

CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS MEETING

FEBRUARY 2, 2017, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM



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AGENDA

1. Welcome/Introductions
2. Approve Minutes (Action Item)
3. Youth Homelessness Panel Next Steps (Action Item)
4. Filling of Vacant Council Seats (Action Item)
5. By-laws and Governance Charter Update (Action Item)
6. PIT Count Update
7. Coordinated Entry Committee Updates
8. Built for Zero Update
9. MFAC Update
10. Policy and Advocacy Opportunities
11. Nuts & Bolts
12. Pin it



2. APPROVE MINUTES (ACTION ITEM)

Gabriel Lemus, Council Chair

Review and adoption of minutes from the January Council meeting.



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3. YOUTH HOMELESSNESS PANEL NEXT STEPS (ACTION ITEM)

Teri House, Council Vice Chair

Review of possible action steps based on January youth homelessness panel discussion.



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PANEL DISCUSSION ON YOUTH HOMELESSNESS AND TRAFFICKING – 1/20 COC MEETING

Schools: Alejandra Chamberlain, Office of Education

Trafficking: Alex Madsen, Zero Tolerance

Criminal Justice/Probation: Dan Batiuchok, Juvenile Hall

Youth PIT Count: Dana Ewing, Evaluator

Youth Services: Araceli Garcia, Youth Services Manager

Moderator: Teri House, Council on Homelessness (Vice Chair)



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YOUTH HOMELESSNESS PANEL NEXT STEPS

- Additional Partners to include:
 - Healthcare for the Homeless
 - Child Abuse Prevention Council Youth Service Bureau
 - Contra Costa Regional Medical Center and Psychiatric Emergency Services



YOUTH HOMELESSNESS PANEL NEXT STEPS

- Common challenges:
 - Need for more data sharing across systems
 - Need for more collaboration among agencies/providers
 - Difficulties in identifying unaccompanied youth



YOUTH HOMELESSNESS PANEL NEXT STEPS

Proposed Solutions:

- Increase data collection and sharing
- Increase multidisciplinary collaboration and coordination through teams and meetings
- Increase use of trafficking screening tools



YOUTH HOMELESSNESS PANEL NEXT STEPS

Proposed Solutions (Cont.):

- Promote partnerships with health providers, Probation, others
- Apply successes of Built for Zero to focus on youth as a subpopulation
- Youth-specific performance measurement
- Expand youth services offered in East County



YOUTH HOMELESSNESS PANEL NEXT STEPS

- Discussion:
 - Building from the discussions during the panel, what should be our next steps as a Council to address youth homelessness and trafficking?



4. FILLING OF VACANT COUNCIL SEATS (ACTION ITEM)

Nominating Committee

Update on review of applications for Community Seat #3,
and possible action to recommend to BoS.



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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- Alejandra Chamberlain
- Teri House
- Gary Kingsburg
- Dan Sawislak



COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Community Member Seat #3:**
 - Cecelia McCloy
- **Consumer/Consumer Advocate**
Alternate: No applications received.



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5. BY-LAWS AND GOVERNANCE CHARTER UPDATE (ACTION ITEM)

Tara Ozes, HomeBase

Possible action to establish an ad hoc committee to review and propose updates to the Council by-laws and governance charter.



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BY-LAWS AND GOVERNANCE CHARTER UPDATE

- Current Council by-laws and governance charter were approved and adopted by the Board of Supervisors in January 2016
- Article IV, Section 9 states that the Council will review the by-laws and charter annually
- Amendment requires 2/3rds majority vote of sitting Council members
- Amendment takes effect upon approval by Board of Supervisors



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BY-LAWS AND GOVERNANCE CHARTER UPDATE

Items to review include:

- Healthcare for the Homeless language
- Details regarding seat expirations
- Definition of consumer/consumer advocate
- Role of alternates



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BY-LAWS AND GOVERNANCE CHARTER UPDATE

- For discussion: are there other items to focus on in this year's review of our by-laws and governance charter?
- Possible action: establish a 3-5 person ad hoc committee (of current and nominated Council members) to review and propose updates to the by-laws and charter



6. PIT COUNT UPDATE

Jaime Jenett, Health, Housing, and Homeless
Services Division (H3)

Update on 2017 Point-in-Time Count process and
turnout.



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7. COORDINATED ENTRY COMMITTEE UPDATES

Jaime Jenett, Health, Housing, and Homeless Services Division (H3)

Standing Item. Report out on progress made by coordinated entry committees and workgroups.



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CE COMMITTEES UPDATE

Committee	Next Steps
Oversight	Review progress by cmtes and make recommendations to Council on Homelessness on any needed actions
Communications	Review updated fact sheet, infographic; discuss business cards; review draft leave-behind flyer, FAQs, and website design
Policies & Procedures	Review draft policies and procedures for CARE Centers, Warming Center, CORE Outreach Teams, and 2-1-1 Call Center
Data Evaluation	Review baseline data for evaluation metrics



CE WORKGROUPS UPDATE

Workgroup	Next Steps
Prevention/Diversion Tool	Populate resource list for P/D referrals; meet with CARE Centers to review updated tool and discuss referral process
Rapid Re-housing Referral	Develop matrix of eligibility criteria for each RRH program to inform referral policies and procedures
Emergency Shelter Referral	Collect policies and procedures from each shelter to develop matrix of eligibility criteria to inform and align prioritization and referral policies and procedures
Housing Waitlists	Send letters to clients and complete waitlist purge, with qualifying clients being placed through Housing Placement Cmte



TIMELINE OF IMPLEMENTATION

Phase I - February 2017:

- CORE Outreach Teams mobilized
- 211 Call Center begins
 - Referrals to CORE Team
 - Referrals to CARE Centers
- CARE Centers open with Housing Navigation services available on-site
- Warming Center opens in Central County



TIMELINE OF IMPLEMENTATION

Phase II – May 2017:

- 211 implements Prevention and Diversion Screening and Referral Services.



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TIMELINE OF IMPLEMENTATION

Phase III – September 2017:

- 211 begins centralized reservation system for direct placement into emergency shelters.



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8. BUILT FOR ZERO UPDATE

Jennifer Baha, Built for Zero Coordinator, H3

Standing Item. Update regarding progress on Built for Zero campaign.



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9. MFAC UPDATE

Doug Leich, Multi-faith ACTION Coalition

Standing Item. Updates on Multi-faith ACTION Coalition.



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10. POLICY AND ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITIES

Tara Ozes, HomeBase

Presentation on most recently introduced state legislation affecting homeless programs.



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STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATES – AB 210

Jan. 23, 2017: **AB 210** introduced; bill to create homeless adult, child, and family multidisciplinary personnel team.

- Goal: Helping counties facilitate expedited identification, assessment, and linkage to housing and services through sharing of confidential information.



STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATES – AB 210

Definition of “Homeless”:

- Different than HUD –
- **“any recorded instance** of an adult, child, or family self-identifying as homeless **within the most recent 12 months, or any element contained in service utilization records indicating”** this experience.



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STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATES – AB 210

Low Threshold to Disclose: Person disclosing must **reasonably believe** info **generally relevant** to ID, reduce, or eliminate homelessness or to the provision of services.

- Protocols developed by the county, subject to state/federal privacy laws.



STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATES – AB 210

Origin: Modeled on legislation authorizing creation of similar teams to combat child abuse.

- Interaction with other sections: May disclose info related to “**any incident of child abuse or neglect**” if “**reasonably believes it is generally relevant to the provision of services.**”
- Timeline: May be heard in committee February 23, 2017.

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB210



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STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATES – AB 74

Dec. 16, 2016: AB 74 introduced; bill to establish the **Housing for a Healthy California Program**.

- Would require HCD to establish program before Oct. 1, 2018, and by April 1, 2019, and every following year, award grants on a competitive basis to applicant counties.



STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATES – AB 74

- Would provide funding for **long-term rental assistance** and **interim housing**.
- Eligibility: County residents eligible to receive assistance through a grant awarded under the program if he or she meets HCD specified requirements, including that the person is **homeless**, is a **Medi-Cal beneficiary**, is **eligible for SSI**, and is **likely to improve his or her health** with supportive services.



STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATES – AB 74

Origin: Identical to 2016 bill AB 2821, creating a Rental Assistance Program linking services with housing, to “break cycle of homelessness.”

- Timeline: Referred to the committees on Housing and Community Development and Health on January 19, 2017.

<https://www.housingca.org/our-positions-on-current-bills>



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11. NUTS & BOLTS

Standing Item: Share Community Announcements



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12. PIN IT

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

*Our next Council on Homelessness meeting will be
Thursday, March 1st, 2017.*



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