



State of California  
**BUSINESS, CONSUMER SERVICES AND HOUSING AGENCY**



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# **CALIFORNIA**

## **HOMELESS COORDINATING AND FINANCING COUNCIL**

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**Council Meeting**  
September 22, 2021

# Agenda for Today

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- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Adoption of June 17, 2021 Meeting Summary
- III. Presentation on Serving Youth Experiencing Homelessness
- IV. Legislative Report
- V. HCFC Action Plan and Working Group Updates
- VI. Department and Federal Partner Updates
- VII. HCFC Updates
- VIII. Future Meeting Agendas
- IX. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda
- X. Adjournment

# **Item II. Adoption of June 17, 2021 Meeting Summary**

## Item III.

# Lessons Learned: How Schools and Continuums of Care Work Together to Serve Youth Experiencing Homelessness

- Presentation from Sonoma County CoC and Office of Education

## Item IV. Legislative Report

- Overview of current legislative bills on homelessness

## Homelessness Legislation

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- The 2021 legislative session is coming to an end
- September 10<sup>th</sup> was the last day for bills to pass out of the Legislature
- The Governor has until October 10<sup>th</sup> to sign or veto all bills
- Two-year bills may be revived in January

## AB 1220 (Luz Rivas): California Interagency Council on Homelessness

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- Renames HCFC the California Interagency Council on Homelessness or the CAICH
- Adds the Secretary of the Health and Human Services Agency as co-chair of the council, alongside the Secretary of BCSH
- Adds five departments to the Council's membership, including Public Health, Aging, Rehabilitation, State Hospitals, and the Workforce Development Board

## AB 1220 (Luz Rivas): California Interagency Council on Homelessness

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- Raises the level of council membership to directors and secretaries
- Moves non-state government members off the council to an advisory committee along with additional stakeholders and those with lived experience
- Advisory committee must meet with the Council no less than twice a year
- Mandates that state agencies or departments that administer state homelessness programs participate in council workgroups and provide the council relevant information regarding their programs
- Removes Housing First exemption for emergency shelters



## AB 977 (Gabriel): Homelessness Program Data Reporting: HMIS

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- AB 977 requires that specified homelessness services programs report client data into HMIS, as a condition of receiving state funds, beginning on January 1, 2023
- These provisions will also apply to any new state-funded homelessness programs
- Any new programs or new grantees of existing programs may be granted one year from program launch to come into full compliance with the provisions of this bill
- Bill ensures technical assistance is available for any programs that request it

## AB 977 (Gabriel): Homelessness Program Data Reporting: HMIS

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- Requires programs report data elements into HMIS that align with HUD federal reporting requirements
- Requires CoCs to continue to share their HMIS data with council staff, ensuring that the HDIS will continue to be populated with complete, accurate data, even if the Council is not providing direct funding to the CoCs
- Lastly, bill requires that council staff collect, compile, and report out on fiscal data for all state-funded homelessness programs

## **AB 27 (Luz Rivas): Homeless Children and Youths and Unaccompanied Youths: Reporting**

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- This bill requires the CDE to develop best practices and a model housing questionnaire to identify all homeless children and youth
- Requires LEAs to administer this, or a similar, housing questionnaire to identify all homeless children and youths and unaccompanied youth enrolled in school, annually report this data to CDE, and post the contact information of their local homeless liaison on their website
- Subject to an appropriation, CDE will award grant funding to create 3 regional TA centers related to homeless and unaccompanied youth in the state

## AB 46 (Luz Rivas): California Youth Empowerment Act

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- Establishes the California Youth Empowerment Commission in state government consisting of 13 voting commissioners between 14 and 25 years of age
- Purpose is to provide meaningful opportunities for civic engagement to improve the quality of life for California's disconnected and disadvantaged youth
- Requires the commission to meet regularly and formally advise and make recommendations to the Legislature, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the Governor, on various legislative and fiscal issues affecting youth, including youth homelessness.

## AB 546 (Maienschein): Dependent Children: Documents: Housing

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- This bill will help ensure foster youth are not terminated from care into homelessness
- Requires CWDs to include in their final reports (prior to terminating dependency) whether housing referrals or housing assistance have successfully helped the youth secure stable housing, and if not, what additional services will be provided to prevent the youth from becoming homeless

## AB 362 (Quirk-Silva): Homeless Shelters: Safety Regulations

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- Requires that a city or county that receives a complaint from an occupant of a homeless shelter inspect that shelter and advise the operator of any violations and the necessary actions to resolve them
- Operators are given 30 days to correct any violations
- Operators that are noncompliant shall be ineligible to receive any one-time state funding, including HHAP
- Each city and county must report violation information annually to HCD and BCSH

## **Item VI.**

# **HCFC Action Plan and Working Group Updates**

- Status update
- Accountability and coordination of State funding

## Action Plan Report Progress

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### Collection of FY 20-21 Activity Updates

- 58 activities with timeframes in FY 20-21 reporting period
- Updates received from all 13 reporting departments



### Draft Report

- Includes high-level summary of FY 20-21 progress, baseline data analyses from PIT and HDIS, and summarized reporting for all 58 activities
- Draft will be sent to Council before November meeting for review and approval



## Housing First Update and Next Steps

Month	Activity
September	<b>Prep</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop collection process</li> </ul>
October	<b>Outreach</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirm Homelessness Programs</li> <li>• Request previous Housing First checklists</li> </ul>
October-November	<b>Research</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow up for compliance with previous Housing First recommendations</li> </ul>
November 3 Council Meeting	<b>Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress Report</li> <li>• Final list of Housing First programs</li> <li>• 2022 Housing First Checklist collection process</li> </ul>

## Working Groups Update

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State  
Funding &  
Programs

Working Group 1

Racial Equity

Working Group 2

Youth &  
Young  
Adults

Working Group 3

Employment

Working Group 4

Re-entry /  
Transitions

Working Group 5

## State Funding and Programs Working Group

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### Priorities:

- Set outcome targets and document impact of State funding
- Align new funding and program requirements
- Enhance access to funding for marginalized communities
- Uplift expertise of those with lived experience in programs

### Reporting to Council:

- Twice a year at least, or by Council request
- Regular progress updates
- Discussion and decisions brought by Working Group



# State Funding and Programs Working Group

First Meeting: October 5, 2021

## Working Group Participating Departments

California Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC)	California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)
California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)	California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet)
California Department of Social Services (CDSS)	California Department of Education (CDE)
California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)	California Housing Finance Agency (HFA)
California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES)	California Department of Public Health (CDPH)
California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR)	California Department of Aging (CDA)
California Community Colleges (CCC)	

## **Item V.**

# **Department and Federal Partner Updates**

- Program funding and/or program deadlines
- Trailer Bill Language overview

## Item VII. HCFC Updates

## **Item VIII.**

# **Future Meeting Agendas**

- Discussion of matters not on the agenda for consideration at future meetings

# Item IX. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda



# Item X. Adjournment

# Contact Information

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