

# CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS MEETING

JANUARY 26, 2016, 3:30 - 5:00 PM



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# AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Council Governance and Structure Update
3. Concord Naval Weapons Station Update
4. Health Care for the Homeless Update
5. Zero:2016 Update
6. Committee Updates
7. Policy and Advocacy Opportunities
8. Nuts and Bolts
9. Pin It



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## 2. COUNCIL GOVERNANCE AND STRUCTURE UPDATE

Amanda Stempson, HomeBase;  
Teri House, Council Chair;  
Jaime Jenett, CoC Planning and Policy Manager;  
Lavonna Martin, Chief of Homeless Services

*Update on status of board changes, draft and review agenda  
for Council retreat and set future meeting schedule.*



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# BY-LAWS UPDATE

- By-laws and governance charter revisions from last year have been approved by the Board of Supervisors
- Changes of note: naming conventions
  - **Continuum of Care** = everyone, quarterly (*formerly “Council,” and previously “CCICH”*)
  - **Contra Costa Council on Homelessness** = this group, monthly (*formerly “Executive Board”*)



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# COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS ROSTER

Seat Name	Appointee	Affiliation
<b>Behavioral Health Representative</b>	VACANT	
CoC/ESG Program Grantee	Louise Bourassa	Executive Director, Contra Costa Interfaith Housing
Community Member Seat #1	Teri House	CDBG Consultant, City of Antioch
Community Member Seat #2	Gary Kingsbury	New Life Dream Center
Community Member Seat #3	Janet Kennedy	
<b>Consumer/Consumer Advocate</b>	VACANT	
<b>Education and Vocational Services Representative</b>	VACANT	
Emergency Solutions Grants Representative	Gabriel Lemus	CDBG Program Planner, Contra Costa County
Faith Community Representative	Doug Leich	Multi-Faith ACTION Coalition
Government Seat #1	Kevin Corrigan	Administrators Office, Contra Costa County
Government Seat #2	Brenda Kain	City of Concord
<b>Health Care Representative</b>	VACANT	
Homeless Housing Provider	Dan Sawislak	Executive Director, Resources for Community Development
<b>Philanthropy Representative</b>	VACANT	
Public Housing Authority	Joseph Villarreal	Executive Director, Housing Authority of Contra Costa County
Public Safety Representative	Diane Aguinaga	Captain, Police Department, City of Antioch
Veterans Administration Representative	Tracy Cascio	Homeless Program Manager, Veteran Association Northern California
Consumer/Consumer Advocate - Alternate **	Valerie Sloven	Consumer Specialist, Contra Costa Adult Continuum of Services



# COUNCIL RETREAT: POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS

- Introductions / Icebreaker Activity
- Roles and Responsibility of the Council (review of By-Laws and Governance Charter, Brown Act)
- Overview of Contra Costa Homeless System of Care (look at data, funding, providers, committees)
- Review of 2014 Strategic Plan Update
- Develop Vision and Priorities for 2016 (to support implementation of Strategic Plan goals)



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# COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

- Need to select a new meeting time to accommodate schedules of new appointees and room availability
- Current front runner:
  - Day: 1st Thursdays
  - Time: afternoon
  - Location: ZA Room, 30 Muir Road, Martinez



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# 3. CONCORD NAVAL WEAPONS STATION UPDATE

Amanda Stempson, HomeBase

*Update on latest developments in CNWS base  
conversion process.*



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# CNWS UPDATE

- Selection of master developer delayed in fall due to grievances filed by Catellus
- Cattelus and Lennar will present to Concord City Council on Feb. 13
- Homeless Collaborative and EBHO Concord Committee are working together on advocacy
- Decision on master developer expected by June
- Next steps: CEQA process (approx. one year)



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# 4. HEALTH CARE FOR THE HOMELESS UPDATE

Alvin Silva & Rachael Birch, HCH

*Standing Item. Update on HCH program developments.*



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# 5. ZERO: 2016 UPDATE

Jennifer Baha, Zero: 2016 Coordinator

*Standing Item. Update on 2015 progress on meeting goals and plans for 2016, including information on Housing Security Fund.*



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## 6. COMMITTEE UPDATES

Jaime Jenett, CoC Planning and Policy Manager

*Standing Item. Updates on Coordinated Entry, Performance Measurement, and HMIS Policy Committees.*



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# COORDINATED ENTRY COMMITTEE UPDATE

- Committee began work on development of prevention and diversion aspect of crisis response system in December meeting
- Determined that separate conversations with prevention/diversion providers was needed to develop triage tool
- Committee meetings on hiatus while HomeBase meeting with providers one-on-one
- Will reconvene in March



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# PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT CMTE UPDATE

- System-level performance measures complete for Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, Rapid Re-Housing, and Permanent Supportive Housing
- HomeBase meeting with providers to develop Street Outreach and Supportive Services Only measures
- Once reports developed, will reconvene Performance Measures Committee in March to determine goals



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# HMIS POLICY COMMITTEE UPDATE

- In process of selecting new HMIS software
- Next HMIS Policy Committee meeting:
  - Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>
  - 2 – 4 pm
  - Homeless Program Conference Room



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## 7. POLICY AND ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITIES

Lavonna Martin, Chief of Homeless Services

*Standing Item. Update on implementation of Housing Authority homeless preference, update on local homeless-related ordinances and discussion of Board of Supervisors budget hearings.*



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# HOUSING AUTHORITY HOMELESS PREFERENCE

- HUD Grantees Committee met in August to identify options for establishing a homeless admission preference for the Housing Authority of Contra Costa County



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# HOUSING AUTHORITY HOMELESS PREFERENCE

- HACCC has incorporated the following language into their Admin Plan:
  - **Permanent Supportive Housing Graduation (500 points).** A preference for formerly homeless families who have graduated from a Contra Costa County Continuum of Care (COC) funded permanent supportive housing program, or another homeless housing program participating in the COC Coordinated Entry system, that partners with HACCC such as Shelter Plus Care. A referral from the COC Coordinated Entry system is required to be eligible for this preference.



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# HOUSING AUTHORITY HOMELESS PREFERENCE

- Next Step: HACCC, CCHS, and HomeBase meeting tomorrow to begin to develop referral protocol from Coordinated Entry system utilizing the Housing Placement Committee



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# CRIMINALIZATION OF HOMELESSNESS

- New ordinances passed in Martinez in November
  - Sleeping in Vehicles
  - Trespassing
  - Camping
  - Urination/defecation



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# BUDGET UPDATES

- Board of Supervisors:
  - April 2016 hearings



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# BUDGET UPDATES

- **State:** “No Place Like Home” Initiative, a \$2 billion legislative package proposed by Senate
  - \$2 billion bond to construct PSH for chronically homeless with mental illness
  - \$200 million for short-term rent subsidies while PH is constructed/rehabilitated
  - “Brining Families Home” pilot
  - CalWORKs Housing Support Program
  - Increase in SSI/SSP



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# BUDGET UPDATES

- **Federal: Omnibus Spending Bill**
  - \$2.25 billion in Homeless Assistance Grant funding
    - \$65 million increase from last year, most of which covers higher costs for renewals
    - Includes \$33 million for 10 homeless youth demonstration projects
  - \$60 million for new HUD-VASH housing vouchers
  - Section 8, Public Housing: flat
  - CDBG, HOME: \$4 billion in capital subsidies (flat)



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# 8. NUTS AND BOLTS

*Standing Item. Community announcements.*



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## 9. PIN IT

*Standing Item: Future items of discussion/scheduling to be considered.*



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