



State of California
BUSINESS, CONSUMER SERVICES AND HOUSING AGENCY



California Interagency Council on Homelessness

Advisory Committee Meeting

May 8, 2023

Agenda

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Consent Calendar
- III. Follow Up from February 27 Council Meeting
- IV. Advisory Committee Charter Update
- V. Advisory Committee Role in Action Plan Update
- VI. General Public Comments
- VII. Final Remarks and Adjournment



I. Call to Order and Roll Call

II. Consent Calendar

- Adoption of the Meeting Summary from the February 6, 2023 Advisory Committee Welcome Meeting

Public Comment on Agenda Item II Consent Calendar

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III. Follow Up from February 27 Council Meeting

- Presentation on Council Member comments and feedback to Action Plan successful implementation and areas for refinement

Council Member Comments

Appreciated input and were interested in Committee members diving deeper into:

- Identifying areas for increased state collaboration
- Identifying appropriate metrics to measure success of collective work
- Opportunities to effectively support local implementation of state programs (e.g. CalAIM)
- Lessons learned about resources and coordination from COVID-19 pandemic programs

IV. Advisory Committee Charter Update

- Presentation on Charter development process, common themes, and draft Charter
- Discussion on Committee needs prior to the adoption of the Charter

Facilitator Introduction

Orit Kalman, *Senior Mediator/Facilitator*
Consensus and Collaboration Program



Advisory Committee Input for Charter Development

CAL ICH Action Plan Guiding Principles and Practices: The seven principles and practices are interconnected and should be addressed as such.

The role of the AC (Purpose & Goals):

1. Advocate for the pursuance of racial equity and justice as the core principle.
2. Elevate diverse lived experience perspectives.
3. Share local perspectives and experiences to inform State-level decisions.
4. Support opportunities for alignment and connection among State and local systems.
5. Leverage member knowledge and expertise to expand collective understanding.
6. Identify and advance approaches that are creative, responsive, and coordinated.
7. Advance shared language related to homelessness.

In Relationship to the Council:

1. Support a state roadmap - Advise on what works throughout the state when making policies and changes.
2. Reciprocity and feedback loop - Engage in a two-way conversation with the Council and clarify how guidance is incorporated into state policy.
3. Learn about what the state is doing.
4. Report to the Council about the areas of consensus and diverging perspectives.

Principles to Support Engagement

1. Be honest, transparent, and present
2. Support safe space
3. Uphold a respectful dialogue
4. Intentionally empower and incorporate lived experience perspectives
5. Anchor conversations with the shared purpose of providing guidance to the Council
6. Think innovatively and welcome new ideas



For AC Discussion:

- What else needs to be explicitly identified to support the work of the AC?
- How do we act on these principles?

Deliberations and Decision-Making Process

Assumptions for Equitable Decision Making: Every decision point serves as an opportunity to examine and act in an equitable and inclusive manner.

Proposed Steps for Deliberation:

1. Pose open-ended questions and solicit all points of view.
2. Share all relevant information with members and the public.
3. Explain the reasons behind one's statements, questions, and actions. Be specific and use examples. Invite questions and comments.
4. Jointly test assumptions and inferences.
5. Disagree openly with any member of the group without being "disagreeable." Silence does not always mean consent.
6. Identify areas of consensus and where there are divergent views.
7. Use the Gradient of Agreement (below) to identify areas for further discussion and track differing opinions.
8. Record areas of consensus and differing opinions to share with the Council.



For AC Discussion: Additional comments and suggestions for clarification.

Gradient of Agreement

1	2	3	4	5
I do not support.	I need revisions to support.	I can support this with additional information.	I am mostly satisfied with this and will support it.	I strongly support this.

For AC Discussion:



The Gradient of Agreement was identified as a tool to help identify areas of consensus and diverging perspectives. Would you like to use this as needed? Are there other tools/methods to consider?

Time Commitment and Engagement on the AC

Term: Staggered two-year membership with possibility to be reappointed by co-chairs .

Engagement:

- Quarterly 2-hrs. meeting as scheduled.
- Official subcommittees, asynchronous work, and information sharing outside of meetings as needed to address specific topics.



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Next Steps for Finalizing the Charter

- Cal ICH staff make any edits suggested
- Send to Advisory Committee members for their signature indicating their commitment to the guidance laid out in charter
- Once finalized, share charter with Council for their awareness

V. Advisory Committee Role in Action Plan Update

- Presentation on progress of updating the Action Plan for Preventing and Ending Homelessness and upcoming changes
- Discussion on effectively gathering input from the Advisory Committee in the Action Plan
- Reflection of discussion: Items to report to the Council

Action Plan Update Process and Timeline

- **March through May 2023:** Input discussions with Council agencies and departments, external stakeholders, people with lived expertise, Tribal entities, virtual public input sessions
- **May 2023:** Discussion with full Council and public comments at May 31 Council meeting
- **June 2023:** Finalize vast majority of Activities and other content Agencies/Departments need for beginning of FY.
- **July to August 2023:** Update other parts of Plan document, revise or supplement Activities based upon final budget and any legislation that has been signed, as needed
- **September 2023:** Updated Action Plan discussed and adopted at September 7 Council meeting.



Key Themes from Public Input:

- **Coordination and performance measurement** across all levels of government
- Institutional commitment through **ongoing and flexible funding**, prioritizing long-term subsidies and rental assistance
- Services for **youth experiencing homelessness**, including students K-12
- Services for **survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking**
- **Mental and behavioral health** services
- Services for **undocumented individuals**
- **Harm Reduction** and **Housing First** education
- **Interdisciplinary outreach** and **technical assistance** for providers
- Commitment to **housing as a human right/tenant bill of rights** frameworks
- Utilization of **public land/vacant commercial space** for housing

Advisory Committee Input

Given feedback from the Council, the public input sessions, and the input from Committee members on topics they wanted to pursue, we are seeking your guidance on how the State can further strengthen its efforts and impact in two areas:

1. Implementation of funding and programs
2. Performance measurement

Start discussions today, identify members to work together off-line to further formalize guidance to provide to Council.

From Committee Discussions to Impact



1. Implementation of Funding & Programs

How could the State better align funding and/or coordinate across programs to improve their collective impact?

- Examples: aligning guidance or messaging
- How could the State streamline or improve access to funding?
- Other ways the State could strengthen impact of funding and programs?

**Are you interested in working outside this meeting to further develop related guidance and recommendations for the Council?
If so, please respond in chat.**

Using Jamboard to Provide Input on Local Implementation

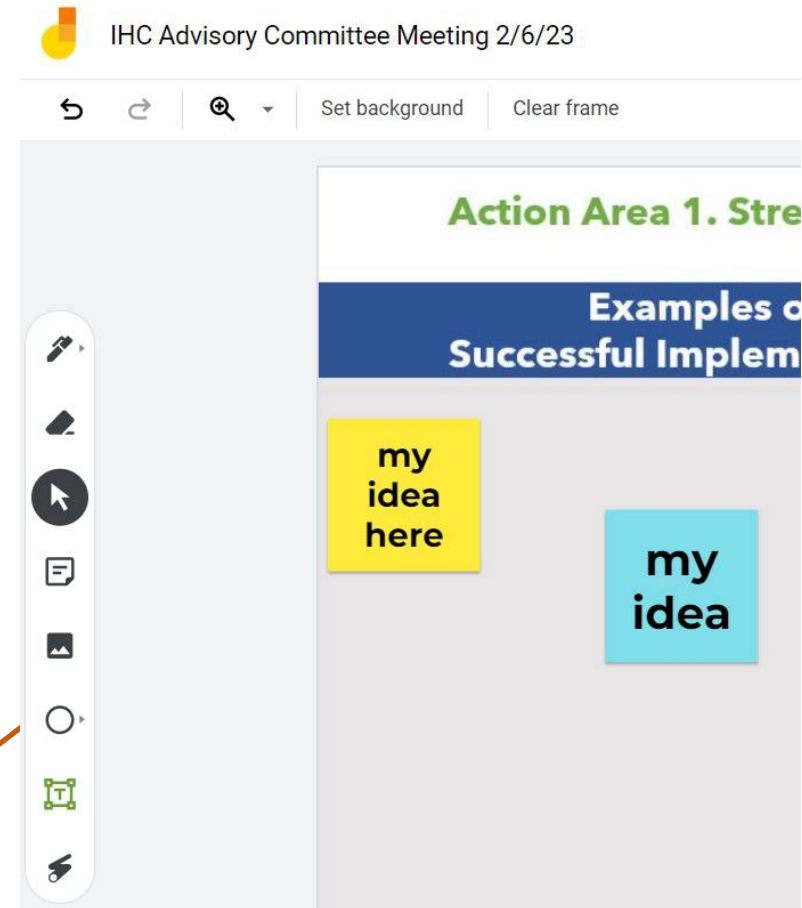
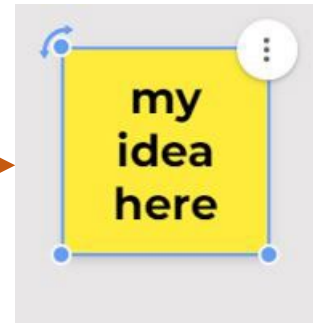
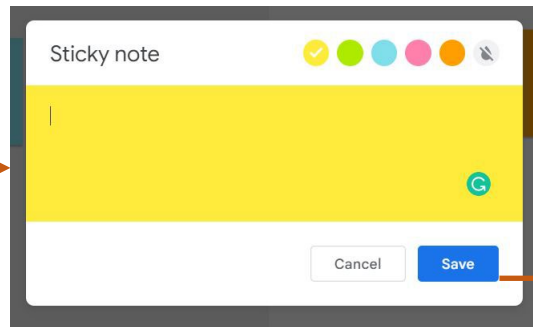
To provide input [8 min]:

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

STEP I, Get on the right Board



STEP II, Add your idea



2. Performance Measurement

How can the State best assess its progress on the commitments it has made in the Action Plan?

- What other measures should we look to in order to assess progress in each of the five action Areas?
- Are there measures the State should be using to assess overall progress?
- Other ideas for strengthening State-level performance measurement?

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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

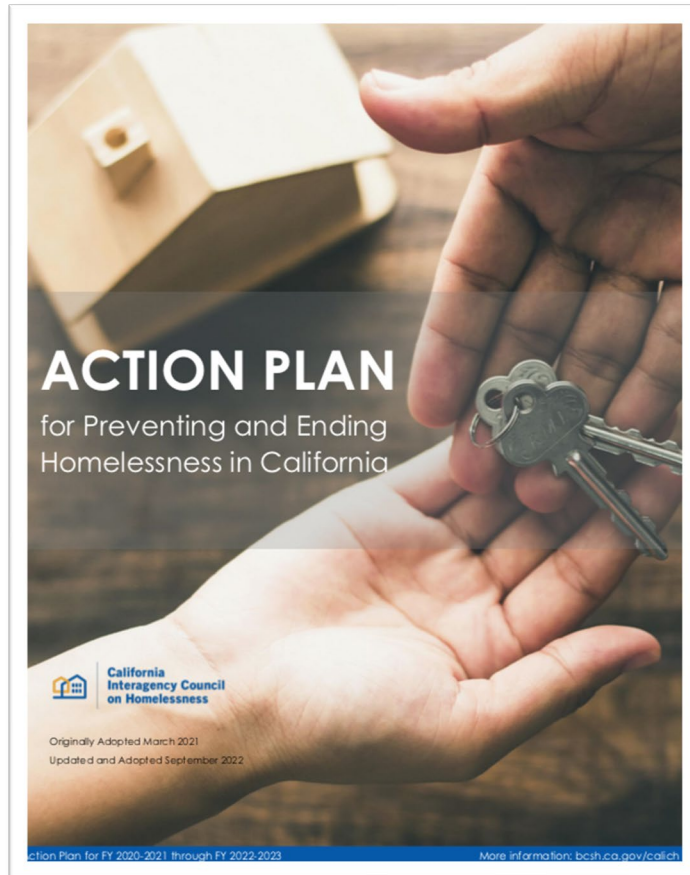


ACTION AREA 5

Preventing Californians from Experiencing the Crisis of Homelessness



Action Plan & Progress Report Measures



The number of **Californians experiencing sheltered and unsheltered homelessness at a point in time**, including Veterans, people experiencing chronic homelessness, families with children, adults, and unaccompanied youth. **(Action Areas 3 and 4)**

The number of **Continuums of Care in California reporting increases versus decreases** in the number of people experiencing sheltered and unsheltered homelessness within Point-in-Time counts. **(Action Areas 3 and 4)**

The number of **people spending time in emergency shelter and transitional housing in California annually**, including Veterans, people experiencing chronic homelessness, families with children, adults, and unaccompanied youth. **(Action Area 3)**

Action Plan and Progress Report Measures

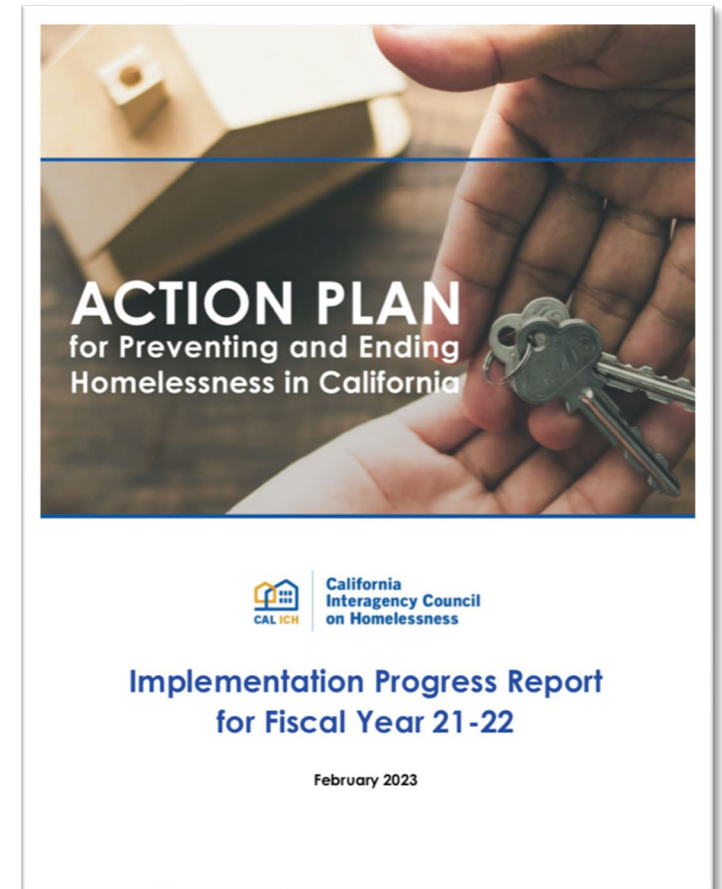
The number of **Californians experiencing homelessness for the first time each year.** (*Action Area 5*)

The number of **Californians successfully exiting homelessness each year.** (*Action Area 4*)

The number of **Californians returning to homelessness each year.** (*Action Area 5*)

The number of **children and youth experiencing homelessness at some point during the school year in California**, including students in families and unaccompanied students. (*Action Area 4*)

Comparison of **California's performance across these measures and data points to national and regional trends.** (*Action Area 1*)



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Next Steps

- Cal ICH staff update Council on questions posed to Advisory Committee at May 31 meeting and plan for creating more formal guidance
- Follow up with Committee members interested in working on specific questions to help facilitate creation of formal guidance
- Advisory Committee members discuss guidance at August Committee meeting
- Advisory Committee members present guidance to Council at September meeting

VI. General Public Comment

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VII. Final Remarks and Adjournment

- Next Advisory Committee meeting: August 14, 2023 at 1:00pm

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