



State of California
BUSINESS, CONSUMER SERVICES AND HOUSING AGENCY



California Interagency Council on Homelessness

Advisory Committee Meeting

February 6, 2023

Agenda

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Consent Calendar
- III. Committee Structure and Logistics
- IV. Action Plan for Preventing and Ending Homelessness – Local-Level Implementation
- V. General Public Comments
- VI. Final Remarks and Adjournment



I. Call to Order and Roll Call

II. Consent Calendar

- Adoption of the Meeting Summary from the October 17, 2022 Advisory Committee Welcome Meeting

Public Comment on Agenda Item II Consent Calendar

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III. Committee Structure and Logistics

- Discussion about process for developing Advisory Committee charter

Advisory Committee Statute

WIC Section 8257

(d) The council shall regularly **seek guidance** from and, **at least twice a year**, meet with an advisory committee. The cochairs of the council shall appoint **members** to this advisory committee that reflects racial and gender diversity, and shall include the following:

- (1) A survivor of gender-based violence who formerly experienced homelessness.
- (2) Representatives of local agencies or organizations that participate in the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's Continuum of Care Program.
- (3) Stakeholders with expertise in solutions to homelessness and best practices from other states.
- (4) Representatives of committees on African Americans, youth, and survivors of gender-based violence.
- (5) A current or formerly homeless person who lives in California.
- (6) A current or formerly homeless youth who lives in California.
- (7) This advisory committee shall designate one of the above-described members to participate in every quarterly council meeting to provide a report to the council on advisory committee activities.

Advisory Committee Roles

- Aligned with the **roles of the Interagency Council**
- Council is focused on **strengthening interagency activities and coordination** in order to expand the impact of all State programs, resources, and strategies
- Interagency Council does **not have oversight authority over member agencies' or departments' programs** or funding

Elements of a Committee Charter

- **Committee purpose and goals** (as defined by Statute)
- Guiding principles and values
- **Membership** (as defined by Statute)
- Engagement logistics (time commitment, communication, and coordination)
- Committee **connection to Council** and other advisory bodies
- Desired outcomes and accountability (measuring success)
- Addressing conflicts of interest
- Developing feedback and recommendations through a pre-defined decision-making process
- Process for reporting to Council

Question to the Committee

Help us identify gaps:

What else needs to be clarified regarding the role and responsibilities of the Advisory Committee?

➤ Please add your thoughts in the chat.

Facilitator Introduction

Orit Kalman, Senior Mediator/Facilitator

Consensus and Collaboration Program

Dave Ceppos, Director/Managing Senior Mediator

Consensus and Collaboration Program



Committee Discussion

How can we ensure that we are effective in meeting the Advisory Committee role to **provide guidance to the Council?**

- Level of time commitment that appropriately supports the scope of topics discussed
- Engagement opportunities during and between committee meetings

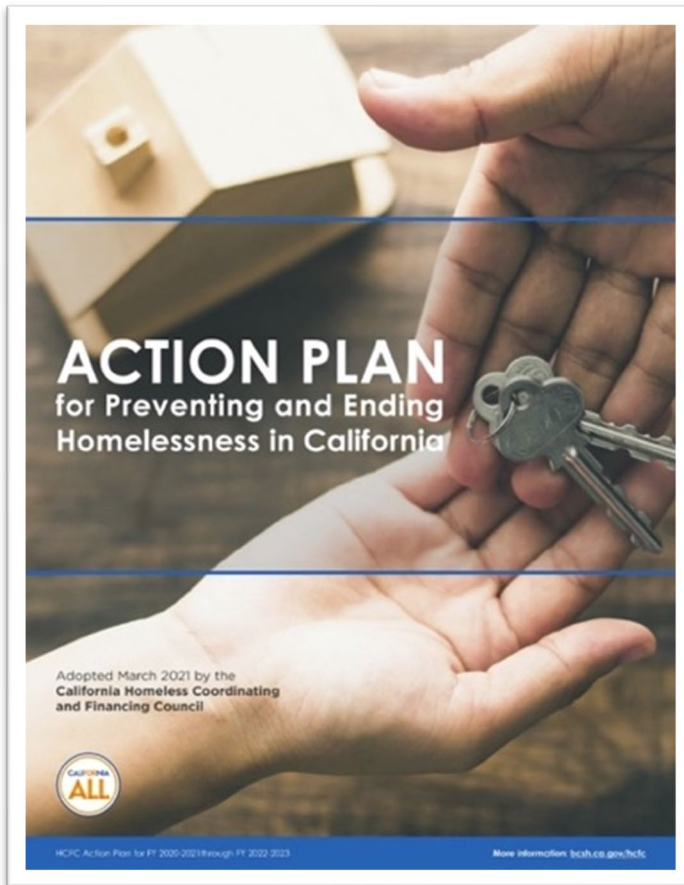
Share in the chat:

- 2-hrs quarterly meetings
- Increase AC meeting time to 3-hrs. to allow sufficient time for dialogue and discussion
- Provide informational materials between meetings so meetings can focus on discussion.

IV. Action Plan for Preventing and Ending Homelessness – Local Level Implementation

- Overview of Action Plan for Preventing and Ending Homelessness in California
- Feedback and opportunities to advance strategies at the local level

Action Plan for Preventing and Ending Homelessness



- Originally adopted March 2021, updated and adopted September 2022
- Comprehensive collection of state activities to address homelessness
- Plan covers FY 20-21 through FY 22-23
 - Reported annually
 - Pending updated version for FY 22-23
- Vision: homelessness is rare, brief, and one-time
 - Increased leadership from the State
 - Purposeful, action-oriented coordination and alignment
 - Stronger, collaborative partnerships

Action Plan Structure

ACTION AREA 1

Strengthening Our Systems to Better Prevent and End Homelessness in California



ACTION AREA 2

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



ACTION AREA 3

Expanding Communities' Capacity to Provide Safe and Effective Sheltering and Interim Housing



ACTION AREA 4

Expanding and Ensuring Equitable Access to Permanent Housing in Our Communities



ACTION AREA 5

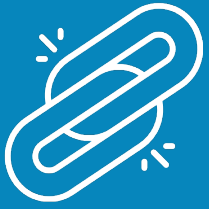
Preventing Californians from Experiencing the Crisis of Homelessness



Committee Discussion on Local Implementation

How are these Objectives or Action Areas being implemented in local communities?

- What are examples of **successful implementation of activities that we can learn from, expand, or refine?**



Action Area 1. Strengthening Our Systems to Better Prevent and End Homelessness in California

Activities focused on pursuing racial equity in response to homelessness and housing instability; engagement and partnership with people with lived expertise from experiences of homelessness; supporting interjurisdictional and regional planning; partnerships to strengthen outcomes related to education, employment, income, and assets; disaster preparedness and response; and communications and public awareness.

► Objective 1

Strengthen **racial equity-focused activities** of State agencies and of local agencies and organizations receiving State funding for homelessness services and housing activities.

► Objective 2

Ensure that State and local planning and decision-making processes are deeply informed and guided by **recommendations from people with lived expertise** from experiences of homelessness.

► Objective 3

Incentivize and support cross-sector, interjurisdictional, and **regional planning, decision-making, and accountability.**





Action Area 1. Strengthening Our Systems to Better Prevent and End Homelessness in California

▶ Objective 4

Improve **access to education and employment services** and opportunities for people at risk of, experiencing, and/or exiting homelessness.

▶ Objective 5

Support California communities to **develop disaster preparedness plans** and public health strategies more inclusive of the needs of people experiencing homelessness.

▶ Objective 6

Increase **public awareness of the State's homelessness strategies**, successes, challenges, and the importance of Housing First approaches, trauma-informed care, and other best practices.





Action Area 2. Equitably Addressing the Health, Safety, and Services Needs of Californians Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness

Activities focused on addressing health and safety needs and increasing access to State-supported services and programs for people who are experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

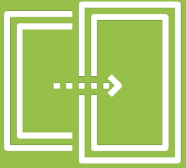
► Objective 7

Support California communities to strengthen outreach efforts and to **address the health and safety needs of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness.**

► Objective 8

Provide equitable access to essential State-supported programs and services, including **health and behavioral health care services, for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness.**





Action Area 3. Expanding Communities' Capacity to Provide Safe and Effective Sheltering and Interim Housing

Activities focused on expanding the supply of safe, housing-placement focused sheltering and interim housing models and addressing health and services needs of people staying within such programs.

► Objective 9

Partner with communities to implement innovative approaches and expand the supply of safe, housing-placement focused, and trauma-informed **sheltering and interim housing models** for Californians experiencing homelessness.

► Objective 10

Expand alignment and engagement of State resources, including health and behavioral health care resources, to **address health and services needs among Californians temporarily staying within sheltering and interim housing** options.



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Action Area 4. Expanding and Ensuring Equitable Access to Permanent Housing in Our Communities

Activities focused on strengthening Housing First approaches and expanding permanent housing opportunities through development strategies, short- and long-term rental assistance, and other rehousing activities.

► Objective 11

Strengthen implementation of Housing First approaches and other best practices in support of **equitably and urgently rehousing people** from shelters, interim housing, and other temporary settings, and from unsheltered homelessness.

► Objective 12

Foster the creation of an **expanded supply of affordable and supportive housing opportunities**, paired with appropriate health and behavioral health care resources, that are accessible and culturally responsive to people exiting homelessness, to people at lowest income levels, and to people from historically marginalized communities.

► Objective 13

Improve access to short-term, longer-term, and flexible forms of **rental assistance** to support racially equitable and successful exits from homelessness, and to support housing development activities.





Action Area 5. Preventing Californians from Experiencing the Crisis of Homelessness

Activities focused on reducing entries into homelessness as people exit and/or receive services through State-funded programs and systems and enhancing communities' capacity to provide targeted homelessness prevention and diversion services and assistance.

▶ Objective 14

Reduce entries into homelessness as people exit and/or receive services **from State-funded settings and systems**, addressing racial inequities within risks of experiencing homelessness, and including a focus on people re-entering communities from jails and prisons, young adults connected to the child welfare and/or juvenile justice systems, and people exiting health care settings and programs.

▶ Objective 15

Enhance communities' capacity to provide **targeted homelessness prevention interventions** and to successfully divert people from entering shelter or experiencing unsheltered homelessness.



Using Jamboard to Provide Input on Local Implementation

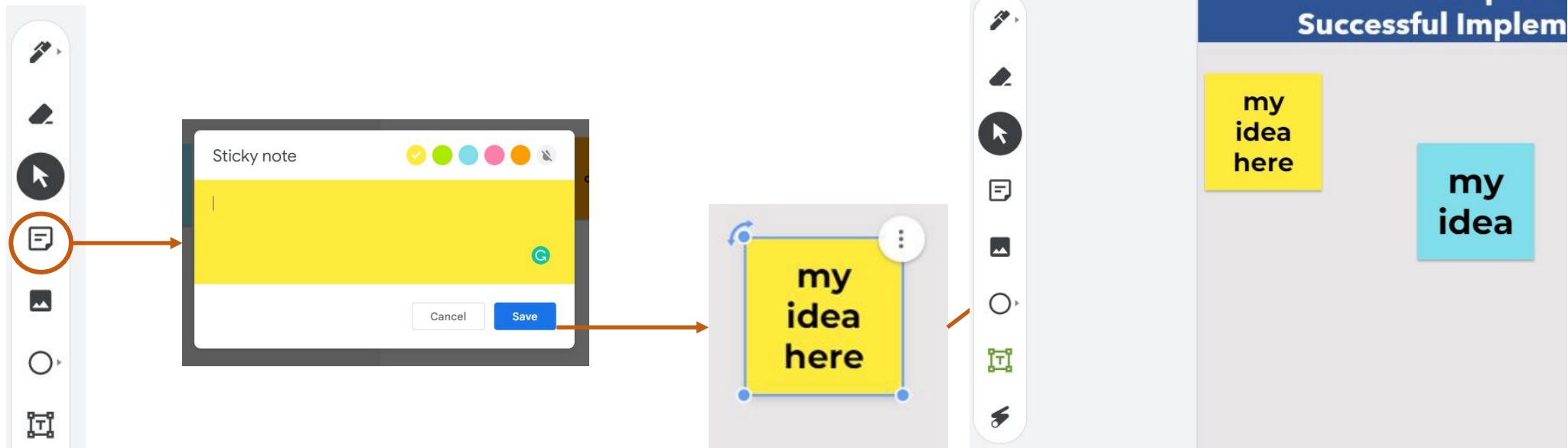
To provide input [8 min]:

- ✓ Use the Jamboard link to directly provide input in the chat, OR
- ✓ Chat Orit with your ideas to get stickie support

STEP I, Get on the right Board



STEP II, Add your idea



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How are these Objectives or Action Areas being implemented in local communities?

- *Jamboard input:* What are examples of **successful implementation of activities that we can learn from, expand, or refine?**

- *Share out and reflection:* What are the **key takeaways we want to share with the Council?**

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