



# CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS MEETING

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## COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS MINUTES

**Date:** Thursday, August 4, 2022, 1 pm – 3 pm

**Recording link:** available by email request: CChomelesscouncil@cchealth.org

**Council Member Attendance:** Alejandra Chamberlain; Angela Bullock-Hayes; Deanne Pearn; Juno Hedrick; Keva Dean; Linae Altman; Margaret Schiltz; Maureen Nelson; Shawn Ray; Teri House; Tony Ucciferri; Wayne Earl

**Absent:** Gabriel Lemus; Iman Novin; Jo Bruno; Leslie Gleason; Masaki Hirayama; Pat Mims

**Staff Attendance:** Jaime Jenett, H3; Jamie Schecter, H3; Mark Mora, Homebase

**Community Attendance:**

Kalil Macklin, Anthem Blue Cross; Guita Bahramipour, AOD Advisory Board; Laura Sharples, Catholic Charities of the East Bay; Jazmin Ridley, City of Antioch; Leng Power, City of Concord; Lea Murray, Collaborising; Spadan, Contra Costa County; Jennifer Quallick, Contra Costa County; Gina Bills, CCCOE; Terry Dunn, CCC Community Advisory Board; Denise Clarke, Contra Costa County Office of Education; Melissa Peters, Contra Costa County Public Health Clinic Services; Dennis Hsieh, Contra Costa Health Plan; Eva Marie Bella, CCHS; Jasmine Harvey, CCHS Health, Housing, and Homeless Service; Dale Harrington, Community member; Kabir Kapur, Community member; Manusiu Laulea, Greater Richmond Interfaith Program; Jim Rettew, Greater Richmond Interfaith Program; Chelsy Josepher, H3; Christy Saxton, H3; Denise Mills, H3; Michael Chavez, H3; Michael Fischer, H3; Rebecca Sanders, H3; Shelby Ferguson, H3; Stephanie Stovall, H3; Yessenia Aguilar, H3; Ricardo Cariaga, Heluna Health/CCYCS; Maddie Nation, Homebase; Irma Bodden, Hope Solutions; Azaria Williams, Independent Living Systems; Betty Blackmore-Gee, Imani professional advocacy support service (IPASS); Stephany Welch, LLA; Sheila Aceves, Loaves and Fishes of Contra Costa; Andrea Foti, SHELTER, Inc.; Brandon Wirth, SHELTER, Inc.; Cherie Chassaing, SHELTER, Inc.; James Randolph, SHELTER, Inc.; James Worley, SHELTER, Inc.; Janel Fletcher, SHELTER, Inc.; Jacqueline Franco, SHELTER, Inc.; John Eckstrom, SHELTER, Inc.; Julie Clemens, SHELTER, Inc.; Kevin Lewis, SHELTER, Inc.; Theresa Karr, State of California Senator Bill Dodd; Colleen Awad, Supervisor Karen Mitchoff; Brendi Velasquez, The Bay Church; Elizabeth Verdin, The Hume Center; Samantha Quinn, The Hume Center; Marian Williams, West Contra Costa Firesafe Council

Time	Agenda Item	Presenter
1:00	<b>1. <u>Call to Order</u></b> - Chair starts the meeting	a. Juno Hedrick, <i>Chair &amp; Youth Representative</i>
- Juno called the meeting to order.		
1:00	<b>2. <u>Introductions</u></b> a. Roll call of Council members and introduction of guests	a. Juno Hedrick, <i>Chair &amp; Youth Representative</i>



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	b. Poll – Who’s in the room? c. Accessibility Tips (5 min)	b. Juno Hedrick, <i>Chair &amp; Youth Representative</i> c. Jaime Jenett, <i>H3</i>																																
<p>a. Juno conducted a roll call of Council members and invited guests to introduce themselves in the chat.</p> <p>b. Juno ran the poll activity called “Who is in the room?” with the purpose of getting a sense of who is attending the meeting. All answers are anonymous, and the results are provided below:</p> <p><b>1. Question 1: How many Council on Homelessness meetings have you attended?</b></p> <table data-bbox="186 520 876 667"> <tr> <td><b>Answer:</b> This is my first meeting:</td> <td>10%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>I've attended some meetings:</td> <td>20%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>I've attended a lot of meetings:</td> <td>71%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>I prefer not to answer:</td> <td>0%</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>2. Question 2: Do you have lived experience of homelessness?</b></p> <table data-bbox="186 716 876 905"> <tr> <td><b>Answer:</b> Yes, currently</td> <td>2%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Yes, within the past 7 years</td> <td>10%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Yes, more than 7 years ago</td> <td>26%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>No</td> <td>62%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>I prefer not to answer</td> <td>0%</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>3. Question 3: What best describes your racial identify?</b></p> <table data-bbox="186 947 876 1213"> <tr> <td><b>Answer:</b> African American/Black</td> <td>20%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>American Indian/Alaskan Native</td> <td>7%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Asian/Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian</td> <td>5%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hispanic/Latinx</td> <td>20%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>White</td> <td>50%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>I prefer not to answer</td> <td>5%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>I describe myself in another way</td> <td>2%</td> </tr> </table> <p>c. Jaime did a live demonstration of the County’s website at <a href="https://cchealth.org/h3/">https://cchealth.org/h3/</a> and explained the different features that are on the COH tab. Jaime also highlighter a Coordinated Entry System flyer that information about the main three access points to access services for people experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness. A link of the flyer was also posted in the chat. There was a request to get a small flyer version for easier distribution, and Jaime said that H3 will work in getting them out soon. Per one question from a community member about what happens when someone calls 211, Jaime explained the entire process step by step. Shelby Ferguson said that people can reach out to her directly when 211 is not able to help right away.</p>			<b>Answer:</b> This is my first meeting:	10%	I've attended some meetings:	20%	I've attended a lot of meetings:	71%	I prefer not to answer:	0%	<b>Answer:</b> Yes, currently	2%	Yes, within the past 7 years	10%	Yes, more than 7 years ago	26%	No	62%	I prefer not to answer	0%	<b>Answer:</b> African American/Black	20%	American Indian/Alaskan Native	7%	Asian/Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian	5%	Hispanic/Latinx	20%	White	50%	I prefer not to answer	5%	I describe myself in another way	2%
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1:18	<b>3. Public Comment</b> - Open Period for members of the public to comment on items not listed on the agenda.	a. Members of the public																																
- A community member mentioned her current housing situation and the struggles she has faced when calling 211 with not getting the answer she needs to resolve her situation. Some of the organizations present offered help and next steps.																																		



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- A community member posted a clean slate event where public members will have the opportunity to expunge records and access resources for various services in the community. The event is organized by the Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) Advisory Board, in partnership with the Public Defender's office.

1:23	<b>4. <u>Minutes</u></b> a. <b>(ACTION ITEM)</b> REVIEW and APPROVE minutes from the July 7, 2022 Council meeting.	a. Juno Hedrick, <i>Chair &amp; Youth Representative</i>
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Motion

- State of Motion:
  - To approve the minutes from the July 7, 2022 Council meeting.
- Discussion
  - None
- Procedural Record
  - Motion made by: Teri House
  - Seconded by: Linae Altman
  - AYES: Margaret Schiltz; Teri House; Keva Dean; Alejandra Chamberlain; Wayne Earl; Linae Altman; Deanne Pearn; Shawn Ray; Maureen Nelson; Juno Hedrick
  - NOES: None
  - ABSTAINS: Angela Bullock-Hayes; Tony Ucciferri
  - ABSENT: Iman Novin; Leslie Gleason; Jo Bruno; Gabriel Lemus; Pat Mims; Masaki Hirayama

1:28	<b>5. <u>Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Opportunity Update</u></b> a. Regular CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Preliminary 2022 Competition Timeline</li> <li>ii. Recruiting for Review and Rank Panel</li> </ul> b. Special CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity	a. Mark Mora, <i>Homebase</i> , and Jaime Jenett, <i>H3</i> b. Jamie Schechter, <i>H3</i>
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a. Regular CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity:  
 Mark Mora provided an update of the CoC 2022 NOFO that was released on August 1<sup>st</sup> and with a deadline of September 30<sup>th</sup>. The presentation included a background, tentative competition deadline, local review and rank process, and recruitment process for the review and rank panel. H3 and Homebase asked COH members who were interested in being part of the Review and Rank Panel process this year and provide their names. Interested members were Juno Hedrick, Shawn Ray, Teri House, Wayne Earl, and Maureen Nelson.

b. Special CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity:  
 Jamie Schechter presented the special CoC NOFO that was released on June 22<sup>nd</sup> with the purpose of discussing the competing risks and benefits, and as a group to provide input and feedback in how to approach this. The presentation included the background with total funding amounts, application process, considerations, potential benefits and risks, and there was time for discussion or questions. Deanne Pearn, COH member, asked if the funding for this special NOFO is one-time or if it will be annually renewable, and also asked for clarification in what type of projects can be submitted. Jamie clarified that this is a separate funding that would eventually be part of a regular CoC funding that will be ongoing moving forward. In terms



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of the type of projects, Jamie answered that supportive housing projects with unfunded needs met are strongly encouraged to apply as well as prevention projects under the HUD definition and service focus projects. H3 will need to find funding gaps between projects where this could be a potential source of revenue to apply for. Jamie also clarified that there are a maximum of 10 awards per State, but there is no guarantee that there will be 10 awards in California. Christy Saxton further explained that the dollars available through this Special NOFO funding are recaptured dollars from existing CoCs that have not spent all of their total funds in previous years.

1:48	<p><b>6. <u>Committee Report Outs- report outs from each of the committees below.</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Nominating Committee             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <b>(ACTION ITEM)</b> Recruit and approve ad hoc committee members</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. Homelessness Awareness Month Committee             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <b>(ACTION ITEM)</b> Recruit and approve ad hoc committee members</li> </ul> </li> <li>c. Youth Action Council (YAC)</li> <li>c. Equity Working Group</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Maddie Nation, <i>Homebase</i></li> <li>b. Jaime Jenett, <i>H3</i></li> <li>c. Juno Hedrick, <i>Chair &amp; Youth Representative</i></li> <li>d. Keva Dean, <i>Community Representative</i> and Juno Hedrick, <i>Chair &amp; Youth Representative</i></li> </ul>
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a. Nominating Committee:

Maddie Nation announced that it was time to call for volunteers for the Nominating Committee, which is responsible for improving and editing the application materials and recruitment process for CoH seats that will open up at the end of the calendar year. She presented some informational slides about the purpose of the committee, time of commitment, tentative schedule, type of volunteers needed, and a list of COH seat terms expiring at the end of 2022.

Motion

- State of Motion:
  - To approve the following COH members to serve on the FY 2022 Nominating Committee: Juno Hedrick, Maureen Nelson, Teri House, and Wayne Earl.
- Discussion
  - None
- Procedural Record
  - Motion made by: Deanne Pearn
  - Seconded by: Keva Dean
  - AYES: Margaret Schiltz; Teri House; Keva Dean; Alejandra Chamberlain; Angela Bullock-Hayes; Wayne Earl; Linae Altman; Deanne Pearn; Tony Ucciferri; Shawn Ray; Maureen Nelson; Juno Hedrick
  - NOES: None
  - ABSTAINS: None
  - ABSENT: Iman Novin; Leslie Gleason; Jo Bruno; Gabriel Lemus; Pat Mims; Masaki Hirayama

b. Homelessness Awareness Month Committee:



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Jaime Jenett announced the need to recruit COH members for the HAM committee and talked briefly about their roles, categories, timeline.

**Motion**

- State of Motion:
  - To approve the following COH members to serve on the FY 2022 Homelessness Awareness Month Committee: Linae Altman, Maureen Nelson, Keva Dean, and Juno Hedrick.
- Discussion
  - None
- Procedural Record
  - Motion made by: Keva Dean
  - Seconded by: Wayne Earl
  - AYES: Margaret Schiltz; Teri House; Keva Dean; Alejandra Chamberlain; Angela Bullock-Hayes; Wayne Earl; Linae Altman; Deanne Pearn; Tony Ucciferri; Shawn Ray; Maureen Nelson; Juno Hedrick
  - NOES: None
  - ABSTAINS: None
  - ABSENT: Iman Novin; Leslie Gleason; Jo Bruno; Gabriel Lemus; Pat Mims; Masaki Hirayama

**c. Youth Action Council (YAC)**

Juno Hedrick informed that the YAC members met on July 26<sup>th</sup> and part of the discussion on this meeting was the Youth Representative position, where the role and priority of this position were shared, and encouraged YAC members to apply. The group continues to recruit new members and to spread the word out.

**d. Equity Working Group:**

Juno Hedrick gave an update about the approval of the establishment of Equity Working Group to review the Contra Costa Raise Equity Report. Part of the review process was to facilitate two community discussions to gather feedback, with one held on August 11<sup>th</sup> for an online forum open for the whole community and one in-person for people with lived experience on August 13<sup>th</sup>.

2:08	<b>7. <u>Old Business</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 6/22 Revised Board of Supervisors Direction re: Advisory Body Live Meetings           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Discussion</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. COVID-19 Updates</li> <li>c. Funding Updates</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Jaime Jenett, <i>H3</i></li> <li>b. Jenny Robbins, <i>H3</i></li> <li>c. Christy Saxton, <i>H3</i></li> </ul>
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a. Revised Board of Supervisors Direction regarding Advisory Body Live Meetings:  
Due to time constraints, this agenda item was tabled.

b. COVID-19 Updates:  
Due to time constraints, this agenda item was tabled.



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c. Funding Updates:

Christy Saxton shared that the City of Richmond was awarded \$4.8M by the State to house unhoused residents who are living at the Castro encampment, and H3 is working alongside them to put out some funding opportunities to contract with housing navigator service providers. Christy shared some slides about the California Board of State and Community Corrections, who will allocate \$2M for housing based on their renewed \$6M grant to expand the Holistic Intervention Partnership Program. Christy also made some quick announcements regarding Measure X and the Homekey Round 3 application. For Homekey Round 3 application, the application process has been delayed and may be ready by end of year or beginning of next year. For Measure X, the Department of Conservation and Development and H3 are working together to establish the dollar amount. Under this measure, the funding amount will be \$10M for the first year, with an additional \$12M every year afterwards. H3 will be using this fund to get an RFP out to use it for the homeless crisis response system and will hire a consultant to run a community process in October.

2:31	<p><b>8. <u>New Business</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 2021 Annual Report</li> <li>b. California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM)</li> <li>c. (ACTION ITEM) Review and Approve Recommendations for 2022 Quarter 2 Report to Board of Supervisors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Jamie Schecter, <i>H3</i></li> <li>b. Dr. Dennis Hsieh, <i>California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal</i></li> <li>c. Jaime Jenett, <i>H3</i></li> </ul>
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a. 2021 Annual Report:

Jamie Schecter presented an overview of the annual report by providing the purpose, CoC budget and comparison based on previous fiscal years, COVID-19 response outlines and impacts on CoC, people served, program model categories, household type, population-age groups, race and ethnicity, disabling condition and chronicity, sub-population exits to permanent housing, next priority steps, and a way to learn more from the full annual report and H3 website.

b. California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM):

Dennis Hsieh presented a high-level overview about CalAIM and gave an introduction of the program, enhanced care management, a list of the five categories that are qualified, how to submit a referral, a list of community support, and how to partner with CCHP. Dennis encouraged people to reach out to him directly for questions.

c. Review and Approve Recommendations for 2022 Quarter 2 Report to Board of Supervisors:

Jaime Jenett briefly discussed the quarterly report background, next steps, and recommendations.

Motion

- State of Motion:
  - To approve the recommendations for 2022 quarter 2 report to Board of Supervisors.



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- Discussion
  - None
- Procedural Record
  - Motion made by: Teri House
  - Seconded by: Tony Ucciferri
  - AYES: Margaret Schiltz; Teri House; Keva Dean; Alejandra Chamberlain; Angela Bullock-Hayes; Wayne Earl; Linae Altman; Tony Ucciferri; Shawn Ray; Maureen Nelson; Juno Hedrick
  - NOES: None
  - ABSTAINS: None
  - ABSENT: Iman Novin; Leslie Gleason; Jo Bruno; Gabriel Lemus; Deanne Pearn; Pat Mims; Masaki Hirayama

2:53	<b>2. <u>Announcements</u></b>	a. All
<p><u>a. General Announcements:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Michael Chavez, H3, announced via chat that CCHP is adding a new Community Advisory Council, and any CCHP MediCal members interested in applying can contact michael.chavez@cchealth.org.</li> </ul>		
2:58	<b>3. <u>Pin It</u></b>	a. Juno Hedrick, <i>Chair &amp; Youth Representative</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The next COH meeting will be on September 15<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 3:00pm.</li> <li>• A list of upcoming meetings was shared and will also be sent via email.</li> </ul>		

## Commonly Used Acronyms

Acronym	Definition
APR	Annual Performance Report (for HUD homeless programs)
BIPOC	Black and Indigenous People of Color
CARE	Coordinated Assessment and Resource
CCYCS	Contra Costa Youth Continuum of Services
CDBG, CDBG-CV	Community Development Block Grant (federal and state programs) and the federal Community Development Block Grant CARES Act coronavirus allocation.
CESH	California Emergency Solutions and Housing program (state funding)
Continuum of Care (CoC)	Continuum of Care approach to assistance to the homeless. Federal grant program promoting and funding permanent solutions to homelessness.
Con Plan	Consolidated Plan, a locally developed plan for housing assistance and urban development under CDBG.
CORE	Coordinated Outreach Referral, Engagement program
COVID-19	Coronavirus
DCD	(Contra Costa County) Department of Conservation and Development
DOC	Department Operations Center





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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.
ESG-CV	Emergency Solutions Grant CARES
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
HHAP	Homeless Housing and Assistance Program
HMIS	Homeless Management Information System
HOME	Home Investment Partnerships (CPD program)
HUD	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (federal)
MHSA	Mental Health Services Act
NOFA/NOFO	Notice of Funding Availability/ Notice of Funding Opportunity
PHA	Public Housing Authority
PUI	Persons Under Investigation
PWLE	People With Lived Experience of Homelessness
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 18-24)
VA	Veterans Affairs (U.S. Department of)
VASH	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing
VI-SPDAT	Vulnerability Index – Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool