



Contra Costa Continuum of Care QUARTERLY MEETING

The Contra Costa Continuum of Care (CoC) provides a forum for communication and coordination about the implementation of the CoC's Strategic Plan to prevent and end homelessness, and for orchestrating a vision on ending homelessness in Contra Costa, 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.

AGENDA

Friday, April 15, 2016, 10 am – 12 pm
ZA Room, 30 Muir Road, Martinez, CA 94553

Agenda Item	Presenter	Desired Outcomes
1. Welcome and Introductions	<i>Teri House, Council on Homelessness Chair</i>	Call to order.
2. Criminalization of Homelessness: Best Practice Alternatives	<i>Amanda Stempson, Emily Salvaterra, Rehana Parsons, HomeBase</i>	Introduction to issue of laws that criminalize “acts of living” related to homelessness. Overview of best practice alternatives to criminalization.
3. Panel Discussion: Alternatives to Criminalization of Homelessness in Contra Costa	<i>Captain Diane Aguinaga, Antioch Police Department (moderator)</i> <i>Donte Blue, County Re-Entry Coordinator</i> <i>Crystal Luna, Contra Costa Mental Health Services ACTiOn Team</i> <i>Officer Nicole Riddick, Pittsburg Police Department</i>	Panel discussion of current status of community efforts related to the criminalization of homelessness, with examples of programs in effect throughout Contra Costa.
4. Community Discussion: Promoting Best Practices	<i>Teri House, Council on Homelessness Chair and HomeBase</i>	Community discussion of how to promote best practices and partnerships around alternatives to criminalization of homelessness in Contra Costa.
5. Nuts & Bolts	<i>All</i>	Share community announcements.
6. Pin it	<i>All</i>	Future items of discussion/scheduling to be considered by the Executive Board.

Mark your calendar! Our next full membership meeting is July 15, 2016.

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

Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held every 3rd Friday in the months of April, July, October, and January from 10:00-12:00 at the ZA Meeting Room, ZA Room, 30 Muir Road, Martinez, CA 94553. Please contact Homeless Program at (925) 313-7700. Any disclosable public records related to an open session item on a regular meeting agenda and distributed by the Contra Costa Council on Homelessness to a majority of members less than 96 hours prior to that meeting are available for public inspection at 1350 Arnold Dr., Suite 202, Martinez during normal business hours. Public comment may be submitted via electronic mail on agenda items at least one full workday prior to the published meeting time.

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