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**Sonoma County Homeless Coalition Board
Agenda Report**

Item No: 1 (Consent Calendar)
Subject: April 22, 2026, Sonoma County Homeless Coalition Board Meeting Agenda
Meeting Date: April 22, 2026
Staff Contact: Araceli Rivera, Araceli.Rivera@Sonoma-County.org

SUMMARY

This staff report presents the April 22, 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 April 22, 2026, agenda.



Sonoma County Homeless Coalition

Board Meeting Agenda

DRAFT April 22, 2026

1:00pm-3:00pm 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.	3/25/2026 Agenda (Consent Calendar)	Draft Agenda	Staff	
2.	Minutes from 03/25/2026 (Consent Calendar)	Draft Minutes	Staff	
3.	Reports for Standing Committee Updates (Consent Calendar) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CEA Committee • Lived Experience Advisory & Planning Board (LEAP) 	Staff Report for Standing Committees	Staff	
4.	Reports from Lead Agency Staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Health Services (DHS) Director updates Potential ACTION ITEM	Staff Report	Staff	

5.	Lead Agency Evaluation Ad hoc Update- Potential ACTION ITEM	Staff Report	Chair	1:10pm
6.	Fiscal Year 2026–2027 Local Homelessness Contracts ACTION ITEM	Staff Report	Staff	1:20pm
7.	10-minute break			2:00pm
8.	Word from the LEAP Board Potential ACTION ITEM		LEAP Board Chair	2:10pm
9.	Continuum of Care (CoC) Competition Overview Potential ACTION ITEM	Staff Report		2:20pm
10.	Review Agenda for May Coalition Board Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CoC Competition Renewal Project Scoring • Priority Population Planning ACTION ITEM	Staff Report for DRAFT Agenda	Board Chair	2:50pm
11.	Board Member Questions & Comments Potential ACTION ITEM		Board Chair	2:55pm
12.	Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda		Board Chair	3:00pm

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

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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 3/25/26

Meeting Date: 4/22/26

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

SUMMARY

This staff report briefly summarizes the March 25, 2026, Sonoma County Homelessness Coalition Meeting Minutes. The attached meeting minutes contain all items discussed by the Sonoma County Homeless Coalition Board at the March 2026 Sonoma County Homelessness Coalition Meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S)

Approve Sonoma County Homeless Coalition Minutes from the 3/25/26 Sonoma County Homeless Coalition Board Meeting.



Sonoma County Homeless Coalition Board

Homeless Coalition Board Meeting Minutes

Special Meeting

Wednesday, February 4, 2026

1:00 – 2:00 PM, Pacific Time – Meeting held via Zoom

Zoom Recording:

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Welcome and Roll Call Introductions

Chair Jennielynn Holmes called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM, and explained the Zoom rules regarding public comment and the Brown Act guidelines.

Present: Jennielynn Holmes, Catholic Charities | Caroline Bañuelos, City of Santa Rosa | 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) | Akash Kalia, At-large Seat | Rosie Traversi, Licensed Healthcare Organization Seat | Maria Rico, BIPOC Led/Serving Organization Seat | Jessica Wolfe, Lived Experience Seat | Sylvia Lemus, Cities of Cotati/Rohnert Park

Absent: Karen Nau, City of Petaluma | Ron Wellander, City of Sonoma | Angelica Smith, Tribal Seat | Ash Culver, Transitional-aged Youth Seat

A quorum was present.

1. Approval of Consent Calendar

- Chair Holmes presented the following consent calendar item for approval:
 1. 2/4/26 meeting agenda

Public Comment: None.

Motion: Supervisor Coursey moves to approve the Consent Calendar.

Second: Martha Cheever seconds the motion.

Abstentions or Objections: None.

Motion passes.

2. Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Reallocation Approval (00:00:01 – 00:10:23)

- To maintain a quorum, recused members remained in the online meeting with cameras and microphones turned off, with no engagement in the meeting or discussion, as provided for in the Sonoma County Homeless Coalition Charter.

Martha Cheever, Jennielynn Holmes, Chris Cabral, Dannielle Danforth, and Akash Kalia were recused. Angelica Smith, also subject to recusal, was not in attendance.

Vice-Chair Caroline Bañuelos presided over proceedings as Chair Holmes was recused. A survey was distributed to HC Board members in December to determine the 2026 HC

Karissa White presented the informational background for the recommended action to approve the adjustment to the County of Sonoma's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Expansion proposal to the amount of \$204,387 for the 2025 Priority Listing.

Public Comment: None.

Motion: Councilmember Zollman moves to approve the reallocation.

Second: Jessica Wolfe seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Yes - 8, No - 0

Motion passes unanimously.

Additional information is available in the staff report for Item #2, pgs. 3-4, in the packet of meeting materials.

3. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda: (00:10:25 – 00:11:00)

- None

Adjournment: (00:11:05 – 00:11:27)

Sonoma County Homeless Coalition Board

Homeless Coalition Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

1:00 – 3:30 PM, Pacific Time – Meeting held via Zoom

Zoom Recording:

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Welcome and Roll Call Introductions (00:02:42 – 00:05:09)

Chair Jennielynn Holmes called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM and explained the Zoom rules regarding public comment and the Brown Act guidelines.

Present: Jennielynn Holmes, Catholic Charities | Caroline Bañuelos, City of Santa Rosa | Karen Nau, City of Petaluma | Chris Coursey, Sonoma County Board of Supervisors | Martha Cheever, Community Development Commission | Stephen Zollman, City of Sebastopol | Sylvia Lemus, Cities of Cotati/Rohnert Park | Dannielle Danforth, West County Community Services | Margaret Sluyk, Reach For Home | Chessy Etheridge, Adult Lived Experience Seat | Chris Cabral, Committee on the Shelterless (COTS) | Akash Kalia, At-large Seat | Ron Wellander, City of Sonoma | Angelica Smith, Tribal Seat | Rosie Traversi, Licensed Healthcare Organization Seat | Jessica Wolfe, Lived Experience Seat | Maria Rico, BIPOC Led/Serving Organization Seat | Ash Culver, Transitional-aged Youth Seat

Absent: None.

A quorum was present.

1 - 8. Approval of Consent Calendar (00:05:11– 00:07:31)

- Chair Holmes presented the following consent calendar items for approval and explained that the consent calendar has been expanded due to the recent decision to attempt to reduce the overall length of the monthly Homeless Coalition Board meetings.
 1. 3/25/26 Meeting Agenda
 2. 2/4/26 and 2/25/26 Meeting Minutes
 3. Summary of Follow-ups from the Previous Meeting(s)
 4. Reports for Standing Committee Updates

5. Designate Approval Authority for 2026 Continuum of Care (CoC) Competition Consolidated Application submission.
6. April Homeless Coalition Quarterly Membership Meeting Agenda
7. Coordinated Entry Advisory (CEA) Committee Member Approval
8. Homeless Coalition Governance Charter Ad Hoc Update

Public Comment: None.

Motion: A motion was made to approve the Consent Calendar with an addition to the February 4, 2026, Special Meeting minutes to reflect that Akash Kalia was present and was recused during the proceedings for item #2, CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Reallocation Approval.

Second: Councilmember Zollman seconds the motion.

Abstentions or Objections: None.

Motion passes. The consent calendar is approved.

Staff reports for consent calendar items are included in the packet of meeting materials, pgs. 1-25.

9. Reports from Lead Agency Staff (00:07:36 – 00:47:50)

- LEAP follow-up to the Behavioral Health intake process and forms:

At a previous Homeless Coalition Board (HCB) meeting, the Lived Experience and Advisory Planning (LEAP) Board inquired about their outreach staff conceivably conducting intake screenings for referring clients to DHS Behavioral Health for assessment. Desiree Ohlstrom explained that County practices generally prohibit screenings by external partners. However, plans are in the early stages of development to eventually provide the necessary training and tools to enable the DHS Homelessness Services Division outreach workers to perform initial screenings in the field, once their anticipated merger with the DHS Behavioral Health Division is fully implemented. The initial screening determines whether there is a need for further assessment and resources, and of what nature.

An envisioned long-range goal would ideally see licensed mental health staff also operating in the field to conduct assessments with clients, rather than requiring the individual to travel to Behavioral Health locations. However, funding challenges may not allow this concept to come to fruition in the foreseeable future.

- Fiscal Year 2026 – 2027 Local Homelessness Contracts:

Michael Gause reported that declines in funding streams to the Lead Agency have resulted in reductions of 5% - 9% for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 local homelessness contracts.

Earnest efforts were made to identify any possible additional funding, but many previous sources have either suffered reductions or have ended.

Projects funded by Measure O or the Behavioral Health Service Act (BHSA) are not subject to these reductions.

Future Homeless Coalition Board conversations may focus on how service providers and the Lead Agency might work together to prioritize and optimize utilization of resources. The Lead Agency can also work on developing an analysis of the overall funding scenario for a future meeting, perhaps in concert with the consultant firm MRG.

Public Comment on Item 9: None

A staff report for item #9 is included in the packet of meeting materials, pg. 26.

Informational item only; no action taken.

10. MRG Homeless Services Report (00:47:53 – 01:59:50)

- Prior to current DHS Director Nolan Sullivan joining the County of Sonoma in April 2025, the County Administrator's Office (CAO) had contracted with a consultant firm, MRG LLC, to conduct an assessment of the Department of Health Services (DHS) and each of its three divisions to create a series of "roadmaps" as suggested recommendations to the anticipated new DHS Director and leadership team as the department moves forward.

The first of MRG's assessments focuses on the DHS Homelessness Services Division (HS) and the three teams (HEART, SOUL, Ending Homelessness) which comprise the division. The findings of the HS organizational assessment were previously presented to County of Sonoma management for review and consideration and were made available to the HC Board prior to today's meeting.

Director Sullivan introduced Susan Price and Don Ashton of MRG to present their strategic recommendations for ideas or changes to explore regarding the design and function of the HS Division. The report also provides advice geared toward enhancing the ability of various entities of the Continuum of Care (CoC) to interact more productively. Feedback, input and questions from HC Board members were encouraged at today's meeting and may also be submitted via email.

Public Comment: Kelli Kuykendall

For next steps, Director Nolan indicated that the County will be creating an action plan based on MRG's report. Meetings will be initiated with elected leaders of the cities within Sonoma County to discuss their areas of responsibilities as identified in the report findings, as well as with the CoC regarding the components of the report relative to their function, and with County leaders regarding the portions of the assessment relevant to their responsibilities.

Supervisor Coursey requested that Director Sullivan and the Lead Agency prepare a comprehensive overview of the landscape of the entire system of funding, including the reliability of each funding source on a year-to-year basis, as well as the flexibility of each source, as can best be determined.

Chair Holmes suggested that recommended next steps related to MRG's findings be identified within the next two HC Board monthly meetings, leading to a future action item.

Informational item only; no action taken.

11. 10-Minute Break: 3:00 – 3:10 PM (01:59:52 – 02:12:54)

12. Word from the LEAP Board (02:12:56 – 02:33:07)

- Jessica Wolfe reported that the incidents of death that occur once clients acquire Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) was a topic of concern at the recent LEAP Board meeting.

Discussion at the LEAP Board meeting included speculation about the numbers and causes of deaths, and whether a tracking mechanism is currently in place, or could be developed. That potential data might reveal whether a particular window of increased vulnerability to mortality exists after being housed, conceivably leading to the development of screening tools and preventive measures to increase awareness and intervention for medical and/or substance use issues once individuals are housed. The LEAP Board will continue to explore this topic and hopes to develop recommendations for enhancing the level of care and support provided to the newly housed.

HC Board members indicated that this issue is of great interest and importance. Discussion continued for the exploration of ideas to ameliorate circumstances for those entering PSH, notably by convening support groups, possibly located at one of the local peer centers. The idea of creating a homeless mortality review was also introduced, with further conversation to continue at future HC Board meetings.

- **Public Comment:** None.

Informational item only, no action taken.

13. Review Agenda for April & Future Coalition Board Meetings (02:33:42 – 02:39:04)

- Chair Holmes displayed the draft agenda for the April 22, 2026, HC Board meeting.
- Additional topics for future meeting agendas were identified during today's meeting:
 - Tracking of mortality data and preventive measures for those new to PSH
 - Next steps to be developed regarding the MRG report
 - An overview and next steps for funding sources and issues from the Lead Agency

- Supervisor Coursey suggests a discussion to clarify funding priorities and options, including recommendations from staff, to occur within the next couple of months.

Public Comment: None.

14. Board Member Questions and Comments (02:39:06 – 02:42:12)

- Mayor Wellander, Chessy Etheredge, Rosie Traversi, Jennielynn Holmes

Public Comment: None.

15. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda (02:42:13 – 02:42:55)

- None.

Adjournment: 3:41 PM (02:42:32 – 02:42:53)

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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: April 22, 2026
Staff Contact: Michael Gause, Michael.Gause@sonoma-county.org

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:

HomeFirst shared a follow-up update in regard to referrals being used as backups for enhanced assessments. Enhanced assessments are sent as backups. Available data shows that most backup referrals ultimately become primary referrals and proceed through the normal housing process. For the majority of households, being referred as a backup referral did not delay their progression toward housing. Staff and committee members agreed to maintain the current practice and continue to rely on case conferencing to guide referral decisions.

HomeFirst also shared a presentation about the Coordinated Entry performance evaluation including a summary, data of inflow, outflow, the timeliness of referral and housing, and outflow referral rejection rates. The presentation included an equity analysis of inflow, outflow, and referrals. A dynamic housing tier and geographic subregion assessment was shared as well as a referral data review. Issues from previous periods were identified and the actions taken to address them were shared, including information pertaining to goal deadlines and the current status of each.

More efforts will be geared towards Spanish-speaking outreach. The Santa Rosa Junior College will serve as a Coordinated Entry access point to help youth get connected.

2. Lived Experience Advisory & Planning (LEAP) Board:

- Elected a new temporary Vice Chair of the board
- Updated LEAP Board webpage with links to other homeless resources and support and advocacy letters previously sent on behalf of the board. Updates can be viewed at the following link:

[https://sonomacounty.gov/health-and-human-services/health-services/divisions/homelessness-services/about/lived-experience-and-advisory-planning-\(leap\)-board](https://sonomacounty.gov/health-and-human-services/health-services/divisions/homelessness-services/about/lived-experience-and-advisory-planning-(leap)-board)

- Identified and analyzed key shelter issues, concerning safety and proposed solutions. Currently working on solution recommendations for grievance policies
- Hosted a presentation by Homebase about the transitional rent benefit. Various LEAP Board members will participate in a follow-up focus group, providing feedback about their past experiences accessing the system of care
- Will host a forum with DHS Behavioral Health lead staff and members of the Whole Person Care (WPC) team
- Currently assisting in the facilitation of public workgroup meetings with community partners in support of services for transitional age youth in Sonoma County
- Will host elections to appoint a new Minute Taker of the board
- Application for LEAP Board membership is ongoing. Sonoma County community members with lived experience of homelessness are welcomed to apply online at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8SMWDY2>

- The LEAP Board may be reached via email at: sonomacountyleap@gmail.com



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

Item No: 4
Subject: Reports from the Lead Agency
Meeting Date: April 22, 2026
Staff Contacts: Michael Gause, Michael.Gause@sonomacounty.gov

1. Department of Health Services (DHS) Director Update:

This item was established as a standing agenda item at the request of the Board. The Director of the Department of Health Services (DHS) will provide a verbal update on several critical initiatives. These updates are intended to keep the Homeless Coalition Board informed of key activities and emerging issues.



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Sonoma County Continuum of Care Board
Staff Report

Item No: 5

Subject: Lead Agency Evaluation Ad Hoc Update

Meeting Date: April 22, 2026

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 as of April 2026.

Informational only.



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**Sonoma County Continuum of Care Board
Staff Report**

Item No: 6

Subject: Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Local Homelessness Contracts

Meeting Date: April 22, 2026

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

SUMMARY:

At the March 2026 Homeless Coalition Board meeting, staff notified the Board that local homelessness contracts would face approximately 15% reductions for FY 2026-2027. The Board approved this approach and directed staff to provide a final update at the April 2026 Board meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Approve funding amounts for local homelessness contracts in FY 2026-2027.

DISCUSSION:

Due to a decrease in State funding, staff notified the Coalition Board that all local homelessness projects would face close to 15% reductions in FY 26-27. This came after the Board directed staff to fund projects at the maximum amount possible. Staff confirmed the final numbers for all projects and provide funding amounts for local projects in Attachment 1 with one change from the previous Board meeting.

The Lead Agency has long had a policy of having a minimum of \$30,000 for homelessness projects. With funding reductions in FY 26-27, two projects will drop below that threshold:

- COTS – Kids First Family Shelter: \$27,824
- HomeFirst – Labath Landing: \$24,800

Staff recommend eliminating these two projects due to being below the \$30,000 threshold. Funds would then be utilized to increase funding for all other projects.

Moving forward, staff will begin to plan for other ways to address future funding reductions which are expected to be much higher due to uncertain state and federal funding. After the HUD Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is released in June 2026, staff will update the Board with a plan for addressing funding decisions in FY-27-28

ATTACHMENTS: [Attachment 1, FY 26-27 Local Homelessness Contracts Funding Amounts](#) (linked)



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**Sonoma County Continuum of Care Board
Staff Report**

Item No: 9

Subject: Continuum of Care (CoC) Competition Overview

Meeting Date: April 22, 2026

Staff Contact: Karissa White, Continuum of Care Coordinator, Karissa.white@sonomacounty.gov

SUMMARY: This summary provides an overview of the CoC Competition Renewal Project Evaluation process, including the April Board presentation on the funding competition, scoring methodology, and updates to the scoring tool approved in March 2026. It also outlines the Board's role in May to review and approve renewal project scores, which represent the first phase of the annual project ranking process. Additional new project rankings will be presented following the release of the 2026 HUD CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and completion of the open application period.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

None.

DISCUSSION:

Overview of the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program and Local Competition Process

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) administers the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program, a competitive funding program that supports housing and services for people experiencing homelessness. CoC funding is distributed through a national competitive grant process in which local communities can access funding based on a formula amount known as pro rata need, provided they demonstrate an effective, year-round planning process to address homelessness. There are currently 10 projects funded through this program in Sonoma County.

HUD evaluates each community's Consolidated CoC Application, which is prepared by CoC staff and includes information about the performance of all locally funded projects. Because HUD reviews and scores communities highly on overall system performance, the performance of individual projects plays an important role in the community's competitiveness for funding.

Since funding is limited, HUD requires communities to prioritize and rank their projects locally before submitting the final application.

Eligible Uses of CoC Funding

CoC funding can support several types of project costs, including:

- Acquisition, rehabilitation, or new construction of housing
- Leasing and rental assistance
- Housing operations
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
- Supportive services
- Administration
- VAWA/Domestic Violence emergency funds

All projects must provide a minimum 25% match (cash or in-kind), leasing costs are excluded from this calculation. Projects must also identify other funding sources that will be leveraged, outside of CoC or Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds.

Project Evaluation and Scoring

Projects are evaluated using a combination of:

- HUD threshold requirements and priorities
- Federal System Performance Measures
- Objective Criteria, local data and strategic priorities
- The project's ability to manage and spend CoC funds

The Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)—the total funding required to renew all existing CoC projects for one year—is approximately \$4.3 million for FY 2026 (2026–2027 contract year).

Funding above the ARD can only be requested through bonus project opportunities, which are awarded through a national competition. These funds are limited and may only be used for specific project types identified in the annual CoC Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) once it is released. HUD occasionally introduces new bonus project categories to support emerging federal priorities.

Based on information included in the 2025 rescinded NOFO, staff anticipate that HUD may place greater emphasis on services and outreach-focused project types, such as supportive services-only programs, street outreach, and transitional housing, rather than permanent housing projects. HUD may also consider placing limits on permanent housing projects to support a broader continuum of housing and service models.

Reallocation of Funding

HUD does not require communities to continue funding projects that are underperforming or no longer meet local needs. The CoC may choose to reallocate funding from an existing renewal project to a new project if:

- The project no longer serves local needs
- The project cannot comply with updated regulations or priorities
- The project is no longer a good fit for the funding source
- The project operator requests a reduction (either partial or full award amount) due to an inability to fully spend awarded funds

This HUD process is regularly used to redirect funding from underperforming projects or unused funds to higher-performing or priority projects. Determining whether to reallocate funds is one of the primary responsibilities of the CoC Competition Evaluation Workgroup.

CoC Competition Evaluation (CCE) Workgroup

The CoC Competition Evaluation (CCE) Workgroup provides an impartial and objective review of projects participating in the competition. The group works closely with the CoC Coordinator and Lead Agency staff to evaluate renewal projects and any new projects submitted during the competition.

The previous workgroup convened in 2024 and established a scoring system that included a threshold for unconditional renewal. Projects scoring below this threshold may be required to improve performance through corrective action or voluntarily relinquish funding for reallocation.

The 2026 CCE Workgroup will provide the same level of review. New projects cannot be evaluated until the FY 2026 CoC Competition officially opens, which must occur no later than June 1, 2026, as directed by Congress.

Tier 1 and Tier 2 Funding

HUD requires communities to organize their projects into two funding tiers to prioritize the strongest projects in case funding is limited.

- Tier 1: Higher-priority projects are funded if they meet HUD eligibility and threshold requirements.
- Tier 2: Funding that is nationally competitive, meaning projects in this tier are at risk of losing funding.

The final Tier 1 and Tier 2 percentages will be confirmed when the 2026 NOFO is released. Current federal guidance indicates that no less than 60% of a community's Annual Renewal

Demand may be placed in Tier 1, meaning at most 40% must be placed in Tier 2. This is a noteworthy decrease of what we have seen in previous years, with Tier 1 typically ranging from 90-95% of the ARD.

With an estimated ARD of approximately \$4.3 million, this means that about \$1.7 million in funding will be placed in Tier 2 and subject to national competition.

Local Evaluation Process

The CCE Workgroup evaluates, scores, and ranks all projects participating in the CoC competition, including renewal projects and any new projects created through reallocation or bonus funding opportunities. Final recommendations are provided to the Homeless Coalition Board, which approves the final project rankings submitted to HUD.

Homeless Coalition meetings where project rankings are presented to the Homeless Coalition Board are open to the public. However, the meetings of the CCE Workgroup itself are not subject to Brown Act requirements and will not be held in a public setting.

The workgroup will begin its review by examining materials for all renewing projects (excluding HMIS and Coordinated Entry, which are system-mandated projects). The group will agree upon preliminary scoring during the initial meeting.

After the preliminary review, virtual interviews will be conducted with each agency. Workgroup members may attend these interviews but are not required to do so. Due to the compressed timeline for the 2026 competition, in-person site visits will not occur this year.

During the interviews, agencies will have the opportunity to provide additional information or clarify details related to their project scoring. Following the interviews, the workgroup will meet again to discuss final scores and make any necessary adjustments before developing its final recommendations.

These recommendations will be presented to the Homeless Coalition Board for final approval in May. Once the NOFO is released, the workgroup will then evaluate any new project proposals and develop a final ranked project list, including both renewal and new projects, for Board approval and submission to HUD.

For a complete schedule of events, please see the attached *2026 CoC Renewal Project Evaluations Schedule of Events*.

For a list of renewing projects, please see the attached *Sonoma County 2026 CoC Competition List of Renewal Projects*.

A detailed list of project funding for awards ending in 2026 is attached. Please note that budgets vary across projects, with some allocating a larger share to leasing and minimal supportive services, while others invest more heavily in services. All listed projects are Permanent Supportive Housing programs. Please see the attached *Renewal Project Budget Breakdown Terms 2025-2026*.

The workgroup was designated the authority to approve the scoring tool, but is being provided for informational purposes. Please see the attached *Sonoma County 2026 Continuum of Care Competition Permanent Supportive Housing Renewal Project Scoring Tool*.

Sonoma County Continuum of Care- Homeless Coalition

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2026 CoC Renewal Project Evaluations Schedule of Events

Timeframe	Tasks
Week of March 16 th	CoC Competition Evaluation Workgroup Review of competition and Scoring
March 16 th	Memo and requirements for submission released
April 6 th	Renewal documentation due by 5:00pm
April 8 th	Renewal Documentation provided to CoC Competition Evaluation Workgroup for review
April 20 th	Preliminary review of renewal documentation completed
April 20 th	CoC Competition Evaluation Workgroup Meeting – Review of Renewal Documents and initial scoring
Week of April 27 th	Virtual Provider Visits with Workgroup
Week of May 4 th	CoC Competition Evaluation Workgroup evaluation of renewal projects completed and any recommendations for Corrective Action Plans
May 20 th	Completed recommendations for public notice to the Homeless Coalition Board (staff report)
May 27 th	Homeless Coalition Board 2026 Preliminary Renewal Project Scoring and Corrective Action Plans (if Applicable) Approval
No later than June TBD*	Continuum of Care NOFO released
June- July TBD*	Local Request for Proposals for new projects released
TBD*	Rating and Ranking of New and Renewal Projects by CoC Competition Evaluation Workgroup
TBD*	Final Rating and Ranking of New and Renewal Projects by Homeless Coalition Board and Submission of CoC NOFO

**HUD does not have a specific date in which the CoC Competition NOFO Is released or due for submission. The timeline above is an estimate of release and approval based on previous funding years and is subject to change.*



Sonoma County 2026 CoC Competition List of Renewal Projects

Below is a list of the 10 projects up for renewal, 8 to be evaluated during the 2026 CoC Competition:

1. **Sonoma County Community Development Commission (CDC)** – Renewal Rental Assistance- Persons with HIV/Aids, PSH Renewal
2. **West County Community Services (WCCS)** – Mill Street Supportive Services, PSH Renewal
3. **West County Community Services (WCCS)** – Elderberry Commons, PSH Renewal
4. **Committee on the Shelterless (COTS)** – Community Based Permanent Supportive Housing, PSH Renewal
5. **Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa (CCDSR)** – Catholic Charities Permanent Supportive Housing Santa Rosa, PSH Renewal
6. **Community Support Network (CSN)** – Sponsor Based Rental Assistance project serving transitional age youth ages 18-24, PSH Renewal
7. **Community Support Network (CSN)** – Stony Point Commons, PSH Renewal
8. **St. Vincent de Paul Sonoma County** – St Vincent de Paul Commons PSH, PSH Renewal
9. **County of Sonoma, Department of Health Services** – Coordinated Intake Expansion Project, CES/SSO Renewal (evaluated outside this process)
10. **County of Sonoma, Department of Health Services** – Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Expansion, HMIS Renewal (evaluated outside this process)

Renewal Project Budget Breakdown Terms 2025-2026

Applicant Name	Project Name	Project Component	Leasing	Rental Assistance	Supportive Services	Operating Costs	HMIS	Admin	Total Budget
Buckelew Programs- <i>(reallocated)</i>	Sonoma SCIL 02.01.25-01.31.26	PH	\$193,856	\$0	\$51,745	\$35,634	\$0	\$11,162	\$292,397
Sonoma County Community Development Commission	Renewal Rental Assistance - Persons with HIV/AIDS	PH	\$0	\$672,048	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$49,870	\$721,918
Community Support Network	Stony Point Commons	PH	\$0	\$0	\$18,434	\$43,716	\$0	\$2,722	\$64,872
Committee on the Shelterless	Community Based Permanent Supportive Housing (CA0829L9T042312)	PH	\$265,604	\$0	\$30,996	\$14,239	\$0	\$11,764	\$322,603
West County Community Services	Mill Street Supportive Services	PH	\$0	\$0	\$13,460	\$89,826	\$0	\$4,339	\$107,625
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa	Catholic Charities Permanent Supportive Housing Santa Rosa 2	PH	\$135,365	\$0	\$610,409	\$57,223	\$0	\$43,103	\$846,100
Community Support Network	CSN Sponsor-Based Rental Assistance	PH	\$0	\$221,376	\$101,897	\$0	\$0	\$12,338	\$335,611
County of Sonoma	Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Expansion	HMIS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$327,171	\$21,390	\$348,561
County of Sonoma	Coordinated Intake Expansion Project	SSO	\$0	\$0	\$544,540	\$0	\$0	\$41,077	\$585,617

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Sonoma County	St. Vincent de Paul Commons PSH	PH	\$0	\$0	\$255,837	\$71,329	\$0	\$0	\$327,166
West County Community Services	Elderberry Commons	PH	\$0	\$0	\$282,896	\$0	\$0	\$26,439	\$309,335



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Measure	Scoring Methodology	Possible Points
A. System Performance Measures (SPM)		
1. SPM 7b. Successful PH Exits: Retention of PH	PSH Housing Outcome: % of living leavers + stayers stably housed at contract year end. From APR: (Q5a. total number of clients - (Q23a + Q23b subtotal temporary + institutional + Other destinations)) ÷ Q5a., total number of clients. - Staff scored Scoring: 100-95%= 6 pts., 94-85%= 4 pts., 84-75%= 2 pts., <74% = 0 pts.	6
2. SPM 7b. Successful Exits to PH: exiting to a permanent destination	Percentage of clients served in the project to meet this outcome. Highest rate of proposed exits to permanent housing destinations earns full points. Scoring: 100-95%= 6 pts., 94-85%= 4 pts., 84-75%= 2 pts., <74% = 0 pts.	6
3. SPM 4. Increase in Earned Income	Percentage of clients that increased income from employment from program entry to exit. From HMIS APR:(Q19a.1+2) Number of Adults with Earned Income: Retained Income Category and Increased \$ at Follow-Up/Exit + Did Not Have the Income Category at Entry and Gained the Income Category at Follow-Up/Exit) ÷ Q5a Total Adults - Staff scored Scoring: 100–75% = 5 pts., 74–50% = 3 pts., 49–25% = 1 pt., < 24% = 0 pts.	5
4. SPM 4. Increase in Non-Employment Income	Percentage of clients that increased income from sources other than employment. From HMIS APR:(Q19a. 1+2) Number of Adults with Other Income: Retained Income Category and Increased \$ at Follow-Up/Exit + Did Not Have the Income Category at Entry and Gained the Income Category at Follow-Up/Exit) ÷ Q5a Total Adults - Staff scored Scoring: 100–75% = 5 pts., 74–50% = 3 pts., 49–25% = 1 pt., < 24% = 0 pts.	5
5. SPM 2a. Returns to Homelessness	Staff scored. Percentage of clients served in the project in the last 24 months (from 11/1/2023-11/1/2025) who exited to permanent housing and returned to homelessness is: Scoring: <7% in 12 months = 5 pts., 8-11% in 12 months = 2.5 pts., >12% in 12 months = 0 pts.	5
B. Other Objective Criteria		
6. Maximizing the use of Mainstream resources	Percentage of clients served in the project receiving non-cash benefits such as mainstream health, mental health care, social, and employment programs. From APR: (1 - (Q20b. Number of Non-Cash Benefit Sources, Adults with No sources) ÷ Q5a., total number of adults. - Staff scored Scoring: 100-95%= 5 pts., 94-85%= 3 pts., 84-75%= 1 pts., <74% = 0 pts.	5
7. Bed Utilization	Year-end Utilization APR Q2 & 5a stayers/total beds. - Staff scored	5



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	Scoring: 100-95%= 5 pts., 94-85%= 2.5 pts., 84-75%= 1 pt., <74% = 0 pts.	
8. Chronic Homeless Beds	Percentage of Chronically Homeless Served From APR Q2, Actual Bed & Unit Inventory, CH beds ÷ (total) Beds. Staff scored Scoring: 100-95%= 5 pts., 94-85%= 2.5 pts., 84-75%= 1 pt., <74% = 0 pts.	5
9. Coordinated Entry Participation	Percentage referrals from Coordinated Entry with corresponding enrollments. Enrollments found outside of CES will required agencies to be placed on Corrective Action (unless approved emergency transfer) - Reporting Period- 7/1/2024-6/30/2025. Staff scored. Scoring: 100% = 4 pts., 99-91% = 2 pts., >90%= 0 pts.	4
10. HMIS Data Quality, and Timeliness	High data quality and timeliness of assessments. HMIS Staff will score. There are 3 criteria: 1) Universal Data Elements (Name, SSN, DOB, gender, race & ethnicity) are at least 95% complete; 2) Data Quality Score: Income and Benefits health insurance 3) Timeliness Scoring: Meeting all 3 criteria= 5 pts., Meeting 2/3= 2.5 pts., Meeting 1 or none= 0 pts.	5
C. Project and Capacity Assessment		
11. Data-informed program research	Use of HMIS & other local data to guide program development & delivery. Scoring: yes, clear examples provided = 5 pts. yes, but examples provided were vague= 2.5 pts. No= 0 pts.	5
12. Supportive Service Requirements	Project will implement supportive services requirements. Scoring: Yes & clear plan provided = 5 pts. Yes, but implementation plan not addressed/vague = 2.5 pts. No= 0 pts.	5
13. Budget & Spenddown	Spend down of funds/match on latest APR submission. Staff scored. 100% = 6 pts., 99-95% = 5 pts., 94-90% = 4 pts., 89-85% = 3 pts., 84-80% = 2 pts., 79-70% = 1 pt., <70% = 0 pts.	6
14. Demonstrated Capacity to Manage CoC Reporting	CoC APR Review – accuracy and timeliness of reporting. Staff scored. Scoring: 5 pts.= timely submission & no inaccuracy of reporting, 2.5 pts. = Timely submission and errors 0 pts. = late submission	5



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15. Demonstrated Capacity to Preform Competitively in the CoC Competition	The project has been ranked in tier 1 and has not had a corrective action plan from the CoC Lead Agency in the last three competitions. Staff scored. Yes= 3 pts. No= 0	3
16. Capacity for CoC Awards & Contract Administration	The agency demonstrates clear accountability for APR submission and accuracy, strong internal grant management practices, and effective systems to maintain compliance and institutional knowledge across staff and Board leadership. Scoring: Up to 1 point for each question. yes, clear examples provided = full points yes, but examples provided were vague= half points No= 0 pts.	3
D. Local and Other HUD Priorities		
17. Disability Access	1 point per question for clear and complete responses demonstrating compliance with disability rights laws and accessible participant processes yes, clear examples provided = full points yes, but examples provided were vague= half points No= 0 pts.	3
18. Alignment with Local /HUD Priorities	2 points for each goal this is in the project: a. Evidence of Project’s collaborations with corrections partners/law enforcement b. Staff training/screening for mainstream resources (e.g. Medical, Calfresh, TANF, substance abuse programs, mental health programs, & employment assistance) c. Promotion of/supporting volunteering, community engagement, and employment services d. Ability to partner with services orgs to reduce overhead costs and to prevent duplication of services. I.e., payroll grants, HR, not just your own overhead but from county expenses, etc.	8
19. Persons with Lived Experience	Seeks feedback from Persons with lived experience or those who have formerly experienced homelessness. Scoring: 2 pts per question answered yes	6
20. Availability of Treatment and Recovery Services	Implementation of access to certified treatment and recovery services for program participants. Scoring: Project will provide treatment/recovery services to all participants = 5pts Project will provide treatment for some participants if participants want it = 2.5 pts. Project does not plan to implement treatment and recovery	5



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	services = 0 pts.	
		Total Points: 100



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**Sonoma County Homeless Coalition Board
Agenda Report**

Item No:

Subject: May 27, 2026, Sonoma County Homeless Coalition Board Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date: April 22, 2026

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

SUMMARY

This staff report presents the Draft May 27, 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 Draft May 27, 2026, agenda.



Sonoma County Homeless Coalition

Board Meeting Agenda

DRAFT May 27, 2026

1:00pm-3:00pm Pacific Time

Public Zoom Link:

<https://sonomacounty.zoom.us/j/92759747120?pwd=Cuw1daWSoPM5s8CIAWgPrJ8wYLeBgp.1>

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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.	5/27/2026 Agenda (Consent Calendar)	Draft Agenda	Staff	
2.	Minutes from 04/22/2026 (Consent Calendar)	Draft Minutes	Staff	
3.	Summary of Follow-ups from the Previous Meeting(s) (Consent Calendar)	Summary of Follow-ups	Staff	
4.	Reports for Standing Committee Updates (Consent Calendar) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CEA Committee • Lived Experience Advisory & Planning Board (LEAP) 	Staff Report for Standing Committees	Staff	

5.	Reports from Lead Agency Staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department of Health Services (DHS) Director updates Potential ACTION ITEM	Staff Report	Staff	
6.	Continuum of Care (CoC) Competition Renewal Project Scoring Potential ACTION ITEM	Staff Report		
7.	10-minute break			
8.	Word from the LEAP Board Potential ACTION ITEM		LEAP Board Chair	
9.	Priority Population Planning Potential ACTION ITEM	Staff Report	Board Chair	
10.	Board Member Questions & Comments Potential ACTION ITEM		Board Chair	
11.	Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda		Board Chair	

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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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