

Humboldt Housing and Homelessness Coalition (HHHC) Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 23, 2025
1:30-3:00 p.m.
Via Zoom

In Attendance: Aaron Zell (DHHS), Anjali Browning (Arcata House Partnership), Cheryl Churchill (Eureka Housing Authority), David Eichenbaum (YAB), Lorey Keele (RCAA), Robert Ward (DHHS), Rosemary Shultz (HCTAYC), Leah Lamattina (HCOE), Dian Pecora (SCHFA), Felicity Greyson (YAB), Leigh Pierre-Oetker (CCRP), Devin Flynn (CCRP).

Agenda:

Executive Committee Agency Updates

- **Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS):** (1) Aaron will be reaching back out to a service provider representative that is interested in joining the Executive Committee (EC).
- **South County Homes For All (SCHFA):** (1) Regarding the Encampment Resolution Funding (ERF) Project, staff members have been hired, and the process for reviewing housing specialist applications have started. One person with lived experience is on staff. A budget request is pending from Governor Newsom to extend the deadline for fund expenditure from June 30th to April 2026.

General Meeting (May 2025)

- The Executive Committee decided to reach out to the following organizations to have them present at the next General Meeting: Humboldt Soups On, UPLIFT Eureka, and Open Door (presenting on Preventing and Recognizing Heat Stroke). There will also be an item where the EC discusses and acknowledges federal funding impacts and how they plan to work with the community to weather the impacts together.
- Additionally, the EC came up with an idea for the September 2025 General Meeting. The idea is to focus the meeting on the Youth Continuum of Care and have the Youth Service Bureau (YSB), Humboldt County Transition Age Youth Collaborative (HCTAYC), Humboldt County Office of Education (HCOE), and Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) present.
- Other ideas for General Meeting topics include: (1) an update on the different ERF projects, which could happen on the July meeting agenda, (2) having agencies share what data they have and use on a regular basis, as it could help the community know what agencies to reach out to when writing grants, (3) a current state review of the rental market and housing vouchers, (4) invite planning and development to present, (5) an update on pro-housing funding.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:39 p.m. Next Executive Meeting: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 over Zoom.

SAVE Verification System

- Robert reviewed updated language from HUDs CoC Grant Agreement, which noted that all recipients of CoC funding must use SAVE, or an equivalent verification system approved by the federal government in order to prevent federal public benefits from going to undocumented immigrants.
- It is possible that nonprofits could be exempt from verifying the immigration status of their service recipients.
- DHHS recommends that all agencies receiving CoC funding to review the language with legal counsel to determine exempt status. There is no exemption for local government entities. The deadline for compliance is October 1st, 2025.
- There is an expectation that HUD will give guidance on how to verify immigration status.

Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project Coordinated Community Plan - Request for Approval

- It was requested that EC members receive documents in advance of meetings where they are expected to vote on their approval.
- Final votes from the Youth Advocacy Board (YAB) will be in by 3pm today.
- Robert went through the current Coordinated Community Plan. The YAB came up with the design of the project, and many community members participated at meetings and contributed to the development of the plan. The plan includes: a map of the current youth homeless response system, a list of partners, the governance structure, a project list, how youth are recruited and compensated for their work, and the vision, mission, goals, objectives, and action steps for the plan.
- The plan proposes two projects for development: a 3-unit Rapid Rehousing Project (RRH) and an 18-unit Permanent Supportive Housing Project (PSH).

Motion #1: (Zell/Browning) Motion to approve the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project Coordinated Community Plan.

- Lorey Keele abstains from voting.
- All in favor, motion carries.

Next Steps, Future Meeting Topics, Adjourn Meeting

- The EC will move the May 14th meeting forward to May 7th to accommodate schedules.

Action Items:

- CCRP to work on a draft agenda for the General Meeting and will send out to EC members.
- CCRP to move the Zoom calendar invitation to May 7th.

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