



CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS MEETING

HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS MONTH PLANNING COMMITTEE

AGENDA

November 30, 2022

2:30 pm – 4 pm

Register: <https://homebaseccc.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUkf--upjMvGdMe7sT-1UM5GaDsQMbcGaAM>

Time	Agenda Item	Presenter
2:30 pm	1. Introductions	a. Jaime Jenett, H3
2:45 pm	2. Review Homeless Persons' Memorial Resolution	a. All
3:00 pm	3. Review and discuss agenda for Homeless Persons' Memorial Event	a. All
3:50 pm	4. Next Steps	a. All



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Commonly Used Acronyms

Acronym	Definition
APR	Annual Performance Report (for HUD homeless programs)
CARE	Coordinated Assessment and Resource
CCYCS	Contra Costa Youth Continuum of Services
CDBG, CDBG-CV	Community Development Block Grant (federal and state programs) and the federal Community Development Block Grant CARES Act coronavirus allocation.
CESH	California Emergency Solutions and Housing program (state funding)
Continuum of Care (CoC)	Continuum of Care approach to assistance to the homeless. Federal grant program promoting and funding permanent solutions to homelessness.
Con Plan	Consolidated Plan, a locally developed plan for housing assistance and urban development under CDBG.
CORE	Coordinated Outreach Referral, Engagement program
COVID-19	Coronavirus
DOC	Department Operations Center
EHSD	(Contra Costa County) Employment and Human Services Division
EOC	Emergency Operations Center
ESG and ESG-CV	Emergency Solutions Grant (federal and state program) and the federal Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act coronavirus allocation.
ESG-CV	Emergency Solutions Grant CARES
FMR	Fair Market Rent (maximum rent for Section 8 rental assistance/CoC grants)
HCD	Housing and Community Development (State office)
HEAP	Homeless Emergency Aid Program (State funding)
HEARTH	Homeless Emergency and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009
HHAP	Homeless Housing and Assistance Program
HMIS	Homeless Management Information System
HOME	Home Investment Partnerships (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
PUI	Persons Under Investigation
SAMHSA	Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration
SRO	Single-Room Occupancy housing units
SSDI	Social Security Disability Income
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
TA	Technical Assistance
TAY	Transition Age Youth (usually ages 16-24)
VA	Veterans Affairs (U.S. Department of)
VASH	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing
VI-SPDAT	Vulnerability Index – Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool

DRAFT Homeless Person's Memorial Day Resolution

RESOLUTION NAMING DECEMBER 21, 2022 NATIONAL HOMELESS PERSONS' MEMORIAL DAY

WHEREAS, December 21, 2022 marks the first day of winter and is the longest night of the year; and

WHEREAS, the National Coalition for the Homeless and the National Health Care for the Homeless Council have designated December 21, 2022 as National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day; and

WHEREAS the Contra Costa Coroner reported 100 people experiencing homelessness who died during calendar year 2021, a 47% increase from 2019¹; and

WHEREAS there was a 128% increase in alcohol and drug related deaths from 2019 to 2021 among people experiencing homelessness²; and

WHEREAS, 9,119 individuals accessed homeless services in Contra Costa in 2021, making up 6,816 unique households³; and

WHEREAS, homelessness raises one's risk of illness, injury and death; and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County encourages all residents to recognize that thousands of people in Contra Costa do not have housing and need support from government, citizens and private/public nonprofit service entities to address the myriad challenges of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the Council on Homelessness is both an Advisory Board to the Board of Supervisors and the planning body for the Contra Costa Continuum of Care and coordinates the community's policies, strategies, and activities toward preventing and ending homelessness in Contra Costa County and welcomes community participation and engagement; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Housing and Homeless Services Division of Contra Costa Health, which staffs the Council on Homelessness, is committed to making homelessness short-lived and non-recurring by ensuring an integrated system of housing and support services for persons experiencing homelessness in Contra Costa County; and

WHEREAS, the Council on Homelessness Person's Memorial event will take place on December 21, 2022 at 3 pm to remember those who died while experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, by joining together and remembering our neighbors, we can honor their lives by working to provide solutions to end homelessness within the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CONTRA COSTA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

That December 21, 2022 is hereby named National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day in Contra Costa County, to remember those who have died while experiencing homelessness, to encourage residents to come together to celebrate their lives, and commit to working to resolve factors that lead to homelessness within the County.

¹ Contra Costa County Homeless Continuum of Care 2022 Annual Report, p.53,

<https://cchealth.org/h3/coc/pdf/Annual-Report-2021.pdf>

² Ibid., p. 53

³ Ibid., p. 16

DRAFT HOMELESS PERSONS' MEMORIAL EVENT AGENDA

Time	Topic	Speaker	Notes
5	Opening Prayer	- Wayne Earl, Faith Representative	
8	Welcome	- Juno Hedrick, Chair, Youth Representative - Jo Bruno, Lived Experience Advisor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose of event • Disclaimer re: big feelings and importance of self care • Cue to share names in Jam Board (during event someone will be gathering the names and adding to PowerPoint?)
15	Speaking on Grief	Behavioral Health Provider	
15	Stories	- West - Central - East	3 min each on someone they know who died while experiencing homelessness
10	Eulogy	- Leslie Takahashi, Pastor, <i>Mt. Diablo Unified Unitarian Church</i>	Patty to confirm
15	Reading of Names	- Amanda Jenkins (East) - O'Neill (West) - Reina Ortega (East)	Slide show of names with speakers reading them aloud
2	Moment of Silence	?	Show candles on screen?
8	Prayer of Action	- Payton Silket, Faith in Action	Amanda Jenkins to reachout
10	Opportunities for Action	- Juno Hedrick, Chair, Youth Representative - Jo Bruno, Lived Experience Advisor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Read resolution and note when BOS adopted it - Show video and toolkit for HAM - Explain how to get involved in COH activities
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