

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

In Attendance: Cheryl Churchill (Eureka Housing Authority), Darlene Spoor (Arcata House Partnership), David Eichenbaum (YAB), Dian Pecora (South County Homes for All), Jennifer Dart (City of Arcata), Jessica Felix (Open Door), Leah Lamattina (HCOE), Lorey Keele (RCAA), Rosemary Shultz (HCTAYC), Saul Lopez (Nation's Finest), Thomas Steenblock (Open Door), Leigh Pierre-Oetker (CCRP), Alisha Hammer (CCRP)

Agenda:

Executive Committee Agency Updates

- The Executive Committee approved via email to provide a letter of support for RCAA's Basic Center Program Grant application. Committee co-chair Saul has signed the letter on behalf of this committee.
- **Nation's Finest:** (1) Due to current construction on the front of the facility, people should be directed to use the back entrance; (2) North Coast Stand Down will be held at the Humboldt County Fairgrounds this year from September 25 to September 27, 2025.
- **City of Arcata:** (1) July rent has been paid for the tenant assistance program. They have not received a new standard agreement beyond July. The program will need to be reopened once a new agreement has been received and signed. The city is actively pursuing housing choice vouchers, but if they are unsuccessful, the tenants will be responsible for paying rent independently. This impacts over 60 recipients.
- **Arcata House Partnership (AHP):** (1) August will be the final month of rent assistance for people who are fleeing domestic violence. Most of the recipients have been transitioned to different vouchers, but not everyone. (2) Staff continue to receive training to provide support to community members who have sustained trauma. (3) AHP is working with Housing and Community Development (HCD) about revising the eligibility requirements for the Homekey program.
- **Eureka Housing Authority:** (1) They are ready to accept foster youth independence (FYI) referrals from the organizations working with CWS.
- **CCRP:** (1) There is fantastic work being done by the Yurok Tribe in providing housing.
- **Open Door:** (1) They are partnering with the City of Eureka to develop a pathway for people who are ready to receive treatment. Part of the process is for participants to complete a physical exam and start medication if needed.

Updates about Funding Landscape

- There are no new updates at this time. Nancy Starck will be joining the July 24, 2025, General Meeting and may have information to share.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:26 p.m. Next Executive Meeting: August 13, 2025, over Zoom.

BitFocus Update

- While the ad hoc committee has made some progress, there are no updates to report today. This topic will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.
- The next Homekey meeting will be scheduled soon.

CoC PSH Concern

- The committee discussed the new federal grant conditions and the impact it has on service providers in this county. As a rural county, the funding is necessary to support and serve the community.
 - Some cities and counties are [suing the current administration](#) over these new funding conditions.
- Before making decisions and signing agreements, the committee emphasized the need for legal counsel. There is concern that if an organization is found not to be following the new guidelines, funding will be pulled with no option to contest the decision.
- The network of providers in our area is strong, and it is essential to continue expanding it to meet the needs of this community.
- It would be beneficial to continue discussing this at future meetings.

Next Steps, Future Meeting Topics, Adjourn Meeting

- Include updates on BitFocus at the next meeting.
- Consider inviting Connie from DHHS to provide insights into the county's approach to the funding changes.
- Invite New Life Recovery and Neuro Health to learn more about their services.

Action Items:

- Saul will send CCRP a flyer, brochure, and service provider form to be shared with the HHHC listserv.