

## PLAN FOR ACCELERATING TRANSFORMATIVE HOUSING (PATH) INNOVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

### **AGENDA**

**Date:** Thursday, May 19, 2022, 3 pm – 5 pm **Location:** Join the meeting via Zoom

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#### Call in information:

1-669-900-6833 Meeting ID: 820 5704 0977 Passcode: 801808

Time	Agenda Item	Presenter/Facilitator
3:00	Welcome and Introductions	- Matt Mitchell, Focus Strategies
	Review and Approval of Minutes	- Matt Mitchell, Focus Strategies
	<ul> <li><u>Public Comment - Open Period for public comment on items</u> discussed or not listed on the agenda.</li> </ul>	- Members of the public
	Announcements	- Matt Mitchell, Focus Strategies
3:15	<ul> <li>Workgroup Status Updates</li> <li>Case Conferencing Workgroup</li> <li>Data Workgroup</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Shelby Ferguson, H3</li><li>Nate French, Community Solutions</li><li>Matt Mitchell, Focus Strategies</li></ul>
3:45	<ul> <li>Prioritizing Work through December 2022</li> <li>Vision and timeline</li> <li>Discuss bodies of work proposed in April meeting</li> <li>(ACTION ITEM): Propose and approve priorities through December 2022</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Jamie Schecter, H3</li><li>Matt Mitchell, Focus Strategies</li></ul>
4:50	Next Steps	- All



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#### **Commonly Used Acronyms and Terms**

Acronym	Definition
APR	Annual Performance Report (for HUD homeless programs)
BOS	Board of Supervisors (Contra Costa County)
BCSH	California Business Consumer, Services and Housing Agency
CARE	Coordinated Assessment and Resource
CCACS/CCYCS	Contra Costa Adult Continuum of Service/ Contra Costa Youth Continuum of Services (H3 programs)
CDBG,	Community Development Block Grant (federal and state programs) and the federal Community
CDBG-CV	Development Block Grant CARES Act coronavirus allocation.
CESH	California Emergency Solutions and Housing program (state funding)
СОН	Council on Homelessness
Continuum	Continuum of Care approach to assistance to the homeless. Federal grant program promoting and
of Care (CoC)	funding permanent solutions to homelessness.
Con Plan	Consolidated Plan, a locally developed plan for housing assistance and urban development under CDBG.
CES/CE	Coordinated Entry
CNWS	Concord Naval Weapons Station
CORE	Coordinated Outreach Referral, Engagement program
COVID-19	Coronavirus
DCD	Contra Costa Department of Conservation and Development
DOC	Department Operations Center
CDSS	California Department of Social Services
EHSD	(Contra Costa County) Employment and Human Services Division
EOC	Emergency Operations Center
ESG and ESG- CV	Emergency Solutions Grant (federal and state program) and the federal Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act coronavirus allocation.
FMR	Fair Market Rent (maximum rent for Section 8 rental assistance/CoC grants)
HCD	Housing and Community Development (State office)
HCFC	Housing Coordinating and Financing Council (state governing board under BCSH)
HEAP	Homeless Emergency Aid Program (state funding)
HEARTH	Homeless Emergency and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009
ННАР	Homeless Housing and Assistance Program (state funding);
HMIS	Homeless Management Information System
HOME	Home Investment Partnerships (CPD program)
Homekey	California funding to support development of interim and permanent housing
HUD	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (federal)
MHSA	Mental Health Services Act



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NOFO	Notice of Funding Opportunity
PHA	Public Housing Authority
Project Roomkey	COVID-related State funding program to support de-congregating homeless shelters using hotels/motels.
PSH	Permanent Supportive Housing
PUI	Persons Under Investigation
RFP/RFQ/LOI	Request for Proposal/Request for Qualifications/Letter of Intent related to funding opportunities
RRH	Rapid Rehousing
SAMHSA	Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration
SRO	Single-Room Occupancy housing units
SSDI	Social Security Disability Income
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
TA	Technical Assistance
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
Contra Costa Cour	t tv COVID-19 Resources:

Contra Costa County COVID-19 Resources:

Please see below for additional resources on COVID-19.

 $Health \ Services \ COVID \ Data \ Dashboard - \underline{https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/dashboard}$ 

 $Health \ Services \ Homeless \ Specific \ Data \ Dashboard- \underline{https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/homeless-dashboard}$ 

Health Services COVID Updates- https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/health-services-updates

Health Services Homeless-Specific COVID Resources -https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/for-the-homeless



# PLAN FOR ACCELERATING TRANSFORMATIVE HOUSING (PATH) INNOVATIONS COMMITTEE

# WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Matt Mitchell, Focus Strategies

PATH Innovations Committee is comprised of a diverse group of community stakeholders and CoC partners who commit to leading, monitoring, implementing, and assigning priorities to reduce unsheltered homelessness by 30% in year one.

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

PATH Innovations Committee Members

H<sub>3</sub> Staff

**Community Solutions** 

Homebase

Focus Strategies

Stakeholders

# REVIEW & APPROVE MINUTES

Matt Mitchell, Focus Strategies

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- Review and approve minutes from the March 17, 2022 PATH Innovations Committee meeting.
- Review and approve minutes from the April 19, 2022 PATH Innovations Committee meeting.



# PUBLIC COMMENT

Matt Mitchell, Focus Strategies

Open period for public comment on items discussed or not listed on the agenda.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Matt Mitchell, Focus Strategies

# WORKGROUP STATUS UPDATES

Shelby Ferguson, H<sub>3</sub>

Nate French, Community Solutions

Matt Mitchell, Focus Strategies

# CASE CONFERENCING WORKGROUP

Shelby Ferguson, H<sub>3</sub> Nate French, Community Solutions

# CASE CONFERENCING WORKGROUP: RECAP AND UPDATES

- Met twice with Community Solutions/BFZ team
- Discussed ways in which to improve current case conferencing at the individual agency level
- Groups such as the Veteran By Name List have implemented changes to their case conferencing structure
- TBD on whether to implement system wide changes to standardize case conferencing
- No further meetings at this time

# CASE CONFERENCE VS. HOUSING PLACEMENT MEETINGS

## **Case Conferencing**

Purpose & Goal:

Occurs at the individual program level on an on-going basis to discuss current active participants. Often centered around housing plans and includes other community partners such as; healthcare for the homeless and behavioral health.

## **Housing Placement Meetings**

Purpose & Goal:

Occurs at the CoC level on an asneeded basis. Called when 5 or more units are available through Coordinated Entry at any given time. Purpose is to identify referrals for those open housing units/slots. Includes case managers, housing providers and other partners in the community as needed. Utilizes a standard screening tool.

# DATA WORKGROUP

Matt Mitchell, Focus Strategies

# DATA WORKGROUP: RECAP AND UPDATES

- Met four times from December through March
- Provided input on key metrics for measuring unsheltered homelessness
- Discussed analysis of causes of homelessness and future analyses

### **Next steps:**

- Unsheltered data mart v.1
- Unsheltered metrics dashboard
- Schedule Data Workgroup meetings to get feedback

# PRIORITIZING WORK THROUGH DECEMBER 2022

Jamie Schecter, H<sub>3</sub>
Matt Mitchell, Focus Strategies



Jamie Schecter, H<sub>3</sub>

## PROSPECTIVE BODIES OF WORK

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## **Strong Alignment**

- Communicate CES processes
- Refine housing placement meeting
- Integrate housing problem solving
- Identify alternatives to VI-SPDAT

## **Need Additional Refinement**

- Explore interim housing options
- Increase support services

## COMMUNICATE CES PROCESSES

#### Outcome

Improved understanding of accessing CES and available housing resources

### Description

Develop and execute communication strategy for sharing information about CES processes with the community

#### Committee's Role

- Develop communication strategy
- Provide feedback on communication content
- Share information about CES with the community

**Timeline:** 3 – 4 months

## REFINE HOUSING PLACEMENT MEETING

#### **Outcome**

 Standardize housing placement meeting process and increase transparency of housing resource allocations

### Description

Evaluate the housing placement meetings and provide recommendations on how to improve

#### Committee's Role

- Learn about housing placement meeting processes
- Provide feedback on housing placement meeting
- Monitor changes and improvements

**Timeline:** 4 – 8 months

# INTEGRATE HOUSING PROBLEM SOLVING

#### **Outcome**

House more consumers outside of housing resources available through CES

### Description

 Identify local best practices and find creative ways to spread and scale housing problem solving

#### Committee's Role

- Learn from providers to identify promising practices
- Recommend best practices to spread across service providers
- Brainstorm creative opportunities to scale housing problem solving

**Timeline:** 4 – 8 months

# IDENTIFY ALTERNATIVES TO VI-SPDAT

#### **Outcome**

More equitable and trauma-informed assessment for prioritizing housing resources;
 reduced time spent asking unnecessary questions

### Description

 Develop equitable, trauma-informed assessment content and design streamlined assessment process for CES prioritization

#### Committee's Role

- Evaluate content of VI-SPDAT through feedback from consumers and providers
- Define: What would improvement look like?
- Sponsor process to identify (or develop) alternative housing needs assessment

**Timeline:** 9 – 12+ months

# ADDITIONAL IDEAS TO REFINE

## **Ideas proposed by Committee members**

- Explore interim housing options
- Increase support services

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## **ACTION ITEM**

Propose and approve PATH Innovations Committee's priorities through December 2022.



# **NEXT STEPS**

Matt Mitchell, Focus Strategies

## ROADMAP UPDATE

By June 2022, the PATH Innovations Committee will:

- Identify key results and improvement work
- Sponsor improvement work on system processes
- Establish quarterly data review process
- Assess the initiative's progress

Jan 2022: Reorient to the Work Feb 2022: Key Results & Improvement Work

Mar 2022: Review Data & Assess Priorities Apr 2022:
Prioritize
Improvement Work

May 2022: Select Improvement Work Jun 2022: Assess Progress & Next Steps

# **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- PATH Innovations Committee Meetings
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, 3:00-5:00
    - June 16
    - July 21
    - August 18
    - September 15