

**Regular Meeting of the
Housing Trust Fund and Homelessness Solutions Committee
(HTFHSC) Thursday, October 13, 2022, 1:30 p.m.
Teleconference**

AGENDA

In accordance with Executive Order N-29-20 the HTFHSC meetings will be held virtually until further notice. You may access the meeting by phone by calling (669) 254-5252. Meeting ID: 160 7175 3800, or online:

<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/16071753800>

The Chair will give the public opportunities to comment on each agenda item over the phone.

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I. Call to Order
II. Roll Call
III. Agenda Modifications
IV. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items
V. Presentation by the Department of Health and Human Services on housing and homeless programs and services
VI. Discussion: Housing is the answer, there isn't enough. As housing is being built, what can we do in the meantime so that people have a place to live? Can we use Housing First and Shelter Crisis declaration to provide campgrounds as emergency housing? – Janelle Egger
VII. Election of Vice Chair
VIII. Announcements
XI. Agenda Items for Next Meeting
XII. Adjourn

- "Helpful Information for using *Housing First* approach and *Shelter Crisis Declaration* to provide a countywide coordinated program of emergency housing in the form of campgrounds with tenancy" by Janelle Egger
- "Key Facts About Housing First" by the National Low Income Housing Coalition

Helpful Information for using *Housing First* approach and *Shelter Crisis Declaration* to provide a countywide coordinated program of emergency housing in the form of campgrounds with tenancy:

California Welfare and Institutions Code

Chapter 6.5. Housing First and Coordinating Council

Section 8255 For purposes of this chapter:

- (a) "Council" means the California Interagency Council on Homelessness [Cal ICH], formerly known as the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council
- (d)(1) "Housing First" means the evidence-based model that uses housing as a tool, rather than a reward, for recovery and that centers on providing or connecting homeless people to permanent housing as quickly as possible. Housing First providers offer services as needed and requested on a voluntary basis and that do not make housing contingent on participation in services.
- (2) (A) "Housing First" includes time-limited rental or services assistance, so long as the housing and service provider assists the recipient in accessing permanent housing ...
- (B) For time-limited, supportive services programs serving homeless youth, programs should...

NOTE: Cal ICH is the agency the is providing the HHAP funding which could be used to fund a campgrounds operated under Housing First Principals.

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V. Other state requirements

B. Housing First practices

Housing First is an evidence-based model designed to permanently house an individual and make available optional supportive services to help them remain stably housed. Housing First means that housing is made available with very low barriers to entry and applicants are not rejected due to poor credit, financial history, lack of rental history, criminal convictions unrelated to tenancy, or behaviors that indicate a lack of housing readiness. Supportive services providers shall also utilize Housing First principles and offer services as needed and/or requested on a voluntary basis. Housing shall not be contingent upon participation in services. Applicants will certify and document adherence to Housing First practices in the application, property management plan, and supportive services plan. Adherence to Housing First practices shall be subject to periodic compliance monitoring.

Humboldt County RESOLUTION NO. 16-30 [bold font added]:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Eureka and the Board of Supervisors of Humboldt County, adopt the Homeless Strategy and Implementation Plan-phase 1 and the model of Housing First as the policy for reducing

homelessness throughout Humboldt County and the City of Eureka.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County, Department of Health and Human Services and the City shall work collaboratively with the community to create a sustainable strategy and human infrastructure to implement the Housing First Approach.

Humboldt County Housing Element

H-G6. Emergency Shelters, Supportive and Transitional Housing. Address the housing and access needs of vulnerable populations and provide sufficient opportunities and capacity to meet local needs ..., including alternative and shared housing.

H-P45. Housing First. The County shall continue to support the Housing First approach for reducing homelessness as adopted by Board of Supervisors Resolution 16-30 on March 1, 2016.

H-IM14. Housing Trust Fund. The County shall support the Housing Trust Fund and Homelessness Solutions Committee, and its programs ...

Responsible Agency: Planning and Building Department and Department of Health and Human Services. Timeframe: Ongoing

Not in the Housing Element:

--Resolution 18-15 declaring a Shelter Crisis.

--"Emergency housing", which is in the *California Shelter Crisis Gov Codes*

California Government Code

CHAPTER 7.8. Shelter Crisis

Section 8698.1.

Upon a declaration of a shelter crisis, the following provisions shall apply during the period of the emergency.

(a) The political subdivision shall be immune from liability for ordinary negligence in the provision of emergency housing pursuant to Section 8698.2. This limitation of liability shall apply only to conditions, acts, or omissions directly related to, and which would not occur but for, the provision of emergency housing. This section does not limit liability for grossly negligent, reckless, or intentional conduct which causes injury.

(b) The provisions of any state or local regulatory statute, regulation, or ordinance prescribing standards of housing, health, or safety shall be suspended to the extent that strict compliance would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay the mitigation of the effects of the shelter crisis. Political subdivisions may, in place of such standards, enact municipal health and safety standards to be operative during the housing emergency consistent with ensuring minimal public health and safety. The provisions of this section apply only to additional public facilities open to the homeless pursuant to this chapter.

(c) (1) Subject to paragraph (4), a city with a population of more than 3,500,000 may permit the operation of an emergency housing facility...

(Amended by Stats. 2020, Ch. 148, Sec. 2. (AB 2960) Effective January 1, 2021.)

Section 8698.2. (a) (1) The governing body may declare a shelter crisis, and may take such

action as is necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter, upon a finding by that governing body that a significant number of persons within the jurisdiction of the governing body are without the ability to obtain shelter, and that the situation has resulted in a threat to the health and safety of those persons.

Section 8698.3. Notwithstanding any other provisions in this chapter, upon a declaration of a shelter crisis by the City of San Jose, the following shall apply during a shelter crisis:

- (a) Emergency housing may include an emergency bridge housing community

Section 8698.4(a) Notwithstanding any other provision in this chapter, upon a declaration of a shelter crisis by a city, county, or city and county, the following shall apply to the respective city, county, or city and county during the shelter crisis:

- (1) Emergency housing may include homeless shelters for the homeless located or constructed on any land owned or leased by a city, county, or city and county, including land acquired with low- and moderate-income housing funds.

Appendix O and Appendix X

Permanent voluntary appendices to the 2016 Calif. Building Code and 2016 Residential Code that provide a consistent minimum standard by which local agencies may develop emergency housing or shelter.