

**Sonoma County Homeless Coalition Board
Agenda Report**

Item No: 1 (Consent Calendar)

Subject: December 17, 2025, Sonoma County Homeless Coalition Board Meeting
Agenda

Meeting Date: December 17, 2025

Staff Contact: Araceli Rivera, Araceli.Rivera@sonomacounty.gov

SUMMARY

This staff report presents the December 17, 2025, Sonoma County Homeless Coalition Board Meeting proposed agenda. The agenda contains all proposed items that will be discussed by the Board. The proposed agenda is attached as Attachment A.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S)

Approve December 17, 2025, agenda.

Attachment A



Sonoma County Homeless Coalition

Board Meeting Agenda

DRAFT December 17, 2025

1:00pm-4:30pm Pacific Time

Public Zoom Link:

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	Agenda Item	Packet Item	Presenter	Time
	Welcome, Roll Call and Introductions		Board Chair	1:00pm
	<i>Note: Items 1-4 below are proposed for adoption via one motion as the Consent Calendar.</i>	N/A		
1.	12/17/2025 Agenda (Consent Calendar)	Draft Agenda	Staff Pg.2	
2.	Minutes from 10/22/2025 (Consent Calendar)	Draft Minutes	Staff Pg.5	
3.	Reports for Standing Committee Updates (Consent Calendar) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CEA Committee• HMIS Committee• Lived Experience Advisory & Planning Board (LEAP)	Staff Report for Standing Committees	Staff Pg.13	
4.	Reports from Lead Agency Staff	Staff Report	Staff Pg. 17	1:10pm

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuum of Care (CoC) Competition and Impact on Coordinated Entry (CE) Assessment and Referral 			
	ACTION ITEM			
5.	Lead Agency Evaluation Update Potential Action Item	Staff Report	Board Chair and Vice Chair Pg.17	1:30pm
6.	Updates to Rapid Rehousing (RRH) Standards ACTION ITEM	Staff Report	Staff Pg.18	1:35pm
7.	Homeless Coalition Board Elections Update ACTION ITEM	Staff Report	Staff Pg.19	1:55pm
8.	2025/2026 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Update ACTION ITEM	Staff Report	Staff Pg.20	2:05pm
9.	10-minute break			2:30pm
10.	Word from the LEAP Board Potential ACTION ITEM		LEAP Board Chair	2:40pm
11.	Overview presentation on Homeless Funding in Sonoma County Potential ACTION ITEM		Staff	2:50pm
12.	Point in Time (Pit) Count Potential ACTION ITEM	Staff Report	Staff Pg. 22	3:40pm
13.	Homeless Coalition Quarterly Membership Meeting Cancellation ACTION ITEM	Staff Report	Staff Pg.24	3:50pm
14.	Special December 23, 2025, Homeless Coalition Board Meeting Potential ACTION ITEM		Staff	3:55pm
15.	Review Agenda for January Coalition Board Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Priority Populations & Scenario Planning (Follow-up to Item 11: Funding Presentation) Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Standards Potential ACTION ITEM	Staff Report for DRAFT Agenda	Board Chair Pg.25	4:00pm

16.	Board Member Questions & Comments Potential ACTION ITEM		Board Chair	4:05pm
17.	Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda		Board Chair	4:10pm

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public Comment may be made via email or during the live zoom meeting.

To submit an emailed public comment to the Homeless Coalition Board, submit your responses via the website at [Homeless Coalition Board Comment Form >>](#). Please label the written notice as public comment referencing the Homeless Coalition Board, provide your name, the agenda number(s) on which you wish to speak, and your comment.

Public comment during the meeting can be made live by joining the Zoom meeting using the above provided login information. Available time for comments is determined by the Board Chair based on agenda scheduling demands and total number of speakers. If you need technical assistance with submitting a public comment, please contact Jynessa Lazzaroni at jynessa.lazzaroni@sonomacounty.gov



**Sonoma County Homeless Coalition
Minutes Staff Report**

Item No: 2 (Consent Calendar)

Subject: Meeting Minutes 10/22/25

Meeting Date: 12/17/25

Staff Contact: Kim Holden, Senior Office Assistant, Kim.Holden@sonoma-county.org

SUMMARY

This staff report briefly summarizes the October 22, 2025, Sonoma County Homelessness Coalition Meeting Minutes. The attached meeting minutes contain all items discussed by the Sonoma County Homeless Coalition Board at the October 2025 Sonoma County Homelessness Coalition Meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S)

Approve Sonoma County Homeless Coalition Minutes from the 10/22/2025 Sonoma County Homeless Coalition Board Meeting.

Homeless Coalition Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

1:00 – 4:30 PM, Pacific Time – Zoom Meeting

Zoom Link:

https://sonomacounty.zoom.us/rec/share/yWzAfJTFHzk6PQhF1L3baAmJ8TIF_df_T7qfdPiDZUW4GheahpVofuhgiS0si0Lg.UV4rIWROorjc5uGb

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Welcome and Roll Call Introductions (00:03:01 - 00:13:45)

Chair Jennielynn Holmes called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM, and explained the Zoom rules regarding public comment and the Brown Act guidelines.

Department of Health Services Division Director Nolan Sullivan introduced the new interim DHS Homelessness Services Division Director, Desiree Ohlstrom.

Chair Holmes welcomed two new members to the Homeless Coalition (HC) Board: Kimberly Stevens will be representing the Lived Experience Advisory Planning (LEAP) Board, and Ash Culver is the new representative for the transitional-aged youth seat. The HC Board thanks Kimberly and Ash for their willingness to serve.

Roll call proceeded with each member introducing themselves and identifying the seat they occupy.

Present: Jennielynn Holmes, Catholic Charities | Caroline Bañuelos, City of Santa Rosa | Kevin McDonnell, City of Petaluma | Chris Coursey, Sonoma County Board of Supervisors | Martha Cheever, Community Development Commission | Stephen Zollman, City of Sebastopol | Dannielle Danforth, West County Community Services | Margaret Sluyk, Reach For Home | Chessy Etheridge, Adult Lived Experience Seat | Chris Cabral, Committee on the Shelterless (COTS) | Kristi Lozinto, Member At-Large | Angelica Smith, Tribal Seat | Rosie Traversi, Licensed Healthcare Organization Seat | Maria Rico, BIPOC Led/Serving Organization Seat | Kimberly Stevens, LEAP Board | Ash Culver, Transitional-aged Youth Seat

Absent: Jackie Elward, City of Rohnert Park, Ron Wellander, City of Sonoma

A quorum was present.

1 - 4. Approval of Consent Calendar (00:13:46 – 00:15:23)

- Chair Holmes presented the following consent calendar items for approval:
 1. 10/22/25 meeting agenda
 2. 9/24/25 meeting minutes
 3. Summary of Follow-Ups from the Previous Meeting(s)
 4. Reports for Standing Committee Updates

- **Public Comment:** None.

Motion: Mayor Stephen Zollman moves to approve the Consent Calendar.

Second: Chessy Etheredge seconds the motion.

Abstentions or Objections: None.

Motion passes. The consent calendar is approved.

5. Reports from Lead Agency Staff (00:15:26 – 00:33:43)

- **Department of Health Services (DHS) Director Updates:**

-DHS Director Nolan Sullivan reported that Desiree Ohlstrom is now on board as interim Homelessness Division Director, and efforts to incorporate homeless operations into the Behavioral Health division are beginning to be developed. This integration is approached with a lens toward increasing in-depth services for county residents who present with higher acuity behavioral and/or substance abuse needs, to more readily prepare and increase their competency for permanent housing.

-Susan Price, with the consultant group MRG, is currently conducting interviews with community leaders and partners regarding the transition of Homelessness Services Division programs to Behavioral Health and the anticipated subsequent adjustments in services to the community. She will be in touch with Homeless Coalition (HC) Board members for one-to-one conversations concerning the upcoming changes. Various group feedback sessions for DHS staff, partners, and HC Board members will also be forthcoming. Dates and times of the sessions will be provided to HC Board members after today's meeting.

-The Measure O Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) application results indicate that fifty-six (56) applications have been received, with project requests totaling \$36,000,000 for an available \$10,000,000 in awards. An independent panel is currently in the process of rating and ranking the requests, and hopes to provide early responses to applicants by the end of the fiscal year, if possible.

-The Sonoma County Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association (SCMCA) graciously invited Director Sullivan to address their meeting tomorrow night (Thursday, October 23, 2025). He will attend and present an overview on the status and intricacies of funding for homeless projects in the county. Mayor Coursey invites Director Sullivan to also offer his presentation to the HC Board at a future meeting.

-In partnership with West County Community Services (WCCS), the DHS Homelessness Services Division is planning to embed a Homeless Encampment Assistance & Resource Team (HEART) outreach worker in the City of Sebastopol Police Department for a period of two-to-three months. This effort would serve to enhance access to portions of west county that encounter geographic limitations to services. Future plans include embedding an outreach worker in Sonoma Valley in east county, as well.

-Mayor McDonnell asks if the east county outreach worker will also be embedded with the City of Sonoma Police Department, and the rationale for that decision, if so. Chair Holmes suggested that this may be an item for follow-up as the meeting progresses, as Director Sullivan is temporarily detained with a conflicting call.

- **Sonoma County Racial Equity Workgroup Update**

Karissa White reported that the Homeless Coalition Racial Equity Workgroup has reenacted a racial equity assessment survey from 2023 to query staff and stakeholders. The collected and analyzed survey data would serve to determine needed areas of focus and work prioritization in the coming year. The survey has been updated and distributed via Survey Monkey in both Spanish and English.

Public Comment on Item #6: Adrienne Lauby

Informational item only; no action taken.

6. Lead Agency Evaluation Update (00:33:46 – 00:34:59)

- Jennielynn Holmes reports that the Lead Agency Evaluation Ad Hoc Committee has not met recently, but plans to resume meeting to develop questions for a survey being prepared to elicit public and stakeholder feedback for evaluation of the performance of the lead agency. Once questions are finalized, two community meetings will be held: one to receive input from providers and other stakeholders, and a separate meeting for input for cities and towns.

Additional information describing the lead agency evaluation process is included within the staff report for item #6, pg. 19, in the packet of meeting materials.

Public Comment: None.

Informational item only; no action taken.

7. HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Update (00:35:02– 01:05:20)

- Recusals were made for this item: Jennielynn Holmes, Chris Cabral, Martha Cheever, Danielle Danforth, Angelica Smith. Mayor McDonnell presided during the duration of this item in the absence of Chair Holmes.

Karissa White presented information to the Board regarding the nature and disposition of Homeless Coalition Continuum of Care program funds and permanent supportive housing (PSH) projects, along with updates about an anticipated 2025 HUD NOFO release and related policy changes and funding cuts. An extensive summary of the presentation, including a list of current CoC projects and probable impacts to 209 PSH units from a potential funding cut of 70%, along with description of other conceivable policy shifts, is available in the staff report for item #7, pgs. 20-22, in the packet of meeting materials.

Informational item only; no action taken. Staff will continue to update the HC Board as action alerts are received and changes in direction from HUD develop.

The recused board members were returned to the group, and Chair Holmes continued to preside over the remainder of the meeting.

- **Public Comment:** Adrienne Lauby, Matthew Verscheure

Michael Gause stated that he has sent a memo to Congressman Mike Thompson's office detailing the prospective impacts to Sonoma County from impending funding cuts, including the loss of 209 PSH units.

8. MOUs Between Homeless Coalition and Lead Agency (01:05:23 - 01:09:15)

- Michael Gause relayed a short history of the development and edits of the Memos of Understanding (MOUs) between the Homelessness Coalition and DHS, which serves as both the Lead Agency and Collaborative Applicant for the Coalition, and explained recent updates from County Counsel. Copies of the MOUs and an explanation of edits are included in the staff report for item #8, pgs. 23-33, in the packet of meeting materials.

The requested action today is for the HC Board to review the changes, approve the MOUs, and to subsequently ratify the MOUs upon approval.

- **Public Comment:** None.
- **Motion:** Mayor McDonnell moves to approve the MOUs.
Second: Martha Cheever seconds the motion.
Objections or Abstentions: None.
Motion is approved.

Chair Holmes will act as signatory for the Homeless Coalition, and CAO Christina Rivera will sign on behalf of County of Sonoma in ratification of the MOUs.

9. 10-Minute Break: 2:07 – 2:20 PM (01:09:16 – 01:22:21)

10. Word from the LEAP Board (01:22:23 – 01:22:40)

- Chessy Etheredge confirmed that there is no report from the Lived Experience Advisory Planning (LEAP) Board this month.

11. Strategic Plan Update and Review (01:22:41 – 02:16:12)

- Michael Gause presented an overview of the development, structure, and accomplishments of the Strategic Plan. Next steps were also proposed, including reviewing the plan with regard to expected shifts in governmental funding and policies, implementing the merger of DHS Homelessness Services into Behavioral Health, initiating opportunities to leverage resources such as Prop 1, protecting core services from future funding cuts, and developing a process for adding content or revisions to the Strategic Plan. In the past, HomeBase has acted as the organizer for that process, and perhaps could be engaged to do so again.

A larger discussion looms for the future to discern what are considered core services, whether those designations should be modified in light of funding shifts, and which priorities should be preserved or changed.

Mayor Zollman requests an item be agendaized for the next HC Board meeting to facilitate a discussion of the types of projects and populations that should optimally be prioritized, and the preservation of resources generally for those prioritizations. Mayor Zollman suggests the discussion also employ a matrix framework proposed by Chair Holmes.

DHS Director Sullivan proposes an in-person facilitated strategic planning or update session once the HUD NOFA and Measure O NOFA announcements are made, using visuals to help integrate the information gleaned to help identify cuts, gaps, priorities, and efficiencies that may need to be created.

- **Public Comment:** Vickie Miller

In response to feedback from board members, Chair Holmes recommends as a next step that the upcoming HC Board meeting agenda should include a discussion of subpopulations to be prioritized (beginning with family, youth, and children), as well as a presentation from Director Sullivan on various funding sources that he will be providing to the Sonoma County Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association at their upcoming meeting. This would occur at the December 2025 meeting, as the November 2025 meeting has been cancelled.

12. Request for Proposals (RFP) Updates (02:16:16 – 02:22:14)

- **Coordinated Entry System (CES) Operator**

Michael Gause presented the timeline and details for the Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Coordinated Entry (CE) Operator. Funding will be approximately \$763,000 per year for three (3) years, with two potential one-year extensions, dependent upon funding and performance. A notice of intent to award will be released in December 2025.

- **Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Software Vendor**

Michael Gause reported that the RFP for an HMIS Software Vendor has been drafted and is undergoing internal review. No release date or timeline has been developed. The current software vendor's contract is in place until April 30, 2027.

In related discussion, Michael Gause indicated that an agenda item regarding the status of Coordinated Entry with respect to possible shifts in NOFO requirements from the federal government is potentially planned for either the December 2025 or January 2026 meeting.

- **Public Comment:** None.

Additional information regarding the RFPs is included in the staff report for item #12, pg. 37, in the packet of meeting materials.

Informational item only; no action taken.

13. Review Agenda for December Coalition Board Meeting (02:22:17 – 02:24:35)

- There will be no HC Board meeting in November 2025. The next meeting date will be December 17, 2025.
- Michael Gause reviewed agenda items for the December 2025 meeting. The draft agenda is included in the packet of meeting materials, pgs. 39-40.
- **Public Comment:** None.

14. Board Member Questions and Comments (02:24:39 – 02:29:09)

- Director Sullivan responded to earlier questions regarding embedding outreach workers with the City of Sebastopol Police Department and Sonoma Valley, providing details about the purpose of these liaisons and potential timelines for implementation.

15. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda (02:29:11 - 03:35:02)

- No comments from the public; some HC Board members had additional comments.
 - Chris Cabral announced that COTS is expanding their shelter capacity in Petaluma to serve up to sixteen (16) families rather than the previous limitation of eight (8) families. Remodeling for the expansion will begin in January 2026, and is expected to be completed in July 2026, barring construction delays. No families will be displaced during the project.
 - Chair Holmes shared the good news that Catholic Charities has been awarded a new federal contract through the Children, Youth, and Family Administration to resurrect the “Coffee House,” the only runaway youth shelter in Northern California.
 - Rosie Traversi invited interested parties to review “Starting Right Now,” a federally-funded project in Florida which serves at-risk, unaccompanied homeless youth with a 97% success rate. Additional information can be found on the “Starting Right Now,” website.

Adjournment: 2:38 PM (02:35:04 – 02:35:44)

Sonoma County Homeless Coalition Board Committees Staff Report

Item No: 3 (Consent Calendar)
Subject: Reports from the Coalition's Standing Committees and the LEAP Board
Meeting Date: December 17, 2025
Staff Contact: Michael Gause, Michael.Gause@sonomacounty.gov

Summary

This agenda item contains summaries of Standing Committees' work in the recent month, as well as information from the Lived Experience Advisory Planning Board (LEAP). Committee Chairs were asked to prepare brief summaries for their respective Committee.

Recommended Action(s)

Discussion

1. **Coordinated Entry Advisory (CEA) Committee:** There will be no update for this committee, as relevant topics will be addressed under other agenda items.
2. **Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Committee:** The Committee did not meet in November and December due to staffing constraints.
3. **Lived Experience Advisory & Planning (LEAP) Board:**
 - Working with Homebase in planning of the 2025 Homeless Memorial Day
 - Elected a new Lived Experience representative to the Homeless Coalition Board pending final board approval
 - Discussed pros and cons of lived experience participation during the THREADS symposium
 - Working with Sonoma County Department of Health Services (DHS) Director, Nolan Sullivan to provide lived experience input on various DHS homeless-related initiatives
 - Revisited and updated board priorities and goals
 - Collaborating with the Sonoma County Office of Equity in finalizing review of shelter survey data trends and in process of proposing solutions to most glaring issues

- Planning a presentation about how to navigate homelessness for the DHS Homeless Services Division's upcoming Community Forum webinar in January 2026
- Planning to re-open application review cycle for new LEAP Board applications. The next LEAP Board election will be held in late February 2026. There will be 9 available seats up for election. Applications for membership are ongoing. Contact Andrew.Akufo@Sonoma-county.org for application.

**Sonoma County Homeless Coalition Board
Report From Lead Agency Staff**

Item No: 4
Subject: Reports from the Lead Agency (Action item)
Meeting Date: December 17, 2025
Staff Contacts: Michael Gause, Michael.Gause@sonomacounty.gov

1. Continuum of Care (CoC) Competition and Impact on Coordinated Entry (CE) Assessment and Referral:

In mid-November, HUD released the FY 2025 Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) despite having previously committed to a two-year process and not releasing a NOFO this year. As expected, there are many significant and damaging impacts from this NOFO. Most notable, permanent supportive housing is capped at 30% of the total award, down from 90% in 2024 when there was not cap. This means that many existing permanent supportive housing sites will have to either give up funding or change to transitional housing. This puts over 200 individuals in existing housing sites at risk of becoming homeless. Additionally, only 30% of funding is guaranteed in the first tier of funding, down from almost 90% in 2024. HUD has also implemented many policies designed to strip funding from applicants that have ever utilized DEI initiatives or harm reduction, despite HUD having required this themselves in the past.

However, on December 8, 2025, HUD announced the NOFO was being rescinded, and they intend to release a revised NOFO. Next steps are uncertain, but it appears this NOFO is now invalid and thus the timeline and policy shifts are for now, invalid. Staff will update the Board as more information becomes available.

The CoC NOFO significantly reduces the amount of funding available for CoC-funded Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) projects. Several PSH programs in Sonoma County face the potential loss of critical operating and supportive services funding. These reductions could result in decreased program capacity and possible project closure.

Staff recommends pausing referrals to CoC-funded PSH projects to avoid placing households into programs that may experience significant funding reductions and potential closure. The Coordinated Entry Advisory Committee (CEA) approved a pause on referrals until May 31, 2026. The pause can be ended sooner if substantial policy changes emerge. Lead agency staff can determine if it is appropriate to resume referrals. Staff will inform CEA and the Coalition board if referrals resume.

Additionally, staff has begun preparing for potential impacts by facilitating transfers for participants currently housed in projects facing funding loss, prioritizing those with the most immediate reductions. Additionally, staff will contact non-CoC-funded PSH providers to determine whether they can temporarily hold units to accommodate possible transfers.

Recommendation:

Approve pausing Coordinated Entry referrals to CoC-funded Permanent Supportive Housing projects through May 31, 2026, or until staff determines that sufficient clarity regarding CoC funding levels and related policy changes has been established to safely resume referrals.

Sonoma County Continuum of Care Board
Staff Report

Item No: 5

Subject: Lead Agency Evaluation Update

Meeting Date: December 17, 2025

Staff Contact: Michael Gause, Michael.Gause@sonomacounty.gov

SUMMARY:

Informational Update: Lead Agency Evaluation Ad Hoc Committee

As recommended by the Governance Charter Ad Hoc Committee, the Homeless Coalition Board approved an evaluation tool in April 2025 to assess the performance of the Lead Agency/Collaborative Applicant for the Continuum of Care. Although the tool was adopted, no start date was initially set.

In December 2024, the Board tasked the Governance Charter Ad Hoc Committee with creating an evaluation plan. The process includes:

- Tool: A checklist based on a previously available HUD resource.
- Frequency: Every two years.
- Process: Led by a Board-appointed ad hoc committee.
- Accountability: Committee may develop an action plan if needed.
- Authority: Final decisions rest with the HC Board.

On June 25, 2025, the Board approved forming a new ad hoc committee (up to 7 members) to carry out the evaluation over a six-month period. The committee will report monthly to the Board and hold two public meetings.

This item includes a verbal update from the Homeless Coalition Board Chair and Vice Chair on the formation and progress of the ad hoc committee.

Informational only.

Sonoma County Continuum of Care Board Staff Report

Item: 6

Subject: Updates to Rapid Rehousing standards

Date: December 17, 2025

Staff Contact: Thai Hilton Thai.hilton@sonomacounty.gov

Agenda Item Overview

A working group comprised of Rapid Rehousing (RRH) providers, lead agency staff, and other key stakeholders recently completed a review of the RRH Program Standards. The review included discussion of current RRH strategies, project models, and service approaches. In addition, staff made updates to the standards to:

- Remove outdated references to former funding sources
- Clarify distinctions between Continuum of Care (CoC) and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) regulations
- Update guidance related to serving individuals without immigration documentation

The Homeless Coalition Board previously directed staff to explore potential redesign options for the RRH system, including consideration of alternative funding approaches that could improve program flexibility, outcomes, and stability. In addition, stakeholder discussions have raised several broader system-level considerations that may support a more streamlined approach to RRH, such as consolidation of providers, alignment of program models, identifying target populations and identifying other system changes needed to support consistent and efficient service delivery across the county.

The Coordinated Entry Advisory Committee (CEA) approved the updates to the policies and procedures in its December 3rd meeting.

To review the draft RRH standards, please use the following link: <https://share.sonomacounty.org/link/u3Qc90a6MtE/>

Recommendation

- Provide feedback on concerns with the RRH system and the specific redesign elements they would like staff to evaluate further, and
- Approve of the current updates to the RRH Program Standards.

Sonoma County Continuum of Care Board
Staff Report

Item No: 7

Subject: Homeless Coalition Board Elections Update

Meeting Date: December 17th , 2025

Staff Contact: Jynessa Lazzaroni, Jynessa.Lazzaroni@sonomacounty.gov

SUMMARY: This year, the Homeless Coalition Staff announced five (5) seats would become vacant on the Board. Three (3) seats to be voted on by the voting membership, one (1) Tribal seat, and one (1) LEAP seat to be voted on by their governing boards and councils. Staff opened elections for an At Large seat, Licensed Healthcare Organization seat, and a Homeless Service Provider seat for a period of four weeks. We received seven (7) total nominations, three (3) for the At large seat, three (3) for the Homeless Service Provider seat, and one (1) for the Licensed Healthcare Organization seat.

On December 4th, Nominees were invited to a special meeting for an opportunity to express their interest in participating on the board. Each nominee was given three (3) minutes to speak or have their statements of interest read aloud on their behalf. The meeting recording and ballot was emailed to all voting members following the meeting with a deadline of December 11th. Results will be announced live during the December 17th meeting.

The LEAP Board met on December 12th to select their nominee and provided their selection to be announced live during the December 17th meeting.

The Tribal Council provided their selection via email to be announced live during the December 17th meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Approve nominees to be seated in January 2026.

Sonoma County Continuum of Care Board
Staff Report

Item No: 8

Subject: Local Homelessness Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Update

Meeting Date: December 17, 2025

Staff Contact: Michael Gause, Michael.Gause@sonomacounty.gov

SUMMARY:

In this item, staff provide an overview of the proposed process for the FY 2025-2026 Local Homelessness NOFA, comprised of state and local funding for local homelessness services projects.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Approve a recommendation to renew existing local homelessness projects for a one-year period at the highest possible funding level for the fiscal year 2026-2027.

DISCUSSION:

Each year, Lead Agency staff prepare a NOFA for state funds dedicated to the Sonoma County Homeless Coalition along with additional state and local funding received by the County of Sonoma to support core local homelessness services projects in permanent supportive housing, rapid rehousing, street outreach, emergency shelter/interim housing, and other local projects. In some years, the Board has approved contracts to be extended without a full NOFA (during the COVID-19 pandemic and in other circumstances where funding has been uncertain).

Last year's NOFA resulted in 17% funding reductions across projects due to a loss of funding from state sources. Funding sources for this NOFA have not yet been finalized, but Lead Agency staff anticipate that Homelessness Housing Incentive Program (HHIP) funds will comprise much of the funding, as has been the case in the past three years, along with residual CoC Homelessness Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) funding and new HHAP-6 funding. Information on local funds have not yet been sent to Lead Agency staff; this typically happens in January and is critical to providing at least 10% administrative funding to all projects.

Due to funding uncertainty on many levels as well as continuing questions around the federal Continuum of Care program (with HUD), staff recommends a one-year extension of current contracts to the highest level possible. Staff expects to know final funding amounts in early 2026. Currently, funds are forecasted to come from the following sources:

- Homelessness Housing Incentive Program (HHIP). HHIP has been a primary funder of local contracts since 2023 and is critical in supporting existing projects. HHIP funds in the amount of \$4 million are anticipated in the contracts.
- Homelessness Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP). Residual funds from previous rounds of HHAP plus the first 50% of funds from HHAP-6 are expected in the contracts. The total amount of HHAP funding is TBD but likely in the area of \$2 million.
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding. ESG funds rapid rehousing and emergency shelter but is a much smaller allocation, likely just over \$200,000.
- Local funds. The County passes through just over \$1 million in local funds to the CoC for administration of projects (a longstanding practice). Funds have not been finalized as of yet for next year's contracts.

If Lead Agency staff are able to pull together anticipated funding amounts, projects will likely stay close to level for the coming year. If the amounts change, it could result in funding reductions. Staff will provide an update at the January Coalition Board meeting when final funding amounts are anticipated to be known.

Sonoma County Continuum of Care Board
Staff Report

Item No: 12

Subject: Point In Time (PIT) Count

Meeting Date: December 17, 2025

Staff Contact: Michael Gause, Ending Homelessness Manager.

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SUMMARY:

In this item, staff will provide a short overview of the upcoming Point in Time (PIT) Count that will take place on Friday, January 30, 2026.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

None.

DISCUSSION:

The Lead Agency for the Sonoma County Homeless Coalition conducts the Point in Time (PIT) Count on an annual basis in the last 10 days of January as required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The 2026 PIT Count will take place on January 30, 2026, from 5am -10am at locations across Sonoma County, including six (6) deployment sites in Santa Rosa, Guerneville, Rohnert Park, Petaluma, Healdsburg, and the City of Sonoma. A separate youth count to enumerate the number of Transition Age Youth (TAY) ages 18-24 will take place from 2:30-7pm on January 30th and will be led by TAY with lived experience of homelessness and other volunteers.

Coordination meetings with Lead Agency Staff, staff from Count consultants Applied Survey Research (ASR), and nonprofit/jurisdictional/tribal partners were conducted in November and December 2025 to ensure that outreach teams and jurisdictional partners took census tracts they were most familiar with to canvass on the day of the Count. Community volunteers and paid guides with lived experience of homelessness will also assist with the Count.

The online link to sign up for the Count is here:

https://asr.sjc1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cY1cmUibqXLpx0W

Board members, local stakeholders, and members of the public are encouraged to sign up for the Count. Board members can also reach out to Lead Agency staff if they would like to assist at a deployment center on the day of the count rather than canvassing a census tract.

In addition to the unsheltered count, staff also conduct a sheltered count of all individuals in emergency shelter and transitional housing as well as the Housing Inventory Count, which is a count of all homeless dedicated beds in Sonoma County as well as the utilization the night of the Count.

Preliminary results of the PIT Count are expected in late spring/early summer 2026.

Sonoma County Continuum of Care Board
Staff Report

Item No: 13

Subject: Homeless Coalition Quarterly Membership Meeting

Meeting Date: December 17th , 2025

Staff Contact: Jynessa Lazzaroni, Jynessa.Lazzaroni@sonomacounty.gov

SUMMARY: Due to the uncertainty and ongoing changes related to the current HUD Continuum of Care (CoC), Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), Staff are proposing that the January quarterly membership meeting be canceled.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Approve staff request to cancel the January Membership meeting.

**Sonoma County Homeless Coalition Board
Agenda Report**

Item No: 11
Subject: January 28, 2026, Sonoma County Homeless Coalition Board Meeting Agenda
Meeting Date: December 17, 2025
Staff Contact: Araceli Rivera, Araceli.Rivera@Sonomacounty.gov

SUMMARY

This staff report presents the January 28, 2026, Sonoma County Homeless Coalition Board Meeting proposed agenda. The agenda contains all proposed items that will be discussed by the Board. The proposed agenda is attached as Attachment A.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S)

Approve January 28, 2026, agenda.