

California Behavioral Health Planning Council Housing and Homelessness Committee Agenda

Thursday, January 19, 2023

8:30 am to 12:00 pm

Holiday Inn Bayside

4875 N Harbor Drive, San Diego, California 92106

Point Loma Room

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| 8:30 am | Welcome and Introductions
<i>Monica Caffey, Chairperson</i> | |
| 8:40 am | Approve October 2022 Meeting Minutes
<i>Monica Caffey, Chairperson and All Committee Members</i> | Tab 1 |
| 8:45 am | Public Comment | |
| 8:50 am | Welcome New Council Leadership
<i>Monica Caffey, Chairperson and All Committee Members</i> | Tab 2 |
| 9:05 am | Public Comment | |
| 9:10 am | Alpha Project Presentation
<i>Sofia Cardenas, Data and Compliance Manager, Alpha Project</i> | Tab 3 |
| 10:00 am | Public Comment | |
| 10:05 am | Break | |
| 10:15 am | Safe Village Pilot Program Presentation
<i>John Brady, Director, Lived Experience Advisers</i> | Tab 4 |
| 11:10 am | Community Listening Session Update
<i>Eva Smith, CBHPC Staff</i> | Tab 5 |
| 11:15 am | CA Interagency Council on Homelessness Update
<i>Eva Smith, CBHPC Staff</i> | Tab 6 |
| 11:20 am | Bridge Housing Presentation
<i>Ilana Rub, Section Chief, Behavioral Health Bridge Housing Program</i> | Tab 7 |
| 11:55 am | Public Comment | |
| 12:00 pm | Adjourn | |

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Officers: *Monica Caffey, Chairperson, Hector Ramirez, Proposed Chair-Elect*

Committee Members: Barbara Mitchell, John Black, Arden Tucker, Darlene Prettyman, Deborah Starkey, Vera Calloway, Angelina Woodberry, Hector Ramirez, Christine Frey

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

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Agenda Item: Approve HHC October Meeting Minutes

Enclosures: Draft HHC Minutes for October 2022 Meeting

Background/Information:

The Committee members are to discuss any necessary edits and vote on the acceptance of the draft minutes presented for the October 2022 meeting.

Motion: Accept and approve the October 2022 Housing and Homelessness Committee Meeting Minutes

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Meeting Summary (DRAFT)**

**Thursday, October 20, 2022
8:30 am to 12:00 pm
Courtyard Sacramento Midtown
4422 Y Street, Sacramento, CA 95817
Orchid Room**

Members Present:

Monica Caffey, Chairperson (virtual)		
Deborah Starkey	John Black	Christine Frey (virtual)
Vera Calloway	Arden Tucker	Barbara Mitchell (virtual)
Angelina Woodberry	Hector Ramirez	Darlene Prettyman (virtual)

Staff Present:

Eva Smith
Naomi Ramirez

Meeting Commenced at 8:30 am

Item #1 Approve June 2022 Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the June 2022 Housing and Homelessness Committee minutes was made by Hector Ramirez and seconded by Deborah Starkey. The motion passed.

Item #2 Chair-Elect Nomination

Hector Ramirez was nominated for Chair-Elect and accepted his nomination. Due to former Council Member and Chair-Elect of the committee, Lorraine Flores stepping down from the Council, Monica Caffey will serve as chair for a second year.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Item #3 Housing and Community Development (HCD) Update

Angela Marin, Section Chief for HCD's Homekey Program, provided an update to committee members. Angela discussed the Homekey Program that emerged in 2020 from the Pandemic for local governments to protect the most vulnerable persons

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experiencing homelessness. The Legislature authorized Homekey and Roomkey as responses to the pandemic to create non-congregate shelter settings for persons experiencing homelessness. Roomkey was designed to address crisis quickly and create emergency housing in hotels throughout the state. Homekey also provides respite in non-congregate settings but is designed for long-term success by increasing the capacity at the local level. Roomkey and Homekey both operate under strict timelines to meet the urgency of need.

The eligible uses include: allow acquisition and rehabilitation of buildings and structures, commercial properties, hotels/motels, apartments, office buildings and churches.

Homekey funding was distributed in three rounds:

- € **Round 1:** \$850 million (distributed in 2020)
- € **Round 2:** \$1.5 billion (distributed in 2021, part of Administration's homelessness reduction package)
- € **Round 3:** \$750 million (approaching, NOFA to be distributed in early Spring of 2023)

Angela reported that local governments have been granted \$3 billion dollars and have created about 12,000 units.

Item #4 Sacramento Continuum of Care

Rachel Bereza, Deputy Director for Sacramento Steps Forward, in place of Lisa Bates, provided an overview of the Sacramento Continuum of Care (CoC).

Sacramento Steps Forward is a private nonprofit organization that partners with local, state, and federal agencies to focus on ending homelessness. They use data and analytics to drive system-level changes, prioritize racial equity, and enhance access to services. Their core services include: homeless response system planning, leadership and engagement, coordinated entry and outreach, grant/fund management. They are also the lead agency for Sacramento Continuum of Care (CoC), which is the regional planning body that coordinates housing and other services for homeless families and individuals in Sacramento.

The CoC is a 30-member board that covers all cities, towns and unincorporated areas of Sacramento County. They are responsible for community planning, coordination, and evaluation to ensure that the system of homeless assistance resources are used effectively and efficiently. The Sacramento CoC contains nine committees:

- € Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) and Data Committee
- € Project Review
- € Governance

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- € Executive
- € PIT Sub-committee
- € Racial Equity
- € Youth Action Board
- € Coordinated Entry System Committee

Rachel discussed many of their recent achievements some include: partnering with Project Roomkey, led the 2022 Point in Time (PIT) count, convened a racial equity committee, and partnering with local hospitals.

Public Comment

A member of the public voiced the need for more peers in homeless outreach.

Item #5 Listening Session Planning

HHC is planning to host a community listening session via webinar to provide consumers the opportunity to share their preferences for housing options that would best support their recovery. The committee is aiming for mid-February or early March of 2023. The committee discussed several stakeholder organizations to partner with to recruit consumers to attend the event. The committee also discussed several housing models to provide as examples for those who may not be aware: Bridge Housing, Peer Respite, Sober living, Re-entry housing, shared living, TAY, Harm Reduction. The committee decided to develop questions for a survey for those who may not be able to attend but still would like to contribute feedback.

Item #6 Community Care Expansion (CCE) Update

Nija Fountano updated the committee on the Community Care Expansion (CCE) Project. CCE is administered by the CA Department of Social Services (CDSS) and provides \$805 million for acquisition, construction, and rehabilitation to preserve and expand adult and senior care facilities that serve SSI/SSP and CAPI applicants and recipients, including those who are homeless or at risk for homeless. \$570 million is applied for capital expansion, and on October 12th it was announced that an additional \$53 million was added for infrastructure grants. \$195 million to preserve licensed adult residential facilities through non-competitive allocations for counties. The Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) was released to counties in June 2022 for these preservation funds. CCE has issued over \$186 million to 32 counties in preservation funds and will begin their local implementation.

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Meeting Adjourned at 12:03 pm

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Agenda Item: Welcome New Council Executive Officer and Chairperson

Enclosures: None

How This Agenda Item Relates to Council Mission

To review, evaluate and advocate for an accessible and effective behavioral health system.

This agenda item will give Committee Members an opportunity to discuss how the current work of the committee aligns with the Council's mission and vision.

Background/Description:

The HHC will welcome the Council's new Executive Officer, Chairperson, and proposed Chair-Elect. The Council's officer team decided on the following questions to be addressed by the committee during this agenda item:

- € How does the committee align with the Vision and Mission of the Council?
- € How does this committee align with the Council's mandates in Welfare and Institutions Code?
- € What does the committee hope to accomplish in the coming year? (Directed at the Chairperson)

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Agenda Item: Alpha Project Presentation

Enclosures: None

How This Agenda Item Relates to Council Mission

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The Council regularly invites presenters to its quarterly meetings to share best practices and promising programs. This provides an opportunity to form partnerships and encourages collaboration in the Council's advocacy. Using the information provided by presenters, committee members identify effective housing models in order to formulate state-level recommendations.

Background/Information:

The mission of the Alpha Project is to empower individuals, families, and communities by providing work, recovery and support services to people who are motivated to change their lives and achieve self-sufficiency. The agency's many programs are available to all persons in need regardless of race, creed, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, or sexual orientation.

Alpha Project strives not to manage homelessness, but rather to end it for its clients by offering jobs, not handouts, respect not pity, and empowerment not control. They provide the homeless with the tools they need to be the very best they can be.

Each program offered by the Alpha Project focuses on assisting participants to attain their own optimal level of independence. For most of their program participants, successful completion of their programs will mean complete and permanent independence through education, employment, sobriety, and stability. For those clients with special needs, Alpha Project programs maximize their own potential and supports as much independence as possible. All of their clients regardless of their history are encouraged, supported, and assisted in reaching their maximum potential with dignity and respect.

About the Presenter: Sofia Cardenas, Data and Compliance Manager for Alpha Project, has robust experience throughout the homeless dedicated service system. Her experience includes street outreach and food distribution, diversion, youth action board, coordinated entry, and permanent housing programs. For the past two years, she managed a supportive service and navigation program for tenants in San Diego County housing authority. Growing up in Chula Vista, Sofia takes a local perspective on serving her neighbors.

Additional Information: [Alpha Project Website](#)

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Agenda Item: Safe Village Pilot Program Presentation

Enclosures: None

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Background/Information:

The Downtown San Diego Partnership has partnered with Lived Experience Advisors to draft a proposal on Safe Village site operations. This is one of several advocacy priorities maintained by the organization to support solutions for homelessness including:

- € Expanding shelter capacity
- € Adding safe non-congregate shelter options
- € Increasing outreach with professionals trained to assist those with behavioral health or substance abuse needs
- € Deploying resources in a coordinated, compassionate, and data-driven way

Additional Information: [Safe Village Pilot Program](#)

About the Presenter:

John Brady, Director of Lived Experience Advisors, has lived homeless experience, and an MBA in Marketing and Operations, and an entertainment background. John brings a unique set of skills, passion, and perspective while leading the Lived

Experience Advisers. For five years, John has been an active advocate for the unsheltered in the San Diego area. In this role, he has become educated in many of the issues that are relevant to our homelessness crisis on a local and national level. Currently, he is the Director of Lived Experience Advisers, a project of Catalyst San Diego.

His work had led to him becoming a media voice, cited in the San Diego Union Tribune, The Huffington Post, NBC 7, LA Times, and The Voice of San Diego, among many other media outlets. John is also a regular speaker at conferences, community groups, and government bodies. Additionally, he is the Vice-Chair of the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (SDMTS) Security and Passenger Safety Community Advisory Group and serves on the Community Action Plan on Homelessness Leadership Council and The Homeless Court Advisory Committee.

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Agenda Item: Community Listening Session Update

Enclosures: None

How This Agenda Item Relates to Council Mission

To review, evaluate and advocate for an accessible and effective behavioral health system.

This agenda item is to update HHC members on this effort to obtain recommendations directly from persons with lived experience. This will guide future advocacy for housing options for consumers of the public behavioral health system.

Background/Information:

The HHC members decided to host a community listening session via a webinar to provide consumers with the opportunity to share their preferences for housing options that would best support their recovery. The event is being coordinated by Council staff and is planned for early March of 2023.

Council Staff, Eva Smith will provide an update to the committee on the status of the project planning for this event.

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Agenda Item: CA Interagency Council on Homelessness Update

Enclosures: None

How This Agenda Item Relates to Council Mission

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It is important that the HHC members regularly receive updates on initiatives the Governor established to address the homelessness crisis in California. The information provided is intended to assist members in identifying areas the Council can provide input on the policies, guidelines, and regulations in development to reduce homelessness and ensure access to adequate housing and supports.

Background/Information:

CA Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH): The Cal ICH was created by SB 1380 in 2017 as the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council to oversee the implementation of Housing First policies, guidelines, and regulations to reduce the prevalence and duration of homelessness in California.

In 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB 1220 into law, which renamed and restructured this Council to continue California's forward momentum toward the state's broader vision for greater statewide leadership and coordination around its response to the homelessness crisis. The mission of Cal ICH is to develop policies and identify resources, benefits, and services to prevent and work toward ending homelessness in California.

Council staff have been involved with Cal ICH through participation in their quarterly meetings and tracking their projects and activities. Cal ICH recently updated its 'Action Plan' to address the homeless crisis.

Through the Action Plan, Cal ICH pursues a vision for their Council and the state's work to prevent and end homelessness focused on purposeful, action-oriented coordination and alignment among state departments. The Plan was developed through input and

collaboration with over 60 community entities, public agencies, nonprofits, and other experts. It is through this input that the 5 action areas and the goals were developed. The Action Plan orients the state's efforts to drive purposeful, meaningful, and measurable progress toward preventing and ending homelessness in California, motivated by a vision of a future in which homelessness in California is: rare, because it is prevented whenever possible; brief, ended quickly whenever it does occur, through a focus on Housing First approaches and housing outcomes; and a one-time experience, ended successfully the first time, so that no Californians experience homelessness repeatedly.

In March 2021, the Cal ICH adopted the Action Plan for Preventing and Ending Homelessness, with the expectation that the plan would be updated every year to reflect current priorities. In September 2022, they adopted an updated Action Plan for Preventing and Ending Homelessness. The staff develops a progress report each year. The report is a comprehensive collection of the state's efforts toward preventing and ending homelessness in the fiscal year.

Council Staff, Eva Smith will provide an update to committee members on the recent activities of Cal ICH highlighting their Action Plan report.

€ [Action Plan for Preventing and Ending Homelessness](#)

€ [Cal ICH Website](#)

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Agenda Item: Bridge Housing Presentation

Enclosures: None

How This Agenda Item Relates to Council Mission

To review, evaluate and advocate for an accessible and effective behavioral health system.

This agenda item provides an opportunity for the committee to learn about the Bridge Housing funding included in the Governor's budget to help address the homeless crisis.

Background/Information:

California Governor Gavin Newsom signed a \$308 billion state budget on June 30 that commits nearly \$5 billion to housing and homelessness programs for fiscal year 2022-2023. Of that, \$1.5 billion was allocated for Behavioral Health Bridge Housing, which provides interim housing for people who have behavioral health conditions experiencing homelessness.

About the Presenter:

Ilana Rub has been working with policy development for Behavioral Health services for the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for 8 years. Ilana is currently working in DHCS' Community Service Division serving as Section Chief over the Behavioral Health Bridge Housing (BHBH) program where she and her team serve as the driving force behind the planning and implementation of the BHBH program. Her past work in DHCS' on-going behavioral health reform efforts include the implementation of the American Society of Addiction Medicine designations for the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System, the Peer Support Specialist certification program under Medi-Cal, and the Behavioral Health Workforce Development program. She received her Bachelor's degree from Rutgers University and a Master's of Business Administration from California State University, Sacramento.