



# Contra Costa Council on Homelessness Orientation 2022

The Contra Costa Council on Homelessness provides a forum for communication and coordination about the implementation of the County's Strategic Plan to prevent and end homelessness. The Council provides advice and input on the operations of homeless services, program operations, and program development efforts in Contra Costa County. Items may be taken out of order based on the business of the day and preference of the Council. Please reach out to the Council on Homelessness at [CChomelessscouncil@cchealth.org](mailto:CChomelessscouncil@cchealth.org) at least 72 hours before a meeting or deadline to request reasonable accommodation. For more information, please see Contra Costa County's [Reasonable Accommodations](#) page.

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## AGENDA

Date: Thursday, January 6, 1 – 3 PM

Time	Agenda Item	Speakers	Detail	Desired Outcomes
1:00 – 1:15	<b>Welcome &amp; introductions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maddie Nation, Homebase</li> <li>Christy Saxton, H3</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome (Christy Saxton, H3)</li> <li>Introduce H3 and Homebase</li> <li>Member introductions: each Council Member briefly shares name, pronouns, CoH seat</li> <li>Group norms</li> <li>Icebreaker activity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Center the comfort and experience of new Council Members</li> <li>Develop social connections and group dynamic</li> <li>Kick off time together with energy and fun</li> </ul>
1:15 – 1:30	<b>Why are we doing this work?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Michele Byrnes, Homebase</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Screen Homelessness Awareness Month video</li> <li>Activity: sharing motivations for joining CoH</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Add human element and experience to this work</li> <li>Inspire and motivate to act with urgency and center impact (especially for cross-sector partners)</li> </ul>
1:30 – 1:50	<b>Contra Costa Homeless System of Care Overview</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mark Mora, Homebase</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is a CoC?</li> <li>CoC basics: geographic area, key players, funding, and HUD requirements</li> <li>How is Contra Costa responding to homelessness with housing and services?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Give Council Members a high level and palatable overview of the system of care</li> </ul>
1:50 – 2:00	<b>CoH Commitment to Racial Equity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jaime Jenett, H3</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review diversity statement</li> <li>Who does the CoC serve and how reflective is CoH of the population we are serving?</li> <li>Racial equity initiatives that are underway and upcoming in 2022</li> <li>Activity: Committing to work toward racial equity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure that diversity and equity are front and center in CoH work in 2022</li> </ul>
2:00 – 2:05	<b>Break</b>			
2:05 – 2:20	<b>Council Member Expectations – Roles &amp; Responsibilities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jaime Jenett, H3</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overview of roles and expectations</li> <li>Cover role of Chair and Vice Chair</li> <li>Sunshine Act 101</li> <li>Process for Requesting Accommodations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide Council Members a basic understanding of their responsibilities and prepare them to navigate the first 2022 Council Meeting</li> </ul>

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2:20 – 2:55	<b>CoH Member Committee Participation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maddie Nation, <i>Homebase</i></li> <li>CoH Members</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Overview of committees, including potential 2022 focus areas and time commitment</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Create clear expectations for CoH member participation in committees</i></li> <li><i>Provide basis for Council Members to make an informed decision as to which committees to participate in (committee selection will occur at the first 2022 CoH meeting)</i></li> </ul>
2:55 – 3:00	<b>Wrap-Up</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Michele Byrnes, <i>Homebase</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Reflection activity</i></li> <li><i>Next steps</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Give space for Council Members to reflect on material</i></li> <li><i>Gather input for follow-up sessions and additional support/resources</i></li> </ul>

## Commonly Used Acronyms

Acronym	Definition
AHAR	Annual Homeless Assessment Report
APR	Annual Performance Report (for HUD homeless programs)
CCYCS	Contra Costa Youth Continuum of Services
CDBG	Community Development Block Grant (CPD program – federal)
CESH	California Emergency Solutions and Housing program (state funding)
CSBG	Community Services Block Grant
Continuum of Care	Continuum of Care approach to assistance to the homeless
CoC	Federal grant program stressing permanent solutions to homelessness
Con Plan	Consolidated Plan, a locally developed plan for housing assistance and urban development under CDBG and other CPD programs
CPD	Community Planning and Development (HUD Office)
EHSD	(Contra Costa County) Employment and Human Services Division
ESG	Emergency Solutions Grant (CPD – federal program)
FMR	Fair Market Rent (maximum rent for Section 8 rental assistance/CoC grants)
HCD	Housing and Community Development (State office)
HEAP	Homeless Emergency Aid Program (State funding)
HEARTH	Homeless Emergency and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009
HPRP	Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing
HMIS	Homeless Management Information System
HOME	Home Investment Partnerships (CPD program)
HOPWA	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (CPD program)
HUD	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (federal)
MHSA	Mental Health Services Act
NOFA	Notice of Funding Availability
NPLH	No Place Like Home (state funding)
PHA	Public Housing Authority
SAMHSA	Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration
SNAPS	Office of Special Needs Assistance Program (HUD office overseeing CoC)
SOAR	SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SSI/SSDI Application program)
SRO	Single-Room Occupancy housing units
SSA	Social Security Administration
SSDI	Social Security Disability Income
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
TA	Technical Assistance
TANF	Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
TAY	Transition Age Youth (usually ages 16-24)
VA	Veterans Affairs (U.S. Department of)
VASH	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing
VI-SPDAT	Vulnerability Index – Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool
YHDP	Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program

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