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BUSINESS, CONSUMER SERVICES AND HOUSING AGENCY



California Interagency Council on Homelessness

Council Meeting

May 31, 2023

Agenda

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Council Co-Chair Opening Remarks
- III. Cal ICH Executive Officer Introduction
- IV. Consent Calendar
- V. May Budget Revision Proposed Homelessness Investments
- VI. Update to the Action Plan for Preventing and Ending Homelessness
- VII. USICH Federal Update
- VIII. General Public Comments
- IX. Final Remarks and Adjournment

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II. Council Co-Chair Opening Remarks

III. Cal ICH Executive Officer Introduction

- Introduction to *Meghan Marshall*, newly appointed Executive Officer of the California Interagency Council on Homelessness

IV. Consent Calendar

- Adoption of the Meeting Summary from the February 27, 2023 Council Meeting

Public Comment on Agenda Item IV

Consent Calendar

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Council Member Vote

Shall items on the Consent Calendar be approved?

- Adoption of the Meeting Summary from the February 27, 2023 Council Meeting

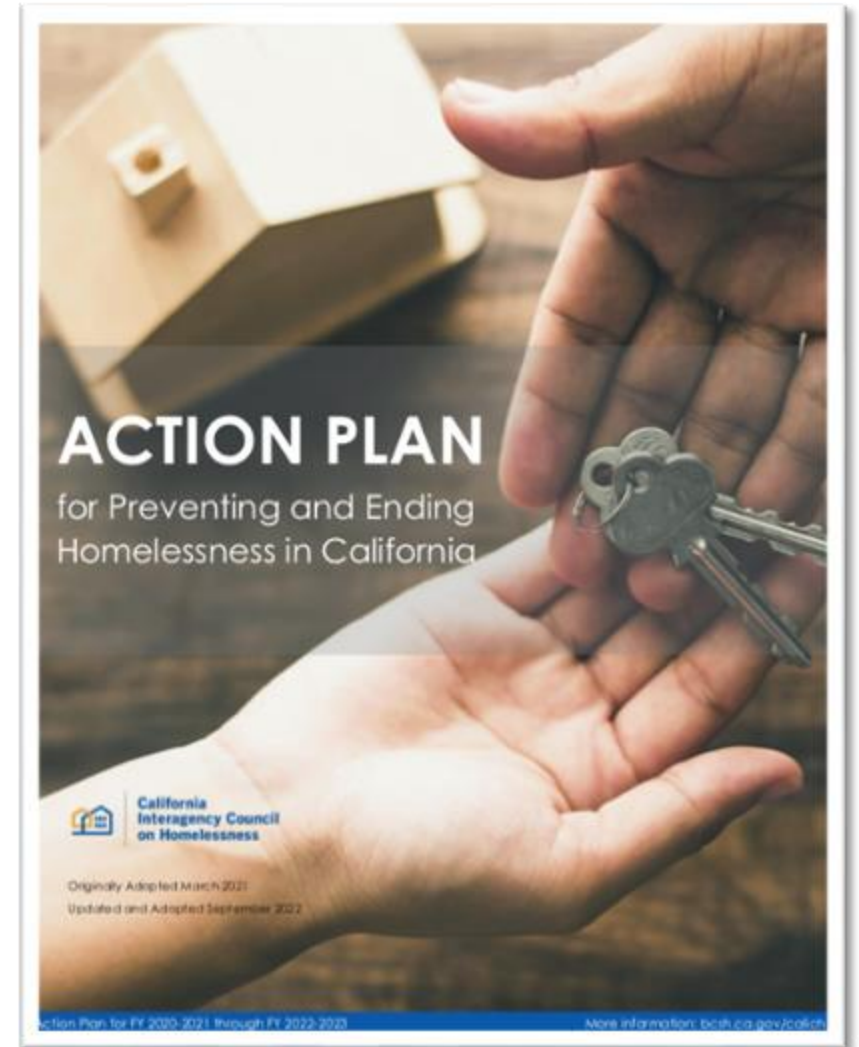
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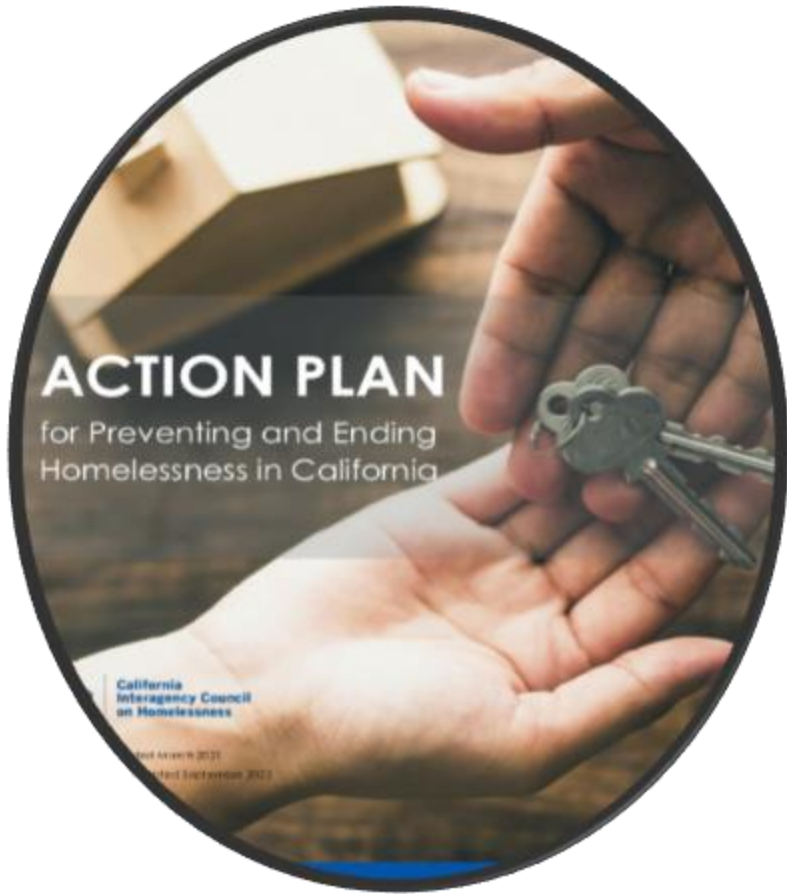
- Progress on updating the Action Plan
- Summary of stakeholder input
- Discussion strengthening Action Plan based on input
- Next steps

Action Plan Overview

- Original Plan adopted in **March 2021**, updated Plan adopted in **September 2022**
- Focused on a **vision for the Council and the State's work** to prevent and end homelessness that features:
 - **Increased leadership from the State** for identifying and supporting short-term and long-term solutions;
 - **Purposeful, action-oriented coordination** and alignment across State agencies and programs; and
 - **Stronger, collaborative partnerships** with public and private partners in communities.



Action Plan Overview



- The Action Plan captures **State agency and department activities** to drive progress on preventing and ending homelessness in California
- Activities include implementation of State funding and programs, provision of guidance and technical assistance, and other efforts that will **support and strengthen homelessness response systems in local communities**
- Plan is **not intended to dictate or direct local activities or to replace local strategic plans, but can serve as an example and support local efforts**

Activities in Current Plan

- **More than 150 Activities** aligned with the Plan's Action Areas and Objectives, **planned for implementation in FY 22-23**, some of which will continue into future FYs
- **More than 80 new Activities were added during last update**, including those from departments newly added to the Council in 2022, including **significant expansion of Activities addressing:**
 - Intersections of **public health, physical and behavioral health care, and homelessness and housing** strategies and resources
 - **Prevention of experiences of homelessness** as people exit and/or receive services from State-funded settings and systems

Updating the Action Plan

- **Updating current Activities** to reflect implementation status for FY 23-24
- **Adding a more comprehensive range of Activities** for FY 23-24
- **Adjusting Objectives** to reflect updated and expanded Activities, as needed
- Refining and making current **all other Plan content**



Update Timeline

March - 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 Activities and other content Agencies/Departments need for beginning of the FY.

July to August 2023: Update other parts of Plan, revise or supplement Activities based upon final budget and any legislation that has been signed, as needed.

September 2023: Updated Action Plan discussed and proposed for adoption at September 7 Council meeting.



Advisory Committee Feedback

Advisory Committee was asked to brainstorm the following questions:

1. How could the State better align funding and/or coordinate across programs to improve their collective impact?
2. How can the State best assess its progress on the commitments made in the Action Plan?

Provided feedback as a group during the meeting. Plan to meet in smaller groups to refine feedback to provide to Council at meeting in September 2023.

Public Input Sessions

Nearly 200 people engaged in feedback from across the state, representing multiple sectors and disciplines

- Virtual public input sessions in April and May
- Tribal listening sessions and feedback survey
- Meetings with Lived Experience Advisory Boards and Young Adult Boards
- Additional stakeholder input

Key Themes from Public Input

- A consistent focus on addressing racial disparities in homelessness within State programs, including a focus on the specific needs of Tribal communities.
- Earnest inclusion of people with lived experience in State-level decision-making processes, program design and implementation, and communication strategies.
- Interest in the State engaging in expanded communications and educational efforts to help support effective solutions in local communities.
- Guidance and support to align housing strategies with health and behavioral health strategies to reach vulnerable populations and increase impact.
- Streamlining requirements and processes to help address the administrative challenges communities are facing, including policies, reporting requirements and data metrics, across all State homelessness and housing funding and programs.

Key Themes from Tribal Input

- Tribal Communities have unique needs, more barriers, and fewer resources for addressing homelessness.
- Rebuilding relationships with Tribal Communities must include improved respectful, timely, and effective outreach and individualized supports.
- Tribes need greater experience building capacity, and would like streamlined, coordinated, culturally responsive State supports to assist them in accessing State funding streams.
- State funding streams that group Tribes with CoCs and counties, instead of providing tribal-specific opportunities, are not accessible.

Overarching Feedback

Stakeholders report that they perceive a need for:

- **Purposeful and visible coordination** and collaboration across State departments and agencies;
- **Robust and wide-reaching communication** to help communities understand how to align the many different programs and efforts being implemented independently by State departments and agencies; and
- **Clear leadership from the State to support local community efforts and partnerships**, including with Tribal communities, to help make the most progress they can.

Areas to Strengthen the Action Plan

Based on feedback, four areas in which Council members should consider strengthening the Action Plan:

- 1. Interagency coordination and collaboration** (*Action Area 1*)
- 2. Racial equity and tribal engagement**
(*Action Area 1, Objective 1*)
- 3. Inclusion of people with lived expertise** in policy making and program design (*Action Area 1, Objective 2*)
- 4. Communications and public awareness** (*Action Area 1, Objective 6*)

Recommend adding new or expanded Activities, identifying strategies for measuring progress, requesting further input from Working Groups or the Advisory Committee, or other mechanisms.

Discussion 1: Interagency Coordination and Collaboration

Please share relevant examples of coordination and collaboration across State agencies and departments.

Can you identify any opportunities for expanded coordination and collaboration that could be reflected in the Action Plan?

Discussion 2: Racial Equity and Tribal Engagement

**Please share
relevant activities
involving racial equity
and tribal engagement.**

**Can you identify any
opportunities for
strengthened racial
equity and tribal
engagement that could
be reflected in the Action
Plan?**

Discussion 3: Inclusion of People with Lived Expertise

**Please share
relevant activities around
utilizing guidance from
people with lived
experience.**

**Can you identify any
opportunities for
guidance from people
with lived experience
that could be reflected in
the Action Plan?**

Discussion 4: Communications and Public Awareness

Please share relevant examples of increased communications and public awareness.

Can you identify any opportunities for additional communications and public awareness that could be reflected in the Action Plan?

Next Steps

- Cal ICH staff follow up with Council member staff regarding Council member discussion and ways they can strengthen work in the four discussion areas.
- Finalize most Activities by beginning of FY, refine further in July and August, as needed.
- Refine and update other elements of Plan's content.
- Work with Advisory Committee on their guidance.
- Bring updated Action Plan to Council for discussion and approval at September Council meeting.

VII. USICH Federal Update

Federal Update



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Helene Schneider, Senior Regional Advisor



Expiring Federal Provisions that May Impact Homelessness

Funding, Flexibilities & Waivers
Expire with COVID Public Health
Emergency
tool



Targeted Federal Homeless Funding: President Biden's FY 2024 Proposed Budget

- **\$3B to build on the eviction prevention infrastructure**
- **\$3.7B – an increase of \$116M – for homeless assistance grants.**
- **\$505M for HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS)**
- **\$32.7B– an increase of \$2.4B – to maintain services for all currently assisted families and expand to additional 50K households**
- **\$28B to expand the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC)**
- **\$7.5B for new project-based rental assistance contracts**
- **\$1.8B for HOME Investment Partnerships Program**



Targeted Federal Homeless Funding: President Biden's FY 2024 Proposed Budget

**A newly created housing voucher guarantee
for Youth aging out of foster care and
extremely low-income
Veterans.**



Addressing Unsheltered Homelessness



West LA VAMC
Ribbon Cutting:
May 2, 2023



VA Secretary McDonough



Cal ICH Mobile Homeless Connect: May 2, 2023 at
the LA Grand Hotel

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IX. Final Remarks and Adjournment

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