Council Members – Nicole Green, *Chair and Reentry Services Representative*

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

POINT-IN-TIME COUNT UPDATE

Janel Fletcher, *H3*

PLACEHOLDER

- Slides for this section will be added at a later date

**SECTOR
REPORT OUTS
FROM COUNCIL
MEMBERS**

Nicole Green, *Chair and Reentry Services
Representative*

FUNDING UPDATES

Jamie Schechter and Christy Saxton, *H3*

FEDERAL FUNDING UPDATES

1. Continuum of Care grant renewals announced on April 27, 2026 for grants expiring in Q2 of 2026.
2. H3 in contact with HUD for discrepancies noticed between Q1 and Q2 announcements.

HOMELESS HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND PREVENTION PROGRAM (HHAP-6)

- Grant agreement with the State executed in April 2026
- Contra Costa County and Contra Costa CoC jointly receive \$6,708,894.47
- HHAP-7 recommended at \$1 billion in State Senate Budget Framework, \$500 million in Governor's initial [budget proposal](#)
- More HHAP information available online - [Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention \(HHAP\) Grant Program | California Department of Housing and Community Development](#)

CONSOLIDATED HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS RFP

- Funding recommendations delayed – scheduled for Family and Human Services Committee on May 11, 2026
- Awards include funding from Measure X, HHAP-5, HHAP-6, Coordinated Entry, County General Funds, and Employment and Human Services Department's housing programs
- Providers notified in advance of Board of Supervisors approval and will receive application scorecard

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE members for 2026 Homelessness Awareness Month Committee (ACTION ITEM) –
Jaime Jenett, *H3*

Presentation: Bay Area Rescue Mission Renovation Update – Wayne Earl, *Faith Community and Manager of Special Projects at Bay Area Rescue Mission*

Highlight: Success Stories Page – Jaime Jenett, *H3*

Policy Updates – Jamie Schechter, *H3*

(ACTION ITEM)
APPROVE
MEMBERS FOR
2026
HOMELESSNESS
AWARENESS
MONTH
COMMITTEE

Jaime Jenett, *H3*

HAM COMMITTEE

Materials

- Toolkit
- Recognitions
- Resolutions of Support
- Video

Events

- Community forum
- Reception
- BOS Presentation
- Homeless Person's Memorial Event

RESPONSIBILITIES AND TIME

Meetings

- Monthly starting in June
- Mostly virtual

Primary Responsibilities

- Recommend recognition categories
- Help design materials
- Event planning

Subcommittee work

- Reception planning
- Video development
- Memorial planning
- Toolkit development

ACTION ITEM

Approve proposed Council on Homelessness members to serve on the 2026 Homelessness Awareness Month Committee



**PRESENTATION: BAY
AREAS RESCUE
MISSION
RENOVATION
UPDATE**

*Wayne Earl, Faith Community Representative and
Manager of Special Projects at the Bay Area
Rescue Mission*



BAY AREA RESCUE MISSION

— 200 Macdonald Renovation Project



WHERE IT STARTED ...

Last year, BARM provided...

- Over 83,000 nights of shelter and program
- 121,000 hours of counseling and classes
- Introduced onsite clinical therapy support services for our residential program
- 2.9 million meals to the community



... WHERE IT'S GOING

In Partnership With...

- Overaa Construction
- HKIT Architects
- The Bay Compassion
- The City of Richmond, CA
- ...and our amazing network of supporters, churches, foundations, and community partners...

Renovation of our 200 Macdonald facility has begun!



BAY AREA RESCUE MISSION

— 200 Macdonald Renovation Project

Programs and Services Impact During Renovation

- No impact on Emergency Shelter or Residential Programs for Women and Women with Children.
- Men's Emergency Shelter will shower in our shower trailer
- Approximately 25% capacity reduction in Men's Emergency Shelter
- Approximately 10% capacity reduction in the Men's Residential Life Transformation Program
- Community Meals will be served in our chapel – 123 Macdonald Ave, at the same times (6 am, 12 pm, 5 pm)
- Food Pantry is unchanged (123 Macdonald Ave, Mon – Sat at 1:30 pm)
- We accept materials donations 8 am – 4 pm only during the construction (not in the evening).



BAY AREA RESCUE MISSION

— 200 Macdonald Renovation Project



RESULTS - EXTERNAL

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Note that we are developing commissioned art for the building's exterior walls, which must go through the City of Richmond's Culture and Arts process.



RESULTS - INTERNAL

Some sample renderings of inside the facility – the lobby area, the dining hall, and a bedroom.

**HIGHLIGHT:
SUCCESS
STORIES PAGE**

Jaime Jenett, *H3*

SUCCESS STORIES PAGE

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the 'Success Stories' page on the Contra Costa Health website. The browser's address bar shows the URL: <https://www.cchealth.org/services-and-programs/homeless-services/success-stories>. The website header includes the Contra Costa Health logo, navigation links for News, Jobs, Contact, and For Providers, a search bar, and a Translate button. A yellow navigation bar contains links for About Contra Costa Health, Get Care, Health Insurance, Services and Programs (which is highlighted), and Health and Safety Information. A blue sidebar on the left lists various services, with 'Success Stories' highlighted in yellow. The main content area features the title 'SUCCESS STORIES' and a breadcrumb trail: 'Services and Programs » Homeless Services »'. Below the title are font size controls and links for 'Share & Bookmark' and 'Print'. The first story features a circular portrait of Jerrold, a quote: "One guy told me I'd never be in a place on my own. I wish he could see me now." and identifies him as a Permanent Supportive Housing resident as of 03/12/2026. The second story, titled 'Conrad and Jamie', includes a photo of a couple and describes how they found safety and support through Trinity Center and CORE mobile outreach after losing everything. The third story, titled 'Ana and Mayra', includes a photo of a 'NOTICE TO VACATE' sign and describes how displaced friends built a home together with the support of the CalAIM program.

POLICY UPDATES

Jamie Schechter and Caroline Miller, *H3*

California CoCs United for Better Policy

- In late 2024, the National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) began convening the California Continuum of Care United for Better Policy (Cal CUB).
- Cal CUB brings together all 44 Continuums of Care (CoCs) across the state to strengthen California's strategy to reduce homelessness.
- Includes CoC lead agencies representing both public agencies and nonprofit organizations.
- A key goal is to help state legislators better understand CoCs and the essential role CoCs play in local homelessness response systems.

Cal CUB's 2026 Legislator Education Days

February 5th & May 4th

Focus on Homeless (HHAP) Funding, including restoring full funding for FY 2025–26 and beyond.

Highlight and uplift CoH HHAP Recommendations

Reinforced alignment with recent Board of Supervisors Budget Letters on HHAP

HUD Proposed Regulatory Changes

Verification of Eligible Status

- Would require families with mixed immigration statuses (mixed-status families) in certain HUD programs to choose between remaining together and losing their housing assistance
- Comments due: 4/21/26
[Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov)

30-Day Notification Requirement

- Would repeal the requirement that PHAs and project-based rental assistance (PBRA) owners provide households with at least a 30-day termination notice prior to filing an eviction action for nonpayment of rent.
- Comments due: 4/27/26
[Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov)

Work Requirements and Term Limits

- Would allow public housing agencies (PHAs) and HUD-assisted owners to adopt work requirements and time limits on assistance
- Comments due: 5/1/26
[Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov)

NEW: Equal Access to Housing in HUD Programs

- Replaces references to “gender” and “gender identity” with “sex,” defined as binary determined at birth.
- Applies across all HUD programs.
- Removes existing restrictions and allows providers to request information or documentation to confirm an individual’s sex.
- Non-compliance may result in penalties, including loss of HUD funding.
- Comments due by June 26, 2026.

[Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov)

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

Juno Hedrick, *Vice Chair & Lived Experience
Advisor*

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **Next COH Meeting:** Thursday, June 4, 1 – 3 PM (2120 Diamond Blvd, Concord)
- **CoC Training (Mandated Reporting for Elders and Dependent Adults):** Monday, May 11, 10 AM – 12 PM (Zoom)
- **Homeless-Workforce Integration Network (H-WIN):** Wednesday, May 13, 10 AM – 12 PAM (Zoom)
- **Homeless Service Provider Meeting:** Thursday, May 14, 8:30 – 9:30 AM (Zoom)
- **Funding Committee:** Tuesday, May 19, 2:30 – 4:30 PM (IN PERSON)
- **Homelessness 101:** Thursday, May 21, 12 – 1:30 PM (Zoom)