

California Behavioral Health Planning Council

Housing and Homelessness Committee Agenda

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Sheraton Fisherman's Wharf Hotel
2500 Mason Street, San Francisco, CA 94133
Marina 1 Room
8:30am to 12:00pm

8:30am	Welcome and Introductions <i>Deborah Starkey, Chairperson</i>	
8:35am	Approve January 2019 Meeting Minutes <i>Deborah Starkey, Chairperson</i>	Tab 1
8:40am	Adult Residential Facilities (ARF) Project Update <i>Eva Smith, CBHPC Staff</i>	Tab 2
9:00am	Confirm Template Questions for Assessing Housing Models <i>Deborah Starkey, Chairperson</i>	Tab 3
9:10am	Housing and Homelessness Legislation / Information <i>Eva Smith, CBHPC Staff</i>	Tab 4
9:40am	Public Comment	
9:45am	Break	
10:00am	Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC) Presentation <i>Gary McCoy, HCFC Member</i>	Tab 5
11:15am	Discuss Work Plan Priorities <i>Deborah Starkey, Chairperson</i>	Tab 6
11:45am	Evaluate Meeting and Develop Next Meeting Agenda <i>Deborah Starkey, Chairperson</i>	
11:55am	Public Comment	
12:00pm	Adjourn	

The scheduled times on the agenda are estimates and subject to change.

Officers: Deborah Starkey, Chairperson Vera Calloway, Chair-Elect

California Behavioral Health Planning Council

Committee Members: Raja Mitry, Barbara Mitchell, Lorraine Flores, Gerald White, John Black, Arden Tucker, Darlene Prettyman, Patricia Bennet, Monica Wilson, Niki Dhillon, Steve Leoni, Christine Costa, Sokhear Sous

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California Behavioral Health Planning Council Housing and Homelessness Committee (HHC) Meeting

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Agenda Item: Approve January 2019 Meeting Minutes

Enclosures: Draft Minutes for January 2019 HHC Meeting

How This Agenda Item Relates to Council Mission

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The minutes are a means to document and archive the activities and/or discussions of the Housing and Homelessness Committee in an effort to demonstrate how the Council has applied its mission and vision.

Background/Information:

Housing and Homelessness Committee to review and approve draft meeting minutes for January 17, 2019.

Housing and Homelessness (HHC)

January 17, 2019 – Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Committee Members Present:

Raja Mitry	Vera Calloway
Lorraine Flores	Niki Dhillon
Barbara Mitchell	Gerald White
John Black	Steve Leoni
Deborah Starkey	Arden Tucker
Christine Costa	Monica Caffey
Sokhear Sous	

Staff Present:

Jane Adcock, Eva Smith

Welcome and Introductions / Changing of Officers:

This was the third meeting for this committee. Members were welcomed and introductions were completed. Barbara Mitchell welcomed Deborah Starkey as new chair, and Vera Calloway as Chair-elect.

October 2018 Meeting Minutes:

Lorraine Flores motioned to approve minutes from June meeting, Monica Caffey second. October meeting minutes were approved with Arden Tucker abstaining.

Adult Residential Facility (ARF) Project:

Jane Adcock provided update on the ARF project and shared that at the November 2018 Executive Committee meeting there was approval by committee members to hire a consultant to provide expertise to assist with research, data gathering, and forming connections with key agencies for collaboration. Jane shared that Jenny Bayardo participated in a meeting with Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) budget staff; there are sufficient funds to hire a consultant and a scope of work is currently being drafted. The proposal has been demonstrated to not conflict with the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) or Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG). Jane also shared that the Council was contacted by the Steinberg Institute due to their interest and concern about moving persons out of facilities that burned and/or were damaged from the Paradise fires.

Jane Adcock also discussed that Governor Newsom has expressed his commitment to the mental health system, housing crisis and homelessness; as a committee, HHC will track what he is proposing and funding for these issues in order to provide recommendations as appropriate.

Barbara Mitchell suggested Niki Dhillon, Housing and Community Development (HCD) representative, help HHC remain aware of regulations as they are updated.

Niki Dhillon reiterated California Emergency Solutions and Housing Program (CESH) – there are no regulations or guidelines, and are implemented strictly from statute. Housing for a Healthy California (HHC) is a permanent source (Prop 2 real-estate transactions), with the first year of set-aside funds for homelessness, and a portion going to CESH, other portion to HHC. The ongoing funding will go directly to counties. Regulations are currently being worked on for the permanent source.

Template Questions for Assessing Housing Models:

Committee members engaged in thorough discussion to add to the list of housing assessment questions.

Monica Caffey discussed the challenges she has experienced in her county with Coordinated Entry (CE), and that it is slowing the process to find housing, and is limiting to persons when not eligible for particular programs. Barbara Mitchell suggested that this committee make recommendations to the State on CE. Lorraine Flores reported that due to CE, she has experienced added complications, and better placement and services occur when provided by the agency.

Committee members also discussed ‘Housing First’ policy challenges and the low success for persons who are active substance users. Christine Costa added that other tenants in ‘Housing First’ complexes feel their safety is threatened when disrupted by active substance users, which affects other tenants who are doing well in housing.

Housing and Homelessness Updates / Information:

Eva Smith presented informational updates related to housing and homelessness including: Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC) updates from their October 9, 2018 meeting, HCFC’s two recent publications (State Resources to Address California’s Homeless Crisis and California’s State Homelessness Funding Programs), and recent storage centers (Storage Connect Center) that opened in San Diego to provide a safe and secure location for persons that are homeless to store their belongings.

Barbara Mitchell expressed concern for the lack of behavioral health representation in HCFC. Jane Adcock reported that Marianne Cantwell, Chief Deputy Director, represents Department of Health Care Services, and thus represents the mental health and substance use disorder division.

Gerald White mentioned that Stephanie Welch, Executive Officer for Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health, sits on HCFC. Jane Adcock reported that Gary McCoy, Council member of HCFC, has lived experience and has proposed a behavioral health subcommittee will be presenting for the committee in April 2019.

Vera Calloway suggested a broader audience for the committee’s work plan goal to develop a white paper, so more are informed as 211 is not always helpful. Vera also proposed to include solutions for helping persons in advance of becoming homeless.

Jane Adcock shared about a useful website resource, 'Network of Care.' This resource is a platform that is used nationally and provides regularly updated descriptions of a variety of services including housing resources that are specific to cities, counties and communities.

Raja Mitry suggested that housing resources and other community services be posted at public libraries.

Public Comment:

Stacy Delgleash, of Los Angeles County, representing the Mental Health Commission and the Homelessness Steering Committee in Santa Monica, reported that she will find out of other storage centers that exist and their outcome successes to utilize for state-level advocacy to encourage these services to be provided.

Dreams for Change Presentation:

Teresa Smith, CEO for Dreams for Change, a local non-profit in San Diego, presented on the agency's innovative services to address their homeless population. The organization's programs and services include: workforce development (communication skills, resume building, culinary skills, etc.), food and nutrition support, financial literacy, senior support, safe parking, and utilizing food trucks to transport food to seniors, to families in the community, and as a means to develop workforce skills.

Work Plan Development Discussion:

Barbara Mitchell suggested the work plan goal to review legislation that mandates using 'Housing First' policy and make recommendations based on what is working and not working since it has been implemented.

Niki Dhillon concurred with the work plan goal and shared that part of her role in working for HCD is to update regulations and guidelines for the 'Housing First' state law. She agreed to make recommendations to the legislature on these state mandates and that it will be impactful coming from this committee.

Barbara Mitchell and Steve Leoni also suggested to advocate for people at the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) level and below, as they are the most impoverished. Barbara proposed that the committee potentially put together a county by county chart depicting fair market rent and area median income to compare affordability for persons receiving SSI. Niki Dhillon will check with HCD if a chart like this already exists.

Steve Leoni suggested researching an innovation project developed by Solano County, which is a pilot project to house persons that are homeless in tiny home shelters.

Barbara Mitchell also suggested researching housing models that are successful for active substance users.

Sokhear Sous vocalized her interest in finding solutions to help persons transition out of Institution for Mental Disease (IMDs) as well as from board and cares to lower levels of care.

Public Comment:

Theresa Comstock, Executive Director for the Local Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions suggested a small panel work together to address the continuum of transitional needs when helping persons move to lower levels of care.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:00pm

**California Behavioral Health Planning Council
Housing and Homelessness Committee (HHC) Meeting**
Thursday, April 18, 2019

Agenda Item: Adult Residential Facilities (ARFs) Project Update

Enclosures: ARF Project Work Plan

How This Agenda Item Relates to Council Mission

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The ARF project advocates for more accessible and effective housing options for persons with serious mental illness that provide the appropriate level of care. Proper housing placement in the community is essential for optimal recovery following stays in acute and in-patient treatment programs, hospitals, short-term residential or transitional residential treatment programs and/or correctional institutions. This particular focus for advocacy is to assure that the behavioral health system is accountable, which includes, an appropriate housing continuum that match the needs of persons with serious mental illness.

Background/Information:

The Council developed the issue paper - Adult Residential Facilities (ARFs): highlighting the critical need for adult residential facilities for adults with serious mental illness in California. Its primary purpose is to discuss barriers to, and the need for, increasing access to appropriately staffed and maintained Adult Residential Facilities (ARFs) for adults, including seniors, with mental illness. The paper is an effort to generate dialogue to identify possible solutions to those barriers.

The paper can be found on the CBHPC website:

<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/MH/Documents/Legislation-Committee/2018-ARF-Final.pdf>

The ARF project was initiated by the former Advocacy Committee. With the Council's new committee structure/focus, select members from the new Legislation and Housing and Homelessness Committees volunteered to form a workgroup. The Housing and Homelessness Committee will lead this project until proposed legislation is on the horizon.

An update on the March 13, 2019 meeting will be provided. The meeting addressed three priority goals of the workgroup:

- Financial Barriers
- Regulatory Barriers
- Zoning and Community Resistance

Additionally, the workgroup heard presentations from a workgroup member to discuss the financial barrier challenges faced when opening an Adult Residential Facility in Trinity County, the Steinberg Institute to discuss proposed legislation and a forum they will host on April 11, 2019 at the State Capitol and from Yolo County Health and Human Services to share their findings of their Board and Care Innovation Study Project.

California Behavioral Health Planning Council Adult Residential Facility (ARF) Project Workgroup Work Plan 2019

Goal #1

Objective

Identify the regulatory barriers inhibiting Adult Residential Facilities from serving individuals with serious mental illness.

Activities

- Identify problematic regulations.
 - Research the basis of the identified regulations.
 - Develop recommendations for the California Department of Social Services (CDSS).
 - Present the recommendations to the CDSS and engage in negotiations.
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Goal #2

Objective

Address the financial barriers that inhibit persons with serious mental illness from being served by Adult Residential Facilities.

Activities

- Explore financial models used by other populations, including the Developmentally Disabled Community.
 - Utilize the information gathered to design a financial model.
 - Identify potential fund source.
 - Propose legislation to support the financial model designed and identified funding.
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Goal #3

**California Behavioral Health Planning Council
Adult Residential Facility (ARF) Project Workgroup
Work Plan 2019**

Objective

Address land use requirements and community resistance, which create additional barriers for Adult Residential Facilities.

Activities

- Identify the origin of the land use and zoning permit requirements.
- Identify materials and compile a tool kit to address community resistance.
- Disperse tool kits to the Mental Health Boards and Commissions.

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**California Behavioral Health Planning Council
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Agenda Item: Confirm Template Questions for Assessing Housing Models

Enclosures: Draft Template Questions

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This agenda item allows for the development of formalized assessment questions of housing programs and services across the State. This enables the Council to adequately evaluate the system and make recommendations.

Background/Information:

At the October 2018 meeting, HHC members determined that developing ‘template questions’ to use when assessing housing models would be beneficial for consistent information gathering from programs in different areas of California. Attached are the compiled template questions proposed by committee members at the October 2018 and January 2019 meeting.

HHC advocates on legislation and regulatory matters related to the housing crisis in California as well as funding and programs to serve persons who have mental illness and are homeless. HHC monitors, reviews, evaluates and recommends improvements in the delivery of housing services to address the state’s homeless population.

Draft Housing Model Assessment Template Questions

- Describe the housing model and/or services provided.
 - What is the length of time they are eligible for services?
 - What are the rules and/or applicant restrictions?
 - What are the occupancy rules?
- Who is the target population?
- What are the goals of the program?
 - What are the outcomes over the last 12 months?
- How is it financed?
 - Is funding leveraged from the county level?
- Are subsidies provided?
- Is it permanent housing? Is there a lease?
- Are medical and/or mental health services provided? By whom?
- Is participation in services mandatory or optional?

California Behavioral Health Planning Council
Housing and Homelessness Committee (HHC) Meeting
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Agenda Item: Housing and Homelessness Legislation / Information

Enclosures: See below

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Part of effectively evaluating the behavioral health system involves analyzing current and proposed legislation through the lens of the Council's mission, vision and guiding principles. Due to the Council's new committee structure/focus, it is important to support members in the new subject matter and inform of state-level projects that are current, and on the horizon, for housing and homelessness. Only when properly informed, is the Council able to best evaluate the behavioral health system and advocate for accountable services.

Background/Information:

Legislation: The committee will discuss these bills and recommend any positions taken by the Legislation Committee (LC) at their meeting on April 17, 2019.

AB 307: Homeless Youth: Grant Program

Full Bill Text:

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB307&firstNav=racking

SB 333: Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council

Full Bill Text:

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB333&firstNav=racking

AB 58: Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council

Full Bill Text:

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB58&firstNav=tracking

AB 67: Individuals or families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness: Definition

Full Bill Text:

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB67&firstNav=tracking

Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC): Council staff have been involved with HCFC through participation in their quarterly meetings and tracking their projects and activities. HCFC's most recent publications on funding programs to address homelessness in California are attached and can be viewed in the links below.

Enclosures:

- State Resources to Address California's Homeless Crisis
https://www.bcsh.ca.gov/hcfc/documents/heap_funding_resources.pdf
- California State Homelessness Funding Programs
https://www.bcsh.ca.gov/hcfc/documents/heap_funding_matrix.pdf

San Francisco Homeless Outreach Team: The San Francisco Homeless Outreach Team (SFHOT) was developed by the Department of Public Health (DPH) as a public health response to engage and stabilize the most vulnerable and at risk homeless individuals and to help prevent harmful effects of homelessness.

Enclosures:

- San Francisco Homeless Outreach Team Details
<http://hsh.sfgov.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/SFHOT-Information-7.8.16.pdf>

Legislation

AB 307: Homeless Youth: Grant Program

Existing law establishes the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council and requires the council to set and measure progress toward goals to prevent and end homelessness among youth in California by setting specific, measurable goals aimed at preventing and ending homelessness among youth in the state and defining outcome measures and gathering data related to the goals.

This bill would require the council to develop and administer a grant program to support young people experiencing homelessness and prevent and end homelessness. The program would be funded by a combination of funds provided to the council by the State Department of Health Care Services from the Youth Education, Prevention, Early Intervention and Treatment Account, funds appropriated by the Legislature, and gifts and donations made to the council for that purpose. The bill would make an appropriation to the council from the General Fund in the amount of the difference between that funding and \$100,000,000.

The bill would specify the entities eligible to apply for grant funding and identify specific information to be included in the grant application. The bill would require preference for funding to be given to entities with certain characteristics, including those that participate in the development of a local, youth-centered, coordinated entry system. The bill would require grant funds to be used both to provide supportive services, as specified, and to establish or expand housing programs. The bill would require a grant recipient to submit data and annual progress reports to the council and agree to meet quality improvement goals, accept technical assistance, and submit to annual site monitoring visits by the council, as specified. The bill would require the council, by January 10, 2021, and each January 10 thereafter, to submit a report to the Legislature on the data received from grant recipients.

SECTION 1.

It is the intent of the Legislature to do both of the following:

(a) Prevent or reduce the incidence of substance use disorders among homeless youth by providing services in the most efficient and effective way, including housing, if appropriate, and to reduce the exposure to trauma as a result of homelessness that has been shown to be a precursor to substance use disorders.

(b) Address the needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) youth, who account for up to 40 percent of the homeless youth population nationwide and experience substance abuse risk factors, including homelessness and family rejection, more than their non-LGBTQ peers. Research indicates that young adults who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or queer use alcohol 1.3 times more often, use cannabis 1.6 times more often, use injectable drugs 2.9 times more often, and use cocaine 3.3 times more often than their non-LGBTQ peers. LGBTQ youth engage in substance abuse more often than their non-LGBTQ peers as a means of coping

with societal stigma, discrimination, and family rejection, which often leaves them without a home or supportive adult.

SEC. 2.

Section 8262 is added to the Welfare and Institutions Code, immediately following Section 8261, to read:

8262.

(a) The council shall, subject to the availability of funding for that purpose, develop and administer a grant program to support young people experiencing homelessness and prevent and end homelessness among California's youth.

(b) In the development and administration of the grant program described in subdivision (a), the council shall do all of the following:

(1) Solicit annual progress reports from each grant recipient.

(2) Annually review the programs developed by each grant recipient using grant funds for effectiveness in meeting stated project outcomes and engaging in continuous quality improvement activities.

(3) Conduct monitoring visits to each grant recipient, as specified in the guidelines adopted pursuant to paragraph (5), in order to provide technical assistance in areas identified as needing improvement.

(4) Collect and report on data, as described in subdivisions (l) and (m).

(5) Adopt guidelines, as described in Section 8256.

(c) The council may enter into an interagency agreement with another department or agency for the administration of the grant program created pursuant to this section.

(d) (1) Grants awarded pursuant to this section shall be awarded in three-year grant cycles and, subject to the availability of funding, shall be funded from one or more of the following sources:

(A) Funds received by the council from the Youth Education, Prevention, Early Intervention and Treatment Account established pursuant to subdivision (f) of Section 34019 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, for programs that are determined by the appropriate agency to meet the requirements of that subdivision. Funds received pursuant to this paragraph shall not be expended for administrative duties of the council.

(B) Funds appropriated to the council by the Legislature for the purposes of this section.

(C) Gifts and donations made to the council for the purposes of this section.

(2) If the annual amount received by the council from the sources identified in paragraph (1) is less than one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000), funds in the amount of the difference between the amount received and one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) are hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the council for the purposes of this section.

(e) Either of the following types of entities are eligible to apply for a grant to operate a homeless youth program:

(1) A private, nonprofit agency with a demonstrated record of success and experience in the delivery of services to youth experiencing homelessness or at-risk youth.

(2) A continuum of care entity with a demonstrated record of success. An entity that is awarded a grant shall not use more than 10 percent of the grant for administrative purposes.

(f) The grant application shall include all of the following:

(1) Evidence that services will be provided within the positive youth development framework and that the agency's or entity's policies and procedures address cultural competence, including, but not limited to, language appropriateness, cultural sensitivity, and the complex identities related to sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, and gender expression, so that all youth are assured that programs are safe, inclusive, and nonstigmatizing by design and in operation.

(2) If an agency described in paragraph (1) of subdivision (e) is proposing to serve a geographic area covered by a continuum of care entity, a letter from the local continuum of care entity or county that identifies whether the applicant participates in the local planning process for addressing homelessness.

(3) An explanation of how the services to be provided using grant funds will address substance use disorders or the risk of substance abuse among the population it intends to serve and how it intends to ensure that participating youth receive services that provide education, prevention, early intervention, and timely treatment services.

(g) Preference in the award of grants shall be given to entities that demonstrate each of the following:

(1) Involvement of a network of youth-serving agencies in the delivery of services to young people experiencing homelessness.

(2) Participation in a local continuum of care.

(3) Utilization of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

(4) Participation in development of a local, youth-centered, coordinated entry system, including diversion.

(5) Intent to work with other entities to develop or implement a local plan to reduce homelessness among homeless youth.

(h) Preference in the award of grants may be given to entities that propose to provide services in a geographic area where similar services are not provided and there is a demonstrated need for those services.

(i) (1) A grant recipient shall use grant funds to provide a wide array of supportive services including, at a minimum, all of the following:

(A) Drug abuse education, prevention, and treatment services.

(B) Transitional living plan and services.

(C) Access to education and employment assistance, including literacy and vocational training.

(D) Independent living skill development, economic stability, and mobility services.

(E) Counseling and case management services.

(F) Screening, assessment, and treatment or referral of behavioral and physical healthcare services.

(G) Services for pregnant and parenting youth.

(H) Services for LGBTQ youth.

(I) Legal services.

(J) Family support, including family reunification, when safe and appropriate, and engagement and intervention, when appropriate.

(K) Family finding services to identify appropriate family members.

(L) Adequate supervision of minors, and availability of services for all participants.

(M) Outreach to young people experiencing homelessness.

(N) Aftercare and follow-up services, including relapse prevention.

(O) Housing navigation services.

(2) A grant recipient shall proactively engage homeless youth to determine which supportive services meet the needs of each participant and, if appropriate, the participant's family.

(3) A grant recipient shall not prevent a youth from entering housing, or discharge or evict a youth from a housing program, on the basis of lack of participation in supportive services.

(j) (1) A grant recipient shall use grant funds to establish or expand one or more of the following housing programs, which utilizes evidence-based housing and services models, for homeless youth or youth at risk of homelessness:

(A) Rental assistance.

(B) Nontime-limited supportive housing.

(C) Transitional housing.

(D) Posttransitional housing assistance.

(E) Rapid rehousing.

(F) Flexible rental subsidies.

(G) Host homes.

(H) A runaway and homeless youth shelter licensed pursuant to Section 1502.35 of the Health and Safety Code.

(I) Shelters for homeless youth.

(2) A grant recipient shall develop a plan in collaboration with a youth to meet the youth's housing needs.

(k) (1) A shelter program established using grant funds awarded under this section shall provide the services described in Section 13701; outreach to homeless youth, as described in Section 576.101 of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations; and, if appropriate for a specific youth, drug abuse education, prevention and treatment services, and either a drug abuse treatment program or a referral to a drug abuse treatment program.

(2) Subcontractors may be used to fulfill the requirements of paragraph (1).

(3) No more than 40 percent of the grant funds received by a grant recipient each year may be used to establish, expand, or operate a shelter program.

(l) (1) Each grant recipient shall submit data and annual progress reports to the council and agree to meet continuous quality improvement goals, accept technical assistance, if available, and submit to site monitoring visits by the council.

(2) The council shall collect data from grant recipients and utilize HMIS data, to the extent possible, to ensure that appropriate and high-quality services are being delivered to youth experiencing homelessness. Data collected pursuant to this paragraph shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following:

(A) The number of youth served each year by the grant recipient.

(B) The dependency status, delinquency status, housing status, family reunification status, and runaway status of the youth served each year by the grant recipient.

(C) The type and number of services utilized by the youth served by the grant recipient each year.

(D) The types of housing assistance accessed by the youth served by the grant recipient each year.

(E) The distribution of the length of time each youth receives services from the grant recipient.

(F) Any available outcome data for the youth served by the grant recipient, including, but not limited to, housing stabilization, duration and number of experiences of homelessness prior to, while, and after receiving family reunification services, educational achievement, skills acquisition, and employment status.

(m) (1) The council shall provide a report to the Legislature on the data received from grant recipients pursuant to subdivision (l) by January 10, 2021, and each January 10 thereafter.

(2) A report submitted pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government Code.

(n) A grant recipient that intends to serve minors shall provide an annual training to employees who are mandated reporters under the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act (Article 2.5 (commencing with Section 11164) of Chapter 2 of Title 1 of Part 4 of the Penal Code). The training shall include, at a minimum, a discussion of duties under the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act, how to identify child abuse and neglect, and how to make a report pursuant to the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act. Grant funds may be used to provide the annual training.

(o) Receipt of housing or supportive services funded pursuant to this section does not constitute the provision of support to a minor for the purpose of determining whether a minor has been left without any provision for support, as described in subdivision (g) of Section 300, and shall not prevent the minor from being adjudged a dependent child of the court pursuant to subdivision (g) of Section 300.

(p) Grant funds received pursuant to this section shall be used to supplement existing levels of service, and shall not be used to supplant existing local, state, or federal funding.

SB 333: Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council

Existing law establishes various programs, including, among others, the Emergency Housing and Assistance Program, to provide assistance to homeless persons. Existing law requires a state agency or department that funds, implements, or administers a state program that provides housing or housing-related services to people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness, except as specified, to revise or adopt guidelines and regulations to include

enumerated Housing First policies. Existing law establishes the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council to oversee the implementation of the Housing First guidelines and regulations and, among other things, to identify resources, benefits, and services that can be accessed to prevent and end homelessness in California.

This bill would require the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council, by July 1, 2021, to develop and implement a statewide strategic plan for addressing homelessness in the state, as specified. The bill would require the council, by January 1, 2021, to implement strategic plans to assist federal Housing and Urban Development Continuum of Care lead agencies in better implementing Housing and Urban Development recommended activities and meeting Housing and Urban Development requirements.

SECTION 1.

Section 8258.5 is added to the Welfare and Institutions Code, to read:

8258.5.

In addition to the other duties described in this chapter, the coordinating council shall do all of the following:

(a) By July 1, 2021, develop and implement a statewide strategic plan for addressing homelessness in the state. This plan shall include goals and objectives and timelines for achieving them, and metrics for measuring their achievements. Included among the goals and objectives shall be the identification of additional funding sources that state and local agencies can use to better address homelessness issues in the state.

(b) By January 1, 2021, implement strategic plans to assist HUD Continuum of Care lead agencies to do either or both of the following:

(1) Better implement federal Housing and Urban Development recommended activities, including conducting annual counts of the unsheltered homeless population, raising nonfederal funding, and coordinating with other agencies.

(2) Better meet federal Housing and Urban Development requirements, including implementation of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and entry systems. The state homeless council shall include among its considerations the establishment of a balance of state Continuum of Care areas to help alleviate the administrative burdens imposed on Continuum of Care lead agencies, especially in rural areas.

AB 58: Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council

Existing law requires the Governor to create the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council to, among other things, identify mainstream resources, benefits, and services that can be accessed to prevent and end homelessness in California. Existing law requires the Governor to appoint up to 17 members of the council, including representatives from specified state

agencies and departments, and state advocates or other members of the public or state agencies at the Governor's discretion.

This bill would additionally require the Governor to appoint a representative from the State Department of Education to be a member of the council.

SECTION 1.

Section 8257 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is amended to read:

8257.

(a) The Governor shall create a Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council.

(b) The council shall have all of the following goals:

(1) To oversee implementation of this chapter.

(2) To identify mainstream resources, benefits, and services that can be accessed to prevent and end homelessness in California.

(3) To create partnerships among state agencies and departments, local government agencies, participants in the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's Continuum of Care Program, federal agencies, the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness, nonprofit entities working to end homelessness, homeless services providers, and the private sector, for the purpose of arriving at specific strategies to end homelessness.

(4) To promote systems integration to increase efficiency and effectiveness while focusing on designing systems to address the needs of people experiencing homelessness, including unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age.

(5) To coordinate existing funding and applications for competitive funding. Any action taken pursuant to this paragraph shall not restructure or change any existing allocations or allocation formulas.

(6) To make policy and procedural recommendations to legislators and other governmental entities.

(7) To identify and seek funding opportunities for state entities that have programs to end homelessness, including, but not limited to, federal and philanthropic funding opportunities, and to facilitate and coordinate those state entities' efforts to obtain that funding.

(8) To broker agreements between state agencies and departments and between state agencies and departments and local jurisdictions to align and coordinate resources, reduce administrative burdens of accessing existing resources, and foster common applications for services, operating, and capital funding.

(9) To serve as a statewide facilitator, coordinator, and policy development resource on ending homelessness in California.

(10) To report to the Governor, federal Cabinet members, and the Legislature on homelessness and work to reduce homelessness.

(11) To ensure accountability and results in meeting the strategies and goals of the council.

(12) To identify and implement strategies to fight homelessness in small communities and rural areas.

(13) To create a statewide data system or warehouse that collects local data through Homeless Management Information Systems, with the ultimate goal of matching data on homelessness to programs impacting homeless recipients of state programs, such as Medi-Cal (Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 14000) of Part 3 of Division 9) and CalWORKs (Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 11200) of Part 3 of Division 9).

(14) Setting goals to prevent and end homelessness among California's youth.

(15) Working to improve the safety, health, and welfare of young people experiencing homelessness in the state.

(16) Increasing system integration and coordinating efforts to prevent homelessness among youth who are currently or formerly involved in the child welfare system or the juvenile justice system.

(17) Leading efforts to coordinate a spectrum of funding, policy, and practice efforts related to young people experiencing homelessness.

(18) Identifying best practices to ensure homeless minors who may have experienced maltreatment, as described in Section 300, are appropriately referred to, or have the ability to self-refer to, the child welfare system.

(c) (1) The Governor shall appoint up to 17 members of the council as follows:

(A) The Secretary of Business, Consumer Services, and Housing, or his or her designee, who shall serve as chair of the council.

(B) A representative from the Department of Transportation.

(C) A representative from the Department of Housing and Community Development.

(D) A representative of the State Department of Social Services.

(E) A representative of the California Housing Finance Agency.

(F) A representative of the State Department of Health Care Services.

(G) A representative of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

- (H) A representative of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.*
- (I) A representative from the State Department of Education.*
- (J) A representative from the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee in the Treasurer's office.*
- (K) A representative of the Victim Services Program within the Division of Grants Management within the Office of Emergency Services.*
- (L) A formerly homeless person who lives in California.*
- (M) A formerly homeless youth who lives in California.*
- (N) Two representatives of local agencies or organizations that participate in the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's Continuum of Care Program.*
- (O) State advocates or other members of the public or state agencies, at the Governor's discretion.*
- (2) The Senate Committee on Rules and the Speaker of the Assembly shall each appoint one member to the council from two different stakeholder organizations.*
- (3) The council may, at its discretion, invite stakeholders, individuals who have experienced homelessness, members of philanthropic communities, and experts to participate in meetings or provide information to the council.*
- (d) The council shall hold public meetings at least once every quarter.*
- (e) The members of the council shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.*
- (f) Within existing funding, the council may establish working groups, task forces, or other structures from within its membership or with outside members to assist it in its work. Working groups, task forces, or other structures established by the council shall determine their own meeting schedules.*
- (g) The members of the council shall serve without compensation, except that members of the council who are, or have been, homeless may receive reimbursement for travel, per diem, or other expenses.*
- (h) The Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency shall provide staff for the council.*
- (i) The members of the council may enter into memoranda of understanding with other members of the council to achieve the goals set forth in this chapter, as necessary, in order to facilitate communication and cooperation between the entities the members of the council represent.*

(j) There shall be an executive director of the council under the direction of the Secretary of Business, Consumer Services, and Housing.

(k) The council shall be under the direction of the executive director and staffed by employees of the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency.

AB 67: Individuals or families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness: Definition

Existing law provides various housing and supportive services for individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, and defines the terms “homeless” and “at risk of homelessness” for those purposes, as specified. Existing law requires the Governor to create the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council to, among other things, identify mainstream resources, benefits, and services that can be accessed to prevent and end homelessness in California.

Existing federal law, the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, establishes various programs and grants to provide a range of services to homeless individuals and families, and defines the terms “homeless,” “homeless individual,” and “homeless person” to mean, among other things, an individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence or an individual who resided in a shelter or place not meant for human habitation and who is exiting an institution where the individual temporarily resided.

This bill would require the coordinating council to compile a list of federal, state, and local funding sources, programs, and services for addressing homelessness, and the definitions of “homeless” and “at risk of homelessness” used for those purposes, and would require state and local governmental entities that provide programs and services to individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, or funding for those programs and services, to provide the coordinating council with the existing definitions of those terms. The bill would require the coordinating council, in consultation with those state and local governmental entities, to develop and recommend in a report to the Legislature the funding sources, programs, and services for which the definitions of “homeless” and “at risk of homelessness” that are used for those purposes may be aligned to ensure a continuum of care for individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The bill would require the coordinating council to post the report on its internet website. By imposing new duties on local agencies, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to the statutory provisions noted above.

SECTION 1.

Section 8258 is added to the Welfare and Institutions Code, to read:

8258.

(a) The coordinating council shall compile a list of federal, state, and local funding sources, programs, and services for addressing homelessness, and the definitions of “homeless” and “at risk of homelessness” used for those purposes.

(b) State and local governmental entities that provide programs and services to individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, or funding for those programs and services, shall provide the coordinating council with the existing definitions of “homeless” and “at risk of homelessness,” used for those purposes.

(c) The coordinating council, in consultation with state and local governmental entities specified in subdivision (b), shall develop and recommend in a report to the Legislature the funding sources, programs, and services for which the definitions of “homeless” and “at risk of homelessness” that are used for those purposes may be aligned to ensure a continuum of care for individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The coordinating council shall review and consider the existing definitions of those terms, as provided by the state and local governmental entities pursuant to subdivision (b) and in state laws and regulations and the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 11302), in making its recommendation to the Legislature. The report shall include the list specified in subdivision (a). The coordinating council shall post the report on its internet website.

(d) The report required to be submitted pursuant to subdivision (a) shall be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government Code.

(e) Pursuant to Section 10231.5 of the Government Code, this section is repealed on January 1, 2024.

SEC. 2.

If the Commission on State Mandates determines that this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

**California Behavioral Health Planning Council
Housing and Homelessness Committee (HHC) Meeting**
Thursday, April 18, 2019

Agenda Item: Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council Presentation

Enclosures: none

How This Agenda Item Relates to Council Mission

The CBHPC evaluates the behavioral health system for accessible and effective care. It advocates for an accountable system of responsive services that are strength-based, recovery-oriented, culturally and linguistically responsive, and cost-effective. To achieve these ends, the Council educates the general public, the behavioral health constituency, and legislators.

This agenda item provides an opportunity to learn about, and partner with, a member of a similar body who is also endeavoring to address the homeless situation in California. Through the gathering of insight and information from various stakeholders and agencies throughout the State, the Council is able to optimally advocate for accessible and effective behavioral health services.

Background/Information:

Gary McCoy, Council member for the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC) will present on updates to the Council, the work he has been involved with as it relates to homelessness and his lived experience.

**California Behavioral Health Planning Council
Housing and Homelessness Committee Meeting**

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Agenda Item: Discuss Work Plan Priorities

Enclosures: Draft 2018/2019 Work Plan

Background/Information

The work plan guides the actions of the HHC committee throughout the year. Committee members will review and revise the work plan to keep it up to date.

California Behavioral Health Planning Council (CBHPC)

Housing and Homelessness Committee (HHC) Work Plan 2018-2019

Goal #1

Objective: Develop template questions for assessing housing models.

Target Audience: HHC members and staff

Activities: Identify key areas of information to be collected from programs around the state.

Timeline: April 2019

Goal #2

Objective: Develop a white paper that presents recommendations for best practices and intervention/prevention strategies especially innovative, non-traditional housing models that address the homeless crisis.

Target Audience: Counties, stakeholders, Legislature

Activities: Research innovative services, invite presenters

Timeline: November 2019

California Behavioral Health Planning Council (CBHPC)

Housing and Homelessness Committee (HHC) ***Work Plan 2018-2019***

Goal #3

Objective: Review legislation that mandates using Housing First policy and make recommendations based on what is working and not working.

Target Audience: Counties, stakeholders, Legislature

Activities: Research and review legislation, collaborate with stakeholders

Timeline: November 2019