

California Behavioral Health Planning Council Housing and Homelessness Committee Agenda

Thursday, June 15, 2023
8:30 am to 12:00 pm

Doubletree Hilton Hotel Santa Ana - Orange County Airport
201 East MacArthur Blvd Santa Ana, CA 92707
Ballroom B

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Join by phone: (669) 900-6833
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| 8:30 am | Welcome and Introductions
<i>Monica Caffey, Chairperson</i> | |
| 8:35 am | Approve April 2023 and May 2023 Meeting Minutes
<i>Monica Caffey, Chairperson and All Committee Members</i> | Tab 1 |
| 8:40 am | Public Comment | |
| 8:45 am | CBHPC Workgroup Updates
<i>Monica Caffey, Chairperson and All Committee Members</i> | Tab 2 |
| 8:50 am | CA Interagency Council on Homelessness Presentation
<i>Cody Zeger, Director of Statewide Policy, CA Interagency Council
On Homelessness</i> | Tab 3 |
| 9:45 am | Break | |
| 10:00 am | Licensed Adult Residential Care Association Presentation
<i>Bennie Tinson, Executive Director, Licensed Adult Residential Care
Association (LARCA)</i> | Tab 4 |
| 10:40 am | Community Listening Session Report Review/Discuss
<i>Jenny Bayardo, Executive Officer and All Committee Members</i> | Tab 5 |
| 11:25 am | Work Plan Finalization (Action Item)
<i>Monica Caffey, Chairperson and All Committee Members</i> | Tab 6 |
| 11:55 am | Public Comment | |
| 12:00 pm | Adjourn | |

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Officers: *Monica Caffey, Chairperson*

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

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

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Agenda Item: Approve HHC April 2023 and May 2023 Meeting Minutes

Enclosures:

Draft April 2023 HHC Minutes

Draft May 2023 HHC Minutes

Background/Information:

The Committee members will discuss any necessary edits and accept the draft minutes presented for the April and May 2023 meetings.

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Thursday, April 20, 2023

8:30am to 12:00pm

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

Members Present:

Monica Caffey, Chairperson

Deborah Starkey

Vera Calloway

Stephanie Blake

John Black

Barbara Mitchell

Darlene Prettyman

Arden Tucker (virtual)

Staff Present:

Eva Smith

Naomi Ramirez

Meeting Commenced at 8:30am

ITEM 1 Approve January 2023 Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the January 2023 Housing and Homelessness Committee minutes was made by Barbara Mitchell and seconded by Vera Calloway. The motion passed with no abstentions.

Public Comment

Theresa Comstock requested an edit to her comment from the January 2023 meeting to clarify that she was encouraging the full Council to focus on adult residential facilities, rather than just the Housing and Homelessness Committee.

Lorraine Zeller, Community Living Coalition, Santa Clara County shared the need for advocacy for adult residential facilities.

ITEM 2 Chair-Elect Nomination

Barbara Mitchell made a motion to nominate Angelina Woodberry as the committee's Chair-Elect. The motion was seconded by Darlene Prettyman and passed with no abstentions. Angelina will be contacted to confirm she will accept the nomination as she was not present for this meeting.

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ITEM 3

Workgroup Discussion

Jenny Bayardo provided an overview of the Council’s workgroups and discussed how to best incorporate and collaborate the efforts between the committees and the workgroups.

Quarterly Meeting Workgroup Schedules:

- Children and Youth: Wednesdays, 10:30 am to 12:15 pm
- Substance Use Disorder: Thursdays, 12:15 pm to 1:15 pm
- Reducing Disparities: Thursdays, 12:15 pm to 1:15 pm

Jenny acknowledged that Vera Calloway and Barbara Mitchell attend the Reducing Disparities workgroup and Monica Caffey attends the Children and Youth workgroup. Barbara expressed willingness to switch to the SUD workgroup due to her interest in how Housing First interacts with substance use issues and with keeping people housed. Jenny suggested the committee designate time on the agenda moving forward to have these members provide an update on the activities of the workgroups. The Committee agreed.

Public Comment

Janet Frank, California Commission on Aging, recommended the Council establish an older adult committee. She also suggested having a standing agenda item to focus on older adult issues, as they are underserved and the fastest-growing homeless population.

ITEM 4

**California’s Housing Future 2040: The Next Regional
Housing Needs Assessment**

Marissa Prasse, Senior Housing Policy Specialist for Housing Policy Development Division for Housing and Community Development (HCD) presented an overview of the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) process and their stakeholder initiative to acquire feedback. The RHNA process refers to the first two steps, determination, and allocation, in a multi-step process for how California plans for housing needs in each region of the state.

Marissa highlighted that the statutory objectives of the RHNA process are to:

- Increase housing supply and mix of housing types, tenure, and affordability in an equitable manner.

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- Promote infill development and socioeconomic equity, protect environmental and agricultural resources, encourage efficient development patterns, and achieve the region's greenhouse gas reduction targets provided by the State Air Resources Board.
- Promote improved intraregional jobs-housing relationships, including jobs-housing fit.
- Balance disproportionate household income distributions (more lower-income RHNA to higher income areas)
- Affirmatively furthering fair housing (AFFH)

The RHNA Stakeholder Engagement Plan includes:

- March – May 2023: Stakeholder engagement period
- July 1, 2023: HCD progress update to the Legislature
- December 21, 2023: Final Recommendation Report due to the Legislature

ITEM 5 California Interagency Council on Homelessness Presentation

Executive Officer, Meghan Marshall provided a brief overview of the California Interagency Council on Homelessness' (CA ICH) Action Plan report. The Action Plan is a comprehensive collection of the state's efforts toward preventing and ending homelessness in the fiscal year. The CA-ICH's Action Plan orients the state's efforts to drive purposeful, meaningful, and measurable progress toward preventing and ending homelessness in California. In March 2021, the CA 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. Meghan reported that the Action Plan is currently under revision and that there are two public input forums coming up. The forums will provide an overview of the CA ICH update process and an opportunity to offer feedback and suggestions for future revisions.

Members were encouraged to participate in the following Public Input Forums:

- Thursday, April 27th at 10:00am to 11:00am
- Wednesday, May 3rd at 1:00pm to 2:00pm

ITEM 6 California Environmental Quality Act Update

CBHPC staff provided an update to the committee on the recent California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) hearings hosted by the Little Hoover Commission (Commission). The Commission is America's only permanent, independent citizens' commission working to improve state government. They are a nonpartisan oversight agency created in 1962 and its membership includes 13 Commissioners, appointed by

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the Governor and legislative leaders. The Commission’s mission is to investigate state operations and promote efficiency, economy, and improved service.

The Commission is exploring the debate around CEQA and examining 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 is also exploring the present state of the CEQA process and considering whether changes to CEQA or the process may be needed, and how to best ensure those changes. Eva provided discussion points shared at the hearing as it relates to the development of housing such as the challenge of not being able to accurately analyze CEQA’s effectiveness. The committee wishes to continue to follow the activity around the CEQA hearings and will consider how the committee can participate.

ITEM 7 Community Listening Session Debrief

Eva Smith provided a report and led the discussion on the outcomes of the committee’s ‘Listening Session on Housing’ held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The Listening Session event featured brief presentations including an overview of the housing models available in California and stories from individuals with lived experience navigating the behavioral health system and being unhoused. After the presentations, the Listening Session portion provided comprehensive time to hear from persons with lived experience to voice their housing needs and share the barriers they encounter trying to obtain housing.

Eva reviewed the information shared by consumers of the public behavioral health system and their housing struggles. The group engaged in discussion but made no decisions about the next steps.

ITEM 8 Work Plan Discussion

Committee members decided to have an in-between meeting to further discuss and refine the work plan goals as other agenda items went over time and there was not sufficient time to address this agenda item. Staff, Eva Smith will send out a doodle poll to committee members to schedule the meeting.

Public Comment

Elizabeth Stone, a peer from Ventura County, shared about her work in her county.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00pm

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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.

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Agenda Item: CBHPC Workgroup Updates

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/Information:

CBHPC's Executive Committee would like to ensure that the Planning Council's workgroups are integrated into the work of all the committees. Committee members who attended each workgroup will report on discussions held during prior workgroup meetings to identify any points of collaboration with HHC activities and Work Plan items.

CBHPC workgroups:

- **Reducing Disparities Workgroup** / Representative: Uma Zykofsky
- **Children and Youth Workgroup** / Representative: Noel O'Neill
- **Substance Use Disorder Workgroup** / Representative: Karen Baylor

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Enclosures: [Action Plan Executive Summary](#)

How This Agenda Item Relates to Council Mission

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

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. Cody Zeger, Director of Statewide Policy for CA ICH, will present on their organization's Action Plan, their annual progress report and other recent developments.

About the Presenter:

Cody Zeger is the Director of Statewide Policy for the California Interagency Council on Homelessness. Prior to joining Cal ICH, he received a Master of Public Policy degree from UC Berkeley where he focused on analyzing and improving public programs related to homelessness and housing. Additionally, he has years of experience conducting data analysis and overseeing program implementation in both public agencies and nonprofit organizations on these issues.

At Berkeley, Cody completed projects such as an evaluation of Alameda County's Project Roomkey program, a literature review of effective anti-displacement policies, and a proposal for an innovative affordable housing development in Santa Fe, NM. In his prior professional work, he helped implement the San Francisco Chronic Homelessness Initiative, where he oversaw the initiative's \$100 million budget, managed a new housing subsidy program, and collected and analyzed program outcome data, among other responsibilities. He has also spent years volunteering with the San Francisco AIDS Foundation's Syringe Access & Disposal program.

Cody firmly believes that we can end homelessness as we know it today. With the right resources and a commitment to uplift the expertise of those who have experienced homelessness, he knows we can provide everyone with a safe, accessible, and affordable place to live.

Additional Resources:

[Cal ICH Website](#)

[Action Plan for Preventing and Ending Homelessness](#)

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Agenda Item: Licensed Adult Residential Care Association Presentation

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 an advocacy organization for owners and operators of Adult Residential Facilities (ARFs) and Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFEs) with residents who are reliant on public benefits and/or living with serious mental illness.

Background/Information:

Licensed Adult Residential Care Association (LARCA) is a new, nonprofit membership association for Los Angeles County-based owners and operators of Adult Residential Facilities and Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly, formed with fiscal sponsorship from the National Alliance on Mental Illness Greater Los Angeles Chapter (NAMI GLAC) and financial support from the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health. The process of establishing the Association commenced in August 2021, with a goal to develop LARCA into a fully-independent, nonprofit entity within two years.

With an emphasis on serving the population of owners and operators of Adult Residential Facilities (ARFs) and Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFEs) with residents who are reliant on public benefits and/or living with serious mental illness, LARCA will advocate to enhance the capability and sustainability of all facilities to continue to fill a critical need in our Los Angeles County continuum of services for many of those who are otherwise at serious risk of experiencing homelessness. Bennie Tinson, Executive Director for LARCA will present to the committee on their organization's recent efforts to secure funding for ARFs and RCFEs.

About the Presenter:

In a career spanning over 20 years, Bennie Tinson is an accomplished non-profit leader, strategic organizer, government affairs and public policy professional. Bennie serves as the Inaugural Executive Director of the Licensed Adult Residential Care Association. He is the voice for 230 state licensed Adult Residential Facilities and Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly in Los Angeles County that provide housing and care for low-income residents living with Serious Mental Illness. Bennie Tinson is a former Regional Manager, Government Affairs & Organizing for the Service Employees International Union. Regional Director for Educators for Excellence where he advocated for classroom teachers in Los Angeles, New York & Boston; and a Lead Organizer with LA Voice and the Faith in Action Network. He earlier served as Director of Community Engagement at the California Charter School Association, Associate Faculty at Mount San Jacinto Community College District, and Government Affairs Officer at Altura Credit Union where he advocated on behalf of California Credit Unions.

Bennie earned a Master's degree in Public Policy at Pepperdine University, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from St. Olaf College. He also studied abroad at Oxford University - Harris Manchester College in Oxford, England. Bennie is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Political Science and Religion at Claremont Graduate University. In 2010, Bennie Tinson received the Woody Fleming & Willie (Motto) Robinson Award from the California Friends of the African American Legislative Caucus.

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Agenda Item: Community Listening Session Report Review

Enclosures: None

How This Agenda Item Relates to Council Mission

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This agenda item is to finalize HHC the report on the Listening session held to obtain input directly from persons with lived experience of being unhoused. This information 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 was coordinated by Council staff and was held Tuesday, April 11, 2023, from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Zoom.

During this agenda item, Council Staff will review the contents of the draft report. The committee will provide staff direction for any changes they wish to see. The Committee will also discuss and develop potential recommendations to be included in the final report.

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Agenda Item: Work Plan Finalization (Action Item)

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's 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 to fulfill and prioritize activities for the committee. Committee members will use this time to make final edits and approve the work plan.

Motion: To approve the proposed work plan.

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GOAL 1

Evaluate the Effectiveness of the Housing First Policy

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 the current state and federal policies and compare
- Identify and compile a list of concerns and develop recommendations for changes, if appropriate
- Share information on Housing First with the committee

Timeline: October 2023- April 2024

GOAL 2

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

Objective: Assess the availability of housing resources for persons across the lifespan and review how state laws have impeded 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 (share resources with the committee)
- Identify state laws that impede on matters contributing to housing and homelessness issues
- Identify types of housing and make recommendations for certain populations
- Share resources of information gathered to be made available to the public

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- Track performance outcomes of various housing initiatives

Timeline: TBD

GOAL 3

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

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
 - MHSA Modernization Proposal
- Identify new housing initiatives that may provide an opportunity for ARF and Residential Care for the Elderly (RCFE) funding
- Collaborate with stakeholders and provide stakeholder feedback
- Develop written input and recommendations

Timeline: June 2023-October 2024