

# California Behavioral Health Planning Council Housing and Homelessness Committee Meeting Summary

**Zoom Meeting**  
**Thursday, May 11, 2023**  
**9:00am to 10:00am**

**Members Present:**

Monica Caffey, Chairperson  
Deborah Starkey  
Vera Calloway

Darlene Prettyman  
Stephanie Blake

**Staff Present:**

Eva Smith  
Naomi Ramirez  
Jenny Bayardo

**Meeting Commenced at 9:00am**

## ITEM 1 Work Plan Discussion

Committee members discussed the proposed work plan and suggested edits to the draft goals. The proposed changes to the work plan goals are as follows:

**Goal 1:** The committee decided to include sharing information on Housing First with the committee, then identify concerns and compile the concerns in a list for the activities portion of the goal.

**Goal 2:** The committee decided to include in the activities portion:

- Identify types of housing and make recommendations for certain populations
- Track performance outcomes of various housing initiatives

**Goal 3:** The committee decided to add Residential Care for the Elderly (RCFE) to the bullet “Identify new housing initiatives that may provide an opportunity for ARF **and RCFE** funding”

Council Staff Eva Smith will update the work plan and will provide it to Council members at the June meeting for the committee to finalize and approve.

## Public Comment

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Theresa Comstock, Executive Director for California Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions (CALBHB/C) encouraged the committee to narrow the focus on the work plan goals. She suggested the committee address the 1915c waiver that was designed for persons with developmental disabilities and the three-tiered structure be implemented for ARFs.

Lorraine Zeller, Community Living Coalition, Santa Clara County shared concerns for unlicensed board and care facilities that are unregulated and have substandard living conditions. Lorraine suggested reviewing the Alameda County Grand Jury Report.