

# Steering System Collaboration and Partnerships

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## Short Summary

You explored how a leadership commission fosters system-wide collaboration and high-level steering through strategic partnerships.

## Long Summary

The conversation focused on the importance of partnership and the specific role of a commission made up of elected officials and high-level leaders. This group aims to steer the system effectively while ensuring that collaboration remains a core priority across all levels. By sharing resources and working together, the goal is to create a more cohesive environment that fosters long-term cooperation and strategic alignment within the organizational system.

## County Leadership and Director Updates

- **New Homeless Director Recruitment**
  - Permanent Homeless Director interviews are scheduled for March 17th.
  - Recognition was given to Desiree Oldstrom for her interim leadership during the behavioral health and homeless services merge.
- **System Collaboration**
  - The county is exploring different Joint Powers Authority (JPA) models based on Yolo and Solano Counties.
  - A commission of elected officials is being formed to steer the system and foster high-level collaboration.

## Measure O and HAP Funding Awards

- **Funding Allocation**
  - Total awards reached nearly \$13 million (\$10 million from Measure O and \$3 million from HAP funding).
  - The selection process was highly competitive, with \$37 million in requests across 57 applications.
- **Key Awardees**
  - **Catholic Charities:** \$924,000 for Caritage Bridge to Housing.
  - **City of Santa Rosa:** \$979,000 for safe parking.
  - **St. Vincent de Paul:** \$1 million for the Gravenstein Project.
  - **City of Rohnert Park:** \$1.2 million for Labat Landing.
- **Future Outlook**
  - This is likely the last large-scale Measure O NOFA as funds are projected to reach a slight deficit by 2029-2030.
  - A "Measure O Roadshow" is being developed to explain the life cycle and impact of the tax measure to the community.

## Board Ad Hoc and Committee Updates

- **Coordinated Entry Advisory Committee**
  - Applications for three vacancies close on March 2nd.
  - A selection ad hoc committee was formed featuring Councilmember Zolman, Chris, and Rosie.
- **Lead Agency Evaluation**
  - The evaluation timeline has been extended to June 2026 to ensure a robust process.
  - The ad hoc group will focus on defining stakeholder groups and revamping survey questions to match specific roles.

## Rapid Rehousing (RRH) Model Analysis

- **Hub and Spoke Model**
  - Staff and a working group analyzed moving to a "Hub and Spoke" model to save administrative costs.
  - **Conclusion:** The model was deemed inefficient for RRH due to high regulatory requirements; it would not actually reduce the monitoring burden on the lead agency.
- **Alternative Recommendations**
  - Shift toward one or two countywide providers to ensure consistency.
  - Explore multi-year RFPs to give providers more stability.
  - Standardize landlord outreach to prevent agencies from competing for the same units.

## Peer Support and Lived Experience

- **Integration into Housing**
  - Discussion centered on the vital role of peer support in helping chronically homeless individuals transition to permanent housing.
  - **Barriers:** Low wages for peer positions make retention difficult, and there is a lack of sustainable funding.
- **Solutions**
  - Leveraging **CalAIM** and Medi-Cal billing to create sustainable, paid peer support roles.
  - Utilizing the West County peer support specialist training program as a pipeline for staffing.

## 2026 Homeless Point in Time (PIT) Count Recap

- **Preliminary Results**
  - The count occurred on January 30th with approximately 150 volunteers.
  - **Data Correction:** Reports of a 15% increase in homelessness were clarified as inaccurate; baseline numbers will be available in May.
  - Challenges remain in counting "uncountable" Transition Age Youth (TAY) who may be "doubled up" rather than on the street.

## Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Development

- **Developer Data**
  - Developers primarily make decisions based on funding availability (e.g., "No Place Like Home" state funds) rather than specific local data sets.
- **Current Pipeline**
  - Approximately 160 PSH units are currently in the pipeline, including projects like Georgia's Hideaway (21 units) and a 33-unit project in Rohnert Park.

## Medi-Cal and Eligibility Changes

- **"Unwinding" Risks**
  - Changes to Medi-Cal eligibility rules pose a risk to client health coverage.
  - Providers are encouraged to collaborate on tracking volunteer hours and wages to help clients meet new minimum requirements.
  - Leadership plans to approach Partnership HealthPlan for resources to support application assistance.

## Transcriptions

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about collaboration, partnership and sharing that we're sort of a uh a commission of electeds of sorts or a commission of folks that were really kind of at a higher level to really kind of steer the system and make sure collaboration uh continues to be fostered across the system.

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We're not entirely sure where we'll be going next. It most likely won't be any impact to the COC, but we also wanted to share with this group, just so folks didn't think we were sort of meeting in secret or kind of keeping things discreet. So we are looking at a couple different JPM models, one out of YOLO County, potentially a model out of Solano County, and we're starting to sort of explore some of those other options. So that's update number two. Update number three is we will be interviewing for the permanent homeless director position in the county on March 17th, I believe. We're very excited for that. So I know many of you uh knew we were rehiring for that position. I want to extend and just deep heartfelt.

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A huge thank you to Desiree Oldstrom who's on this call today who has been filling in his interim and has done a wonderful job in, you know

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Learning something new. She's had to learn that seven-page acronym list as well. And as the leader of the county's whole person care team, she has brought just an invaluable lens to this behavioral health and homeless merge. I'm just so thankful for her leadership and stepping up and leaning in and helping us build those systems. So thank you, Des, and more to come in early March on the next steps in that position. And then last but not least, and Shelly, can I share my screen? Is that a thing I can do? Yes, I can grant you permission. See where did I put that slide?

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I want to talk really quickly, team, about the Measure ONOFA. I'm going to send you a request there if I go.

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So for those of you that aren't aware, uh we had a uh board approval, um, which I'm very excited about of our most recent Measure O NOFA. Uh, this happened at the last board meeting in February. Um, and what you're seeing on the screen here, and I apologize for the eye test, is the awardees that were named in that NOFA. And there's a little bit of an add-on or a bonus here. So we had \$10 million in award.

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To give out through Measure O, but we also identified about \$3 million in hat funding through the various hats that frankly we would have either probably reverted or had to do separate RFPs for a couple hundred thousand dollars or found some other more timely sort of laborious way to push out. And so we were able to issue the HAP awards out at the same time. Total awards were just under \$13 million. And so here are our award winners for that NOFA. If you haven't already heard this or seen this, Catholic Charities for the Carriage Bridge to Housing Project for \$924,000. The City of Healdsburg for LM Village for \$900,000. The City of Petaluma for the COS People's Collaboration People's Village Project for \$750,000. City of Petaluma for Care Coordination for another \$100K. The City of Roanoke for Labat Landing came in at \$1.2 million. City of Santa Rosa for safe parking came in at \$979,000. COTS has several right here coming up next, and I won't read them all up because you guys are looking at the screen too. But for \$243, \$65,000, \$102, and \$588,000. CPI was awarded \$700K for school-based use mental health services, which we're very excited about. CSN was awarded \$800,000. Home First for their Sonoma Valley Raptor Rehousing Project was awarded \$709,000. The Indian Museum for a really cool program called Being with Bears that I would encourage you all to check out was awarded \$390,000. Our friends over at Positive Images for Culturally Affirming Mental Health Services for Latin A and LGBTQIA 2 Plus Youth for \$750,000. The Sonoma County Office of Education was awarded a half a million dollars. The St. Vincent DePaul Gravenstein Project was awarded a million dollars. The Town of Windsor for interim housing for a scattered site project was awarded \$650. Verity for Healing for Youth and Homosexual Assault Survivors \$500,000. And last but certainly not least, West Coast West County Health Centers was awarded \$474,000. So all this to say, team, that we had taken.

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Million dollars in funds to give out. We received \$37 million in requests, over 57 applications for funding, and so it was a really hard decision. We had an independent uh non-conflicted rating panel that rated those 57 applications, and it was very hard to find a non-conflicted panel. That panel then made recommendations back to the department. The department did their best to add on some half and kind of massage things around a little bit to make sure they were geographically balanced. Uh, and then we brought it to the Board of Supervisors, like I said last meeting, and it was awarded. So those dollars will be going out the door very soon. We're very happy to get those dollars out. We know that there's a lot of programs in need. Uh, and again, \$10 million out of Measure O, really putting Measure O to work in our community. Sadly, I suspect this is probably the last Measure O NOFA that we will see, uh, especially the last one at the \$10 million mark. Uh Measure O, like many other funding streams, is rapidly sort of running out. Um, but we hope that this infusion of funds between Measure O and HAP will provide a big impact to the system. Uh also very sorry to the \$26 million worth of applications we couldn't fund. It just shows the level of need out there right now and the level of funding loss that we're experiencing, and so unfortunately it's its good news and bad news. Um, and I think that wraps up all of my updates, and I did just see a hand pop up. I'm happy to take questions on any of the above or anything in uh County Department of Health Service. Great, thank you. Uh Margaret. Yeah, I have two questions. Um one uh both on different topics here. So the first one, the group that's meeting to kind of go over some different things that's meeting monthly and bi-monthly. I was just curious who the northern Sonoma County representative or is there is there a northern, like are all the geographical regions represented in that group? And if so, who is the person representing Northern Sonoma County? I was just curious because the mayor of Fields Group has been attending, and so there were a couple reps that didn't actually sit on the COC, and I can't remember the two Jenny Lynn, but we invited two alternate electives because they weren't actually an election.

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At COC rep originally, and the idea was to kind of get to know the elected. So in Healdsburg, the mayor is representing, and she's been attending the meetings. Perfect. And then my second question is can you explain for me and for anyone who might be a little confused about measure O. It was my understanding that it's an ongoing tax, so the money would keep replenishing. And it was also my understanding that there was a lot of money sitting there for quite a while that wasn't being utilized. So it seems like maybe either that's a misunderstanding or maybe something has shifted. Can you explain what you mean by this is probably one of the last NOFAs, definitely not this large, if it's a tax that's going to keep going and if there's money there? Yes, Margaret, you're teeing up a future presentation for me because it's going to come very soon. We are actually doing Measure O Roadshows. And the Measure O Roadshows are intended for city councils, school boards, rotary clubs, different service groups to really explain sort of the life cycle of Measure O, how it's been spent, what it's funding, and where we project in. And so the problem with tax measures usually is that when you have a new tax measure, it takes a while to really ramp up and start establishing contracts, hire staff, get programs going. And so usually you see a fairly large fund balance grow in any new tax measure the first couple of years. And then usually once you sort of build the airplane as you will, it levels off and then kind of you go through the end of the tax. So Measure O runs through 2930. We have projections for existing programs run all the way through 2930 at this

point. And unfortunately, we are projected to end with a slight deficit, meaning there won't be a big chunk of money at the end. I will explain this in detail to you all ad nauseum through a full 30 to 45 minute presentation if this group would welcome me to come back. We're just about ready with the Measure O Roadshow, but it'll explain exactly that. Where the dollars have gone, where they're going to go, why we hope that it'll pass again, you know, what it's being spent on. We have answers to all of those questions, and we are very close to having that presentation ready. We will also have the annual report. So we have a 2425 Measure O annual report. It looks very pretty and

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I don't know if you can't see that because my screen's blacked out, but uh we'll have those ready for folks as well within the next month or so. And then ideally, I'm hoping to hit the city council, the COC, the Rotary Clubs to really have that conversation with folks to explain what, when, where, why? So fantastic question, more to come soon.

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Great, thank you. Uh Councilmember Zolman. Yes, thank you, Nolan, for the uh for the information. Two questions. One, um, many of us have heard about your pipeline um potential solution to deal with our homeless number. We're gonna get to the homeless number um soon on the agenda. But where are you with the whole concept? Are you pursuing it? Meaning for those that are a little unfamiliar, you take a certain chunk, maybe 500 of our current homeless, you put them in a county facility to get them stabilized with clinicians to bond to them. And as they move through the pipeline, they become more and more stable, hopefully at the end, leading towards placement of permanent supportive housing. That's my first question. Second, related permanent supportive housing, how involved are you with the working group that's developing permanent supportive housing standards? Uh great questions. Um, and so the first question uh is is fairly dependent on the MRG report, uh, council member. The board has to kind of officially give me uh permission to sort of bless sort of the plan. Uh the plan doesn't just deal with the pipeline or the funnel, and I know I'm a marketing genius, I need to come up with a better name. Um, but that is still my intention. That is still what we're working towards, and we're making moves on the back end to do that. There's several major checkpoints for that, right? Hiring the staff, which we have interviews in March, combining behavioral health and homeless services, which we're already in the in the motion to do, uh investing significant capital into Eliza's village, which we're teeing up a town hall uh for residents surrounding Eliza's village with a major capital improvement plan. And then the MRG plan that will be going to the board next week and then coming back to the COC actually contains quite a few bits and pieces for that. So everything is in motion.

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I think government time oftentimes is probably three or four times normal time, but it's it's moving along, and there's a couple big checkpoints and approval processes coming up in the next couple weeks. Um but we are on track for those of you that have heard me deliver that initial vision to continue working through that process. And I'm happy to bring that back in a more uh comprehensive and sort of mapped out way to this group at a later date, and I promise I'll have a catch-your name. Um but I'm happy to do that uh after the MRG report is done. So that is moving, that is an action. I am a little less connected to the uh PSH standards work group than I probably should be. Uh Jinny Lynn might be able to speak to that a little more than I have, or my staff certainly can. Um part of the thought process there does rely back to that executive commission. Again, we could come up with a PSH standard process all day long as a COC, right, or as a homeless governing body. But if cities don't implement this into their housing plans uh or their ordinances, it doesn't matter, right? And so having council level buy-in or board of super level buy-in on things like PSH standards or shared strategy or shelter standards uh or things of that sort is so important. So I don't know if Ty is on here today or Michael, if you can speak to that or Jenny Lynn, but um I am I don't have a great update uh on on that council member, but maybe Jenlyn or Michael can add where that group's at. Yeah, unfortunately I haven't been as involved in it either. So um I do think we have somebody involved, but not myself. So I don't know if Michael or Ty have an update. I can probably jump in with that one. Not again because I've been active leader of the group.

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Yeah, I can share that um the group is moving forward and and creating the standards. We're um still early on in that uh process, but the group has been meeting bi-weekly um to um develop those. Um I suspect it'll take another couple months before we have a draft, a complete draft, but it is moving forward um pretty efficiently.

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If if anyone has specific questions about it, I can I can certainly.

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Go into that.

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All right. Thank you. And all right. Any other questions for Director Sullivan?

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Okay. Now we will move to the next item, which is the coordinated entry advisory committee open applications and the membership ad hoc committee formation. Genessa will be uh presenting on this. Yes, thank you. Um so now that our elections for the board are complete, we're gonna go ahead and move into elections for standing committees. Um this year, because the HMIS data committee is on hold, we're only accepting applications for the coordinated entry advisory committee. There are three vacancies and we opened applications already for those three vacancies. Applications have been open since February the 9th, and the um application period will remain open for a total of three weeks and close on Monday, I believe. It's this upcoming Monday, March the 2nd. Um in conjunction with that, it's important for us to establish the selection a membership ad hoc committee, and that is our ask from you all here today. If we have any board members who are interested in being a part of the selection membership ad hoc committee, it's a minimal commitment to meet once or twice once applications are closed, review the applications, and then bring back your recommendation for new members to that committee for approval. All right, so you're looking for some volunteers, Janessa? Yes, minimum of three, um, three to five would be great. Okay, great. I see a couple hands maybe as as volunteers, but I'll let you say council members oldman and then Chris. Yes, interested in volunteering. Thanks. Thank you. And Chris, that you as well or a question. Yes, more than happy to volunteer. Awesome, thank you. And Rosie? I could volunteer if it truly is a minimal commitment.

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two or three meetings. Yes, it absolutely is. Just uh one or two to to review applications and come back with your recommendation. I'd be more than happy to contribute. I will be in touch soon. Great. So we have our three of is there anyone else who'd like to join? All right. Well that is a great group. Thank you all for being willing to help with that. I appreciate it.

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Okay, well at that point at this point let's sit take public comment. If there's any member of the public who would like to comment on any of the reports from the lead agency staff, please raise your hand.

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Not seeing any all right we'll bring it back to the board and we will move on to the next item which is lead agency evaluation ad hoc update um which I think we'll be giving a quick kind of reset update at this point. So I will uh get it started and other members of

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The ad hoc, uh, if you'd be willing to chime in. And I know Margaret in particular has kind of put together some information for us to look at as well. So at the highest level, um, our ad hoc met uh recently with a HUD technical assistance kind of uh rep to be able to make sure we were going on the right path and make sure that we were you know putting together the evaluation well. I think at the end of that um conversation, we all felt that we needed to kind of reset a little bit on some of the the way that the survey was and and the the way we had planned some of the um the evaluation components, and so we wanted to bring that back to the board. The board motion last year was to have this completed by um December, which obviously didn't happen, but now we're proposing a new timeline for the board to consider again to make sure that we are doing this right and doing it um justice.

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So and additionally as a reminder, the um the there aren't other COCs really doing this. So there's we're kind of charting the pathway not just for our COC but also other continuums as well. So there isn't a lot to kind of build off of. We're kind of creating from from scratch and from new. So it has been a little bit more of a labor of love and a little bit more time intensive than I think maybe those on the ad hoc signed up for. But I do appreciate those that have been willing to stick it out and and continue through. So at this point, what we'd like to do is kind of present a new timeline, which Margaret has put together a draft. But before we do that, are there other members of the ad hocs that would like to chime in on kind of where we're at and where we're hoping to go? And I see Councilmember Zolman. Yes, thank you, Jenny Lynn, for providing that overview. And yes, one of the things that probably doesn't need to be stated, but I'll state it again: the problems that we're encountering or that I'm particularly encountering is again that there is no spokesperson from the county on homelessness strategy to resolve it. There just is not. But the unfortunate thing is we're all associated with this board, and so when there are problems with homelessness, everybody comes running to us to provide an answer, and yet there is no spokesperson. So to grade the lead agency on all things homelessness, so when it only controls a certain small percentage of the HUD money doesn't quite seem fair, but that still needs to get resolved. So for me, that's been the ongoing strife with this work. Thanks. Yeah, thank you.

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Okay. So I um Margaret has um was our volunteer from our last meeting to maybe to kind of put together a draft new time.

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And so I'll ask if she'll kind of gently present that to us to this group, and then kind of we don't need to take, I think, a vote, but kind of want to get agreement from the board that you're comfortable with the new timeline. So with that, I'll

turn it over to Margaret. Yeah, thank you, Jenny Lynn. So I think the thing that became very clear during this last meeting was that we need to really further define who our various stakeholder groups are and what kind of questions would make sense for those stakeholder groups to give us good information to do the evaluation. Because not every stakeholder group knows every single piece of what the continuum of care or the lead agency does and you know how it all fits together. So we need to further define our stakeholder groups for the specific survey. We need to revamp questions to match those groups.

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We do have a survey ready, you know, ready to go. That was and this came from that survey. So we do have some questions. We just need to revamp those and kind of match them to the different stakeholder groups. We need to then finalize what that's gonna look like. We also need to gather specific email lists for each of those stakeholder groups. Um, and then we need to send the survey with a defined survey window, and then we want to have some engagement sessions with the various stakeholder groups, um, at least two of them, um, to get more feedback through an open dialogue format. And then we're gonna need to present the data and you know, gather the data, format it, and then present the data in a reasonable way that everyone can understand. So I think you know, just looking through what that might be like, um, it looks like it would probably be more like early June to mid-June, which is a lot longer than I think we had originally thought it would be. Um but we want to to present that to you today to kind of let you know these are all the different things we need to do.

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Each piece is gonna take a little bit of time for us to get through in order to make sure that we're doing a robust evaluation that's gonna be meaningful and that we're gonna be able to use to make decisions and and stuff based on. So Jenny Lynn, I kept it very high level because I figure like the little things might change, but I think essentially we're asking you to let us know if that seems reasonable as far as what we're looking to do and the timeline high level.

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Thank you. So at this point, any questions or feedback from the board.

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All right. Is there an um well, let me ask at this point, let's open it up for public con. Is there any member of the public that would like to comment on this item? Nope. No hands up at this time. Okay, all right, bringing it back to the board. Is there anybody who feels uncomfortable with the kind of the overarching timeline and the reset we're we're taking on this?

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Not hearing any, I see a couple headshaking, no, that's a good sign. Um, all right. Well, our ad hoc, we we have uh some regular meetings set, which is good. Uh this is also hard. We're all kind of doing this ourselves. Uh so it's on top of all of everybody's very busy jobs. So I appreciate your patience with us um and and the um the work to the everybody who is doing on the ad hoc. I appreciate you all very much as well. So okay. All right, we are going to move to the next agenda item, which is the 2026, or no, sorry, the rapid rehousing hub and spoke consideration. And I believe Ty will be presenting on this one.

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Yes, thank you, Chair. Hello, everybody. Um, I'm just a little bit of background on what we're doing. Uh uh a few months ago, this board requested.

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suggested that staff consider the hub-and-spoke, uh, model, uh, for the rapid re-housing, uh, funding that we have. And I'll talk a little bit more about what exactly the hub-and-spoke model is, uh, later in the presentation. Um, so we are bringing, uh, that back, uh, looking for, um, some more guidance here, um, on how to move forward. Next slide, please. Okay, so I wanted to start by sharing information about rapid re-housing, um, and where we're at currently. For those who don't know, rapid re-housing is a, um, short to medium term rental assistance program, uh, for people experiencing homelessness. It generally serves people at a lower level of vulnerability than permanent supportive housing in most communities, and it's designed to provide rental assistance for up to two years. Um, however, the goal is, uh, should always be to, uh, maximize that assistance, uh, for the greater population, so not everyone should expect two years of assistance. Uh, in that two years' time, we're hoping that, um, projects move people towards self-sufficiency. Um, so currently there are five coalition-funded rapid re-housing programs, three that are funded through Measure O. Um, it's also important to note that there are other rapid re-housing programs in the community, not, uh, at all funded by DHS. There are currently six rapid re-housing providers. Next slide, please. There are, uh, a couple models, um, that we have for rapid re-housing. There's one that's called the master lease, uh, model, or you might think of that as a project-based model if you're thinking about more, um, permanent supportive housing. Um, uh, and then, uh, and that model is where the rapid re-housing provider, uh, master leases a unit and then subleases it to, uh, rapid re-housing tenants, usually in a shared housing model. And then there are-

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Four tenant-based programs, which is really which is where case managers are helping people find housing in the private rental market and then providing rental assistance for those individuals.

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There are programs that have target populations, so not everyone is serving the entire population, although most programs are.

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Funding. So in the 2020 2025-2026 year, the homeless services Nova that comes through this body funded around 955,000 for rapid rehousing, and the measure O program uh funded around 762,000 for a total of 1.7 million for rapid rehousing in the community through the uh through programs funded by DHS. Next slide, please. Okay, so this is just data that I'm sharing from this fiscal year. And the reason I'm sharing only this fiscal year, even though it's not an entire year, is that we have several projects that are new to the system in this fiscal year, and so I wanted to capture that. And what this is showing you is that there's a total of 211 clients that are being served at this point in time. Most of those are adults. Um, and the average length of time from projects start to move in is 179 days. That just really shows that it's difficult to get to find um landlords that are willing to accept the rental assistance in the private rental market. So a lot of people are spending a great deal of time searching for housing. So what the pie chart you're looking at here shows is just the percentage of people that are in different um uh where they were uh different phases of the program. Um this is both stayers and leavers. And what I mean by stayers is those are people who were enrolled in the program and are still in the program, either receiving rental assistance or um case management, and they're looking for housing, or they were.

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Exited, those are your leavers. Those are people that entered the program and then exited, have since exited. So what it's showing is that the that is about four, almost 5% of the people who and these would be leavers exited to homeless situations, so they were not successful. Some around 4% exited to temporary destinations. And then you do have around 20% are exiting to permanent housing, which is a successful outcome. And then you'd have around 70 are just not yet housed. They're in housing navigation, which means they're looking for housing. So that just again showing where the people are in the system in the rapid rehousing program.

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Okay, so what is the um this is the current model. So we're gonna talk about what is actually the hub and spoke. So the current model is we are the funder uh in the blue and we are funding different rapid rehousing projects. They're all separate. Um so in this case, you'll see there's you know six different uh contracts that are out there to fund rapid rehousing, all with different uh providers. Next slide. The the hub and spoke model is the model that's used currently. The only intervention that is used for is the homelessness prevention project, and that is where the funder or funders, depending, uh only one provider, and that is your hub agency or your lead rapid rehousing provider. And then they then subcontract with other providers in the community uh that may be done uh geographically, um, you know, relying on uh certain uh providers that operate in a geographic area to run the model. Um, but all the interaction between the funder and the agency happens with one agency.

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As opposed to others. So the that model has been pretty successful for the homelessness prevention project. And so we were looking at is it possible to have some administrative savings and more efficiency with the project if we did that with rapid rehousing? And so I met with some a small working group of people who are familiar with rapid rehousing, and we talked about that. Next slide, please. So some potential benefits. I already described these, but reduced administrative burden on the funder, you know, the funder being DHS in that they would have fewer reimbursement requests would be a possible benefit to process fewer contracts to develop and monitor.

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And then it maintains local providers' connection to housing resources and focal populations. So I mentioned, you know, some of the some of the providers that we have serve specific populations, whether they be transitional age youth or other uh subpopulations. Um then and then a lot of our providers have deep connections to the geographic area that they are in in the community. And with that comes housing resources, because they've spent a great deal of time developing relationships with landlords. So it it would maintain those benefits uh as potentially. Next slide, please. So as I mentioned, a small group we we met, we talked about this, um, and and the group uh decided pretty unanimously that uh that they didn't think it would work for this project model, and there's a couple reasons why. Rapid rehousing is ext is highly regulated with strict spending requirements and eligible activities. It's probably one of the

most uh more regulated projects in the system and maybe one of the most difficult to administer. Um we what we see is the as the funder is that um a great deal of time is spent with new.

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Projects, getting them up to speed, uh, coaching them. That's a lot of what uh my coworker Chuck does. Um he's really great at getting um these projects from a place of not really knowing what's going on and helping them get to really successful models. Um and and so the the feeling unfortunately is that it wouldn't, it wouldn't, we there wouldn't be any administrative cost savings because even if the lead agency were reviewing only one backup, they would have to review all the backups from all the providers. Uh the lead agency is responsible for administering those, usually state funds that uh fund rapid rehousing. Um, and um uh we would have to still make uh monitor all of that to make sure uh funds are being spent accordingly. Um the it's worth noting the uh homelessness prevention project is funded with mainly uh uh less restrictive funds, and so there's not nearly as much regulation that's involved um as compared to rapid rehousing. The lead agency would still have to monitor projects, whether that that could be the the the lead uh the hub agency, like so the one that's getting funded, but then they would have to get coached on how to do that monitoring and make sure that they do that. Um and then so there so there really wouldn't be any uh reduced administrative costs for the definitely not for the spoke providers, they would just shift who they're submitting reimbursement requests to. Um contracts would still have to be developed on their end, a subcontract, um, and they would still have to respond to requests from both the funding agency, the lead agency, or the hub uh agency's requests. So that no one really felt that they that this model would be successful or would generate any um cost savings. Next slide, please.

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However, the group did talk uh quite a bit about how we could make rapid rehousing uh more efficient. Um

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And possibly save money. And there were some ideas that were presented. One was to fund only one or two providers to provide rapid rehousing services countywide. So rapid rehousing uses coordinated entry, coordinated entry can make uh people can select to live wherever they want in the in the county with a tenant-based model. And so it doesn't necessarily mean that you don't necessarily need to have a uh a provider in a specific geographic region to get somebody housed in that region, other than landlord engagement uh might be affected. Um and so what would that would look like would be releasing an RFP uh um uh uh for a countywide rapid rehousing provider. Um, and then you would want to align uh funding sources so you would have uh be able to fund that project uh to be able to serve the total population as opposed to just smaller uh sub-populations.

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Next slide, please. Um so uh having a single or or one or two rapid rehousing providers, some of the benefits are reduced monitoring. Um the lead agency would only have to monitor that those one or two providers. So there would be uh time savings on on the funder side. There would there would be a unified and consistent approach to rapid rehousing. Some of the issues that have been raised around rapid rehousing is that uh the projects uh that they're they're all operated differently, and so from a client perspective, it can be confusing of what what you're getting when um you get referred to rapid rehousing. A multi-year RFP would give an would give our uh an operator of a rapid rehousing program a more consistent funding outlook. It's really difficult for rapid rehousing or any housing permanent housing provider to be able to commit to providing permanent housing when they don't know year over year whether they're gonna get funded or not, or to what level they're gonna get funded. Um certainly that would still be an issue. Uh

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Um with with funding um shrinking, um, but it would uh but it releasing it for multi multiple years would at least give that provider the confidence that they would be able to operate the program for multiple years. Um and then also would would help make a more consistent approach to landlord outreach. Um potential pain points, it would require winding down uh rapid rehousing projects um uh that are currently in existing. Um we the um the this board would have to decide or um might one would might consider deciding what kind of project model would be selected. Uh are they okay with having different models, the tenant base versus the project-based or master lease, or would you like to align that? Uh and then potential loss of landlord relationships. So yeah, landlord outreach is is inconsistent um and um and and it differs from agency to agency. Um next slide, please. Other considerations, um reach of this model would be limited. You know, I mentioned this before, but other um other um entities fund rapid rehousing, be it the VA or uh private uh donors. Um so we wouldn't be able to capture all of the rapid rehousing in the community and align it, but it would at least with those that are under the purview. Um that would kind of underline uh undermine the consistent approach to landlord engagement. Um landlord outreach um is again, I've mentioned this before, it's inconsistent. You have pro you have agencies uh competing with each other for the same units, they're contacting the same landlords, giving different information or slightly different information. It's very confusing. There's no unified approach to landlord outreach. If there were, that could be expanded to other project models.

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Tenant-based PSH, which we we don't have a lot of in the community, but could be beneficial.

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And then other things you could consider as a board is target populations.

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You could direct your resources at a specific population for some of our smaller groups like families or Tay. Not everyone in those groups necessarily would qualify for rapid rehousing, but you could certainly do a dent on those two populations. I think that's I might have one more slide, or is that my last slide? Ah, yes. So the ask of this this board is is really more to help us understand what is the goal. What are we trying to do? Is it simply save money? Um administrative funds. Um if so, I think we've shared uh our ideas there. Is it to serve more people with the same amount of money? And that could be done by lowering the vulnerability so that people uh require less assistance and are easier to get into housing uh because they have fewer barriers. Or are we talking about serving fewer people but more vulnerable people with the same amount of money? So really we're uh as it relates to rapid rehousing, you know, we can make recommendations, but we weren't quite sure what the ultimate goal was, and so that's an ask for today. Next slide. Yeah, and that's our recommendation is to please let us know what the ultimate goal is, and then you know you could direct us that that working group to continue working. We'd like to keep that group small to be efficient. Um, and you could direct us to do things like decide which model is most effective and and whether we should use it. Explore vulnerability. Um project reported that you know that the folks that they are getting referred have really high barriers to housing, and it makes it very difficult to house them. Uh, and then another option could be determine if it's feasible to transition to one rapid rehousing provider, and that's in my presentation of.

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Happy to take any questions. Thank you, Ty. Jenny Lynn had to step away for a moment. So we'll be leaning on our vice chair. Carolina, are you able to take over facilitate the board discussions and public comment? Yes, I can do that. Wonderful. I'll hand it off to you. Okay. Does anyone have any questions for Ty?

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Council Member Zollman, I see first. Yes, and thank you, Ty. And thank you to the members that participated in the discussions. And yes, I definitely do see the benefits clearly outweighing the detriments in trying to adopt some of the recommendations that the working group um came up with. Primarily for me, the goal is to make sure that all information is presented uniformly to the vulnerable populations and to the landlords. My experience is the landlords are as was identified, presented different messages, different people, different timing, different this, different that. So for me, the goal would be to streamline the information that's disseminated to the people who are trying to get housed and the people who might be able to supply them. Also, when you're talking about sub-populations, I still am a firm advocate in doing something for our youth and our families. Being the incoming chair of our child care planning council, I am well aware of the number of McKinney Dell youth that we have and their families that are also struggling. So those are my comments.

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Okay, thank you. Does anyone else have any questions for Ty before we go to maybe public comment? I see Maria Rico's hands up. Oh, thank you. Maria.

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Hi, everybody. Um, so thank you for the presentation, Ty. It was really well done. Uh really helped me kind of understand um the written statement a little bit better. Um, and um, I guess our question mostly is on the money side, how it looks when it comes.

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How much money is actually being used from each agency, like how much is coming back and how much is successfully being implemented. Because I know you showed us a percentage, but I like to see some money signs.

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And then I do have some good news from Dry Creek as far as this topic goes. We did get awarded some funding for Tay uh tribal youth, uh, so please send them our way. We have a limited time to spend this money, and it's short-term rental assistance. That's all. Thank you.

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Thank you.

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Uh yeah, I don't I don't have any numbers, um financial numbers. I mean, the we we what I showed is how many people uh how much was is funded, the dollar amount. Uh and at this point in the fiscal year, and I just want to note that the data I shared is very limited. I only use half of roughly half of this fiscal year because I wanted to include the other projects. I can't, um, and the other projects weren't in operation last year. I don't so when I what I can do is that we I

don't have the data now, but we could look at other projects within previous years and we can say how many people exited to housing. Um, but there's no dollar amount that's you know says I mean, I mean I could share how much was spent in each of those projects, and so you could see roughly what the cost per outcome was. But again, that would only cover some of the projects, not uh the newer projects.

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Okay, thank you. Anyone else?

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Yeah, thank you, Ty. Um, just thinking through from the landlord perspective, and I totally understand the challenges behind um the cultivation of landlords, and I think that does play into kind of the questions that we were asking for us to give staff directive on um like changing the vulnerability. Like I can see from a landlord's perspective if you

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Have a more vulnerable person going into a rapid rehousing site, how that could then create additional problems down the road for that landlord engagement and their like willingness to do it again because it is challenging. I also think it's interesting you were talking about the different models behind the tenant-based and the kind of project-based um models with rough rehousing. And I do think putting my landlord hat on, like the consistency behind a master lease project would I would imagine make a landlord much more likely to engage in that kind of program because there is some consistency and there's like a specific point of contact and all that kind of stuff. Um I think the challenges oftentimes from landlords that I've heard is that you know, like someone will be placed in a property, let's say, and then they're just kind of forgotten about, and then the landlord has to do with all the other things. So I can see how that would be a challenge. So I do think that keeping the vulnerability uh really in coordination with that person who would be potentially successful in a property rather than being in like PSH, um, which is a different level of care and all that kind of stuff. Um, and then also leaning more into the um project-based rapid rehousing model makes sense in my perspective. Next, we have Sylvia. Yes, I was gonna share that I feel like the recommendation doesn't make sense to go with either one or two uh organizations that could do the uh rapid rehousing. Um my only concern would be that these organizations have reach into all communities. I feel like Sonoma County, you know, is pretty widespread between the Valley and you know, North Southwest County. Um so having an organization that really has a reach in all those communities. And as far as

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Vulnerability, um, you know, um I I think there's it sounds like there's even issues in kind of prioritizing vulnerability. So it sounds like that's you know more work that needs to be done. And I don't know if that's something from this group that would be done. Um or or if some of these agencies already have some sort of a tool or something for that. But that's just something to consider, I think. Um but I'm I'm all for streamlining. Thank you. Yeah, if I if I could respond, Charlie, just uh thank you very much. Um you uh as it relates to vulnerability, yes, that that's something that the coordinated entry system could look at. Um it's difficult. Um, because really what makes it easier for some folks to get housed through rapid rehousing than other folks is income. If somebody has income when they come into the program, or the possibility of getting uh higher income, so employment, they're not on um fixed income, for example. You know, maybe they just need to get some coaching and some job search help so they can get out and start working. That makes it much easier to get folks into housing. Um and much more attractive to a landlord. It's very difficult to get a landlord to accept a temporary rental assistance program for somebody who's on Social Security. How are you gonna make it work in less than two years? Um, that's a barrier. The the struggle with that is that coordinated entry can't use income to prioritize people. We can't say we are only going to prioritize people with income for rapid rehousing. Um we don't we don't collect that level of information in the assessment. Um so we can the lever we can play with is kind of vulnerability and how they're interacting with things like substance use, mental health conditions, physical health conditions. Those are questions that we ask that we can kind of uh play around with and and and get different vulnerability levels, but we can't specifically use income, which is really the the biggest determinant uh

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Determination of um you know how easy or difficult it might be to consider housing. Okay, see two more hands before take it back to you, Target. Uh Maria.

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Yeah, um well, my experience with the vulnerability piece is that sometimes people stay in rapid rehousing level for so long before they get a referral, that by the time they finally get a referral, they are at a higher level of vulnerability. So, you know, I feel like we're definitely trying to respond to all of them as quickly as possible with what we have, and we have such a large population in there that it's really hard decisions to make. So, you know, I'm really grateful to everybody that's making those decisions, but it's not a cut and dry s solution because it's not a cut and dry situation and it's case by case. Um thankfully, you know, Dry Creek, I can speak for us. We've uh been able to build really strong relationships with some landlords and it's helped us house people a lot quicker with those relationships keep keep building. But if you put someone that might not have been uh struggling with certain things when they first became homeless that now are struggling with those things, by the time they get housed, then they need additional supportive services and connection to to things and like Ty was saying, every agency does rapid rehousing so different that who

you get referred to can sometimes determine if you even end up getting housed uh because of the way that it's being run. So like if a supervisor is telling everybody, hey, we're only gonna let people use a rapid rehousing fund to uh rent a room versus an apartment because that's what they can really sustain in the long run. But the person doesn't want a room to share with in an in an apartment with other people because of the trauma they've experienced out in the streets, they want some alone time, then they're not gonna take it. So they're gonna say, I'd rather stay on the streets where I feel safe by myself and in my controlled environment, whatever that means, you know, day by day. Um, so I think those things are you know important to consider when you're thinking about all

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So I agree with Sylvia on like two agencies or one having a poll in relationship with all the different areas in the county. It's it would be very challenging. A lot of the rapid rehousing doesn't actually provide housing navigation at all. They just said you say, hey, you're a rapid rehousing and go find a place and tell me if you find something and give me the paperwork. Thanks, Maria. Chris, and then we'll bring it back to the recommendation. Thanks, Chili.

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Steven, I like your idea of trying to do some training for providers, not just you know, coalition providers, but other providers of rapid rehousing. And just not necessarily, hey, you have to do it this way, but hey, here's some best practices for um, you know, speaking with landlords, talking about the program, talking about the different program types, um, whether it's tenant-based or project-based. And this is a really great work group. Try did a great job putting this together. Uh, we had a lot of really healthy discussion. I I personally would love to go back and do a little bit more work on this, um, specifically around like which how do the models compare to one another? Outcomes, costs, what does that look like in our community? We're a pretty high cost of living community. So there's gonna be some material differences between those two models. Not saying one is better than the other, but I do think it would be a great exercise for this board to understand the difference. Um, I also would love to do a little bit more exploration around vulnerability is a really complicated question, right? Because Maria, to your point, we had some discussion about taking highly vulnerable households or prioritizing vulnerability leaves people in the queue who aren't yet at that level, right? For a longer period of time until their vulnerability level does go up. So does that contribute to chronic homelessness? I don't know. I don't know the answer to that question. I don't know that we'll find the answer to that question.

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Uh but it would be a good analysis to do. And it's it's a hard thing to do, right? Because you're looking at like which households are gonna quickly return to homelessness because they're too vulnerable, versus which households could have self-resolved on their own and trying to find a middle ground and like kind of weighing the are we looking at this as an efficiency problem or a moral question? It's is a is a really difficult thing to do. So at least from my perspective, I would love to do some training and some further analysis on project models and vulnerability levels. Thank you. Uh uh, Chelly, if I could respond. Yeah, one of thank you, Chris. One of the difficulties that I ran into when I started looking at this was that it's really hard for me to evaluate the models against each other because projects are doing both. So for example, you'll have projects that uh state that they are a tenant based rapid rehousing provider, meaning they're trying to find units in the community. And then when they run into a difficult client, they turn to a project based provider and ask if they can I house them in one of their shared master lease units. Conversely, you'll have uh you'll have um uh project based projects that uh are offering first they offer one of their project based units if the client declines it, then they try to f do the tenant based model. So that would be one of the recommendations I think that I have now would be uh have models be one or the other, uh, or pick one model. Um because it's really hard, it's almost impossible to evaluate them against each other. I can think of one or two projects that operate the uh tenant based model purely on its own, but other ones are are doing some hybrid of each.

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I don't know, I think we'll we'll finish off this item if you even

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Jenny Lynn jumped back on.

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Yeah, okay. Um well I'm hearing a lot of different things, and I don't know if uh Ty got the direction he needs um in terms of going back to your original question, Ty, of defining the goals of the work for the staff. Um, because it sounds like it's very complex um in terms of models, but also your um basic questions of saving money and th those three uh points that you were asking for. Do you feel like you you know what direction you need to go in and and need a motion for that?

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I think what I've heard and others, please correct me if I missed anything, is um definitely looking at uh weighing the costs and benefits of transitioning to one uh uh rapid rehousing provider uh and talking and looking at examining vulnerability for rapid rehousing and seeing um if we can come back with suggestions there. Um and then if possible, you know, to the degree that we can look at the models and see which one is more successful, uh we can certainly do

that. I think those are the three three things that I heard. Okay. Okay. Do you feel like uh or does the group feel like they need to make a motion for this? Or can you Ty go back and and do the work? I'm sorry, go ahead, Shelly. We'll need to make a motion. Okay. All right.

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Does anyone can make it?

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Sure, I'll make a motion that um staff uh go back at the look at the rapid rehousing. I'm sorry, can we go? Uh rapid rehousing's uh hub and spoke consideration and consider uh streamlining to one or two organizations and looking at the vulnerability um aspect. I don't know if that's enough.

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And I would add into that uh Sylvia um considering.

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Which of the models might be more successful, I think was what Ty said as far as the mirror. Yes. Yeah. Okay. All right. That sounds good. Is there a second? I'll go ahead and second. Okay, great. Thank you. We need to go to public comment, Shelly. Correct. Okay. Thanks. If anybody in the public would like to make a comment, please raise your virtual hand. I do see a hand up, so I'll wait for Andrew to bring up the timer.

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First up we have Gregory Firon. You should be able to unmute. Thanks, Shelly. Um this may be obvious, but it sounds we've used the analogy a lot about inventing the plane while we're flying it. I don't it sounds like you have lots of planes and you're trying to figure out if having a lot of planes gives you anything more than making decisions now. I just don't think from what I've heard you know enough about what works, nor do you have um any common design that seems to be recommending itself. Uh so I'm kind of joining Chris that I think you need to do a little more um both research and uh training to try to figure out what you will lose by going to a single provider, because I think you I don't think you know enough about it to be able to make that kind of decision.

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Thank you, Gregory. Uh there are no more hands up in the public.

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Okay. So bringing it back to the board or then any additional comments before we take a vote?

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You see anything, Shelly?

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Okay. All right. Do we need to do a voice vote for this? We can just do um if anybody is opposed to the vote, just raise your virtual hand. If not, we will take it as consensus and the motion passes. Okay. Don't see any.

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Hands up. Sending that. All right.

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Okay. All right. Thank you so much, everyone. And I'm gonna turn it back to Jenny Lynn if she's still here. There she is.

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Thank you. Sorry about that.

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All right. So that takes us now to item eight, which is the 2026 Homeless Point in Time Count recap. And Michael will be leading this item. Yep. No slides, just a really quick update. Recap. Again, there's not much to say yet, but just want to give people a heads up. Again, the count took place on January 30th.

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And that was from 5 to 10 a.m. across the county. We had a great turnout, probably about 150 people overall. That includes the youth count in the evening. And thanks to our partners at uh TLC and community support network and our county staff and others who ran the youth count uh that evening. Um again over about 150 individuals participated in the count. One thing I did want to note is it was somehow inaccurately reported in the press democrat that there could be a 15% increase, which was um not accurate. Uh I'm not couldn't quite figure out where that came from, but apparently uh there was confusion around the buy names list, which appeared to show an increase. It did not show an increase, it had not been uh cleaned up uh or refreshed. So there is uh there's nothing behind that um evidence behind that as of yet. So uh we will have preliminary results uh hopefully April, May, probably more like May. Uh so that's when they're due to high. And that's not the full report, but that's the the baseline numbers. Um which will appear before you know it. And the full report is typically of August, September.

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That's about it.

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Any questions uh or comments from the board?

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We did have, I'll just say we did have really good coverage overall that they have the count, so we'll get about the term.

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Thank you. Chessie? I just wanted to ask in uh about Tay, if you saw the Tay population increase at all this year. Just I know you don't know for sure yet, but too early to say. Yeah. Yeah, not sure. But we do have we have strong teams and strong coverage still uh for the great population. So yeah, we have seen, you know, I I think there were there are more transitioners youth who are quote unquote uncountable because they're not outside. They're not um what we have suspected is that there's if if there's a I don't think out there, it's because a lot of Tay are are double up or inside, and you can't obviously go inside somebody's house to count somebody if they're double up. So we have good coverage on the streets and in shelters, but since um the dreams that are closed, you know, there's been a gap and then they have been more reluctant uh to go into adult shelters as as expected.

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Thank you.

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Okay.

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Um is there any member of the public that would like to comment on this item?

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Not seeing any bring it back. Any final comments from the board.

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All right. Well that moves us along. It is um time for our 10 minute break, if people would like to take that. So it is 1013 right now. Why don't we um come back at I'm sorry, 25. Come back at 225 and we'll continue on with our agenda. So thank you and I'll see you in a few.

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all aim to be down by three fifteen.

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All right. Um welcome back. I think we have a quorum based on the number of uh

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Faces I see. So we will move to item ten, which is word from the lead board. And I believe Jessica is presenting this one.

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Yes. Um

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So um it's interesting that the topic that we've had a lot of today is about vulnerability because um something that's come up a lot in our meetings lately, especially um talking about Eliza's village and um people not staying or um getting people to stay in housing once we find it, um, is really the need for um peer support. People who have been on the streets for a long time, who have figured

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how to get into housing and know how to um you know do the basics like pay bills and and all of that stuff and also deal with the mental health issues of what it's like to go from relying on yourself and relying on your community on the street to being housed which is a very um different situation.

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for a lot of these folks and it causes a lot of people to bounce out of housing. Um

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Because they don't know how to navigate that change in their situation. And I think that uh one thing that we need to consider is how can we um allow more uh peer support into

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um a lot of these different housing situations where people can get the support that they need to make it through those um hurdles initially so that they can stay and get the help that they need and get the housing that they need. So um that's what I wanted to bring to the board today. How can we how can we do this better?

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Thank you. Very important issue. No it's been a hard transition for a lot of people when they move into housing so thank you. Other questions or comments or um councilmember Zulman? Well thank you Jessica for for raising that issue. So what do you see as the barrier in getting peer support in to help people um navigate their way through once they're in a completely new environment.

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Um and in particular um mental health clinicians that could help with doing assessments, diagnosis, referrals to whatever program they need. Thanks. Well, peer support is um I mean a lot a lot of the the peer centers have peer support folks who are trained. Um so getting those folks um who have the the peer um experience of also being unhoused would be really helpful to, you know, have groups or uh one-on-one support. I think part of the part of the the um issue here is is how do we pay for these folks? Because

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They need to be paid. Um we can't have just volunteers. I mean, we could. Some people do volunteer to do this work for um their fellow folks on the streets, but we need to have a way to s to uh fund it. Um and it is fundable through Medi-Cal. Um, so I think that needs to be part of the discussion anytime we talk about vulnerability is how do we use the resources that we have to um support these.

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folks because you know it's great that that we have support from the from the county and whatnot but we have people on the streets who have this experience that we should be using Yeah that's a good point one of the things I know um we've worked to try to do in in most of our programs is when we have an open position someone with lived experience getting kind of you know a hiring people with lived experience in the positions that we have funded or finding funding are both strategies I think we should pursue. I mean we all have open positions and people with lived experience can off not only meet and excite and ex excel and exceed in all the positions we have, but also they bring a whole nother lens um to your point, Jessica. So thank you. Um Chessie I was just gonna agree that you know a lot of it's volunteer based

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and the supplies just the need is too too too grand for the supply. Um people just don't have the capacity to volunteer their time for how many of those that actually need it. But I did want to say like transitions to housing that West County does is great. Like can we expand a program like that? Um they are they i've used them a few times and they're extremely helpful.

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Um and and share share too. Share share housing. Share's got um got it down on how they support their people, um, with peer support too. So

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Those are just two two areas, but it is huge and it's it ties to the success of uh keeping people housed. You know, we can do what all these things that we do and get people in, but if we can't keep them in, then we're just gonna be recycling and starting all over in another year or two. Um and it sometimes it just takes a little bit of that support in the beginning for those that are very insecure about being newly housed and it feels so foreign after being chronically homeless, um, and they just feel like a fish out of water. It it really can make the difference. I think it's worth it funding-wise in the long the long stretch of things. That's all. Thank you.

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Oh, Maria?

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Yeah. Uh so we currently have a peer support position that we've been having a hard time finding ourselves because it just doesn't pay very well. Um so trying to find a triable uh experienced homeless person to come and live on that wage is really difficult, especially when they have like options like the casino or the trades that will actually help them live well. Um so after all the work they've done to get where they are and struggled and gotten through it, you know, uh to pay them so low is just really difficult to watch uh because they start to deteriorate um and and you know, end up trying to get a second job, stretch it, stretch themselves thin, uh then they don't have any the quality of life just decreases. Um so you know, I I agree uh with moving into like Calame or like Billing Medical. So that's the direction that Dry Creek is moving in once we're out of our grant funding, uh, because it will end at some point. Um so you know, the more people we could get certified uh through the West County program, uh it's a really great program that's helped a lot of people get certified and uh provide the peer support in a really trained kind of way throughout the county uh would.

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know great to continue those efforts and seeing if we could move towards that Calais billing um for them because it'll be more sustainable.

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Great great point. Ash.

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Okay everybody um I'm glad we're talking about West County because actually I went through their peer support uh specialist training while I was homeless um and uh housed um through SAY when they were still around and I think that the homeless or transitioning out of homeless population is a great resource to tap for that peer support specialist training. Um I found even though I was not able to complete the training because of my own health issues um just the exposure that I got from it was really useful um I use it now with my roommates and other people that I encounter in similar experiences um and I think it's it can help stabilize their own housing situation as well because the skills that you're learning in there are great peer to peer but they're also great for yourself.

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So I think maybe some more uh outreach could happen if more word could be spread since it is a free program and some people are looking for something to occupy their time and some way to give themselves a meaning to purpose um and learn some self-regulation communication skills

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other questions or comments we'll open it for public comment if there's any member of the public who would like to comment please raise your hand do you see hand so I'll turn it over to Kelly. Thank you. I want for Andrew to bring up the timer and Andrew.

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First we have Gregory Piron you should be able to unmute thanks Shelly the behavioral health board's had the same conversation about how do we how do we help certified

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peer specialists become funded. Uh how do we get a central funding mechanism or link them with uh existing agencies that are successful and drawing down Calim. And the rumor mill is that um Chris and Aliados and West County all have interest in trying to build um more certified peer specialists and I'm certainly interested in making sure that the behavioral health department is very interested. Um I also heard that that First Five and the Measure I folks who are trying to build it for um their purposes are also trying to interest um the same agencies to get together and try to figure if we can advance this. I hear the same um support for peer support uh specialists all over the state whenever behavioral health boards get together they're very high on it and I think we in Sonoma County need to keep up thank you.

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Thank you Gregory there are no more hands up in the public thank you Chris am I crazy or isn't there an RFP out right now for peer support specialists with the county that I I don't think I made that up now that I have to look it up there was there was an email that went out about um a change in funding for peer centers about um how that was funded um through Medi-Cal. Is that what you're referring to? It could be that I'm I'm in the supplier portal right now just to there was something recently related to funding that came out about peer support. Maybe West County knows more about that. We don't do that service but I love the idea of it. So for those of you that are watching funding related to this service

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funding I think that um it was an RFP just recently about uh structuring um contracts for that coming up thanks Danielle I know I didn't make it up completely well I should have just uh let you hang there but no you know always in negotiations for always in negotiations and uh you know doing the funding and contracts and stuff for the the peer centers which of course is the ones that um does the transitions to housing and does the peer training um the the peer training program certification yeah what it um one of the things Jessica would would it help if uh we were able to forward that to you on the leap board for some consideration around this idea um tell me more what do you mean just trying to um the peer the RFP or whatever it is that that they were discussing around current kind of input or solicitation around it peer support um board taking trying to think of yeah I went and looked at that it didn't really have any what it isn't related to this it was was not related to what I'm what I'm bringing to the board okay why don't you but anything you have we would be more than happy for you to forward to us absolutely yeah okay so it sounds like there's some opportunity with Cal Aim you know I I know that it's not you know something like I said we kind of try to prioritize hiring individuals with lived experience I I think others who who have these positions do as well so we could also share kind of open positions that there might be for you know peer support or you know individuals with peer support special you know training can do we also could look into um maybe trying to create a pipeline around

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Community health worker training. That is also something that's reimbursable through Cal Aim. So we could look also at that and it being able to be kind of a hybrid community health worker and peer support as just a way to fund it. But also, you know, enhanced skills to be able to bring to the people that they're working with as well.

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Kind of this being brought forward. Yes, definitely. Any anything to fill that gap? Because I think I mean I I my experience uh when I was at the empowerment center is that I I think that uh folks don't believe that people who are on the streets have capabilities to do more. And I think that when we offer possibilities and um training to do more, then we lift up lift people up, and then those people go out and lift other people up. So definitely I think that, you know, uh sharing what we're doing and making sure that the resources are there to do the training and and make sure that communication is happening and see what we can do about this funding piece because I think that's really the linchpin of uh why this isn't being used as far as it needs to be.

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Yeah. Uh Chessie? And just to kind of finish it off, you know, best practices across the state, like Gregory was saying, um, I mean, other other COCs and other agency, you know, home people solving homelessness really utilize peer support a lot more than we do. Um, maybe it could be something in a bigger picture of like emphasis on points like using in the NOFAs, you know, like you're awarded more points when you're when you have peer support or when you have um people of lived experience.

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In your program that's providing that kind. Just as an incentive to try and increase that because it works. It really does.

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Yeah, thank you. That's all. I agree. Okay. Well, thank you, Jessica. I sound like we've got a couple of things we can go and look at. And I appreciate you bringing this forward. Very important topic. So talking about PSH, we're going to move now to item 11, which is the permanent supportive housing development data. And Ty will be presenting on this.

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Hi, yeah. There's no slides with this one. This one should be pretty quick. A few months ago, this board requested that staff look for data that developers use to inform their decisions when deciding to develop PSH and requested how if coordinated entry data was used for that. And so I did was able to speak with an affordable housing developer on how they made decisions around that. And what I found was that there wasn't any single data set that nonprofit affordable housing developers rely on. Their decisions are primarily driven about uh by availability of funding and what those funding sources require.

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Um the normal uh low-income housing tax credits aren't um enough to fund a project. And so they turn to other federal or state resources to get uh projects across the finish line, and that often involves um inclusion of units uh for permanent supportive housing. Um so an example that I provided in the staff report was the No Place Like Home program, which is a state program that serves people with severe mental illness of developers, uh in both.

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Cases and nonprofit and for-profit developers can access that money when they incorporate PSH into their programs.

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So it's not there was no one data set that I was able to find. It's rather people uh um adjusting to where funding is so that they can get projects across the finish line. Um be happy to take any questions around this. Great, thank you. Questions from the board.

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Any uh public comments on this item?

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Do see a hand, so I'll turn it over to Chad.

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Thank you.

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Andrew, you can bring up the timer. Thank you.

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All right.

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If you're on you should be able to unmute, thanks. This is the last one. As some of you know, I've recently been appointed to the Santa Rosa Housing Authority, and I have a long history of developing the housing that um that's being talked about. I think you all ought to ask the housing authorities and all other funding sources to include um to make a priority over developers that include permanent supportive housing in their complexes. We asked them to do a lot of other things, and it's certainly something that would uh Carolyn knows it if you're trying to get support from a city council or a board of supervisors or planning commission, Akash knows there are a lot of things that are taken into consideration, and some of those from your point of view ought to be whether or not they're supporting permanent supportive housing. We can find ways to be able to make it work if it's a priority. And right now it's not a priority, uh, but it should be. Thanks.

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Thank you. There are no more hands up in the public.

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Thank you. All right. Uh, Mayor Wellinder. Um, yes, I was curious, Ty. Do we have currently any permanent supportive housing projects underway?

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Yes, there is.

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I um the um Georgia's Hideaway, which is under construction. Uh and that is the only one that I am aware of with the Groundstein Commons. Thank you. And Martha's probably gonna fill in a few others. Right. So right now we have the housing authority is supporting um a permanent supportive housing project of 33 units in Roanur Park. Uh we have Heritage Commons in Windsor, that's eight PSH units. As Ty said, we have Georgia's Hideaway, that's 21 permanent supportive housing units. We have Summer Oaks and Sonoma. That's a handful of PSH units, but uh we have a lot of housing authority funded PSH units in the pipeline right now. I'm thinking close to 160. Great. Thank you. Appreciate it.

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Great. Very important. It's very nice having the housing authority here on the board. Thank you, Martha.

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All right. Well, let's move now to item 12, which is exploring in-person board meeting options. I think at the end of our last meeting, um we talked about the desire to uh meet in person a little bit more frequently. So we'll just with that, um, we felt it would be helpful for us um as well as continuing maybe some a version of uh the online given that it really helps participation across the county as and as well as you know people with lived experience being able to call in. Uh so anyway, so those were some of the things we were discussing. And um there is a proposal before you and a we'll be looking to take at the end of this to not only look at in-person options, but also possibly making a commitment to shorten our meetings here together as well. So um I've tried hard to make them shorter for the time, but um

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This would help help uh further that as well. So I believe Michael and Carissa are going to present this item. Yeah, I'll do it. There's no slides or anything. I'll just go it really just came out of conversations at staff out with uh the chair advice chair and others. Um so in terms of just coming up with some ideas. Uh you know, the when our just for folks refresher for folks um not here in the olden days, um we previously uh called the utility skilled operations office in Santa Rosa, which is one of the only places we could find because it could accommodate um a lot, you know, 50, 60 people in the audience, and then we we had a we had the leadership council, which was nine members at the time, and then what was called the technical advisory committee, which was 25 members. So it had to be somewhere and the similar with this one where we can get a lot of people uh I mean a lot of board members and uh members at the top point there. So that's one idea we have in terms of space, but we'll have to look at other locations. Uh where we kind of landed for the proposal was just um uh having uh two in-person meetings a year um at a minimum. Um and then in terms of duration, uh having either two-hour meetings every month or moving to violent meetings. Um six meetings, either having 12 meetings a year for two hours of a pop uh at a time or six meetings a year, which is actually how the um Jenny can correct me if wrong, but that's how the leadership council operated. I think we had six meetings a year. Uh it may have actually been four and then six meetings. So that's kind of where we landed and happy to hear other thoughts as well.

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Great, thank you. Um take us a little time to we'll just do wherever we land, it won't be this won't happen overnight. It'll take us a little bit of time to start working through logistics. So yeah. And I think the idea of kind of the initial proposal of a every month but shorter is just because sometimes board actions needed and we don't know, and so it's just nice to.

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Have it on the calendar. Um, but we can also be better if there isn't anything that really needs to happen that month, we can always also cancel the meeting as well. But at least having it on the calendar, we all know you know it's it's easier to make sure that we get as many people there as possible. So I think the recommendation is two person in-person meetings and then a continued monthly meeting in a shortened two-hour format, is kind of the initial proposal, but we'd like to hear feedback and thoughts on that. And I see a couple hands, so councilmember now.

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Um so would it be a Zoom and in-person, you know, hybrid models. So

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I think it depends on the space. Um we we we get it. We could certainly try for the hybrid. Uh, it can be challenging, at least with our space upstairs, uh technologically. Um, and I know that there could be extra costs that come in too. So I think it's something we'll have to evaluate. I mean, certainly it'd be nice to do hybrid, but it is uh it can be a bit of a challenge, but we'll see. Okay, thanks. Because I'm just thinking that the public might want to just be on Zoom.

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Yeah. I think that's part of the, you know, if we kind of get an agreement from the board about this proposal, and it's you know, it is the two hour or two two in-person a year and um the shortened time, then uh we can explore options about hybrid. I think the hope would be to be hybrid based on where we can we can go and find. And there are some options. Um we used to be at the UFO, uh, Councilmember Ben Willows, so we can look at that too. So uh Councilmember Zulman. Yes, thank you to the chair and vice chair for exploring this. I'm 100% in favor of uh trying at a minimum to have.

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In person, but I would only agree to this if it's hybrid. So my request to the chair and vice chair and staff is to price this out and come back at the next meeting with how much it's gonna cost. Sebastopol has had success doing the hybrid model, and it's really not breaking our bank, even though we're under a fiscal state of declaration. So I'm not in favor of having clandestine in-person meetings. 100% not about that. Yeah. I think that is definitely the priority, and I appreciate you voicing that as well. Thank you. Mayor Wellender. Uh yes, thank you. Um being old school, I'm excited about the consideration of in-person. I think that uh from it uh from my standpoint would be there's value in uh seeing the team as a whole in person as far as understanding that we're taking on a much bigger challenge than any of us can handle

independently. Uh I'm a little bit confused. I didn't think we had such things as clandestine uh meetings that this would be totally uh advertised and publicized, so I'm not sure. And then I am also a little bit confused, maybe because I count squares and people that speak from the public. Are you suggesting that it would we might have a crowd of 60 when we typically have maybe 17 to 20 little squares? We have that many people that are coming out of the public that either don't speak or or what. So I'd love to get a little bit of uh clarity on that. Yeah, back in the back when we had 2019-2020, again, that was when the you know, when all meetings were in public. We wouldn't regularly have 50 to 40, I would say between 40 to 50 people, of course of 60 when there were big meetings, but 40 to 50. I don't know if we would get that high now because I I don't even think that many people go unless there's a big topic, right? Um, of of high interest. Um I I would guess the the bigger issue is just make.

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Sure, we have space for the full board.

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Okay.

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And obviously ADA accessibility and all that seemed to be the anonymous avenue.

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All right. Well, at this moment, is there any um public comment on this item? Um would like to comment, please raise your hand.

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All right, bring it back. So this is an action item. Um I'm uh if anybody would be willing to make a motion to uh have the staff explore holding two in-person meetings per year, continuing our monthly meetings, but in a shortened two-hour format. Is anyone willing to make that motion? So Rosie and then uh Councilman will take you as the second.

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Awesome. All right. Um any further questions or comments from the board.

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Okay. All right, in lieu of a roll call, is there anyone who would like to abstain or object? If so, please raise your hand.

**Unknown - Feb 25, 2026 14:54:49**

All right. Well, thank you. And um, I think we can assume we might be reaching out to a couple of you have fine location, possibly particularly the city of Santa Rosa. But um there's other locations and opportunities people have, let us know. Um, and and we can see what um what would fit best. So all right. So this takes us to the 2026 Continuum Care Program Evaluation Work Group. Um, this is to create the program evaluation work group in preparation for the upcoming NOFA. Uh and it is another action item, so uh be ready to make a motion, somebody but at this point I'll let um Carissa um uh present this item. I can't. Your case.

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We don't have slides today. We're not gonna go into detail about the actual HUD Continuum of Care program notice and funding opportunity. Um the no

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But based on information that we've received, it does sound like HUD is going to be required to release the 2026 NOFO no later than June of 2026. So we'd like to jump in, create a work group, and get a head start on our typical evaluation process, not like what just happened with the 2025 NOFO, which was a nightmare. So what we do on a typical year is staff will create a work group. We usually ask members for the board that want to volunteer to participate. So we'll be asking if any board members want to participate.

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And then we typically we use some folks that have some community partners that have done the evaluations before because this work can be time intensive and a little complicated. So looking for a motion to create the work group and any volunteers. So we start off with renewal projects first prior to the release of the NOFO, and that's because the NOFO is a lot of work in general when new projects open. I expect we're gonna have to kind of tear apart the RFP again.

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And it's probably gonna be on a short timeline again, I'm assuming. So we hope to typically we'll have the renewal projects brought back to the board for review in June of each year. We're gonna bring renewal projects back to the board in May this year. We are cutting our timeline a little bit short instead of in-person visits. We're gonna do virtual site visits with committee members. So we are still gonna do that part. It will change a little bit. Providers will have a month to respond or four weeks to respond, usually it's a month. The questions have been shortened quite a bit because a lot of things were taken out from HUD. We anticipate releasing our materials uh March 16th.

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So you all are aware. And then when I'll bring back a uh you know a presentation with additional information about the funding streams and projects that are um renewing um at a next at an upcoming board meeting.

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Thank you. Um great. Uh any questions or comments from the board? Council members oldman. Thank you to SAP for bringing this forward, and yes, I'm interested in participating in this committee. Thank you. Any other questions, comments, or volunteers?

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It is a really great way to really get to know this process. Um it is time, very time intensive, but um it there is no better way to really understand how complicated this really is and um and and what the whole you know uh minute details look like. So uh Jessica Um I volunteer. I've done it a couple times, and it's it's uh definitely a very interesting eye-opening process. So great. Thank you. Uh Chris How time intensive.

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You are conflicted. We are you're being conflicted. So these are for the uh head continuum of care permanent supportive housing projects uh that will be scoring. Um never mind, yeah. Thank you.

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But the answer is very

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well thank you to both of you. We are gonna need to take an action. So if someone be ready to to make a motion, but before that, I will open it up for public comment if there's any member of the public that would like to comment on this item.

**Unknown - Feb 25, 2026 14:59:35**

No hands up in the public. Not seeing any, then I'll bring it back up. There's someone willing to make a motion to approve the formation of the 2026 Continuum of Care Program Evaluation Work Group, uh, please do so. Can I just add one thing? Sorry, um, we are going to conduct our work.

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Group in a closed, as you can see if you read the report, we're gonna do a closed evaluation process. It's it follows county standard procurement policies. We also did that with the NOFA. Um, but all the information will be provided to the board in an open and public transparent way. It's just so much easier not to have to worry about scheduling, especially when we're on strict timelines to get um funding recommendations out to the board. Thank you. And so moved. Wonderful. Is there a second? Um Martha, thank you. All right.

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At this point, uh, is there any objections or abstentions?

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Not seeing any. That is approved unanimously. Wonderful. All right. Move in to the next item, and that is to review the agenda for the March and future homeless coalition board meetings. So our next meeting will be on March 25th at one o'clock. And I think we're gonna put up a draft uh agenda item here. Um this will be this this may not be our first meeting. That's only two hours long because we are planning to have the MRG homeless services report, which is I think gonna be a really great opportunity to get a lot of good information, but don't hold us to the two-hour limit next month because of it. So um, so anyway, so you can see these items. Um if there are other additional agenda requests either for next month or for future consideration, please raise your hand. And Councilmember Zulman. Yes, too. I'd like to take Nolan up on his offer to do a measure roadshow for us. I know he is and has offered to do it for the cities. I would like ours to be quicker and faster than what's gonna be presented to the individual council members. That's my request. Second of all, I would like to agendize uh funding for peer support based upon what we hear.

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heard here today and specifically Jess is saying that other cocks have found ways to fund peer support specialists in a better quicker more efficient way then I would like to hear that specifically from staff about what they've heard and what they've seen from other cocks thank you other agenda requests or comments or questions all right not seeing any hands raised we'll open it up for public comment if there's any member of the public that would like to comment on this item please raise your hand no hands up right great and we'll bring it back to the board and I think that concludes that item so now we are going to move to item 15 which is board member questions and comments this is an opportunity for the board to ask questions or provide comments or updates so uh if you had like to do so please raise your hand um see Martha yeah hi um so I just wanted to flag for everyone um HUD proposed did a new mixed family status rule that they proposed in the federal register on February 20th um it's a 60-day public comment period so I just wanted to flag that for everybody so that you can take a look at it and comment if you see fit that's all thank you uh Michael yeah this is uh I know it's more time I just wanted to take a quick minute to to thank a staff member who we unfortunately are losing um so Ty is going to be moving on to a different job in the county and we're really gonna miss MB's here until the end of March um but just wanted to thank Ty for all of his amazing work he's you know he's got a lot of accomplishments uh by angelist street outreach standards coordinating as you redesign to say at least so um probably embarrassing him but thank you to Ty and he'll be with us still until the end of next month but um

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May not be I don't think it'll be at the next board meeting to I rights. This is probably your last one.

**Unknown - Feb 25, 2026 15:04:03**

Actually, uh inadvertently I made my last day the next board meeting. So one more opportunity to hear from me. What better way to do that? What better way to exit? Yeah, and thank you, Michael, for your kind words and um uh excited for the new opportunity, but um very proud of the work that I've done here. But thank you. Wow, you've done amazing work. That is a big big shift, but Martha, we aren't gonna be too mad at you because at least he's still in the in the spheres. Is it public what the position is? Or did you say I may have missed it? Sorry. Uh it's it's actually not with Martha specifically, it's with the um the affordable housing side of the CDC. So I've already given Martha a hard time, but that's okay. Yeah. I can't really talk because I've taken too many of Jenny's.

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Yeah, that's fair. Yeah. Welcome to what it's like.

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Um wow, that's well, we'll make sure we all have some time to kind of absorb that and be very prepared to embarrass you more next month, Ty. So get ready.

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Uh Chris.

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Yeah. Um hi, that makes me very sad. And we will miss you. Yeah. Uh I'll still bug you sometimes. Um yeah, this is just uh kind of a request to other providers on the call that we're not too far away from the Medi Cal rules changing on eligibility and maintaining enrollment. So if any of the providers want to get together and talk about like tools they're developing to make sure people are maintain their enrollment, tracking job hours worked and wages to meet those minimums, tracking volunteer hours. Uh please do get in touch, because I think if we can come up with a system together, it's gonna be better than us doing it individually. And that is really people's health care is super important. So oh my gosh, no one's gonna come in and save the day right now.

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Hey no one, thank you.

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No, no day saving, but Chris, I love that you brought that up today. Uh, Chris and I were talking offline about this yesterday as well. Part of the problem is some of the eligibility rules have not been clarified yet, either by the state or the federal government. So there's a lot of questions still out there. Secondly, CMSP, which is the secondary coverage program that folks may follow on outside of Medi-Cal, although for today's purposes, CMSP is probably not a good thing. We want to keep them on Medi-Cal is also clarifying their roles and responsibilities as well. So just for clarification for folks in the county, Medi-Cal and eligibility is run through our human services department. That's our sister department. It's not actually DSH or DHS. However, um, Chris spurred a really good conversation yesterday about this very topic, you know, needing sort of a subject matter expert. Um, the response I got back was kind of twofold. One, they're sort of underwater and are trying to figure out just like how to keep their heads above water at this point. B, there's a lot of ambiguity and things that are sort of confusing uh even to their staff because the eligibility rules aren't clear. But the the update that I wanted to share really quickly is that I do plan on approaching partnership help plan to see if maybe they would provide some funding or resources or support to sort of hold this and kind of create some sort

of community resource base uh that's a little more advanced for providers like yourselves that could answer some of these questions, maybe have some sort of FAQ forums. If you guys remember way back when when we did the Affordable Care Act, there was a ton of money for application assistance, right? And we encouraged all these application assistors, and this was a whole thing. Unfortunately, we're sort of experiencing the unaffordable care act now, and there's not really those same levels of resources, so it's like how do we sort of create this extra extra level? So um, more to come. The last thing to add, and I am forgetting the date here, but there is an HR1 uh county work study session coming up very soon, and I'll I'll make sure everyone has the date. We're gonna go into a deep dive into the impacts to Medi-Cal, CalFresh, and a variety of other topics uh at that meeting. So our board wants us to present a plan to talk about these changes.

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and um we will be talking quite a bit about this very topic with my counterpart from human services so more to come on this Chris I love the idea if in advance people want to meet and share that's great I am trying to find some additional resources to help folks with it with this space though thank you Nolan appreciate it yeah I think we would all like to definitely stay involved in that for sure uh Maria I just wanted to rephrase uh again we have funding for transitional age youth for short-term rental assistance for any tribal youth they do have to be registered with a federally recognized tribe I don't think I clarified that um and we could connect them to wrap around services uh as well thank you great thank you very helpful Maria is there a flyer for that or like a posting anywhere that we can share with our teams no this is the first time we're announcing so we're hoping word of mouth really gets it out and send them directly to me to be honest um so I can make sure we get get at them real fast. Awesome thank you so much

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okay is there any member of the public that would like to comment on this item not seeing any we'll bring it back all right well thank you all for that we'll move to our last item which is public comment on items not on the agenda if there's any member of the public who would like to comment on items that were not on our agenda please raise your hand all right seeing none that will officially conclude our meeting two hours and nine minutes will take it and chilly we got you out on time to your your 315 so thank you all very much and we'll see you next month have a good rest of your day thank you bye