

California Behavioral Health Planning Council Housing and Homelessness Committee Agenda

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

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| 8:30 am | Welcome and Introductions <i>Monica Caffey, Chairperson</i> | |
| 8:35 am | Approve June 2022 Meeting Minutes <i>Monica Caffey, Chairperson and All Committee Members</i> | Tab 1 |
| 8:40 am | Chair-Elect Nomination <i>Monica Caffey, Chairperson and All Committee Members</i> | Tab 2 |
| 8:55 am | Public Comment | |
| 9:00 am | Housing and Community Development (HCD) Update <i>Tim Lawless, HCD, Branch Chief</i> | Tab 3 |
| 9:35 am | Public Comment | |
| 9:40 am | Sacramento Continuum of Care <i>Lisa Bates, Sacramento Steps Forward, Chief Executive Officer</i> | Tab 4 |
| 10:25 am | Public Comment | |
| 10:30 am | Break | |
| 10:45 am | Listening Session Planning <i>Monica Caffey, Chairperson and All Committee Members</i> | Tab 5 |
| 11:30 am | Community Care Expansion (CCE) Update <i>Julie McQuitty, Department of Social Services, Housing and Homelessness Branch Manager</i> | Tab 6 |
| 12:00 pm | Adjourn | |

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

Officer: *Monica Caffey, Chairperson*

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**

Thursday, October 20, 2022

Agenda Item: Approval of HHC June Meeting Minutes

Enclosures: Draft Minutes for June 2022 HHC Meeting

How This Agenda Item Relates to Council Mission

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

Background/Information:

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

Motion: Accept and approve the June 2022 Housing and Homelessness Committee Minutes

**California Behavioral Health Planning Council
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Thursday, June 16, 2022
8:30 am to 12:00 pm
The Mission Inn
3649 Mission Inn Avenue, Riverside, CA 92501
Santa Barbara Room

Members Present:

Monica Caffey, Chairperson

Barbara Mitchell

Vera Calloway

Christine Frey

Deborah Starkey

Arden Tucker

Hector Ramirez

John Black

Hector Ramirez

Meeting Commenced at 8:30 am

Item #1 Approve April 2022 Meeting Minutes

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

Item #2 Community Care Expansion Program Update

Julie McQuitty, Department of Social Services, Housing and Homeless Branch Manager, provided an update on the Community Care Expansion Program. The program authorized through legislation in 2021, provides \$805 million in funding for the acquisition, construction, and rehabilitation of adult and senior care settings that serve Social Security Income (SSI) recipients, including those who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

The funds are for two main purposes; one is to expand or create new settings and the second is to preserve existing settings. The Department has broken up the funding by those purposes. \$570 million dollars was made available for capital expansion projects through a request for applications that was released in January of this year. The eligible use of these funds includes the acquisition of property, construction, and expansion of residential care settings. These funds may also be used to cover operating deficits through a capitalized operating subsidy reserve, or closer for up to 5 years. Eligible entities that can apply for the funds include local governments, counties, cities, tribes, and for-profit and nonprofit entities. Licensed adult residential facilities are included in the types of settings that can be developed utilizing these funds. The remaining 25% of the total funding for the program, which is \$195 million, is made available to preserve existing licensed care facilities that are serving the SSI population. Included in that is

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\$55 million specifically for operating subsidy payments to existing licensed facilities to close the gap between revenue and operational costs and prevent their closure.

Julie shared that the previous week the Department released a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), announcing non-competitive, funding allocations for counties, wishing to opt into the preservation program. She also highlighted that the preservation program also includes capital projects or rehab funding. The operating subsidy payments are intended to assist with operating deficits for current license facilities, which are currently serving SSI recipients. The operating deficits can include utilities, facility maintenance, or any other kind of cost to operationalize the facility. The second component is for capital projects, which includes upgrades or repairs to existing facilities to keep them operational. These funds will be available for counties to opt into by completing a form online for the non-competitive allocation. The funds will then flow to counties after they opt-in, to administer their program and determine how they will prioritize and determine the facilities that are eligible within their county.

Item #3 Public Comment

Steve McNally thanked Julie for her update and stressed the importance of being updated on this initiative. He also asked how counties would know this funding is available and how many counties have opted in.

Barbara Wilson shared that the major complaint she has been hearing from facilities is that the process is extremely confusing and the operators would like technical support as soon as possible. She also highlighted that the licensed facilities that are located in the city limits of Los Angeles will have a minimum wage increase effective July 1 making it even more difficult for facilities to continue operating. She stated that the bed survey that was sent out to facilities should have asked how many facilities would accept the SSI rate, rather than how many would take SSI eligible residents because most will not take the SSI rate if they do not also receive a patch or some other form of subsidy. She also shared that while patches help, an infusion of cash is needed. The problem with the patch is it's resident specific, so when the person that received extra money leaves a facility, they no longer receive that additional funding so facilities can't plan payroll and other expenses for their budget.

Item #4 Riverside County Continuum of Care Overview

Jamie Gibson, Rivco Senior Program Specialist provided an overview of Riverside County's Continuum of Care (CoC). She shared that she is part of a newly formed department under Housing and Workforce Solutions, which made a major merge and

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changed the name of the division in 2020. At the time of the merge, the department became Housing Workforce Solutions, which encompasses the five divisions. The purpose of the merge was to focus on housing and Workforce Solutions as a department instead of being silo-d divisions within the county. The Homeless Management Information System is the data entry system. There is also an administrative entity for Federal and State grants, doing different funding opportunities, and then, providing a review and ranked committee to our board and giving those funding opportunities and recommendations of how the county wants to spend that money. Jamie highlighted a recent accomplishment, the Riverside Homeless Action plan, which was implemented and sent out to community partners and the surrounding districts this year. She shared that in 2020, their homeless point-in-time count included a little over 2,000 unsheltered individuals and of those 28% that participated in the interviews reported mental health issues and 34% reported substance use. As a result, they developed the continuum of services which starts with street outreach to provide the linkages to the correct support of housing, whether that be emergency shelter, any substance treatment beds, or different outpatient treatments before entering into permanent housing. She stated that it takes on average 40 to 60 interactions with somebody who is living on the streets to get them to develop enough trust to engage in the process to get them into stable housing. They offer permanent supportive housing which the continuum of care funds, and have rapid rehousing, in addition to our State and Federal programs. Within the continuum, there are subcommittees including the Board of Governance, which is another board that does have a say in spending and funding recommendations. There is also a Homeless Management, which is the Coordinated Entry System (CES) that has a great partnership with behavioral health as the lead agency in the CES. Behavioral Health manages all of the referrals sent through the system; they are in contact with the mental health clients and substance use clients. Jamie also highlighted their Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) and Youth Action Board (YAB). The YAC assists the CoC in the preparation of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) application, the Youth Point-in-Time Count, and strategic planning activities related to ending youth homelessness. Jamie also discussed how to become a member of the CoC as well as the benefits of being a member.

Item #5 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Item #6 Community Listening Session Planning

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Members discussed their plans to host a consumer listening session, with the end goal to develop a document to inform policymakers and/or the Governor of housing options that work best for consumers and to urge them to prioritize these types of services. It was determined that the event will be in a webinar format to allow for maximum participation. The event will start with a panel that will provide an overview of 3-4 different types of current housing options for consumers. Members had a robust discussion to develop the questions that will provide the framework for the feedback the committee will receive from consumers following the panel.

Staff asked committee members to provide contact information for organizations to partner with to assist with inviting participants. Members were also asked to provide the types of housing they would like highlighted during the panel and any contacts for those models.

Item #7 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Item #8 Wrap Up/Next Steps

Committee members will send information to staff in the coming weeks to ensure that the Listening Session planning can move forward.

Meeting adjourned at 12:03 pm.

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Agenda Item: Nomination of 2023 Chair-Elect

Enclosures: None

How This Agenda Item Relates to Council Mission

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

The chairperson and chair-elect lead their committee with a focus on supporting the Council's mission through their work.

Background/Description:

Each standing committee shall have a chairperson and chair-elect. The committee has the option to designate Monica Caffey to serve a second year as the Chairperson, due to the chair-elect resigning from the Council. If she accepts, the committee will determine a chair-elect. The committee members shall nominate a chair-elect to be submitted to the Officer Team for appointment.

Chair-Elect Responsibilities:

- Facilitate the Housing and Homelessness Committee meetings as needed, in the absence of the chairperson;
- Assist the chairperson and staff with setting the committee meeting agenda and committee planning;
- Participate in the Executive Committee Meetings;
- Participate in the Mentorship Forums.

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Agenda Item: Housing and Community Development (HCD) 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 provides the committee the opportunity to be informed on housing programs and services that impact the behavioral health population, which assists in advocacy and evaluation efforts.

Background/Information:

Tim Lawless, HCD Branch Chief will deliver an update on HCD administered programs associated with homelessness and behavioral health, and provide an opportunity for members to ask questions.

About the Presenter: Tim Lawless, Branch Chief at the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), leads a team that designs and implements Homekey (program that provides grant funding to eligible applicants to quickly acquire or rehabilitate or master lease a variety of housing types). Tim has also overseen a number of other state-funded homeless programs at the department. Prior to joining HCD, Tim was Chief of the Housing and Homelessness Bureau at the California Department of Social Services, helping stand up homeless programs targeting families, seniors, and those experiencing chronic homelessness. Tim has a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Maryland, College Park.

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Agenda Item: Sacramento Continuum of Care

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 assists the HHC in their advocacy efforts by keeping apprised of local efforts to alleviate homelessness; and evaluating its effectiveness and impact for persons who are consumers of the public behavioral health system and are experiencing homelessness.

Background/Information:

Lisa Bates, Chief Executive Officer for Sacramento Steps Forward, the lead organization for the Sacramento Homeless Continuum of Care (CoC), will provide an overview of the CoC to educate members and answer questions.

The CoC is a 30 member Board that includes representatives from organizations serving individuals experiencing homelessness or who were formerly homeless and other interested, relevant organizations within Sacramento County. The Sacramento CoC covers all the cities, towns and unincorporated area of Sacramento County.

The Sacramento CoC addresses critical issues related to homelessness through a coordinated community-based process promoting the communitywide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness. The Sacramento CoC is dedicated to a collaboration with diverse organizations that is inclusive of the needs of the homeless population and subpopulations in the geographic area.

The Sacramento CoC Board is responsible for managing community planning, coordination and evaluation to ensure that the system of homeless assistance resources are used effectively and efficiently to rapidly and permanently end people's homelessness.

Additional Information: [CoC Overview - Sacramento Steps Forward](#)

About the Presenter: Lisa Bates is the Chief Executive Officer of Sacramento Steps Forward, the lead organization for the Sacramento Homeless Continuum of Care.

Prior to her appointment in February 2019, she served six years in deputy director positions for California Department of Housing and Community Development leading housing policy initiatives including adoption of a statewide housing assessment, and overseeing development and deployment of over 15 housing and community development funding programs to communities and affordable housing developers.

Lisa also spent 21 years with Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA), including 11 years in senior leadership positions. While working for SHRA she provided strategic direction and program development in housing, and community development throughout the Sacramento Region.

She holds a Bachelor's Degree from UC Davis in International Relations and is a graduate of the Sierra Health Leadership program.

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Agenda Item: Listening Session Planning

Enclosures: Draft Listening Session Flyer

How This Agenda Item Relates to Council Mission

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

This agenda item assists the HHC in gathering information directly from persons with lived experience. This will guide future advocacy for housing options for consumers of the public behavioral health system.

Background/Information:

At the January 2022 HHC meeting, members expressed interest in hosting a community listening session via a webinar to provide consumers the opportunity to share their preferences for housing options that would best support their recovery.

At the June 2022 HHC meeting, members further discussed the idea and decided the listening session will include a panel that will provide an overview of 3-4 different types of current housing options for consumers, for those who may not know what is available. The committee members also expressed interest in developing a survey to send out to receive feedback from individuals with lived experience that are unable to attend the listening session. Chairperson, Monica Caffey, will lead the members through discussion to plan the details of these events.

The goal of the listening session is to develop a document to inform policy makers and/or the Governor of housing options that work best for consumers, and to urge them to prioritize these types of services.

The following items will be addressed:

- Determine date of listening sessions and build out action timeline
- Develop a list of organizations to contact to assist with reaching participants
- Identify housing models to highlight for panel portion of listening session

- Approve the three questions developed by staff that will guide the discussion at the listening sessions to ensure the committee gathers the information they're seeking
 - What type of housing models would support your recovery?
 - What are the barriers to accessing housing?
 - What necessary supports do you feel you need to be successful in your recovery?
- Develop questions for the survey for individuals that are unable to attend but would still like to contribute feedback



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Listening Session

Behavioral
Health/Housing
Consumers

An opportunity for consumers of the public behavioral health system to voice their housing needs and challenges

When: TBD

Where: Zoom

Discussion:

- What type of housing models would support your recovery?
- What are the barriers to accessing housing?
- What necessary supports do you feel you need to be successful in your recovery?

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Agenda Item: Community Care Expansion Program Update

Enclosures: None

How This Agenda Item Relates to Council Mission

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This agenda item provides an opportunity for the committee to stay informed on how this initiative is helping to address the Adult Residential Facilities (ARFs) crisis and will assist the HHC in funding advocacy efforts.

Background/Information:

The Community Care Expansion (CCE) Program was included in Governor Newsom's Fiscal Year 2021-22 budget and authorized through Assembly Bill (AB) 172. The program is being administered by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and provides \$805 million in funding 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 experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. The CDSS informed the committee at the January 2022 meeting that applications will be accepted and awarded on a rolling basis. Julie McQuitty, the Housing and Homelessness Branch Manager with the CDSS, is invited to provide an update on the applications they have received and awards granted.

About the Presenter:

Julie McQuitty earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Family and Consumer Science from California University, Sacramento and her Master's Degree in Human Services from Griffith University. She has served in her current role with CDSS for over two years now, and has worked for the department in other roles for almost ten years.

More information on the program can be found on the [CCE Website](#).