

**Advisory Council on Aging (ACOA) Housing Work Group  
Meeting Minutes - Monday, July 18, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

**Present:** Gerald Richards (Chair; ACOA); Dale Harrington (Co-Chair; ACOA), Uche Uwahemu (Center for Elders' Independence); Jim Donnelly (ACOA); Elizabeth Verdin (HUME Center); Rosanna Aragon (Front Porch-Home Match); Jenny Robbins, Jaimie Schecter (Health, Housing and Homeless Services); and Nhang Luong (Staff Support; Area Agency on Aging)

**Introductions**

**Agenda and minutes review – Agenda and minutes approved unanimously**

**Presentation:** Continuum of Care (CoC) and Council on Homelessness (CoH) – Jenny Robbins - Chief of Programs, Jaimie Schecter – Director Continuum of Care (CoC), Shelby Ferguson – Coordinated Entry Systems Manager, Health, Housing and Homeless (H3) Services

Continuum of Care (CoC) – designed to address homelessness through coordinated community-based process of identifying needs and building systems of housing and services.

CoC system include, at minimum:

- Street outreach – Coordinated Outreach, Referral, Engagement (CORE)
- Engagement and assessment
- Shelter
- Housing
- Supportive services
- Homeless prevention strategies

Role of CoC – Planning body, promote goal of ending homelessness, provide funding, promote access to services, and optimize self-sufficiency.

CoC Advisory Board also known as “Council on Homelessness (CoH)”, funded by Housing Urban Development (HUD) and members are approved by Board of Supervisors.

Contra Costa Health Services, Health, Housing & Homeless Services Division (H3) is the lead agency in the CoC structure.

CoC has three access points: 211, Coordinated Outreach, Referral, Engagement (CORE) Teams, and Care Centers

Opportunities to engage with CoC: participate in CoH monthly meetings, committees, workgroups, stakeholder meetings, CoC learning hubs, and/or become a provider. To sign up for mailing list, visit [cchealth.org/h3](http://cchealth.org/h3)

**Home Match Update** - Home Match Contra Costa has a new Program Manager, Rosanna Aragon

**Discuss:** Housing Legislation

Gerald Richards provided a summary of housing bills being consider by the State Legislature.

**Update:** Demographics data updated on the housing white paper. Gerry, Dale, and Nhang will work on updating/writing the remainder of the paper.

**Next Meeting:** August 22, 2022

Meeting adjourned 10:46 a.m.