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California Interagency Council on Homelessness

Council Meeting

November 30, 2023

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I. Call to Order, Tribal Land Acknowledgement, and Roll Call

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Tribal Land Acknowledgement

We wish to acknowledge that Sacramento is the homeland of the Southern Maidu, Valley and Plains Miwok, the Nisenan people, the Patwin Wintun people, and members of the Wilton Rancheria Tribe, who have inhabited this landscape since time immemorial.

We extend our gratitude to the ancestors of all California Native American Tribes and their descendants, as we recognize that wherever we are joining from in our virtual community, we are all on California Native American land.

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Council Member Roll Call

- Please say "here" or "present"

II. Consent Calendar

- Adoption of the Meeting Summary from the September 7, 2023 Council Meeting

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Public Comment on Agenda Item II
Consent Calendar

- If joining by Zoom, click the "raise hand icon"
- If connected by phone, press "*9" to indicate that you would like to comment

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Council Member Vote

Shall items on the Consent Calendar be approved?

- Adoption of the Meeting Summary from the September 7, 2023 Council Meeting

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III. Council Co-Chair Opening Remarks

IV. Cal ICH Executive Officer Updates

V. Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB) Introduction

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Background and Overview of Cal ICH

Cal ICH Overview

Cal ICH may refer to both the Interagency Council and Cal ICH staff, which have different, complementary roles.

Interagency Council

Cal ICH was created in statue (<u>SB 1380</u> and <u>AB 1220</u>). Highlights about the Interagency Council (or "Council"):

- Comprised of Secretary- and Director-level representatives from **18 state departments and agencies** and **two community members** appointed by the State Legislature.
- Focused on aligning State departments and agencies to **develop policies and identify resources, benefits, and services** to prevent and end homelessness in California.
- Organized around the **<u>Action Plan for Preventing and Ending Homelessness in California</u>**.
- Meets quarterly and is supported by multiple groups such as an **Advisory Committee, Lived Experience Advisory Board, and interagency Working Groups**.

Cal ICH Staff

The Cal ICH staff both support the Interagency Council and implement related work. They are housed within BCSH and are organized into six divisions:

- **Statewide Policy** - Plans and executes quarterly Council and Advisory Committee meetings, manages and supports Interagency Council priorities including Housing First policy, the Action Plan, and Working Groups.
- **Local Initiatives** - Identifies and shares best practices to improve local homelessness systems of care.
- **Research** - Consults on data, analysis, and use of HDIS.
- **HDIS** - Oversees the development, configuration, and maintenance of HDIS.
- **Grant Support and Development** - Administer, monitor, and provide technical assistance related to Cal ICH grant funds.

Interagency Council

What groups support the Interagency Council and what are their roles?
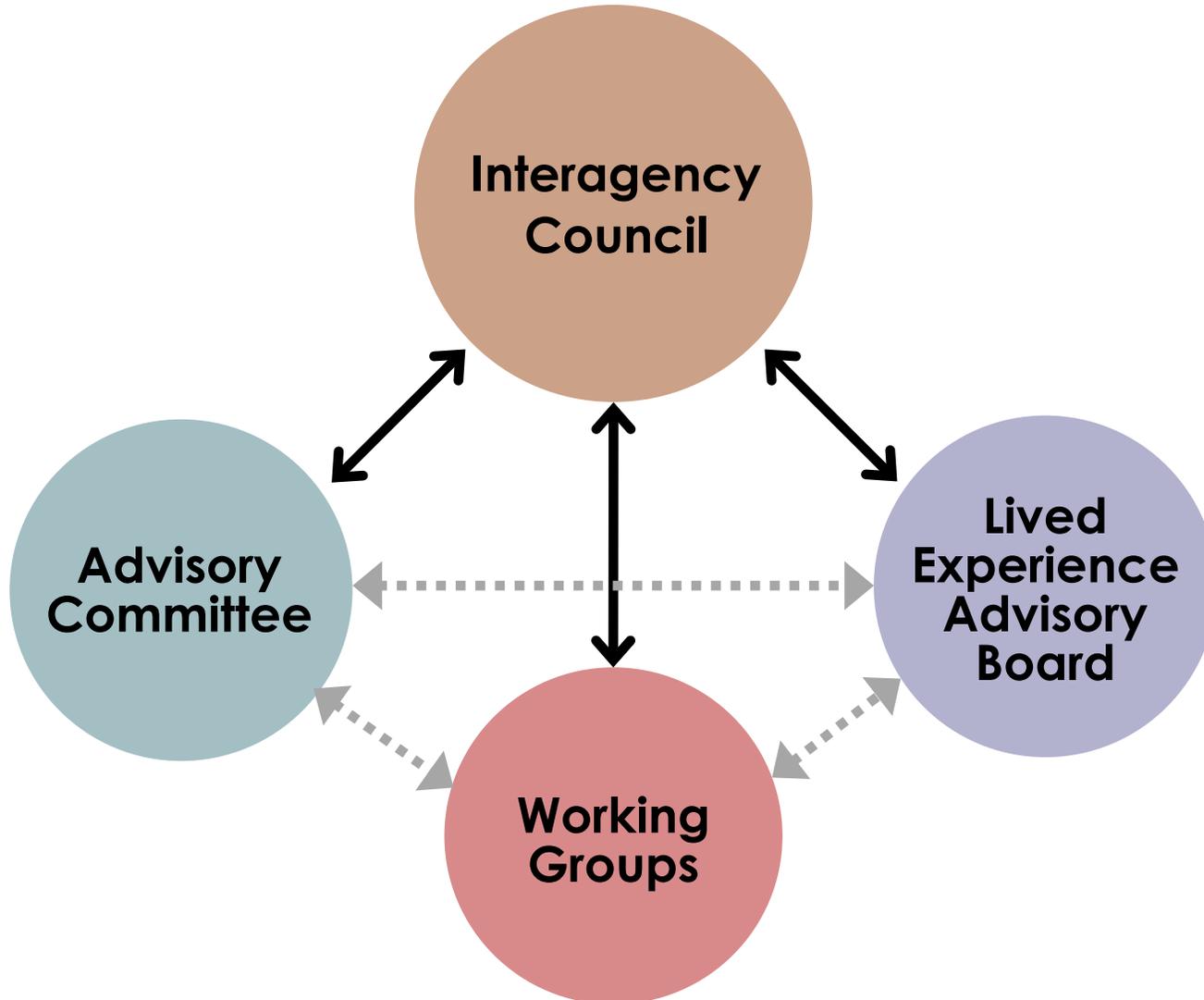
The Advisory Committee and LEAB **provide guidance and recommendations to help inform the Interagency Council**. Guidance is utilized in Council decision making and department- and agency-level implementation. The Working Groups implement Council priorities that cut across multiple departments and agencies. The Council can ask them to work on projects or request specific feedback.

The LEAB, Advisory Committee, and Working Groups may engage directly with one another on specific issues that intersect across groups. They can co-create recommendations for the Council or check their draft recommendations with one another.

Definitions and Duties

Interagency Council

The Interagency Council is charged with continuing California's momentum towards greater statewide leadership and coordination to prevent and end homelessness. The Council **discusses and makes decisions regarding interagency policies** to maximize the impact of State programs and resources. Major decisions by the Council are **informed by input from the Advisory Committee and LEAB, and Working Groups** when appropriate. The Council may pose questions, ask for input, or provide tasks for these groups.

Advisory Committee

The Advisory Committee was created in statute to ensure the Interagency Council receives expertise from a variety of stakeholders. Members are appointed by Cal ICH Co-Chairs. The Committee **creates guidance** to inform Council decisions, **provides input** on interagency policies, and **addresses questions or tasks** posed by the Council. They may also advise Council members, the LEAB, and the Working Groups as requested.
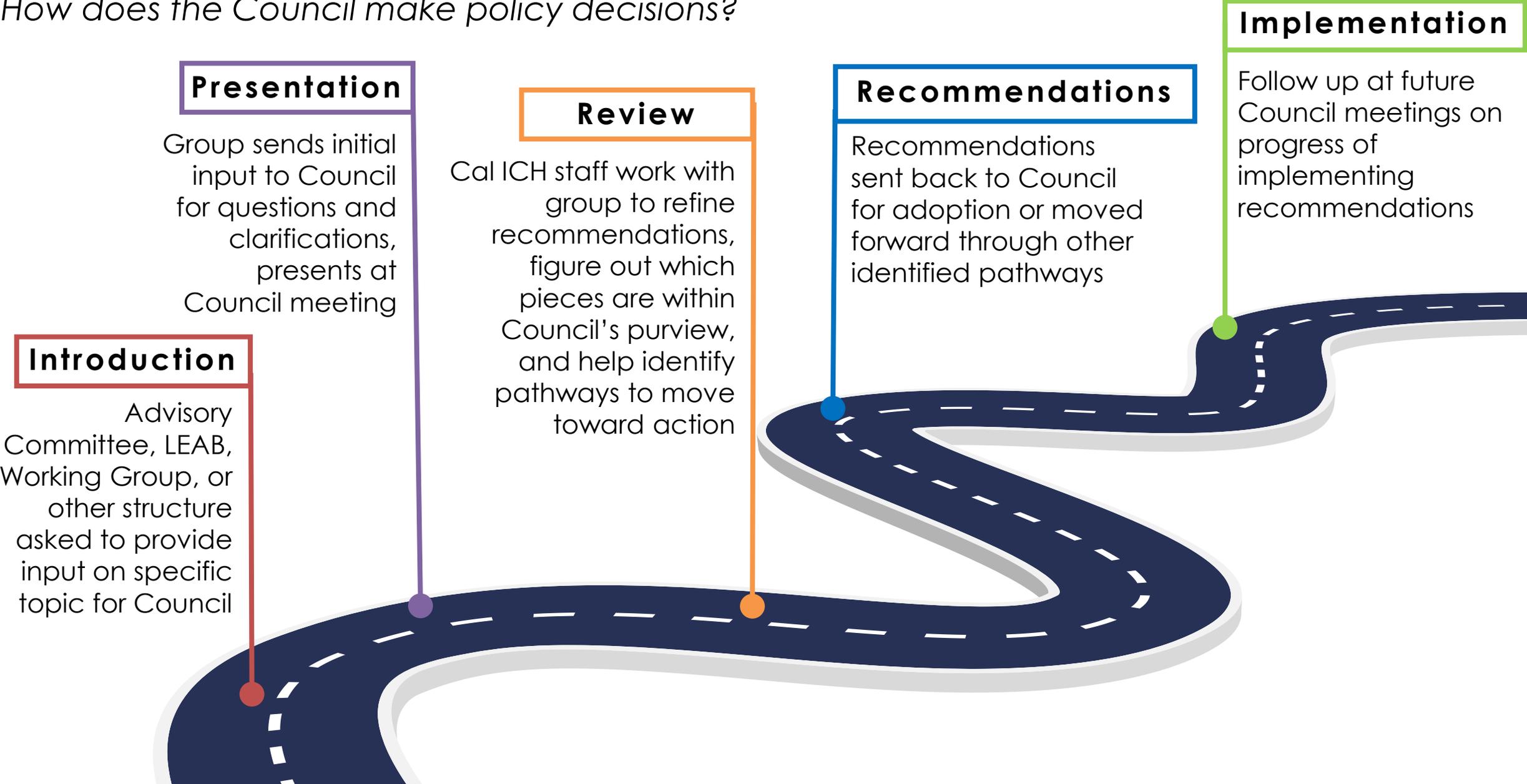
LEAB

The Lived Experience Advisory Board includes individuals with a variety of experiences of homelessness. The LEAB informs a broad range of decisions made by the Interagency Council and help guide and assess the implementation of its priorities. The LEAB **creates guidance** to inform Council decisions, **provides input** on interagency policies, and **addresses questions or tasks** posed by the Council. They may also advise Council members, the Advisory Committee, and the Working Groups as requested.

Working Groups

The interagency Working Groups were created to help implement the priorities of the Interagency Council. These groups are charged with **taking these priorities, discussing them, creating plans for their implementation,** and **providing recommendations** to the Council. The Council identifies priorities for the Working Groups and charges them to deliver on work aligned with those priorities. Five Working Groups are currently called for in the Action Plan.

Council Recommendation Process

How does the Council make policy decisions?

Introduction

Advisory Committee, LEAB, Working Group, or other structure asked to provide input on specific topic for Council

Presentation

Group sends initial input to Council for questions and clarifications, presents at Council meeting

Review

Cal ICH staff work with group to refine recommendations, figure out which pieces are within Council's purview, and help identify pathways to move toward action

Recommendations

Recommendations sent back to Council for adoption or moved forward through other identified pathways

Implementation

Follow up at future Council meetings on progress of implementing recommendations

Interagency Council Policy Purview

Which aspects of State policy making does the Interagency Council have within its purview?

Funding: Streamline funding across State Departments and Agencies. Utilize Working Groups to coordinate targeting, prioritization, and incentive strategies of new and existing funding.

Engagement: Engage partners, industry groups, and experts to inform policies and advance strategies that go beyond what State agencies can do individually. Including federal advocacy.

Communication: Use communication strategies to message Council vision, increase focus on important topics, and adjust public thinking. Increase person-centered approaches.

Amplification: Highlight models, innovations, and examples of best practices for others to replicate and/or be inspired by. Recognize the work of successful initiatives.

Data: Use data to inform State activities and encourage data-driven decisions, improve understanding of issues and strategies, and align metrics across state programs.

Technical Assistance: Recommend further assistance for targeted support to an agency, organization, or community with a development need or resource gap.

Guidance, Toolkits, and Materials: Issue written guidance, toolkits, and materials to clarify policy, express priorities, and communicate options to support strong, evidence-based practices.

Inform Decisionmakers: Provide policy and procedural recommendations for the Governor and legislature to drive progress via Executive Orders or legislative proposals.

Cal ICH LEAB Overview

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- Background

- Application and Selection Process

- Members

- Next Steps

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LEAB Background

Purpose:

- Inform a broad range of considerations and decisions of Cal ICH and member departments
- Provide input on topics going to the Council for discussion
- Help guide and assess the implementation of the Action Plan
- Encourage and support communities to further center the voices of people with lived experiences of homelessness within their local planning, and decision-making

LEAB Implementation:

- Research and planning began in Spring 2021
- A contract for implementation and facilitation services was necessary to ensure expert knowledge and subject matter expertise and allow LEAB autonomy
- Contract awarded to Homebase and executed on December 23, 2022
- Recruitment period: July 11, 2023- August 11, 2023

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Application and Selection Process

Applications Received

- A total of **320 applications received**, for 11 positions, with representation across **42 counties** in California

- Of the 320 applicants, **216 completed optional and anonymous demographic surveys**
  - Demographic data received demonstrated outreach efforts were incredibly successful with robust representation of diverse experiences and identities

Application Scoring Criteria

Threshold Factors:
- Applicant has a lived experience of homelessness
- Applicant's response reflects commitment to be an active participant in the LEAB

Scoring Criteria:
- Applicant's response demonstrates diverse skills, perspectives, and ideas that would support the work of the LEAB.
- Applicant's priorities indicate thoughtful consideration of the topics impacting homelessness.
- Applicant's response demonstrates a commitment to using current or past experience for homeless advocacy work.
- Applicant's geographic location would likely contribute to a more balanced LEAB*. (Bonus points awarded at the end after all applications were collected)

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Application and Selection Process Cont.

Interviews Conducted

- Of the 320 applicants, **55 individuals** offered interviews
  - Of the 55 interviewed, there was **representation across 36 counties**, with larger counties receiving multiple interview seats
- Interviewees were asked a total of 5 questions by representatives of Homebase and Cal ICH
- A total of 11 members were offered seats on the LEAB

Interview Scoring Criteria

Interviewee Responses were scored on:

- Interest in the LEAB and why they feel ready to be part of this opportunity.
- Demonstrated consideration of the topics impacting homelessness and a commitment to using their lived experience for advocacy work.
- Strengths and diverse experience and perspectives that would support the work of the LEAB.
- Illustration of interpersonal awareness and respect for others.
- Demonstration of leadership, communication and initiative to advocate for a change to occur.

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Members

- The final LEAB membership has representation from **9 counties and 1 tribal nation in California, and close to equally split representation across urban, suburban, and rural locations.**

- County and tribal nation representation includes:
  - **Northern Region:**
    - Solano County
    - Sacramento County
    - Lake County
    - Humboldt County
  - **Central Region:**
    - Kings County
    - Monterey County
  - **Southern Region:**
    - Los Angeles County (2)
    - Riverside County
    - San Diego County
    - Pala Band of Mission Indians

- The LEAB has diverse experiences and expertise with strong representation across age groups—*spanning from youth and young adults to members who are 65+*

- Representation from various communities of color, multiple identities within the LGBTQIA+ community, and diverse experiences with various systems (behavioral health, criminal legal system, foster care, etc.)

- Membership includes members who are currently experiencing homelessness, alongside individuals who have been successfully housed, and individuals who are now service providers within systems of care.

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Next Steps

- *Meeting: December 21, 2023.*

- *Release of the Technology Equipment Access RFP:* to ensure members with lived experience have adequate equipment and technology support to ensure equitable participation and access

- *Finalize communication and coordination processes to:*
  - Identify agenda items from the Council, Advisory Committee or Working Groups
  - Determine coordination processes across the LEAB, AC, and Working Groups
  - Submit input or recommendations to the Council
  - Notify the LEAB of the result of their input or recommendations
  - Provide LEAB members with an opportunity for response to Council decisions on proposed recommendations

- *Continued coordination with other state departments establishing advisory bodies of individuals with lived experience*

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LEAB Member Introductions

Discussion Questions for Council Members

- Where do you see the most opportunity for impact from LEAB insight in your own department or as part of your work on the Council?

- How do you think the Council can engage with the LEAB most effectively going forward?

VI. State Funding and Programs Working Group Memo: Aligning and Leveraging Racial Equity Data

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Background on the SFP Working Group

History: The State Funding and Programs (SFP) Working Group was established in October 2021 to implement the state's priority of aligning and coordinating state housing and homelessness program funding

Purpose: Identify ways to improve coordination across state funding and programs to better serve people at risk of or experiencing homelessness, in line with the *Action Plan for Preventing and Ending Homelessness*

Members: Working Group staff represent 13 state departments and agencies that administer programs and funding related to housing / homelessness (see Appendix)

About the Racial Equity Data Recommendations

The SFP Working Group has developed five recommendations for the **coordinated collection and use of racial equity data**, with the goal of achieving Activity 1.1.3 of the state Action Plan *and* advancing a statewide commitment to equity, system coordination, and administrative efficiency for funding recipients:
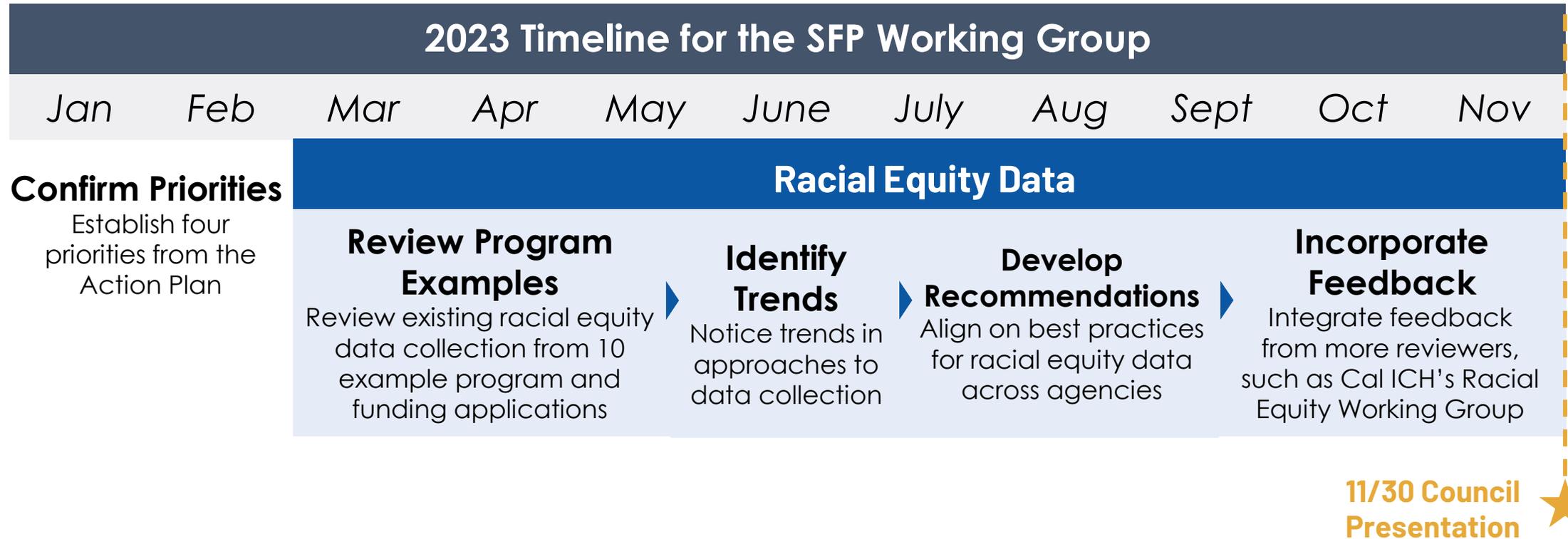
Racial Equity Data *Ensure financial resources, TA, and guidance effectively reaches marginalized communities*
1.1.3 - Incorporate a **focus on racial equity data, analysis, and planned activities** within applications for State homelessness and housing-focused funding (HHAP, ESG-CV, others), and analyze the data and information gathered in response.

Note: These recommendations also build on AB 977, which requires grantees of state-funded homelessness programs to enter data into local HMIS systems. AB 977 will equip state policymakers with critical data to identify and track progress toward reducing racial inequities.

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Process to Develop Recommendations

2023 Timeline for the SFP Working Group										
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov

Confirm Priorities

Establish four priorities from the Action Plan

Racial Equity Data

Review Program Examples
Review existing racial equity data collection from 10 example program and funding applications

Identify Trends
Notice trends in approaches to data collection

Develop Recommendations
Align on best practices for racial equity data across agencies

Incorporate Feedback
Integrate feedback from more reviewers, such as Cal ICH's Racial Equity Working Group

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Example: Comparing Racial/Ethnic Data Collection

Cal ICH: HHAP 3	CDSS: CCE	HCD: Homekey / HUD	CCCCO: SEAP	Cal OES: Progress Reports
Black or African American: #	African American / Black: %	Black or African American: #, %	Black or African American	Black or African American
Asian: # Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander: #	Asian American / Pacific Islander: %	Asian: #, % Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander: #, %	Asian Pacific Islander Hawaiian Native Filipino	Asian
Hispanic/Latino: #	Latino/Hispanic: %	White, Hispanic/Latino: #, %	Hispanic	Hispanic or Latino
American Indian or Alaska Native: #	Native American / Alaska Native: %	American Indian or Alaska Native: #, %	American Indian / Alaska Native	American Indian or Alaska Native
White: #	White: %	White, Non-Hispanic / Non-Latino: #, %	White	White Non-Hispanic or Caucasian
Multiple Races: #	Mixed race: %	Multiple Races: #, %	Two or more races	Multiple races
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino: #	Other: %	Unknown: #, %	Unknown/ Non-Respondent Multiple Values Reported	Some Other Not Reported Not tracked
Data Sources: HDIS, PIT count, CoC Housing Inventory Count (HIC), Longitudinal systems analysis (LSA), HUD's Stella tools, others	**Data Sources:** "Please include any data sources used for comparison."	**Data Sources:** Stella (HUD)	**Data Sources:** Chancellor's Office MIS* *Student success metrics, not housing-related	**Data Sources:** None specified

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Recommendations for Racial Equity Data

When implementing housing and homelessness funding, Council member departments and agencies should…

1. Adopt a public statement explaining why demographic data is collected and how it will be used at the state level

2. Use consistent categories to collect data about race and ethnicity

3. When requesting data on program-level outcomes, make disaggregation by race, ethnicity, and other demographic variables the norm

4. Ask for qualitative data to contextualize required quantitative data

5. Resource equity efforts by investing in technical assistance and capacity-building needs

Racial Equity Data Recommendation 1

Adopt a public statement explaining why demographic data is collected and how it will be used at the state level

Purpose of Demographic Data Collection in California Homelessness and Housing Funding Applications

In line with the statewide Action Plan, our goal is to advance purposeful, meaningful, and measurable progress toward preventing and ending homelessness in California. To do this, we must understand the existing disparities in services and outcomes across our diverse populations. The collection and use of race and ethnicity data allows us to better (i) identify these disparities, (ii) deliver more responsive services, and (iii) make progress toward reducing disparities and improving outcomes across all our communities.

As agencies serving the public interest, we are committed to protecting individual privacy and building a data-informed process and culture. Demographic data we collect is used to inform program and funding decisions and, ultimately, to redirect resources to communities most impacted by homelessness and housing insecurity.

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Racial Equity Data Recommendation 2

Use consistent categories to collect data about race and ethnicity

HUD Categories effective as of 10/1/2023* (aligns with OMB proposed guidance)	
Race and Ethnicity (select as many as are applicable)	
1	American Indian or Alaska Native or Indigenous
2	Asian or Asian American
3	Black, African American, or African
4	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
5	White
6	Hispanic/Latina/e/o
7	Middle Eastern or North African
8	Client doesn't know
9	Client prefers not to answer
99	Data not collected

*Reflects recent changes made to HUD System Performance Measures Data Standards and in effect as of October 1, 2023

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Racial Equity Data Recommendation 3

When requesting data on program-level outcomes, make **disaggregation** by race, ethnicity, and other demographic variables the norm

Example from HCD, Homekey Round 2 Program
Updated for alignment with new HUD categories (Recommendation 2)

Using data from Stella, please insert outcomes here:
Stella Resources: https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5827/stella-p-quick-start-guide/

	Experiencing Homelessness #	Exiting to Permanent Housing #	% of Subset	% of Total	Disparity
American Indian or Alaska Native or Indigenous					
Asian or Asian American					
Black, African American, or African					
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander					
White					
Hispanic/Latina/e/o					
Middle Eastern or North African					
Client doesn't know					
Client prefers not to answer					
Data not collected					

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Racial Equity Data Recommendation 4

Ask for qualitative data to contextualize required quantitative data

"Describe the disparities and inequities that currently exist in your county related to housing"

CA Department of Health Care Services, Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program

"Develop a community outreach plan to reach diverse community groups"

CA Department of Aging, Local Aging and Disability Action Planning Grant Program

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Racial Equity Data Recommendation 5

Resource equity efforts
by investing in technical assistance and capacity-building needs

Example from CDSS, Housing and Disability Advocacy Program

Funding Use	Amount	Match Source and Amount
Develop Program Assessment Tools to Advance Equity *Examples include funding to assess or evaluate equity in existing assessment tools or initiatives to create new evidence-based assessment tools. CDSS will prioritize match exemptions for this purpose once the statewide match requirement of $25 million has been met.*		
Racial Equity Officer *Funds to hire a Racial Equity Officer, staff member, and/or peer navigators who will oversee the planning, implementation, and evaluation of initiatives to embed equity into HDAP programming. CDSS will prioritize match exemptions for this purpose once the statewide match requirement of $25 million has been met.*		
Racial Equity Analysis *Funding to conduct, enhance, or expand an analysis of racial equity within HDAP programming or local housing and homelessness landscape. Examples include conducting needs and gaps analyses or investing in data supports and training for community-based organizations partnering in the analysis. CDSS will prioritize match exemptions for this purpose once the statewide match requirement of $25 million has been met.*		

+$35M in non-competitive set-aside funds for Tribes and Tribal Entities in FY 2022-23

Capacity building to improve quantitative and qualitative data collection

Training to translate data insights to action

Culturally-responsive assistance and engagement with Tribes

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Initial Ideas to Operationalize Recommendations

- **NOFAs:** Incorporate recommended language and approaches into upcoming funding applications

- **HUD Standards:** Align data collection requirements with HUD'S new race/ethnicity categories

- **Data Disaggregation:** Revise application/reporting templates to require outcomes disaggregation to identify racial disparities

- **Technical Assistance:** Deliver targeted TA to help grantees implement the recommendations (e.g., more emphasis on racial equity and using data to inform responsive services)

- **External Stakeholders & Initiative Integration:** Share recommendations with key partners (e.g., federal/local partners, grantees) and integrate them with existing initiatives (e.g., Data Exchange Framework, Equity Dashboard)

What's next for the SFP Working Group

Action Plan priorities elevated by the Working Group

Cross-System Coordination: *Create greater alignment and consistency across state funding programs*

I.3.14 - Support and strengthen expectation of **joint CoC-County-City planning and coordination** in awards and implementation of State homelessness funding.

Tribal Engagement: *Increase Tribal entities' access to state programs, funding, and assistance*

1.1.4. - Provide technical assistance and training opportunities, and adapt program guidelines and guidance, to enhance **Tribal Organizations' access** to State homelessness and housing programs and resources.

Lived Experience: *Provide guidance on the uses, targeting, and deployment of state funding*

I.2.7 - Provide guidance to local grantees regarding eligible uses of State funds for engaging **people with lived experience** and expertise into planning and decision-making processes, and also encourage local grantees to hire people with lived expertise into regular staff positions.

Performance Measurement: *Set performance measurement targets for the scale and impact of state funding programs*

IV.12.3, **IV.13.1, and V.15.2** - Implement a wide array of State and Federal funding programs that support expansion of **affordable and supportive housing opportunities**, **rental assistance**, and **diversion and prevention services**, with clear goals and targets for the implementation of each program.

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Discussion Questions for Council Members

- What ideas or feedback do you have about the recommendations?

- How could your department or agency implement these recommendations? Do you foresee any challenges to implementing these recommendations?

- How would you hope to see this data used once it is collected?

- Based on the Action Plan priorities elevated by the Working Group, what would you like us to focus on next?

  - **Cross-System Coordination**

  - **Tribal Engagement**

  - **Lived Experience**

  - **Performance Measurement**

  - **Other**

Appendix: SFP Working Group Members

- **Cody Zeger, Cal ICH Director of Statewide Policy
- Amber Ostrander, Cal ICH Chief of Grant Operations
- **Hanna Azemati, CDSS Deputy Director, Housing and Homelessness Division
- Marta Galan, CDSS Branch Chief, Housing and Homelessness Division
- **Sarah Poss, HCD Chief, Office of Policy/Program Support, Housing Policy Development Division
- Brian Hansen, DHCS Policy Advisor to the Directorate
- Glenn Tsang, DHCS Policy Advisor for Housing/Homelessness
- Gina Buccieri-Harrington, Cal OES Assistant Director, Grants Management
- Frances Silmon, Cal OES Policy Chief
- Rebecca Ruan-O'Shaughnessy, CCCCO Vice Chancellor of Educational Services and Support
- Colleen Ganley, CCCCO Program Specialist
- Mackenzie Grass, CCCCO Associate Governmental Program Analyst
- Alisa Becerra, Caltrans Deputy Division Chief of Homelessness and Encampments
- Warren Alford, Caltrans Chief, Public Information and Legislative Affairs
- Maurice Eaton, Caltrans Senior Transportation Planner
- Sean Johnson, CalVet Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention Program Manager
- Karmina Barrales, CDE Education Programs Consultant, Homeless Education Program
- Gail Tateyama, CalHFA Executive Assistant
- Meredith Lee, CDPH Advancing Community Equity Branch Chief
- Amanda Lawrence, CDA Project Director, CA Master Plan for Aging
- Tanya Bautista, CDA Chief of Policy
- Stephanie Blake, CDA Policy Analyst
- Matias Eusterbrock, CalHHS Program Analyst, Office of Policy and Strategic Planning

VII. Action Plan '24

Updated Action Plan for FY 23-24

- The updated Action Plan, adopted at the last Council meeting and in effect through FY 23-24 is now available at https://www.bcsh.ca.gov/calich/action_plan.html

- Access to the full Plan, Executive Summary, and a document summarizing the Plan and its objectives.
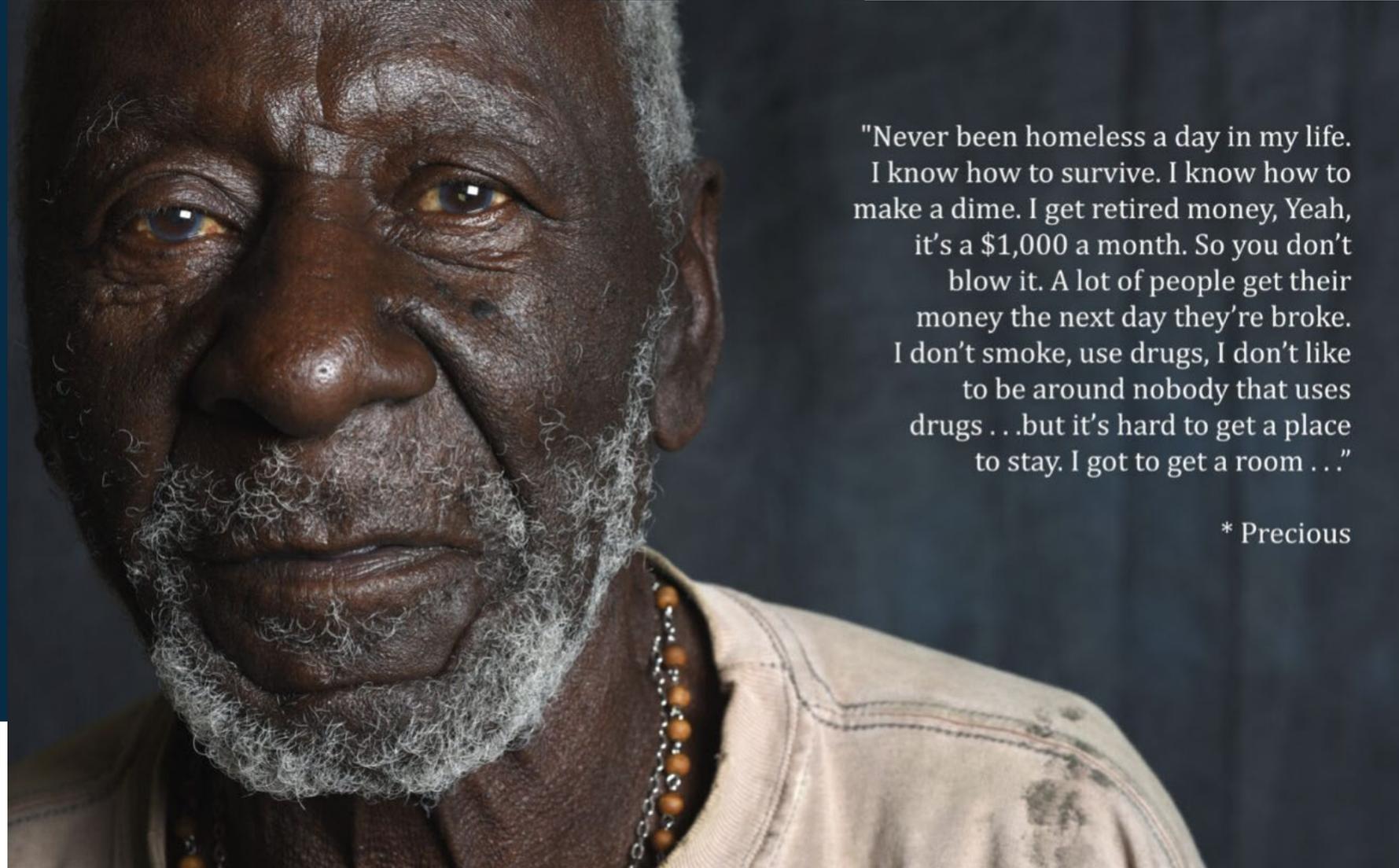
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Advancing California's Master Plan for Aging
Preventing and Ending Older Adult Homelessness

California Interagency Council on Homelessness

November 30, 2023

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"Never been homeless a day in my life. I know how to survive. I know how to make a dime. I get retired money, Yeah, it's a $1,000 a month. So you don't blow it. A lot of people get their money the next day they're broke. I don't smoke, use drugs, I don't like to be around nobody that uses drugs . . .but it's hard to get a place to stay. I got to get a room . . ."

* Precious

Today's Agenda

- **Context:** Master Plan for Aging

- **Urgency:** Data & Demographics

- **Engagement:** Local, State and Federal

Context: MPA Five Bold Goals
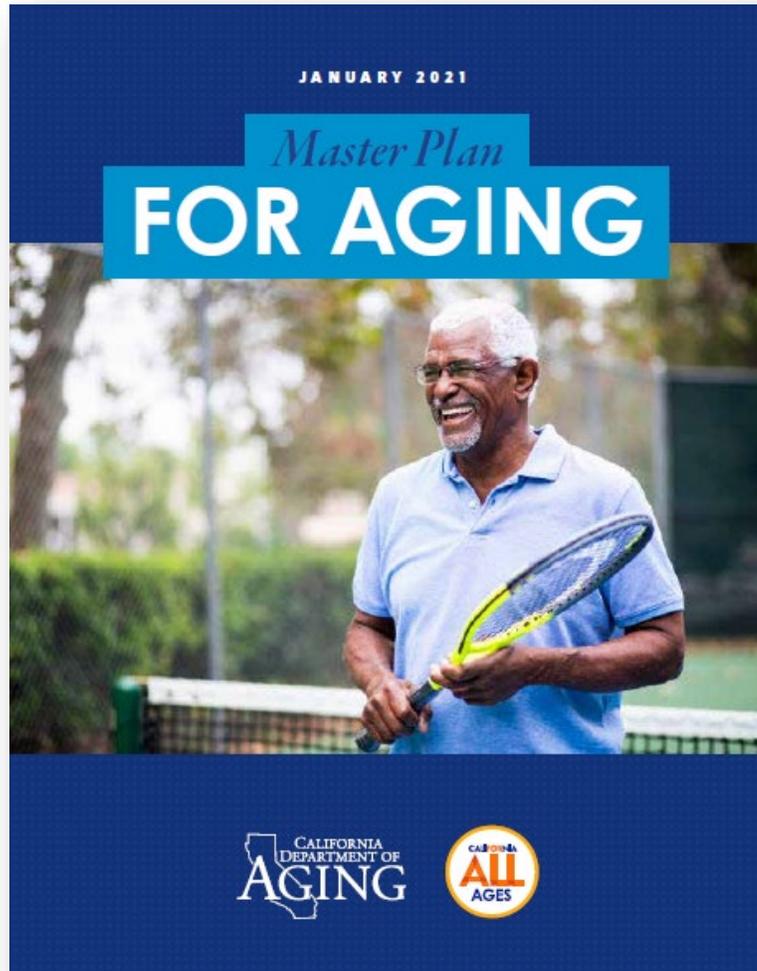
Goal 1:
Housing for All Ages and Stages

Goal 2:
Health Reimagined

Goal 3:
Inclusion and Equity, Not Isolation

Goal 4:
Caregiving that Works

Goal 5:
Affording Aging

California Department of AGING

"Once older adults become homeless, it is much more difficult and expensive to rehouse and stabilize them. "

- Master Plan for Aging IMPACT Stakeholder Committee (May 2023)

Stella

"We care for ourselves. We know there's mentally ill out here, and I'm very kind to everyone. I give them things like blankets, sleeping bags, pillows, everything. they look at us like we're trying to use the system, and I've worked all my life. I worked two jobs to take care of my children. My husband and I were separated, so I said 'Here, you have more family and friends that can take care of these children right now.' He made twenty-eight dollars an hour. Now I couldn't make that much, but I made my share."

* Stella

Urgency: Data & Demographics

Percent of California Population
by Selected Age Groups

29%
14%
26%
22%

0-18y   60y+

California Population
by Selected Age Groups

9,720,966
4,725,237
10,301,464
8,624,289

0-18y   60y+

Source: California Department of Finance
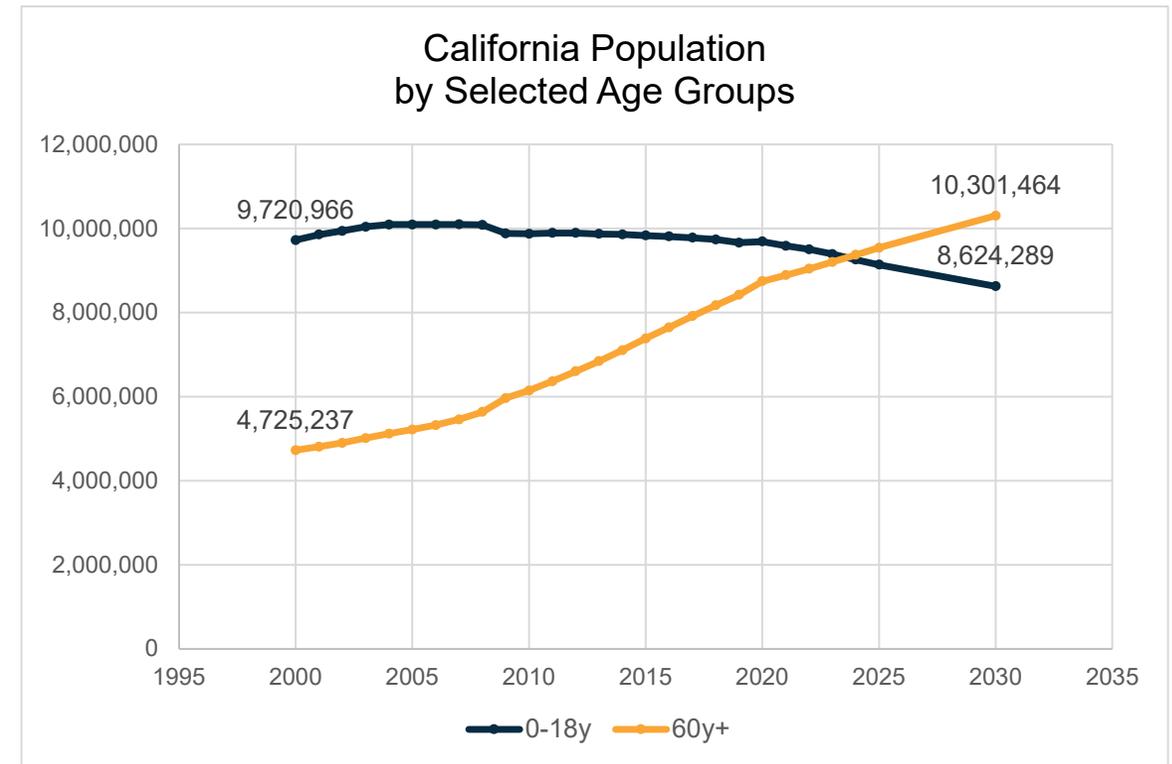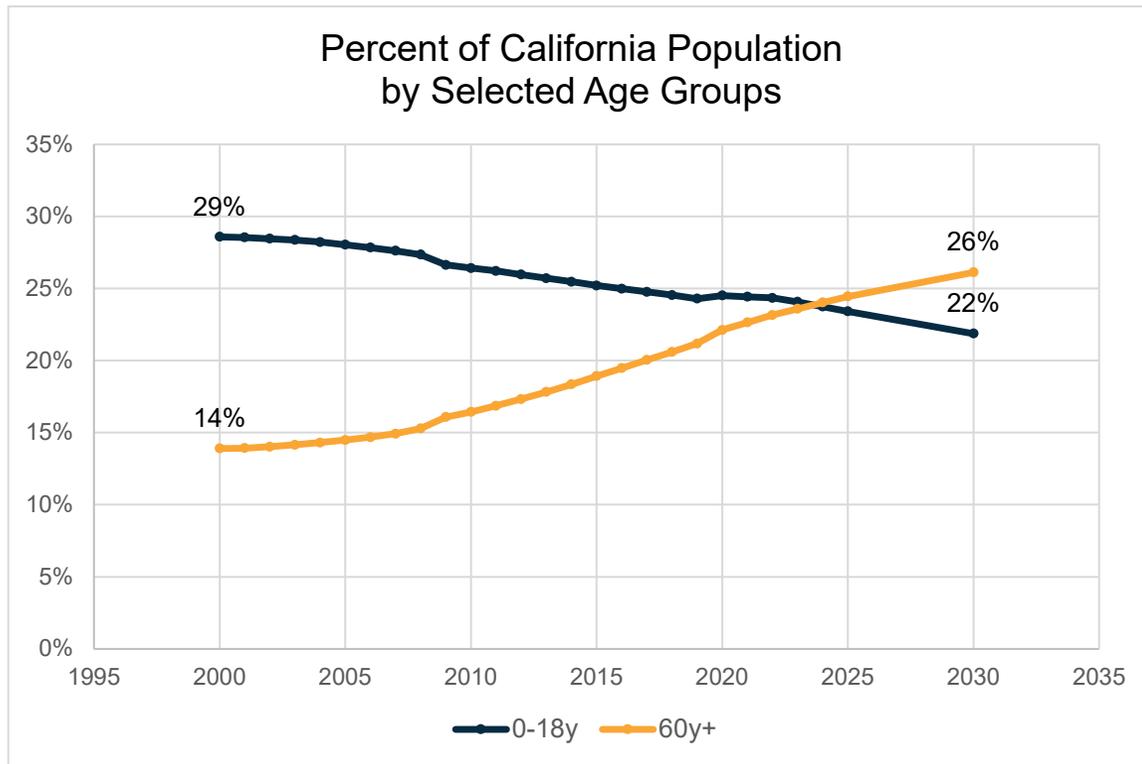
Urgency: Data & Demographics

Age 65+ Population Growth by Region

Region	1980 Age 65+	2060 Age 65+	% Change
Inland Empire	188,724	1,476,126	+682%
Sacramento Area	106,426	728,994	+585%
Orange County	161,348	914,839	+467%
San Joaquin Valley	211,468	1,101,413	+421%
San Diego Area	200,662	967,858	+382%
Greater Bay Area	533,805	2,516,355	+371%
Central Coast	153,082	642,540	+320%
Los Angeles County	742,478	3,064,289	+313%
Northern and Sierra	121,071	350,083	+189%

Urgency: Data & Demographics
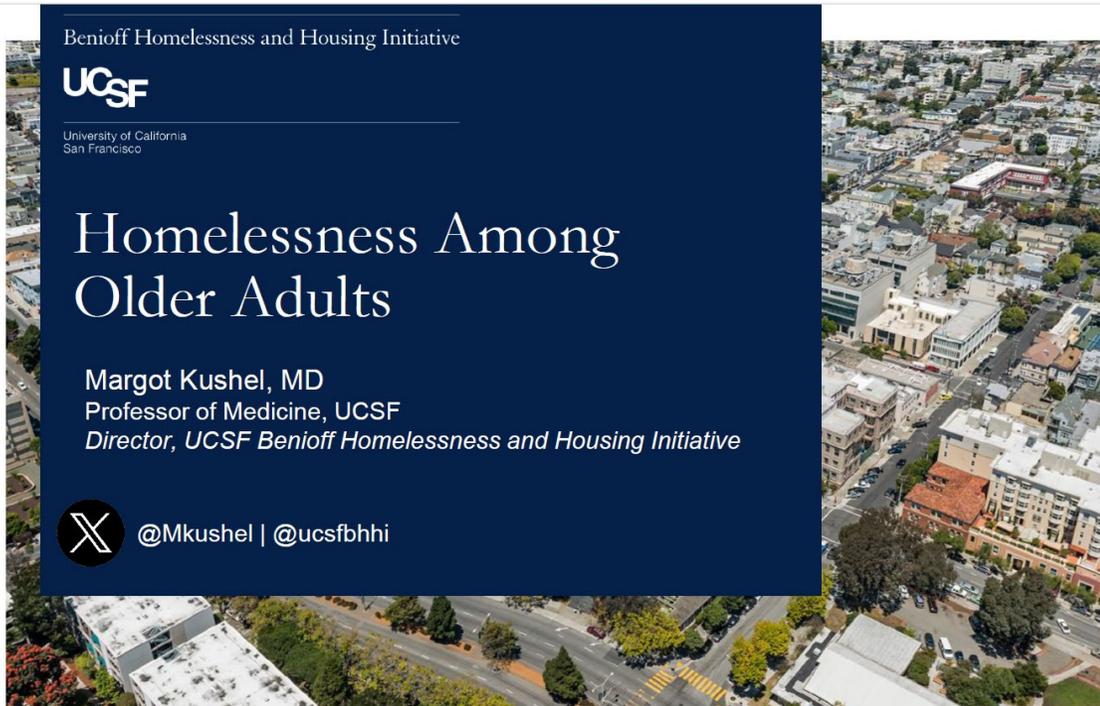
Benioff Homelessness and Housing Initiative

UCSF
University of California
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Homelessness Among
Older Adults

Margot Kushel, MD
Professor of Medicine, UCSF
Director, UCSF Benioff Homelessness and Housing Initiative

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- **45%** of individuals who are homeless in California are age 50 or older
- **41%** of single, homeless adults age 50+ became homeless for the first time at or after age 50

"Housing is the number one type of call we take. We take 70+ calls a day on this. It's all about affordable housing. It's getting harder and harder to find affordable and accessible housing."

-Insight from a Local Area Agency on Aging (AAA)

24 units available and affordable for every 100 extremely-low-income households in CA

No State Has an Adequate Supply of Affordable Rental Housing for the Lowest Income Renters

Affordable and Available Rental Homes per 100 Extremely Low Income Renter Households

● 30 or fewer ● 31 to 40 ● 41 to 46 ○ more than 46

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https://nlihc.org/gap

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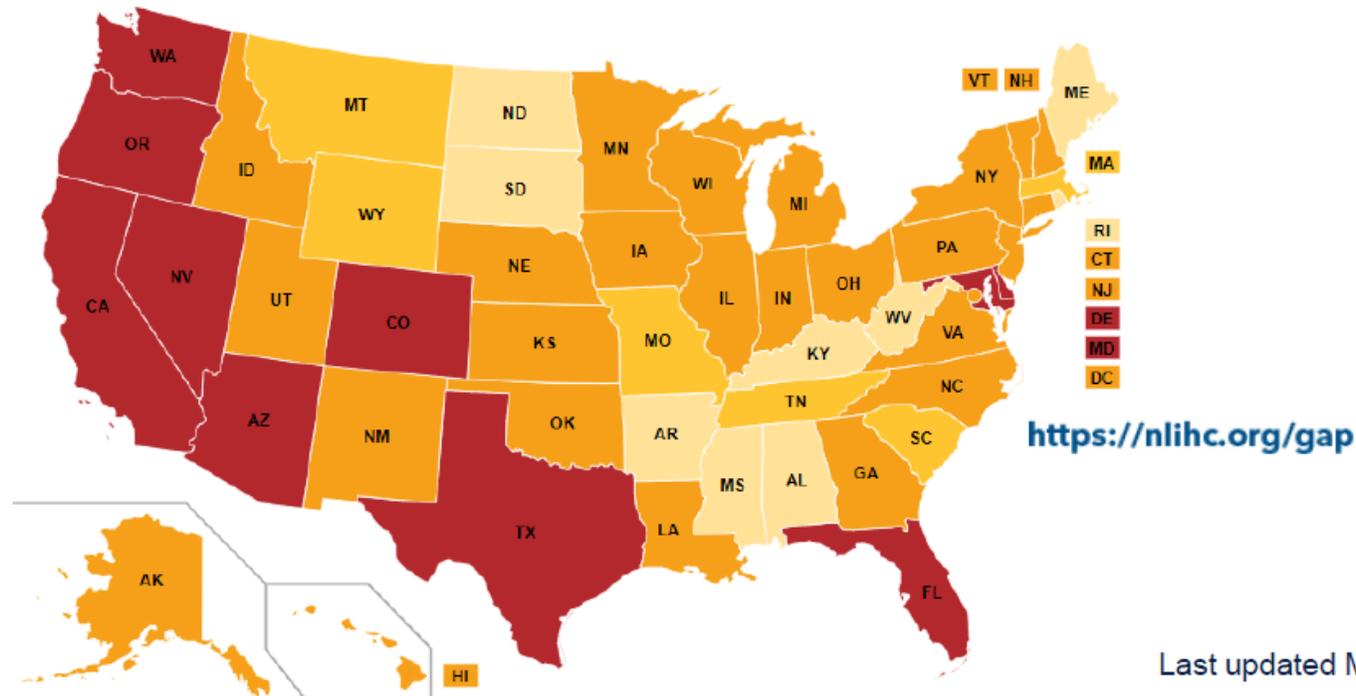
567,486
older adults statewide receive SSI payments.

57,715
older adults statewide interacted with the homeless response system.
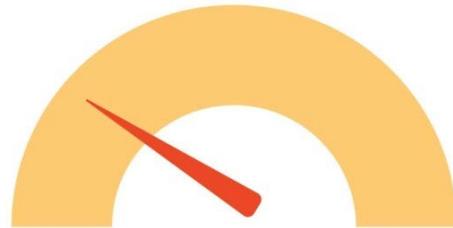
33% of older adults 65+ statewide don't have enough income to meet their basic needs.

Credit: Justice in Aging

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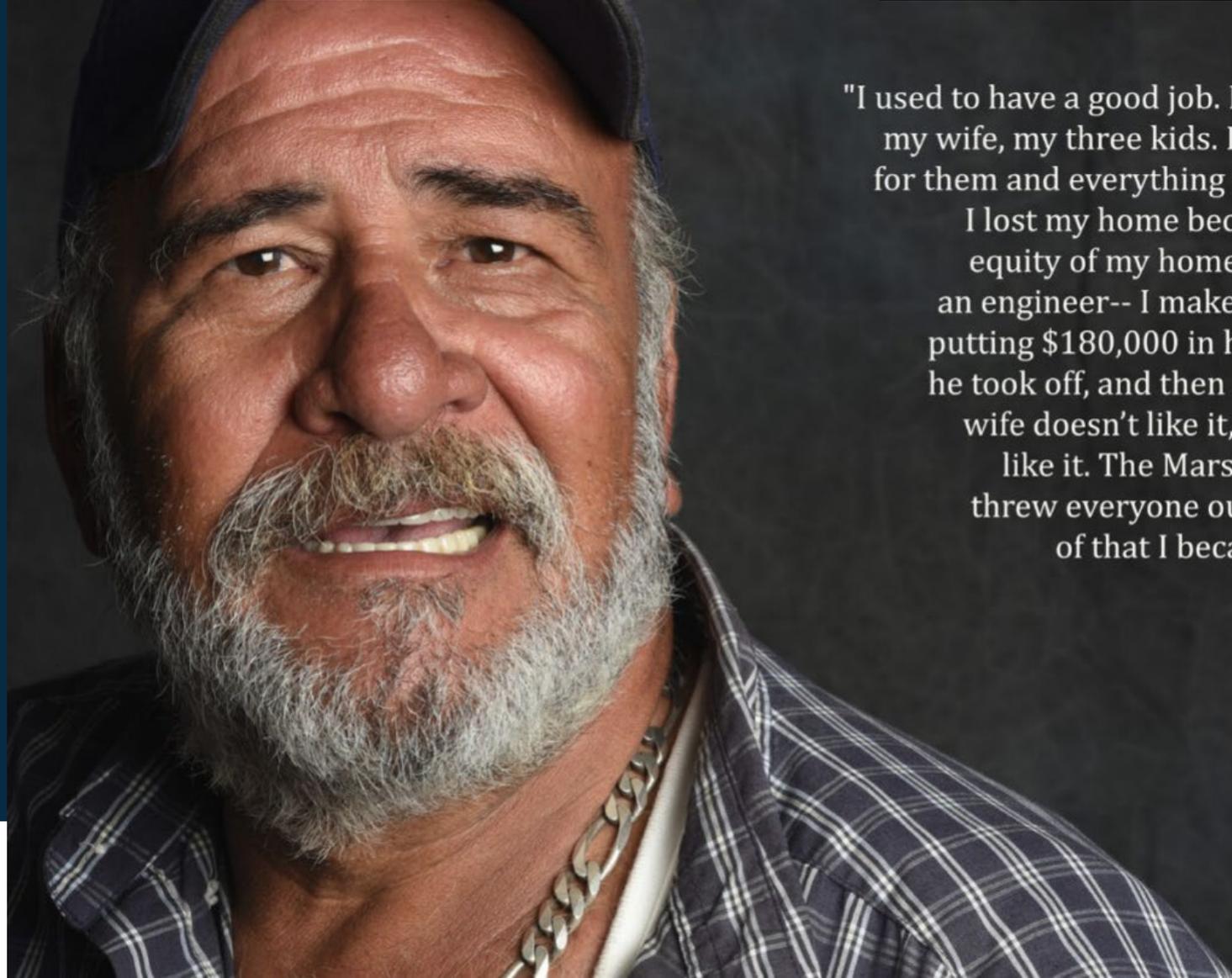
"I used to have a good job. I had my home, my wife, my three kids. I was providing for them and everything was good, then I lost my home because I took the equity of my home-- a contractor, an engineer-- I make the mistake of putting $180,000 in his account and he took off, and then from there, the wife doesn't like it, the kids didn't like it. The Marshalls came and threw everyone out, and because of that I became homeless."

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Engagement

- Master Plan for Aging Stakeholder Advisory Committees (6)
- California for All Ages & Abilities Day of Action
- Preventing and Ending Older Adult Homelessness Roundtable

Preventing and Ending Older Adult Homelessness:
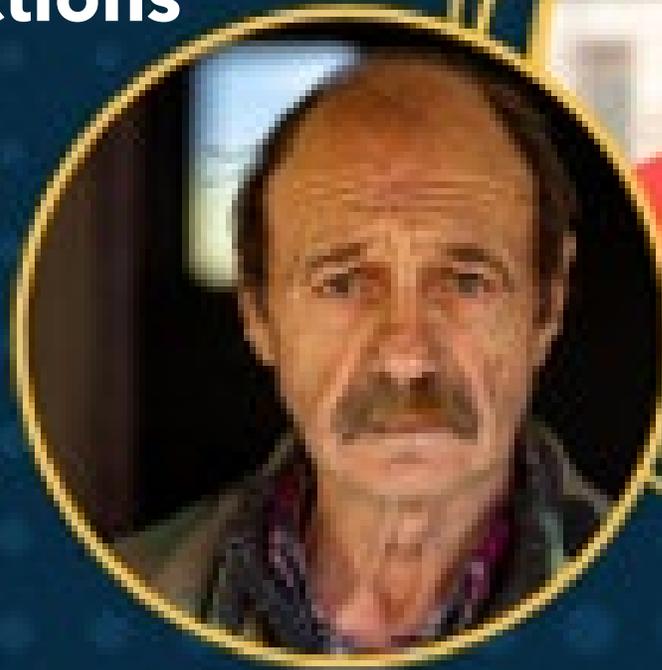*An Invitational Roundtable*

October 3, 2023
Angelus Plaza, Los Angeles, CA

Focus Areas

1. **Tenant Protections**
2. **Transitions**
3. **Tailor**
4. **Target**

Tenant Protections:

- Expand rental assistance programs, including shallow rental subsidies

- Connect with <u>advocacy</u>, <u>benefits</u> and <u>legal</u> resources

- Incentivize conflict resolution and mediation support for disputes

Transitions:

- Align with health, behavioral health and social service providers

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Tailor:

- Increase income through work opportunities
- Expand street medicine, temporary shelter and permanent housing supports

Target:

- Urge local jurisdictions to prioritize older adults as a targeted population
- Produce more age-friendly affordable housing options and alternatives, including shared housing models
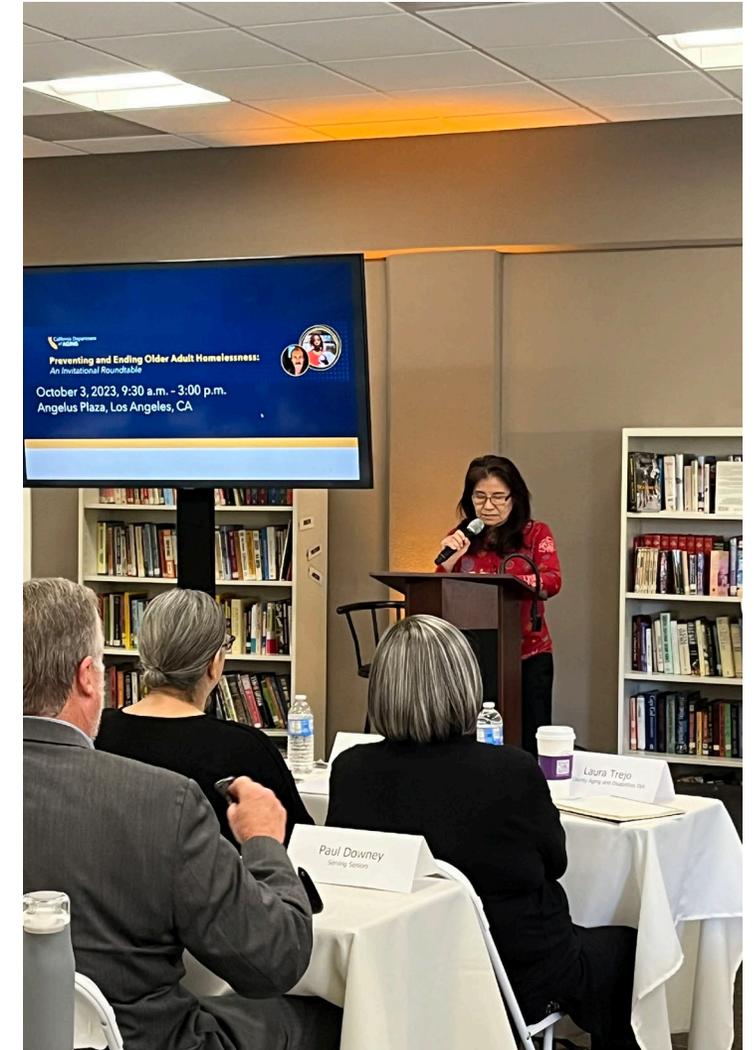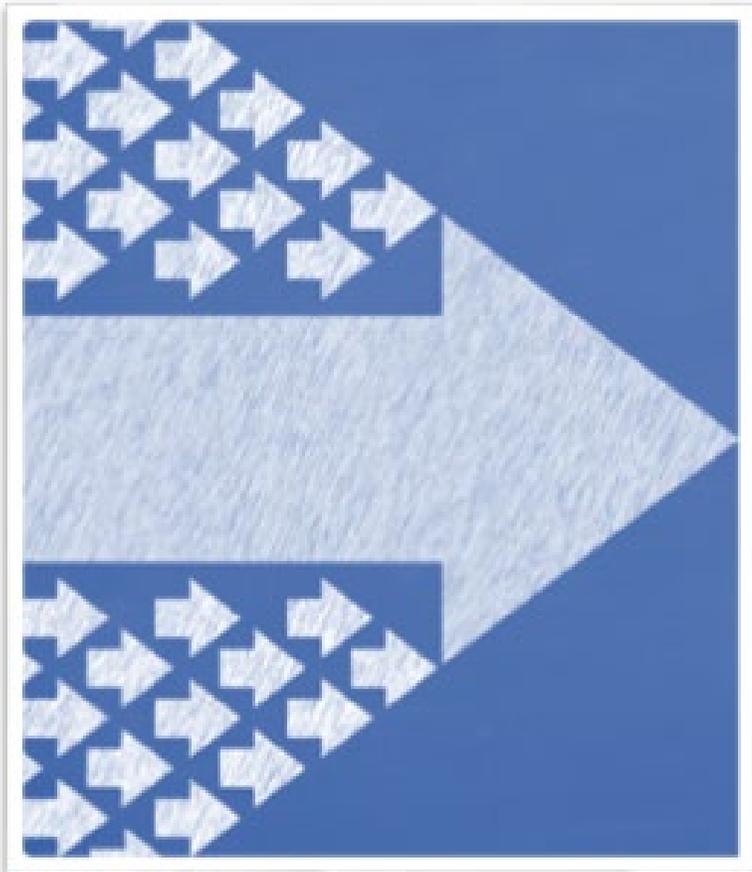
Thank you CalICH Members & Public

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Action Plan FY 22-23 Report and Highlights

- Covers activities implemented during FY 22 – 23

- Will be available at https://www.bcsh.ca.gov/calich/action_plan.html

- Highlights some of the most significant activities implemented

- Analyzes progress against the Plan's key measures for defining and assessing progress

- Provides details documenting the progress that agencies and departments have made implementing Action Plan activities

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- Numerous agencies took concrete steps to **ensure that Tribal entities have more equitable access to State funding and to partner with Tribal communities to address capacity challenges**

- CDPH reported that **16 Community Based Organizations across California are implementing the Peer Health Ambassador program**

- Cal ICH developed and released a **Request for Proposal (RFP) for the establishment of a Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB)** and the eleven selected LEAB members will begin onboarding during Q2 of FY 23-24

- As part of the Prison to Employment Initiative, CDCR, in collaboration with Mother Lode Job Center, **implemented a pilot project at Sierra Conservation Center establishing California Workforce Development Board case management services for individuals within one year of release**

- DOR developed a **video series highlighting models across the state where DOR rapidly engages participants on their road to employment**

- CDSS implemented the **Guaranteed Income Pilot focused on populations facing key life transitions that puts them at higher risk for adverse outcomes**: pregnant people; and youth aging out of extended foster care

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ACTION AREA 2
Equitably Addressing the Health, Safety, and Services Needs of Californians Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness

- Cal ICH released **multiple rounds of awards through the Encampment Resolution Funding (ERF) Program**, supporting person-centered, housing-focused approaches to addressing both the needs of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness and the impact of encampments on communities

- Caltrans **updated its policies and trainings to better reflect the department's holistic approach to addressing homelessness and encampments on the state Right of Way**

- Co-Chairs of the Interagency Council issued a letter to city mayors, county supervisors, Continuums of Care leaders, and Public Housing Authority directors **promoting information about state funding programs and encouraging applications from California communities to federal funding opportunities**, including the Special Notice of Funding Opportunity to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness

- BCSH, in partnership with CalOES, CalHHS, DMV, and county government, and in coordination with community-based nonprofits outreach teams, **engaged with people experiencing homelessness at five encampment sites in Los Angeles, connecting people to government documentation, including California ID cards and birth certificates, and government benefits and services**

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- Through the HCD **Homekey program's Round 2, nine sites were acquired and rehabilitated to serve as interim housing projects with a total of 415 new interim units**, bringing the total to 27 interim projects and 1,370 units

- DHCS implemented the **new Behavioral Health Bridge Housing (BHBH) Program, through which 53 counties are receiving over $900 million** to address the immediate housing and treatment needs of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness with serious behavioral health conditions.

- DSH executed a new contract with the Los Angeles Office of Diversion and Reentry for expanded Diversion and Community-Based Restoration services, which will **expand the number of beds in the Los Angeles program from 515 to 1,334 beds over five years**

- DOR has developed **collaborative working relationships throughout the state with county coordinated entry programs, agencies providing emergency shelter and transitional housing**, and other community-based organizations

- Cal OES administered six grant programs, with approximately 165 subrecipients, **providing more than 45,750 nights of shelter and more than 194,000 nights of transitional housing**

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- HCD **produced and made available 886 permanent supportive housing units through the Homekey Round 2 program**, housing 1,152 individuals

- CTCAC continued to provide priority for projects for projects serving people experiencing homelessness and **awards were made that will create 2,080 units for people exiting homelessness**

- Cal ICH continues to include Housing First requirements in the NOFAs and guidance for all Cal ICH-administered grants and is **working to identify the barriers faced in implementing Housing First at both the state and local-levels**

- CDCR's Division of Rehabilitative Programs (DRP) **distributed guidelines that assist the Specialized Treatment for Optimized Programming (STOP) contractors with implementing Housing First requirements**

- HCD facilitated 196 exempt surplus land dispositions and 121 standard surplus land dispositions, resulting so far in a **pipeline of 5,656 total proposed housing units, of which 3,753 (approximately 67%) will be affordable to households at 80 percent area median income or below**

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- DHCS launched the PATH Round 2 application which provides **support for CDCR and County agencies to develop and implement new processes in support of the Inmate Pre-Release Application Mandate** and PATH Justice Involved Round 3 applications were due on July 31, 2023

- CDCR strengthened the pre-release process such that the **Division of Adult Parole Operations (DAPO) Community Transition Program now provides housing referrals to the Specialized Treatment for Optimized Programming (STOP) network**

- CDA continues to engage ADRC and Area Agency on Aging partners to **identify promising approaches for helping older adults and people with disabilities access the information they need** to make informed choices about their long-term services and supports needs

- In FY 22-23, DSH activated **35 Early Access and Stabilization Services (EASS) programs during the course of the year, and a total of 1,440 Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST) patients were served** by the program during that time

- CWDB's **Prison to Employment (P2E) 2.0 program launched near the end of FY 22-23** and WWDB is working with external evaluators, to ensure adequate data collection and analysis

- DOR is **piloting an employment services program in one Central Valley prison where DOR counselors are working with 79 individuals with disabilities** prior to exiting the prison system

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Timeline for Developing Next Plan (AP '24)

Q1 + Q2 (FY 23-24)	• High-level discussions about vision, structure, and goals • Identifying stakeholders to provide input, including Tribal engagement and planning discussions with member agencies and departments • Initial discussions with Council and Advisory Committee
Q3	• Finalize structure • Present draft goals to the Council • Conduct public input • Discussions with member agencies and departments on activities
Q4	• Finalize Plan content and department commitments • Incorporate public input • Develop dissemination strategy
Sept 2024	• Propose new Action Plan to Council for adoption

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Input Discussions with Council Members, Staff and Advisory Committee

- Three discussions held with Council Members and their staff in November 2023

- Discussion held with Advisory Committee at their November 2023 meeting

- Questions focused on hopes and visions for AP '24

- Memo provided in Meeting materials that summarizes the discussions and input provided

Action Plan '24 Feedback

Ambitions	• Department/Agency cultural shift • Clarity • Acknowledgement of the continuum of people that are experiencing homelessness
Overarching Vision	• Viewing the work through the recipient's perspective • Measuring the collective progress of the Council • Shift from focus on 'what we have' to a commitment to 'what we should accomplish' • Learning from and listening to what works and does not work during program implementation

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Action Plan '24 Feedback Cont.

Equity and Justice	• Reimagining how services and resources are delivered • Departments looking at their policies with an equity frame • Understanding the data to provide guidance to local communities • Highlight structural/systemic barriers to access • How is the State holding itself accountable to its commitment to racial equity • Inclusion of Tribal Nations and communities • Metrics • Measuring the level of engagement each department has with their lived experience boards; • Metrics related to disparities

Action Plan '24 Feedback Cont.

Types of Goals	• Moving to outcome measures for departments that are person-centered • Measuring the collective progress of the Council; • Prioritize which to work on first (short-term vs. long-term) • Prevention
Information Useful for Local Partners	• Match services funding to housing funding • Housing First guidance • What to expect from the State and what not to expect

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Action Plan '24 Feedback Cont.

Miscellaneous	• Reimagining how services and resources are delivered • Departments looking at their policies with an equity frame • Understanding the data to provide guidance to local communities • Working with the Advisory Committee to create goals and high-level metrics • Using Working Groups to find a common language/definitions • Identifying tangible quantitative metrics to strengthen the Action Plan

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Input from Councilmembers and Staff

Given the ambitious vision Councilmembers are striving to embrace for AP '24 this year's planning activities and strategy development will need to be fundamentally different than has been true for the original Action Plan and its updates.

To do this Council members, agencies, and departments will need to:

- Move beyond identifying activities and programs they are already implementing; and

- Be willing to identify and commit to new strategies and activities that embrace the vision for the Plan, have measurable impacts, and will help achieve the Goals identified for the Plan

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Discussion Questions

- How can the Council as a whole best execute on its more ambitious vision for AP '24 in its planning efforts and in its actions?

- How will your department or agency identify new, more purposeful strategies that go beyond programs or activities that are already being implemented?

- What supports do Council member departments and agencies need to be able to identify and commit to new, bolder strategies and activities, that extend beyond current efforts and programs?

Follow-Up Requests

1. Identify the staff person(s) who will be most deeply engaged with Cal ICH to implement this more ambitious planning effort

2. Identify stakeholder groups that their agency or department can engage in input processes, through existing structures or through new engagement processes

Next Steps

As the next steps in the development of AP '24, Cal ICH staff will…

- Incorporate Council feedback into a proposed structure for plan

- Introduce process and get feedback from LEAB

- Discuss possible plan goals with Advisory Committee

- Bring proposed structure and goals to next Council meeting for dicussion

VIII. Public Comment

- If joining by Zoom, click the "raise hand icon"
- If connected by phone, press "*9" to indicate that you would like to comment

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IX. Final Remarks and Adjournment

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