



Contra Costa Council on Homelessness Orientation and Meeting

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, and for orchestrating a vision on ending homelessness in the County, educating the community on homeless issues, and advocating on federal, state, and local policy issues affecting people who are homeless or at-risk of 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.

AGENDA

Thursday, April 4, 2019, 1:00 - 4:00pm
50 Douglas Drive, 2nd Floor, Martinez, CA 94553

Time	Agenda Item	Presenter	Desired Outcomes
1:00pm	1. Welcome and Introductions	Lavonna Martin, H3	Welcome new Council Members and the community.
1:15pm	2. Council Member Introductions	Council Members	New Council Members share their backgrounds and connection to homelessness work.
1:30pm	3. Contra Costa Continuum of Care (CoC) Overview	Lavonna Martin, H3	Overview of the Contra Costa CoC and its evolution.
1:45pm	4. Council Roles and Responsibilities	Jaime Jenett, H3	Review of Council's role and expectations of Members; Attendance.
2:00pm	5. CoC Restructure	Lavonna Martin, H3 Jaime Jenett, H3	Present and discuss a draft plan for restructuring the CoC committees and meetings.
2:35pm	Break		
2:45pm	6. Funding Streams	Teri House, Council Member Lavonna Martin, H3	Review of funding streams and new state funding.
3:20pm	7. Approve Minutes (Action Item)	Doug Leich, Chair	Review and adoption of minutes from the February 2019 Council meeting.
3:25pm	8. Council Vice-Chair Election (Action Item)	Jaime Jenett, H3	Election of Vice-Chair Council Member.
3:40pm	9. California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH) Program Funding Approval (Action Item)	Lavonna Martin, H3	Discuss California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH) program and funding opportunity.
3:45pm	10. Community Announcements	All	Standing Item. Community announcements.
3:55pm	11. Pin it	All	Standing Item. Other future items of discussion and scheduling to be considered.

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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