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**Sonoma County Homeless Coalition Board
Agenda Report**

Item No: 1
Subject: January 28, 2026, Sonoma County Homeless Coalition Board Meeting Agenda
Meeting Date: January 28, 2026
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.



Sonoma County Homeless Coalition

Board Meeting Agenda
DRAFT January 28, 2026
1:00pm-3:00pm Pacific Time

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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.	1/28/2026 Agenda (Consent Calendar)	Draft Agenda	Staff	
2.	Minutes from 12/17/2025 (Consent Calendar)	Draft Minutes	Staff	
3.	Summary of Follow-ups from the Previous Meeting(s) (Consent Calendar) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Eliza’s Village Homeless Coalition Board Meeting</i> • Update on Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Standards • Update on pause of referrals for Coordinated Entry (CE) Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) 	Summary of Follow-ups	Staff	

4.	<p>Reports for Standing Committee Updates (<i>Consent Calendar</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CEA Committee Lived Experience Advisory & Planning Board (LEAP) <p>Potential ACTION ITEM</p>	Staff Report for Standing Committees	Staff	
5.	<p>Reports from Lead Agency Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homeless Coalition Board Meeting Schedule 2026 Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Data Committee and HMIS Lead Staffing Homeless Coalition Board Composition and Law Enforcement Seat <p>Potential ACTION ITEM</p>	Staff Report	Staff	1:05 p.m.
6.	<p>Lead Agency Evaluation Update</p> <p>Potential ACTION ITEM</p>	Staff Report	Board Chair and Vice Chair	1:20 p.m.
7.	<p>Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Reallocation Approval</p> <p>ACTION ITEM</p>	Staff Report	Staff	1:25 p.m.
8.	10-minute break			2:00 p.m.
9.	<p>Word from the LEAP Board</p> <p>Potential ACTION ITEM</p>		LEAP Board Chair	2:10 p.m.
10.	<p>Continuum of Care Program Transfer: Sonoma County Community Development Commission to Face 2 Face.</p> <p>ACTION ITEM</p>	Staff Report	Staff	2:15 p.m.
11.	<p>Board Chair & Vice Chair Election</p> <p>ACTION ITEM</p>	Staff Report	Staff	2:25 p.m.
12.	<p>Review Agenda for February Coalition Board Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2026 Homeless Point in Time Count Recap <p>Potential ACTION ITEM</p>	Staff Report for DRAFT Agenda	Board Chair	2:50 p.m.
13.	<p>Board Member Questions & Comments</p> <p>Potential ACTION ITEM</p>		Board Chair	2:55 p.m.
14.	Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda		Board Chair	3:00 p.m.

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 From
12/17/2025

Meeting Date: 1/28/26

Staff Contact: Kim Holden, Senior Office Assistant, Kim.Holden@sonomacounty.gov

SUMMARY

This staff report briefly summarizes the December 17, 2025, Sonoma County Homelessness Coalition Meeting Minutes. The attached meeting minutes contain all items discussed by the Sonoma County Homeless Coalition Board at the December 2025 Sonoma County Homelessness Coalition Meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S)

Approve Sonoma County Homeless Coalition Minutes from the 12/17/2025 Sonoma County Homeless Coalition Board Meeting.



Sonoma County Homeless Coalition Board

Homeless Coalition Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

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

Zoom Recording:

<https://sonomacounty.zoom.us/rec/share/8JZXxBkZwuSM5CugJOn7HYwWEWkaTk7747R4TruP2c3BYK5n9t6yWsqtM-yyudF8.Jo3zioVPsr8iLV89?startTime=1766005085000>

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Welcome and Roll Call Introductions (00:03:12–00:06:15)

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.

Present: Jennielynn Holmes, Catholic Charities | Caroline Bañuelos, City of Santa Rosa | Kevin McDonnell, City of Petaluma | Sean Hamlin, proxy for Chris Coursey, Sonoma County Board of Supervisors | Martha Cheever, Community Development Commission | Stephen Zollman, City of Sebastopol | Jackie Elward, City of 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) | Large | Angelica Smith, Tribal Seat | Rosie Traversi, Licensed Healthcare Organization Seat | Maria Rico, BIPOC Led/Serving Organization Seat | Ash Culver, Transitional-aged Youth Seat (arrived late)

Absent: Chris Coursey, Sonoma County Board of Supervisors | Kristi Lozinto, Member At-Large | Kimberly Stevens, LEAP Board

A quorum was present.

1 - 3. Approval of Consent Calendar (00:06:17 – 00:07:41)

- Chair Holmes presented the following consent calendar items for approval:
 1. 12/17/25 meeting agenda
 2. 10/22/25 meeting minutes
 3. Reports for Standing Committee Updates
 4. Reports for Standing Committee Updates

Public Comment: None.

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

Second: Chris Cabral seconds the motion.

Abstentions or Objections: None.

Motion passes. The consent calendar is approved.

4. Reports from Lead Agency Staff (00:07:44 – 00:49:05)

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

As Michael Gause reported, on December 8, 2025, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) rescinded the FY 2025 CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) that had been released in November 2025. However, HUD also indicated that the NOFO may be reissued at a later date. The NOFO capped funding for permanent supportive housing (PSH) to 30% of the total award, down from 90% as was available in the 2024 NOFO.

These developments necessarily place the lead agency's Continuum of Care (CoC) Competition on hold and potentially jeopardize housing for over 200 individuals currently residing in permanent supportive housing. An update regarding the HUD NOFO may be forthcoming via a court hearing on Friday, December 19, 2025, but next steps are uncertain.

Subsequently, lead agency staff notified the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors (BOS) of the CoC NOFO issues at their December 16, 2025, meeting. The BOS indicated that they would consider options for possible emergency contingency plans or loans. Staff will return to the BOS on January 6, 2026, for further updates.

Thai Hilton explained that, in preparation for potential closures of some PSH projects, the Coordinated Entry Advisory Committee (CEA) has approved a temporary pause on referrals from CE to CoC-funded PSH Projects. Some projects, however, are moving forward with approved CE transfers.

Staff recommends approval by the HC Board to pause CE referrals to CoC-funded PSH projects through May 31, 2026, or until sufficient clarity of CoC funding levels and policy changes can be established to safely resume referrals.

Public Comment: None.

Motion: Chris Cabral moves to pause all PSH referrals to HUD CoC-funded projects, unless the provider specifically states otherwise, through May 31, 2026, or sooner, if funding or policy changes provide clarity.

Second: Martha Cheever seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Approve - 14; Abstentions - 1

Motion passes.

Additional information is included in the meeting materials packet, Item #4, pgs. 15-16.

5. Lead Agency Evaluation Update (00:49:07– 00:52:36)

- Jennielynn Holmes announced that the Lead Agency Evaluation Ad Hoc Committee has finalized a survey they had been developing, which was designed to elicit public and stakeholder feedback for evaluation of the performance of the lead agency. The survey will be disseminated soon, and the committee will move forward with plans to conduct two public input sessions, as well.

Further information is included within the packet of meeting materials, Item #5, pg. 17.

Public Comment: None.

Informational item only; no action taken.

6. Updates to Rapid Rehousing (RRH) Standards (00:52:41 – 01:10:05)

- Thai Hilton presented slides to describe minor updates to the Rapid Rehousing Standards, as developed by a working group of providers, stakeholders, and lead agency staff.

Additionally, the Homeless Coalition (HC) Board had previously expressed a general interest in exploring a more comprehensive RRH redesign. The working group has discussed possible redesign options, such as a “hub-and-spoke” model, and requests feedback from the HC Board regarding their project model concerns and redesign priorities, as well as approval of the current updates to the RRH standards.

Further information and a link to the draft RRH standard updates are included in the packet of meeting materials, Item #7, pg. 18.

Public Comment: None.

Motion: Councilmember Zollman moves to approve the updates to the RRH standards and also requests a presentation from staff to the HC Board on the concept of a “hub-and-spoke” model in March 2026.

Second: Councilmember Jackie Elward seconds the motion.

Objections: 1 opposed.

Abstentions: None.

Motion passes.

7. Homeless Coalition Board Elections Update (01:10:07 – 01:13:53)

- Jynessa Lazzaroni presented the results of the 2026 Homeless Coalition Board elections for five seats that expire on December 31, 2025.

Congratulations and thanks were expressed to those who will be joining or returning to the HC Board in January 2026: Akash Kalia (At Large seat), Chris Cabral (Homeless Service Provider seat) Rosie Traversi (Licensed Healthcare Organization seat) Jessica Wolfe (Adult Lived Experience seat), and Angelica Smith (Tribal Representative).

Further details are provided in Item #7, page 19, of the packet of meeting materials.

Informational item only; no action taken.

Public Comment: None.

8. 2025/2026 Local Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Update (01:13:55– 01:27:43)

- Michael Gause provided an overview of the proposed process for the fiscal year (FY) 2025-2026 Local Homelessness NOFA and presented a recommendation to extend current contracts for local homelessness projects for a one-year period at the highest possible funding level for the FY 2026-2027.

Motion: Councilmember Zollman moves to approve the staff recommendation to renew existing local homelessness projects for a one-year period at the maximum level possible.

Second: Councilmember Wellander seconds the motion.

Public Comment: Lisette Wellen

Dannielle Danforth, Chessy Etheridge, Chris Cabral, Margaret Sluyk, Jennielynn Holmes, and Mayor McDonald were recused from voting on this item. A quorum remained and Councilman Zollman volunteered to preside over the voting proceedings.

Roll Call Vote: Approve - 9, Objections or Abstentions - None

Motion passes.

Recused members rejoined the meeting and Jennielynn Holmes resumed the role of chairperson.

9. 10-Minute Break (extended to 15 minutes) 2:25 – 2:40 PM (01:27:43 – 01:42:46)

- A quorum remained upon return from break.

10. Word from the LEAP Board (01:42:51 – 02:11:29)

- Chessy Etheridge narrated a PowerPoint presentation and provided commentary detailing ideas that the Lived Experience & Advisory Planning (LEAP) Board has compiled

for improving outcomes at Eliza's Village. The presentation was enthusiastically received, and presentation slides will be sent to HC Board members and interested parties.

Public Comment: Gregory Fearon, Jessica Wolfe

Informational item only; no action taken.

11. Overview Presentation on Homeless Funding in Sonoma County (02:11:30 – 02:49:09)

- Sonoma County Department of Health Services (DHS) Director Nolan Sullivan shared a slide presentation which he had previously provided to the Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers' Association (SCMCA) in September 2025. This overview depicted some of the intricacies of Homelessness Services funding: a complex web of at least 42 different sources (federal, state, local) from 12 different agencies or jurisdictions. Most projects require more than one funding source to operate, with many sources not guaranteed over multiple years, and with inconsistent timelines and reporting requirements.

Referencing data from a study of basic government spending on homelessness in Sonoma County as provided by the regional organization "All Home," Director Sullivan presented graphics detailing funding sources and expenditures for the County of Sonoma, cities, the Continuum of Care, the Sonoma County Housing Authority, and the Santa Rosa Housing Authority, which altogether totaled about \$209 million in FY 23/24. Relatedly, the numbers of homeless in Sonoma County, as represented in annual Point in Time (PIT) counts, reflect an overall reduction of about 20% over the past two years. Funding allocated to homeless services in FY 25/26 is estimated to be approximately \$121 million: a decrease of nearly \$90 million which presages future reductions in housing placements and services.

Also included in the presentation was a breakdown of funding and program allocations from Measure O, the voter-approved 10-year sales tax measure passed by Sonoma County voters in November 2020. The majority of Measure O funds support Behavioral Health programs, particularly emergency psychiatric/crisis services. As stipulated in the bond ordinance, only 2% of the approximately \$25 million generated annually by Measure O is obligated to homelessness services, with 50% of that obligation being specifically dedicated to housing for the chronically homeless.

Another funding source, the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), has been in place for twenty years and provides \$20-\$30 million per year for Behavioral Health programs, via a 1% tax on millionaires in California. As of July 1, 2026, Proposition 1, approved by California voters in 2024, will be implemented, renaming the MHSA to the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) and bringing significant changes to funding requirements for components of MHSA programs. Of the estimated BHSA funding of \$33 million for FY 26/27, a mandate that 30% (approximately \$10 million) be utilized exclusively for

housing will result in a decrease of that amount in funding for established behavioral health and substance use programs.

A draft snapshot of projected uses of BHSAs housing funds for FY 26/27 include funding for outreach and engagement for the DHS Whole Person Care Team, housing for the chronically homeless at Eliza's Village and Mickey Zane Place, Bridge Housing for clients with behavioral health challenges at DHS Arrowood, a psychiatric health facility (PHF) and peer respite services, as well as funding for rental subsidies and vouchers.

Public Comment: Gregory Fearon, Hunter Scott

Informational item only; no action taken.

12. Point in Time (PIT) Count (02:49:11– 02:54:14)

- Karissa White advised the HC Board that preparations have begun for the annual 2026 Point-in-Time Count, which this year will begin at 5:00 AM on January 30, 2026. Six regions of Sonoma County will be covered, with a separate youth count planned for 2:00 PM that day. Volunteers to help with the count are welcome and may sign up via a link on the Sonoma County Homelessness Services website.

Public Comment: None

Additional information is available at Item #12, pgs. 22-23, in the packet of meeting materials.

Informational item only; no action taken.

13. Homeless Coalition Quarterly Membership Meeting (02:54:16 – 02:55:28)

- Jynessa Lazzaroni announced that the quarterly meeting of the Homeless Coalition membership that was planned for January 2026 is cancelled. The regular quarterly meeting schedule is expected to resume in April 2026.

Public Comment: None.

A brief summary for Item #13 is located on page 24 of the meeting materials packet.

Informational item only; no action taken.

14. Special December 23, 2025 ,Homeless Coalition Board Meeting (02:55:30 – 02:57:09)

- Michael Gause announced that the NOFO process has been suspended for now, so the planned special meeting is no longer necessary at this time. A cancellation notice for the meeting will be forthcoming.

15. Review Agenda for January Coalition Board Meeting (02:57:13 – 03:01:12)

- Chair Holmes displayed the draft agenda for the January 2026 HC Board meeting, and recounted requests from today’s meeting that an update from the consultant firm MRG be provided when available, and that a presentation depicting a “hub-and-spoke” model for RRH be provided at the March 2026 meeting, if possible.
- Clarification was provided that item #10 on the draft agenda (Permanent Supportive Housing Standards) will be an update, not a request for approval.
- **Public Comment:** None

16. Board Member Questions and Comments (03:01:14 – 03:06:29)

- The Homeless Memorial is this Friday, December 19, 2025, at the Arlene Francis Center. The public is invited.
- COTS has begun giving notices to tenants to vacate due to expected loss of funding for Permanent Supportive Housing. Many clients have expressed gratitude to providers and staff for their efforts in locating alternative housing arrangements.
- The federal government has approved a funding award for Catholic Charities to re-open a runaway youth shelter. Although additional funding will still be needed, an existing property owned by Catholic Charities is hoped to be renovated and licensed to establish what will be the only shelter for children up to the age of 18 north of San Francisco.
- **Public Comment:** None

17. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda (03:06:31– 03:06:47)

- None.

Adjournment: 4:12 PM (03:06:48 – 03:09:14)

Sonoma County Homeless Coalition Follow-ups Staff Report

Item No: 3 (Consent Calendar)

Subject: Summary of Follow-ups from the Previous Meeting(s)

Meeting Date: January 28, 2026

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

Summary

At the previous meeting, Coalition Board members and others asked for the Lead Agency staff to follow up on specific items. Staff summarized responses to present at the June Sonoma County Homeless Coalition Board meeting.

Recommended Action(s)

Receive and file.

Discussion

At the previous meeting, Coalition Board members and others asked for the Lead Agency staff to follow up on the following questions or comments:

1. Eliza's Village Homeless Coalition Board (HCB) Meeting:

Staff met with the Chair of the Sonoma County Lived Experience Advisory and Planning (LEAP) Board, Chessy Etheridge to discuss ideas about how to improve community engagement and provide support for residents at Eliza's Village.

Staff will attend a LEAP Board meeting in February to share further updates about the current infrastructure of Eliza's Village and members of the LEAP Board will work on converting proposed ideas into actionable steps which can be implemented at Eliza's Village in the near future.

2. Update on Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Standards:

Staff has been engaged in the development of Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Standards. The effort began with staff interviewing more than 20 PSH service providers, property managers and developers, and community leaders or their staff. The purpose

of these interviews was to better understand current challenges and opportunities related to communication, coordination, and operations within PSH projects.

Following the interviews, staff convened a focus group to member-check the information gathered. Feedback from this discussion confirmed several recurring themes. Participants identified significant role confusion between property managers and supportive service providers, ongoing communication challenges among service providers, property management staff, and tenants, and difficulties accessing and maintaining behavioral health services at PSH sites. Despite these challenges, all participants expressed a strong and shared commitment to maintaining housing stability for residents. Community leaders also emphasized the importance of increased community engagement prior to the opening of PSH projects within their neighborhoods.

Based on this feedback, staff formed a PSH Standards Working Group comprised of key stakeholders. The working group has met twice to date to review PSH standards developed in other communities and to discuss best practices. Through this process, the group selected a framework and overall layout for the local PSH standards document. The working group will continue to meet on a biweekly basis to draft and refine the standards.

Staff would like to thank all individuals who participated in interviews, the focus group, and the working group for their time, expertise, and ongoing commitment to improving the quality and coordination of Permanent Supportive Housing in Sonoma County.

3. Update on pause of referrals for Coordinated Entry (CE) Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)

HUD rereleased the Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) recently and has confirmed that it will process renewals for CoC-funded projects for the current year. Based on this update, staff has resumed Coordinated Entry referrals to CoC-funded Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) projects, with the exception of the Buckelew SCIL program, which is scheduled to close. Staff continues to work with Buckelew and Coordinated Entry to facilitate transfers.

Staff anticipates that HUD will release a new CoC NOFO later this year that could include the same, or similar, policy changes as the previously rescinded NOFO. If future funding or policy changes again pose risks to PSH project stability, staff may recommend pausing

referrals at that time. Staff will continue to monitor federal guidance closely and provide updates as information becomes available.

Sonoma County Homeless Coalition Board Committees Staff Report

Item No: 4 (Consent Calendar)
Subject: Reports from the Coalition’s Standing Committees and the LEAP Board
Meeting Date: January 28, 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:

Staff is requesting approval of minor updates to the Coordinated Entry policies and procedures. All proposed changes were reviewed and approved by the Coordinated Entry Advisory Committee (CEA) at its January 7 meeting. The updates are intended to clarify existing policy, address implementation issues identified by staff and HomeFirst, and strengthen the integrity of the prioritization framework.

Transfer Prioritization Clarification

Staff is proposing an update to the Coordinated Entry prioritization policy to clarify that program transfers are the highest prioritization category. While this intent is stated throughout the policies and procedures, HomeFirst staff identified one section where the language was inconsistent and could be interpreted differently. This change aligns the policy language throughout the document and ensures consistency with current practice.

Addition of a “Below Rapid Rehousing (RRH)” Prioritization Tier

Staff is proposing the addition of a new prioritization tier, referred to as the “Below RRH” tier. During implementation of the updated prioritization framework, HomeFirst identified that some households did not meet the criteria for any existing prioritization tier and therefore could not be placed within the framework. The “Below RRH” tier is intended to capture these households. Placement in this tier does not mean a household will never

receive a referral. If a household's circumstances change and they later meet prioritization criteria, they would be reassigned to the appropriate tier. In addition, households in the "Below RRH" tier may be referred to other housing opportunities that do not align with the PSH or RRH models, including existing projects designed to serve households with lower or different levels of need.

Enhanced Prioritization

Staff is requesting approval to update the enhanced prioritization procedure and request form to include a required narrative section that can be completed by the requesting case manager. Since implementation of the new enhanced prioritization process, Coordinated Entry staff have observed a substantial increase in enhanced prioritization requests. This is concerning, as enhanced prioritization is intended to be used sparingly. Overuse risks undermining the prioritization framework and may create equity concerns. CEA approved this change with direction for staff to develop a narrative section requiring the requesting provider to clearly describe how the household meets enhanced prioritization criteria. Staff anticipates this added level of documentation will promote appropriate use of the process. Staff will continue to monitor enhanced prioritization requests and will return to CEA with additional recommendations if overuse persists.

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

- Met with DHS staff to discuss LEAP Board ideas about how to improve community engagement and provide support at Eliza's
- Updated board priorities and goals
- Discussed innovative ways to provide support to the unsheltered community during in-operative warming center hours during the winter
- Finalizing review of staff shelter standards surveys
- Collaborating with the Sonoma County Office of Equity in development of solutions to improve standards at local shelters
- On schedule to share a presentation about how to navigate homelessness during the DHS Homeless Services Division's Public Forum webinar on January 27, 2026, at 5:30pm.
- Currently reviewing new LEAP Board applications for the 2026 annual cycle. The LEAP Board election meeting will be held in late February 2026. There are 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: 5
Subject: Reports from the Lead Agency
Meeting Date: January 28, 2026
Staff Contacts: Michael Gause, Michael.Gause@sonomacounty.gov

1. Homeless Coalition Board Meeting Schedule 2026:

At the beginning of each year, staff distributes a survey poll to Homeless Coalition Board members to determine preferred dates and times for monthly meetings. A survey poll was sent on December 22, 2025, with a voting deadline of January 5, 2026. The majority of respondents selected to maintain the current meeting schedule on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 1:00–4:30 p.m.

2. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Data Committee and HMIS Lead Staffing:

The Department of Health Services Homelessness Services Division is currently operating with one of two HMIS Lead staff positions filled. Because of current financial uncertainty, staffing levels are not expected to return to previous levels in the near future. Due to the lack of staffing and the current federal HMIS reporting season, the HMIS Data Committee will be on hold until further notice as reporting needs are being prioritized. We anticipate resuming regular committee meetings in May 2026, following the completion of the federal HMIS reporting season. Until that time, meetings will remain on hold for capacity reasons. If any urgent issues arise that require the committee's review or recommendations, we can convene a special meeting as needed.

3. Homeless Coalition Board Composition and Law Enforcement Seat:

In the 2025 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) released by HUD and subsequently rescinded, HUD introduced new priorities, including partnerships with local law enforcement to address unsheltered homelessness, a practice already occurring in Sonoma County. The NOFO also included scoring criteria related to whether law enforcement was represented on the CoC governing board.

During the period when the NOFO was open, staff met with the Chair and Vice Chair, who had reached out to the Petaluma Police Department and the Santa Rosa Police Department to explore the possibility of law enforcement representation on the Homeless Coalition Board. At that time, staff anticipated bringing forward an emergency request to add a law enforcement representative to the board in order to align with the new NOFO priorities and strengthen the

CoC's competitiveness. Higher NOFO scores increase the likelihood of retaining existing projects and funding, as well as expanding the Annual Renewal Demand award.

Although the 2025 NOFO has since been rescinded and the 2024/2025 CoC NOFO has been re-released, staff anticipate that these same priorities will reappear in the 2026 NOFO, which could be released between May and August (based on historically competitions). Additionally, law enforcement plays a critical role in addressing homelessness, and their perspective and collaboration are recognized as valuable to the work of the CoC.

Following discussions with the Chair and Vice Chair, staff are bringing this item forward for board discussion purposes only. No decision is being requested at this meeting. Staff intend to return to the board in the coming months with request for action. Based on initial discussions, it is recommended that, if approved, the law enforcement seat be appointed by the Sonoma County Police Chiefs' Association. The board would determine whether this seat would be added to the existing number of board seats or would replace an existing seat.



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

Item No: 6

Subject: Lead Agency Evaluation Update

Meeting Date: January 28, 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.

Informational only.



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

Item No: 10

Subject: Continuum of Care Program Transfer: Sonoma County Community Development Commission to Face to Face

Meeting Date: January 28, 2026

Staff Contact: Karissa White, Continuum of Care Coordinator,
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SUMMARY: The Sonoma County Community Development Commission (SCCDC) is currently the recipient of the HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Program for the Renewal Rental Assistance HIV/AIDS project. This award provides rental assistance for 38 units of permanent supportive housing. SCCDC and Face to Face have submitted a request to the CoC Lead Agency to initiate a transfer for this award.

SCCDC is already working with Face to Face on this grant. SCCDC provides the rental assistance and handles the actual grant administration with HUD, while Face to Face provides the direct services to the participants in the units. The SCCDC has and does currently provide in-kind matching support for this project by using the services provided in kind from Face to Face. There will be no changes to the clients served in terms of services because they are already working with Face to Face.

As we are in the middle of a HUD Notice of Funding Opportunity, this request cannot take place until after the application period has closed. The request is for the Homeless Coalition, representing the CoC's governance body, to approve the transfer. The request will be submitted to HUD after the application period has closed if approved.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S): Approve the transfer of the Renewal Rental Assistance HIV/AIDS project from the Sonoma County Community Development Commission to Face to Face.

**Sonoma County Homeless Coalition
Board Report**

Item No: 11

Subject: Board Chair & Vice-Chair Election

Meeting Date: January 28, 2026

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

SUMMARY

The Sonoma County Homeless Coalition Board will hold elections for the 2026 Board Chair and Vice Chair positions during the January 28, 2026, Coalition Board meeting. According to the Homeless Coalition Governance Charter:

- 1) Officers: Seated Board members shall select by a simple majority vote a Chair and Vice Chair for one-year terms at the first meeting of the Board each calendar year.
- 2) The Chair and Vice Chair positions cannot both be held by homeless services providers.
- 3) The Chair conducts Coalition Board meetings. The Vice Chair serves in the Chair's absence. Any member of the Coalition Board may be elected as Coalition Board Chair or Vice-Chair.
- 4) Terms: Officers shall serve for one-year terms.
- 5) Term limits: There will be no term limits for Officer positions; indefinite reelection is permissible provided that the persons serving as Chair or Vice Chair remain on the Board as elected or appointed by their appointing organization or agency.

The election will require a nomination, second, and majority vote. The vote will be held publicly.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S)

ACTION ITEM: Elect 2026 HC Board Chair

ACTION ITEM: Elect 2026 HC Board Vice-Chair

DISCUSSION

The Chair and Vice Chair positions require a minimum of 5-8 hours per month, excluding the 4-hour monthly Board meeting and Committee commitments. Prospective Board Officers need to ensure they have the capacity to fill these positions prior to nomination. In addition to strong facilitation skills, responsiveness and punctuality are vital to the success of these roles.

ATTACHMENT

- A) Sonoma County Homeless Coalition Board Member Roster

Attachment A

Sonoma County Homeless Coalition Board Roster 2026

	Seat	First Name	Last Name	Organization
1	City of Santa Rosa	Caroline	Banuelos	City of Santa Rosa
2	City of Petaluma	Karen	Nau	City of Petaluma
3	Board of Supervisors	Chris	Coursey	BOS County of Sonoma
4	County of Sonoma Safety Net	Martha	Cheever	Community Development Commission
5	Northern Region	Margaret	Sluyk	Reach for Home
6	Sonoma Valley	Ron	Wellander	City of Sonoma
7	Western Region	Stephen	Zollman	City of Sebastopol
8	Rohnert Park and Cotati	Jackie	Elward	City of Rohnert Park
9	Largest Homeless Services Agency	Jennielynn	Holmes	Catholic Charities
10	Tribal Representative	Angelica	Smith	Tribal Leadership Committee
11	Homeless Service Provider	Chris	Cabral	Committee on the Shelterless (COTS)
12	Licensed Health Care Organization	Rosie	Traversi	West County Community Services
13	Adult Lived Experience	Jessica	Wolfe	Community Member/LEAP
14	TAY Lived Experience	Ash	Culver	Community Member
15	Homeless advocacy organization	Dannielle	Danforth	West County Community Services
16	Org. led by/serving BIPOC	Maria	Rico	Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indian
17	At Large	Akash	Kalia	
18.	LEAP Non-Voting Member	Chessy	Etheridge	Community Member/LEAP



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**Sonoma County Homeless Coalition Board
Agenda Report**

Item No: 12
Subject: February 25, 2026, Sonoma County Homeless Coalition Board Meeting
Agenda
Meeting Date: January 28, 2026
Staff Contact: Araceli Rivera, Araceli.Rivera@Sonomacounty.gov

SUMMARY

This staff report presents the Draft February 25, 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 February 25, 2026, agenda.



Sonoma County Homeless Coalition

Board Meeting Agenda
***DRAFT* February 25, 2026**
1:00pm-5:00pm 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.	1/28/2026 Agenda <i>(Consent Calendar)</i>	Draft Agenda	Staff	
2.	Minutes from 01/28/2026 <i>(Consent Calendar)</i>	Draft Minutes	Staff	
3.	Summary of Follow-ups from the Previous Meeting(s) <i>(Consent Calendar)</i>	Summary of Follow-ups	Staff	

4.	Reports for Standing Committee Updates <i>(Consent Calendar)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CEA Committee • HMIS 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.	2026 Homeless Point in Time Count Recap Potential Action Item	Staff Report	Staff	
7.	10-minute break			
8.	Word from the LEAP Board Potential ACTION ITEM		LEAP Board Chair	
9.	Review Agenda for February Coalition Board Meeting Potential ACTION ITEM	Staff Report for DRAFT Agenda	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:

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

ACRONYMS & COMMON TERMS – Updated 11-2-2022

AAF	Annual Adjustment Factor	CTAC	Cities and Towns Advisory Committee
ACC	Annual Contributions Contract	DCSS	Department of Child Services
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act	DDA	Disposition and Development Agreement
AFFH	Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing	DHCS	Dept of Health Care Services (State dept)
AHA	Affordable Housing Agreement	DHS	Department of Health Services (County dept)
AHDA	Affordable Housing Development Assistance (Santa Rosa)	DSLCL	Disability Services and Legal Center
AHP	Affordable Housing Program (FHLB)	DST	Downtown Streets Team (Petaluma)
AMI	Area Median Income	EA	Environmental Assessment
APE	Area of Potential Effect	EIR	Environmental Impact Report (State)
ASHC	Affordable Housing and Sustainable	EIS	Environmental Impact Statement (Federal)
BHDC	Burbank Housing Development Corporation	ELI	Extremely Low Income
CalHFA	California Home Finance Agency	ENA	Exclusive Negotiating Agreement
Cal-ICH	CA Interagency Council on Homelessness	EOP	End of Participation
CAPIT	Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention and Treatment Fund	ERAP	Emergency Rental Assistance Program
CAPSC	Community Action Partnership Sonoma County	ESG	Emergency Solutions Grants (formerly Emergency Shelter Grants)
CASp	Certified Access Specialist	ESL	English as a Second Language
CBDO	Community-Based Development Organization	FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
CCC	Center for Community Change	FESG	Federal Emergency Shelter Grants Program
CCOC	Cloverdale Community Outreach Committee	FHA	Federal Housing Administration
CCofSR	Catholic Charities of Santa Rosa	FHANC	Fair Housing Advocates of Northern California
CDBG	Community Development Block Grant	FHIP	Fair Housing Initiatives Program
CDBG-CV	CDBG for Coronavirus Response	FHLB	Federal Home Loan Bank
CDBG-DR	CDBG for Disaster Recovery	FHP	Fair Housing Plan
CDC	Community Development Commission	FMR	Fair Market Rent
CE	Coordinated Entry	FONSI	Finding of No Significant Impact
CEF	California Equity Fund	FSS	Family Self-Sufficiency Program
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act	FY	Fiscal Year
CFH	County Fund for Housing	FYE	Fiscal Year End
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations	GAO	Government Accounting Office
CHAS	Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy	GR	Gross Rent
CHD	California Human Development Corporation	GSE	Government-Sponsored Enterprises
CHDC	California Housing Development Corporation	HAC	Housing Assistance Committee
CHDO	Community Housing Development Organization	HAP	Housing Assistance Plan
CHFA	California Home Finance Agency	HAS	Homeless Action Sonoma
CHRB	Community Housing Resource Board	HCD	Housing and Community Development (State of California)
CHRP-O	California Housing Rehabilitation Program for Owner-Occupied Housing	HCDA	Housing and Community Development Act
CHSC	Community Housing Sonoma County	HCV	Housing Choice Voucher
CIF	Community Investment Funds (FHLB)	HDS	Housing Discrimination Study
CLG	Centro Laboral de Graton (Graton Labor Center)	HEART	Homeless Encampment Access and Resource Team (County)
C of O	Certificate of Occupancy	HEAP	Homeless Emergency Assistance Program
CoC	Continuum of Care	HELP	Housing Enabled by Local Partnerships (funded by CalHFA)
COOP	Continuity of Operations	HERO	Helping Enrich Resource Opportunity
COTS	was “Committee on the Shelterless”	HEROS	HUD Environmental Review Online System
CPI	Child Parent Institute	HHAP	Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention
CRI	Community Resources for Independence	HHIP	Homeless Housing Incentive Program
CRLP	Commercial Rehabilitation Loan Program	HHSC	Health and Human Services Committee
CSF	Community Services Fund	HMDA	Home Mortgage Disclosure Act
CSHHP	California Self-Help Housing Program	HMIS	Homeless Management Information System
CSN	Community Support Network	HOME	Home Investment Partnerships Program
		HOPWA	Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS
		HOST	Homeless Outreach Service Team

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HPRP	Housing Prevention Rapid Re-Housing Program	NIMBY	“Not in My Back Yard”
HQS	Housing Quality Standards	NOFA	Notice of Funding Availability
HSD	Human Services Department (County dept)	NOFO	Notice of Funding Opportunity
HUD	US Department of Housing and Urban Development	NOI-RROF	Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds
HUD/202/811	HUD New Construction for Elderly/Handicapped	NPLH	No Place Like Home
HUD/236	HUD Mortgage Insurance & Interest Reduction Payment for Multi-Family Rental Projects	NSCS	North Sonoma County Services
HUD/8	HUD Section 8 New Construction Program	NSP	Neighborhood Stabilization Program
IG	Inspector General	OMB	Office of Management and Budget
IGR	Independent Group Residence	PASS	Plan for Achieving Self-Support
IIG	Infill and Infrastructure Grant	PBV	Project-Based Voucher
IMD	Institute of Mental Disease	PCC	Program Coordination Committee
IMDT	Interdepartmental Multi-Disciplinary Team	PHA	Public Housing Authority
InRESPONSE	Mental Health Response Team (Santa Rosa)	PHADA	Public Housing Authorities Directors Association
IOLERO	Independent Office of Law Enforcement Review and Outreach (County agency)	PHC	Partnership Health Plan California
IPA	Independent Public Accountant	PHM	Public Housing Manager
JPA	Joint Powers Authority	PHRA	Public Housing Reform Act of 1998
JRT	Joe Rodota Trail	PIC	Public and Indian Housing Information Center
LASC	Legal Aid of Sonoma County	PIH	Public and Indian Housing
LHA	Local Housing Authority	PI	Public Infrastructure (County department)
LI	Low Income	PII	Personal Identifiable Information
LIA	Live-In Aide	PJ	Participating Jurisdiction
LIHF	Low Income Housing Fund (San Francisco-based Fund Source)	PLHA	Permanent Local Housing Allocation
LISC	Local Initiatives Support Corporation	PMSA	Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area Established by the US Census
LMIHAF	Low and Moderate-Income Housing Asset Fund	PPSC	Petaluma People’s Service Center
LSA	Longitudinal Systems Analysis (HMIS)	PRA	Public Records Act
MAI	Member of the Appraisal Institute	PRMD	Permit & Resource Management Department (Sonoma County)
MAR	Monthly Activities Report	PS	Payment Standard
Measure O	¼ Cent Sales tax for housing/homelessness	PSA	Purchase and Sale Agreement
MHP	Multi-Family Housing Project (HCD)	PSH	Permanent Supportive Housing
MITCS	Multi-Family Tenant Characteristics System	PSIF	Preliminary Site Information Form (Part of the RECD Process)
MRBP	Mortgage Revenue Bond Program	PUD	Planned Unit Development
MSA	Metropolitan Statistical Area	QC	Quality Control
MSS	Mobile Supportive Services	QFHO	Qualified Fair Housing Organization
MWBE	Minority and Women’s Business Enterprises	QHWRA	Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998
MYFS	Mendocino Youth & Family Services	R&R	Reinvestment and Revitalization Fund
NAHB	National Association of Home Builders	RCAC	Rural Communities Assistance Corporation
NAHRO	National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials	RCF	Residential Care Facility
NAMI SC	National Alliance on Mental Illness Sonoma County	RDIP	Rental Development Incentive Program
NAREB	National Association of Real Estate Brokers	REAC	Real Estate Assessment Center (HUD)
NBOP	North Bay Organizing Project	RECDS	Rural Economic Community Development Service
NBVR	North Bay Veterans Resource Center	REFB	Redwood Empire Food Bank
NCCLF	Northern California Community Loan Fund	RFH	Reach for Home
NDP	Neighborhood Development Program	RFP	Request for Proposals
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act	RFQ	Request for Qualifications
NFHA	National Fair Housing Alliance	RHCP	Rental Housing Construction Program (State of California)
		RRH	Rapid Re-Housing
		RRP	Rental Rehabilitation Program
		RTA	Request for Tenancy Approval

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SAHA	Satellite Affordable Housing Associates
SAMHSA	US Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
SAVS	Sonoma Applied Village Services
SAY	Social Advocates for Youth
SCPEO	Sonoma County People for Economic Opportunity
SCFBOP	Sonoma County Faith-Based Organizing Project
SCRIMS	Sonoma County Rental Information and Mediation Services
SEMAP	Section 8 Management Assessment Program
SHPO	State Historic Preservation Office
SLE	Sober Living Environment
SMI	Severe Mental Illness
SMSA	Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area
SOS	Sonoma Overnight Support
SPARC	Site Plan and Architectural Review Committee (Petaluma)
SPMs	System Performance Measurements (HMIS)
SRO	Single Room Occupancy
SSA	Social Security Administration
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
Stella M	HUD online tool to assist in homelessness response system effectiveness
Stella P	HUD program using LSAs to show system performance
SVDP	St. Vincent de Paul
TANF	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
TAT	Threat Assessment Team
TBA	Tenant-Based Assistance
TBRA	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance
TCAC	Tax Credit Allocation Committee
TLC	TLC Child and Family Services
TLR	The Living Room
TOD	Transit-Oriented Development
TOT	Transit Occupancy Tax (Advertising Fund)
TR	Tenant Rent
TTP	Total Tenant Payment
UA	Utility Allowance
UDAG	Urban Development Action Grant
URP	Utility Reimbursement Payment
USDA-RD	United States Department of Agriculture – Rural Development
VAMA	Voluntary Affirmative Marketing Agreements
VASH	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (voucher)
VAWA	Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2005
VCA	Voluntary Compliance Agreement
VLI	Very Low Income
VVC	Vietnam Veterans of California
WCCS	West County Community Services
WPC	Whole Person Care
WRS	Women's Recovery Service
YIMBY	Yes in My Backyard