



Contra Costa Council on Homelessness 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

Tuesday, January 26, 2016, 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Contra Costa Housing Authority, 3133 Estudillo St., Martinez

Agenda Item	Presenter	Desired Outcomes
1. Welcome and Introductions	<i>Teri House, Council Chair</i>	<i>Call to order.</i>
2. Council Governance and Structure Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – By-laws – Council Retreat – Meeting schedule 	<i>Amanda Stempson, HomeBase; Teri House, Council Chair; Jaime Jenett, CoC Planning and Policy Manager; Lavonna Martin, Chief of Homeless Services</i>	<i>Update on status of board changes, draft and review agenda for Council retreat and set future meeting schedule.</i>
3. Concord Naval Weapons Station Update	<i>Amanda Stempson, HomeBase</i>	<i>Update on latest developments in CNWS base conversion process.</i>
4. Health Care for the Homeless Update	<i>Alvin Silva, Rachael Birch, Health Care for the Homeless</i>	<i>Standing Item. Update on HCH program developments.</i>
5. Zero:2016 Update	<i>Jennifer Baha, Zero: 2016 Coordinator</i>	<i>Standing Item. Update on 2015 progress on meeting goals and plans for 2016, including information on Housing Security Fund .</i>
6. Committee Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Coordinated Entry – Performance Measurement – HMIS 	<i>Jaime Jenett, CoC Planning and Policy Manager</i>	<i>Standing Item. Updates on Coordinated Entry, Performance Measurement, and HMIS Policy Committees.</i>
7. Policy and Advocacy Opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Homeless preference – Local ordinances – County budget process 	<i>Lavonna Martin, Chief of Homeless Services</i>	<i>Standing Item. Update on implementation of Housing Authority homeless preference, update on local homeless-related ordinances and discussion of Board of Supervisors budget hearings.</i>
8. Nuts & Bolts	<i>All</i>	<i>Standing Item. Community announcements.</i>
9. Pin it	<i>All</i>	<i>Standing Item: Future items of discussion/scheduling to be considered.</i>

COMMONLY USED ACRONYMS

Acronym	Definition
AHAR	Annual Homeless Assessment Report
APR	Annual Performance Report (for HUD homeless programs)
CDBG	Community Development Block Grant (CPD program – federal)
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)
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)
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
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

Unless otherwise noted, Council meetings will be held on the 4th Tuesday every month from 3:30-5:00pm in the ZA Room, 30 Muir Road, Martinez, CA 94553. CoC meetings are held every 3rd Friday in the months of April, July, October, and January from 10:00-12:00 at the ZA Meeting Room, ZA Room, 30 Muir Road, Martinez, CA 94553. Please contact Homeless Program staff at (925) 313-7700.

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