



# Contra Costa Council on Homelessness Meeting

The Contra Costa Council on Homelessness provides a forum for communication and coordination about the implementation of the County's Strategic Plan to prevent and end homelessness, and for orchestrating a vision on ending homelessness in the County, educating the community on homeless issues, and advocating on federal, state, and local policy issues affecting people who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness. The Council provides advice and input on the operations of homeless services, program operations, and program development efforts in Contra Costa County. Items may be taken out of order based on the business of the day and preference of the Council.

## AGENDA

**Thursday, April 7, 2016, 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm**  
**ZA Room, 30 Muir Road, Martinez, CA 94533**

Agenda Item	Presenter	Desired Outcomes
1. Welcome/Introductions	<i>Teri House, Council Chair</i>	<i>Call to order.</i>
2. ESG Funding Overview and 2016-17 ESG Funding Recommendations (Action Item)	<i>Gabriel Lemus, CDBG Program Planner</i>	<i>Discussion of process for ESG application review and funding decisions. Vote on approving Department of Conservation and Development as Administrative Entity for State ESG funds.</i>
3. Outreach and Multi-Service Center Update	<i>Lavonna Martin, Chief of Homeless Services</i>	<i>Update on state of outreach and multi-service center services in the CoC.</i>
4. Health Care for the Homeless Update	<i>Alvin Silva, Rachael Birch, Health Care for the Homeless</i>	<i>Standing Item. Update on HCH program developments.</i>
5. Zero: 2016 Update	<i>Jennifer Baha, Zero: 2016 Coordinator</i>	<i>Standing Item. Update on progress toward goals.</i>
6. Committee Updates (Action Item)	<i>Jaime Jenett, CoC Planning and Policy Manager</i>	<i>Standing Item. Updates on Coordinated Entry, Performance Measurement, and HMIS Policy Committees. Possible action on system-wide performance monitoring.</i>
7. Advocacy Priorities and Council Policy	<i>Amanda Stempson, HomeBase</i>	<i>Overview of Council's role and allowable activities related to advocacy.</i>
8. Policy and Advocacy Opportunities (Action Item)	<i>Lavonna Martin, Chief of Homeless Services</i>	<i>Standing Item. Discussion and possible action regarding HR 3700 (Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act), Concord Naval Weapons Station, and criminalization of homelessness.</i>
9. Nuts & Bolts	<i>All</i>	<i>Standing Item. Community announcements.</i>
10. Pin it	<i>All</i>	<i>Standing Item. Future items of discussion/scheduling to be considered.</i>

# COMMONLY USED ACRONYMS

Acronym	Definition
AHAR	Annual Homeless Assessment Report
APR	Annual Performance Report (for HUD homeless programs)
CDBG	Community Development Block Grant (CPD program – federal)
CSBG	Community Services Block Grant
Continuum of Care	Continuum of Care approach to assistance to the homeless
CoC	Federal grant program stressing permanent solutions to homelessness
Con Plan	Consolidated Plan, a locally developed plan for housing assistance and urban development under CDBG and other CPD programs
CPD	Community Planning and Development (HUD Office)
ESG	Emergency Solutions Grant (CPD – federal program)
FMR	Fair Market Rent (maximum rent for Section 8 rental assistance/CoC grants)
HCD	Housing and Community Development (State office)
HEARTH	Homeless Emergency and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009
HPRP	Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing
HMIS	Homeless Management Information System
HOME	Home Investment Partnerships (CPD program)
HOPWA	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (CPD program)
HUD	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (federal)
MHSA	Mental Health Services Act
NOFA	Notice of Funding Availability
PHA	Public Housing Authority
SAMHSA	Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration
SNAPS	Office of Special Needs Assistance Program (HUD office overseeing CoC)
SOAR	SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SSI/SSDI Application program)
SRO	Single-Room Occupancy housing units
SSA	Social Security Administration
SSDI	Social Security Disability Income
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
TA	Technical Assistance
TANF	Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
TAY	Transition Age Youth (usually ages 16-24)
VA	Veterans Affairs (U.S. Department of)
VASH	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing

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