

# California Behavioral Health Planning Council Housing and Homelessness Committee Agenda

Thursday, April 20, 2023

8:30 am to 12:00 pm

Holiday Inn Downtown – Arena  
300 J Street Sacramento, CA 95814  
Granada/Hermosa Room

[Zoom Link](#)

Passcode: **548190**

Join by phone: **1-669-900-6833**

<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> <i>Monica Caffey, Chairperson</i>	
<b>8:40 am</b>	<b>Approve January 2023 Meeting Minutes</b> <i>Monica Caffey, Chairperson and All Committee Members</i>	<b>Tab 1</b>
<b>8:45 am</b>	<b>Public Comment</b>	
<b>8:50 am</b>	<b>Chair-Elect Nomination</b> <i>Monica Caffey, Chairperson and All Committee Members</i>	<b>Tab 2</b>
<b>8:55 am</b>	<b>Workgroup Discussion</b> <i>Monica Caffey, Chairperson and All Committee Members</i>	<b>Tab 3</b>
<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Public Comment</b>	
<b>9:05 am</b>	<b>California's Housing Future 2040: The Next Regional Housing Needs Allocation Presentation</b> <i>CA Department of Housing and Community Development Presenter</i>	<b>Tab 4</b>
<b>9:35 am</b>	<b>CA Interagency Council on Homelessness Presentation</b> <i>Meghan Marshall, Executive Officer, CA Interagency Council On Homelessness</i>	<b>Tab 5</b>
<b>10:35 am</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>10:45 am</b>	<b>CA Environmental Quality Act Update</b> <i>Eva Smith, CBHPC Staff</i>	<b>Tab 6</b>
<b>10:50 am</b>	<b>Community Listening Session Debrief</b> <i>Eva Smith, CBHPC Staff</i>	<b>Tab 7</b>
<b>11:20 am</b>	<b>Work Plan Discussion</b> <i>Monica Caffey, Chairperson and All Committee Members</i>	<b>Tab 8</b>

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**11:55 am     Public Comment**

**12:00 pm     Adjourn**

The scheduled times on the agenda are estimates and subject to change.

**Officers:** *Monica Caffey, Chairperson*

**Committee Members:** Barbara Mitchell, John Black, Arden Tucker, Darlene Prettyman, Deborah Starkey, Vera Calloway, Angelina Woodberry

**California Behavioral Health Planning Council  
Housing and Homelessness Committee (HHC) Meeting**

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**Agenda Item: Approve HHC January Meeting Minutes**

**Enclosures:** Draft HHC Minutes for January 2023 Meeting

**Background/Information:**

The Committee members will discuss any necessary edits and accept the draft minutes presented for the January 2023 meeting.

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Housing and Homelessness Committee  
Meeting Summary (DRAFT)**

**Thursday, January 19, 2023**

**8:30am to 12:00pm**

Holiday Inn Bayside

4875 N Harbor Drive, San Diego, California 92106

Point Loma Room

**Members Present:**

Monica Caffey, Chairperson

Deborah Starkey

John Black

Christine Frey

Vera Calloway

Arden Tucker

Barbara Mitchell

Angelina Woodberry

Erin Franco

Darlene Prettyman (virtual)

**Staff Present:**

Eva Smith

Naomi Ramirez

**Meeting Commenced at 8:30am**

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**ITEM 1                      Approve October 2022 Meeting Minutes**

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A motion to approve the October 2022 Housing and Homelessness Committee minutes was made by Barbara Mitchell and seconded by Vera Calloway. The motion passed with no abstentions.

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**Public Comment**

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Theresa Comstock, Executive Director for CALBHB/C shared that their commission has again made housing their priority. She reported CALBHB/C aims to be an informational resource for persons with serious mental illness. They are particularly focused on adult residential facilities (ARFs) and residential care facilities for the elderly (RCFEs). Theresa expressed that she hopes the HHC will make ARFs an advocacy priority.

Bennie Tinson, Executive Director for Licensed Adult Residential Care Association (LARCA), expressed concern for residential care homes across the state and their rapid closures as well as those that are on the verge of closing. He asserted LARCA is ready to assist the state to meet demands as the facilities cannot continue to operate without proper resources and funding.

Barbara Wilson from Los Angeles County stated that there are next to no ARFs available, particularly for older adults with serious mental illness.

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## **ITEM 2                      Welcome New Council Leadership**

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The committee welcomes the new Council leadership: Executive Officer, Jenny Bayardo, Council Chairperson, Deborah Starkey and Council Chair-Elect, Tony Vartan. The Council leadership discussed with committee members their committee goals as it relates to the mission and vision of the Council.

### **Committee Members' Discussion:**

- Housing is critical to physical and mental well-being and vital to completing the vision and mission.
  - Suggested a possible name change to 'Housing and Houselessness', rather 'Homelessness,' a more appropriate classification for persons who are unhoused.
  - Continue to advocate for more funding for ARFs and produce an updated white paper with recommendations.
  - Focus on housing for youth and older adults.
  - Participate in writing design regulations for the Behavioral Health Bridge Program (BHBH).
  - Look into Housing First policies and assess who it is working and not working for.
  - Review how state laws have impeded on matters contributing to housing and homelessness issues.
  - Encourage advocacy for change of federal ruling on definition of being housed.
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### **Public Comment**

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Barbara Wilson mirrored comments made by Council members. She expressed urgency for a continuum of care.

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## **ITEM 3                      Alpha Project Presentation**

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Sofia Cardenas, Data and Compliance Manager for Alpha Project, presented to the committee. Alpha Project is a local non-profit organization to San Diego and provides an array of homeless services including street outreach, emergency shelter, residential treatment, permanent housing, permanent supportive housing, supportive services and case management, workforce training, and meals and food pantry. All Alpha Project Programs serve persons with mental health barriers, serious mental illness (SMI) and disabilities. Their programs are designed in partnership with behavioral health services to serve those with SMI:

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- Harm Reduction Shelter: serves those with dual-diagnosis (self-report ok, no official diagnosis required) needs.
- Tenant Peer Support Services: voucher, housing navigation, and case management support.
- Casa Raphael Residential Recovery: 90-bed residential treatment facility, Comprehensive, Continuous, Integrated System of Care (CCISC) Model.

Alpha Project seeks to hire Peer Support workers with lived experience and promote them within the organization to have peers in leadership roles.

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**Public Comment**

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Barbara Wilson from Los Angeles County inquired about the failure rate for persons who have SMI and enter into housing first model placements.

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**ITEM 4                      Safe Village Pilot Program Presentation**

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John Brady, founder, and Executive Director for Lived Experience Advisers presented to the committee on their organization and projects. The organization is run by persons who have recovered from homelessness or are experiencing homelessness and is co-leading efforts to develop the Safe Village Pilot Program. The program is partnered with Downtown San Diego Partnership to expand shelter capacity, add safe non-congregate shelter options, increase outreach with professionals trained to assist those with behavioral health or substance abuse needs and deploy resources in a coordinated, compassionate, and data-driven way. Lived Experience Advisers is actively working to secure a location, assist with program proposals, and advise on programmatic elements of shelter operations for the Safe Village Pilot Program.

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**ITEM 5                      Community Listening Session Update**

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Council Staff, Eva Smith updated the committee on the plans for HHC to host a listening session for consumers. The listening session will include two presentations: one from a housing expert to present on different housing models and another from a consumer with lived experience of being unhoused followed by a listening session. The committee will utilize the feedback from the listening session to formulate recommendations in a white paper. The committee is aimed to host the listening session in March 2023 on Zoom and is in the process of confirming presenters. Once a date is determined for the listening session, the committee will begin to advertise the event to various partners and wellness centers across the state. The committee will provide an update on the outcome of the event at the next quarterly meeting in April.

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## **ITEM 6      CA Interagency Council on Homelessness Update**

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Council Staff, Eva Smith provided an update on the CA Interagency Council on Homelessness (CA ICH) activities. Cal ICH recently updated its 'Action Plan' to address the homeless crisis.

Through the Action Plan, Cal ICH pursues a vision for their Council and the state's work to prevent and end homelessness focused on purposeful, action-oriented coordination and alignment among state departments. The Plan was developed through input and collaboration with over 60 community entities, public agencies, nonprofits, and other experts. It is through this input that the 5 action areas and the goals were developed:

- Strengthening Systems to Better Prevent and End Homelessness
- Equitably Addressing the Health, Safety, and Services Needs of Californians experiencing unsheltered homelessness
- Expanding Communities' Capacity to Provide Safe and Effective Sheltering and Interim Housing
- Expanding and Ensuring Equitable Access to Permanent Housing in our Communities
- Preventing Californians from Experiencing the Crisis of Homelessness

In March 2021, the Cal ICH adopted the Action Plan for Preventing and Ending Homelessness, with the expectation that the plan would be updated every year to reflect current priorities. In September 2022, they adopted an updated [Action Plan for Preventing and Ending Homelessness](#). The staff develops a progress report each year. The report is a comprehensive collection of the state's efforts toward preventing and ending homelessness in the fiscal year.

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## **ITEM 7      Bridge Housing Presentation**

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Ilana Rub, Section Chief for the Behavioral Health Bridge Program (BHP) provided an update to the committee. BHP is specified for unsheltered homeless who are experiencing behavioral health challenges. The BHP program is identified to contribute to the implementation of the California Interagency Council on Homelessness' [Action Plan for Preventing and Ending Homelessness in California](#).

The BHP program will also be implemented in alignment with the Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment (CARE) Act, which prioritizes BHP program resources for CARE Act participants.

BHP Program Specifications:

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- The \$1.5B BHBH funding allocation is one-time only grant funding administered by DHCS
- Qualifying applicants are county behavioral health agencies, and tribal entities
- Funding must be expended by June 30, 2027
- The emphasis of the BHBH program is on meeting the needs of the currently unsheltered population with a behavioral health condition
- Provide case management and other medical, behavioral or social services and supports onsite, such as those provided by Full Service Partnerships, which provide field capable wrap around services
- Funding cannot supplant specialty mental health and SUD services provided by counties – these must continue to be covered by Medi-Cal
- BHBH is intended to pay for housing and housing-related services that are not covered by Medi-Cal, including community supports
- Many existing facilities are willing and able to serve this population, but cannot do so without operating funding and enhanced supports, which this effort will provide

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**Public Comment**

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No public comment.

**Meeting Adjourned at 12:00pm**



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**Agenda Item: Chair-Elect Nomination**

**Enclosures:** None

**How This Agenda Item Relates to Council Mission**

*To review, evaluate and advocate for an accessible and effective behavioral health system.*

The Chairperson and Chair-Elect lead their committee with a focus on supporting the Council's mission through their work.

**Background/Description:**

Each standing committee shall have a Chairperson and Chair-Elect. The committee designated Monica Caffey to serve a second year as the Chairperson, due to the chair-elect resigning from the Council. The committee members shall nominate a chair-elect to be submitted to the Officer Team for appointment.

**Chair-Elect Responsibilities:**

- Facilitate the Housing and Homelessness Committee meetings as needed, in the absence of the Chairperson;
- Assist the Chairperson and staff with setting the committee meeting agenda and committee planning;
- Participate in the Executive Committee Meetings;
- Participate in the Mentorship Forums.

**California Behavioral Health Planning Council  
Workforce and Employment Committee  
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**Agenda Item:** Workgroup Discussion

**Enclosures:** None

**How This Agenda Item Relates to Council Mission**

*To review, evaluate and advocate for an accessible and effective behavioral health system.*

This agenda item provides the opportunity for the Housing and Homelessness Committee to coordinate the activities of the CBHPC workgroups in accordance with the HHC Work Plan.

**Background/Description:**

CBHPC's Executive Committee will discuss how to ensure that the Council's workgroups are integrated into the work of all of the committees during the April 2023 Quarterly Meeting. The HHC Chairperson will provide a brief update on the following items:

- Executive Committee's Workgroup Discussion
- How the committee will integrate the work of the workgroup into the HHC

**CBHPC Workgroups:**

- Children and Youth Workgroup
- Reducing Disparities Workgroup
- Substance Use Disorder Workgroup

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**Agenda Item: California's Housing Future 2040: The Next Regional Housing Needs Allocation**

**Enclosures:** None

**How This Agenda Item Relates to Council Mission**

*To review, evaluate and advocate for an accessible and effective behavioral health system.*

This agenda item provides the committee the opportunity to be informed on housing programs and services that impact the behavioral health population, which assists in advocacy and evaluation efforts.

**Background/Information:**

**The Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA)** process refers to the first two steps (Determination and Allocation) of a multi-step process that California governments utilize to plan for housing needs in each region of the state. Since 1969, California has required that all local governments (cities and counties) adequately plan to meet the housing needs of everyone in the community. This process starts with the state determining how much housing at a variety of affordability levels is needed for each region in the state, and then regional governments develop a methodology to allocate that housing need to local governments. California's local governments then adopt housing plans (called housing elements) as part of their "general plan" (also required by the state) to show how the jurisdiction will meet local housing needs.

HCD plans to conduct this stakeholder engagement initiative in the spring of 2023, which will consist of several opportunities for stakeholder input. HCD is undertaking the CA's Housing Future 2040 initiative centering the following guiding principles:

- Ensure RHNA is a fair, transparent, objective, and streamlined process for identifying housing need.
  - Fair in terms of advancing equity, racial justice and inclusion, and environmental justice in a manner that ensures all jurisdictions plan for their fair share of the region's housing need.

- Transparent in terms of open and accessible public participation, proactive engagement, and making materials available online.
- Objective in terms of maintaining a data-driven process.
- Streamlined in terms of ensuring a logical flow of steps with the most efficient process available to accomplish meaningful outcomes.
- Strategically plan for the needs of households of all income levels while promoting infill development, the protection of natural resources, and efficient development patterns.
- Account for future climate risk with the goal of ensuring communities and vulnerable populations are not unduly exposed to climate risks, including but not limited to drought, flooding, sea level rise, and wildfire.
- Encourage increased development to substantially address California's housing shortage and affordability issues.
- Improve compliance and outcomes through incentives and enforcement.
- Enhance and protect RHNA's role in Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing so that all cities plan for their fair share of growth and future planning does not further entrench segregated living patterns.

Upon completion of this California's Housing Future 2040 stakeholder engagement initiative, HCD will compile its findings and recommendations, and will **submit a report to the Legislature by December 31, 2023.**

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**Agenda Item: CA Interagency Council on Homelessness**

**Enclosures:**

- [Action Plan Executive Summary](#)
- [SB 1380](#)
- [AB 1220](#)

**How This Agenda Item Relates to Council Mission**

*To review, evaluate and advocate for an accessible and effective behavioral health system.*

It is important that the HHC members regularly receive updates on initiatives the Governor established to address the homelessness crisis in California. The information provided is intended to assist members in identifying areas the Council can provide input on the policies, guidelines, and regulations currently in development to reduce homelessness and ensure access to adequate housing and supports.

**Background/Information:**

**CA Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH):** The Cal ICH was created by **SB 1380** in 2017 as the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council to oversee the implementation of **Housing First** policies, guidelines, and regulations to reduce the prevalence and duration of homelessness in California.

In 2021, Governor Newsom signed **AB 1220** into law, which renamed and restructured this Council to continue California's forward momentum toward the state's broader vision for greater statewide leadership and coordination around its response to the homelessness crisis. The mission of Cal ICH is to develop policies and identify resources, benefits, and services to prevent and work toward ending homelessness in California.

Council staff have been involved with Cal ICH through participation in their quarterly meetings and tracking their projects and activities. Cal ICH recently updated its 'Action Plan' to address the homeless crisis.

Through the Action Plan, Cal ICH pursues a vision for their Council and the state's work to prevent and end homelessness focused on purposeful, action-oriented coordination and alignment among state departments. The Plan was developed through input and collaboration with over 60 community entities, public agencies, nonprofits, and other experts. It is through this input that the 5 action areas and the goals were developed. The Action Plan orients the state's efforts to drive purposeful, meaningful, and measurable progress toward preventing and ending homelessness in California, motivated by a vision of a future in which homelessness in California is: rare, because it is prevented whenever possible; brief, ended quickly whenever it does occur, through a focus on Housing First approaches and housing outcomes; and a one-time experience, ended successfully the first time, so that no Californians experience homelessness repeatedly.

In March 2021, the Cal ICH adopted the Action Plan for Preventing and Ending Homelessness, with the expectation that the plan would be updated every year to reflect current priorities. In September 2022, they adopted an updated Action Plan for Preventing and Ending Homelessness. The staff develops a progress report each year. The report is a comprehensive collection of the state's efforts toward preventing and ending homelessness in the fiscal year.

#### **About the Presenter:**

Meghan Marshall, newly appointed Executive Officer for the CA ICH, was Director of Public Health at the Placer County Department of Health and Human Services from 2021 to 2023. She was Division Manager for the Sacramento County Department of Health Services from 2020 to 2021. Marshall was Planning Manager at the Sacramento County Department of Human Assistance from 2015 to 2020. Marshall was Health and Nutrition Services Division Manager at Marin Head Start from 2013 to 2015 and a Program Manager for the County of Sacramento from 2007 to 2013. She earned a Master of Social Work degree from California State University, Sacramento, a Master of Public Health degree from George Washington University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Work from California State University, Sacramento.

#### **Additional Resources:**

- [Cal ICH Website](#)
- [Action Plan for Preventing and Ending Homelessness](#)

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**Agenda Item: CA Environmental Quality Act Public Hearing Update**

**Enclosures:**

[Press Release: Little Hoover Commission to Study the Environmental Quality Act](#)

**How This Agenda Item Relates to Council Mission**

*To review, evaluate and advocate for an accessible and effective behavioral health system.*

HHC members track various projects that impact and affect the development of housing. The information provided at this hearing is shared with Council Members so they may identify areas the Council should address regarding potential barriers to the development of housing in their advocacy efforts.

**Background/Information:**

**The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)** is intended to inform government decision makers and the public about the potential environmental effects of proposed activities, including the development of housing projects, to prevent significant, avoidable environmental damage. For more than fifty years, CEQA has played a critical role in promoting environmental quality and encouraging public awareness around land use decisions.

**The Little Hoover Commission (Commission)** is America's only permanent, independent citizens' commission working to improve state government. A nonpartisan oversight agency created in 1962, the Commission includes 13 Commissioners appointed by the Governor and legislative leaders. The Commission's mission is to investigate state operations and promote efficiency, economy and improved service.

The Commission will survey the debate that surrounds CEQA, examine CEQA's role in protecting the environment and providing public disclosure, and evaluating the nature and extent of CEQA's impact on housing, land use, and other issues. The Commission will also explore the present state of the CEQA process and consider whether changes to CEQA or the CEQA process may be merited, and how to best ensure those changes,

if needed, preserve the environmental protections and public accountability that the law affords.

CEQA has long been at the center of polarized debate and controversy. The law is subject to intense disagreement over its impact on housing, land use, economic development, and infrastructure. Some critics argue that CEQA impedes the realization of state policy priorities around housing construction, infill development, and addressing climate change. CEQA's supporters, meanwhile, contend that this argument greatly exaggerates CEQA's impact and instead point to the law as a vital tool for achieving state environmental goals and advancing environmental justice.

Council Staff, Eva Smith attended: "Hearing on the Effects of the California Environmental Quality Act" and will provide an update, including a written summary, to the HHC on the outcomes and discussions of the hearing. Staff will lead a discussion on the opportunities to advocate on CEQA guidelines for housing development.



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**Agenda Item: Community Listening Session Debrief**

**Enclosures:**

- Listening Session Save-The-Date Flyer
- Listening Session Official Event Flyer

**How This Agenda Item Relates to Council Mission**

*To review, evaluate and advocate for an accessible and effective behavioral health system.*

This agenda item is to update HHC members on this effort to obtain recommendations directly from persons with lived experience. This will guide future advocacy for housing options for consumers of the public behavioral health system.

**Background/Information:**

The HHC members decided to host a community listening session via a webinar to provide consumers with the opportunity to share their preferences for housing options that would best support their recovery. The event is being coordinated by Council staff and is planned for **Tuesday, April 11, 2023 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm on Zoom.**

During this agenda item, Council Staff will provide an update including a written summary to the committee on the outcome of the event. The committee will have an opportunity to discuss how the HHC will utilize the input from consumers of behavioral health services to guide the work of the committee and formulate recommendations.

# SAVE THE DATE

## Public Forum & Listening Session



California  
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**An opportunity for consumers of the public behavioral health system to voice their housing needs and challenges**

**Date:** Tuesday, April 11, 2023

**Time:** 3:00pm to 4:30pm

**Location:** Zoom (details to follow)

*Presentations will include a brief overview of housing models from a housing expert and stories from persons with lived experience of being unhoused followed by a community listening session.*

**Event Hosted by the Housing & Homelessness Committee**



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# Listening Session on Housing

An opportunity for unhoused or  
formerly unhoused consumers of  
the public behavioral health system  
to voice their housing needs

This event hosted by the Housing and Homelessness Committee (HHC) will feature an overview of housing models available in California, followed by a listening session featuring stories from folks with lived experience of navigating the behavioral health system and being unhoused. Persons with lived expertise in attendance will have the opportunity to voice their housing needs and share about the barriers they face. The information gathered at this event will be used by HHC to inform the work of the Council and develop future recommendations.

**Date:** Tuesday, April 11, 2023

**Time:** 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

**Location:** [Zoom link](#) (registration required)

## Presenters:

- Sharon Rapport, Corporation for Supportive Housing, Director for California Policy
  - 15 Minute Presentation: Housing Model Overview
  - Questions & Answers
- Monique Campero & Leo Williamson
  - Shared Stories: Persons from the behavioral health community with lived expertise of being unhoused will share about their own journey

## Listening Session Discussion Questions:

- What are your current housing needs?
- What are some barriers you experience when you try to get housing?
- What type of housing services would best support your recovery?
- What type of support do you feel you need to meet your housing goals?

If reasonable accommodations are needed please call (916) 750-1865 or  
email [Eva.Smith@cbhpc.dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:Eva.Smith@cbhpc.dhcs.ca.gov) by April 3, 2023.

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**Agenda Item: Work Plan Discussion**

**Enclosures:** HHC Draft Work Plan

**How This Agenda Item Relates to Council Mission**

*To review, evaluate and advocate for an accessible and effective behavioral health system.*

The Work Plan is an instrument to guide and monitor the Housing and Homelessness Committee activities in its efforts to uphold its duties within the framework of the Council.

**Background/Information:**

The purpose of the Work Plan is to establish the objectives and goals of the HHC, as well as to map out the necessary tasks to accomplish those goals. HHC members will review and update the committee Work Plan in order to fulfill and prioritize activities for the committee.

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**GOAL 1**

**Evaluate the Effectiveness of the Housing First Policy**

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**Objective:** Review the state-level Housing First policy, evaluate its effectiveness, and compare it to the federal requirements to make recommendations for changes

**Target Audience:** Stakeholders, Legislature

**Activities:**

- Research and review legislation at the state and federal level
- Collaborate with stakeholders
- Compile a list of concerns and recommendations related to Housing First

**Timeline:** TBD

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**GOAL 2**

**Advocate for Equitable Access to Housing for Persons with  
Serious Mental Illness Across the Lifespan**

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**Objective:** Assess the availability of housing resources for persons across the lifespan and review how state laws have impeded on matters contributing to housing and homelessness issues

**Target Audience:** Counties, stakeholders, Legislature

**Activities:**

- Review and evaluate housing resources and funding for youth, transition-age youth (TAY), adults, and older adults
- Identify state laws that impede on matters contributing to housing and homelessness issues.
- Advocate for performance outcomes for housing initiatives
- Develop recommendations

**Timeline:** TBD

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**GOAL 3**

**Contribute to the Development of Regulations for Housing  
Initiatives for Persons with Serious Mental Illness**

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**Objective:** Provide input and recommendations on the development and implementation of housing regulations

**Target Audience:** Counties, stakeholders, Legislature

**Activities:**

- Identify and review housing funding initiatives on the horizon and in development stages to identify opportunities to provide input
  - Behavioral Health Bridge Housing
  - CA Interagency Council on Homelessness Action Plan for Preventing and Ending Homelessness
- Identify new housing initiatives that may provide an opportunity for ARF funding
- Collaborate with stakeholders and provide stakeholder feedback
- Develop written input and recommendations

**Timeline:** TBD