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California Interagency Council on Homelessness

Advisory Committee Meeting

August 22, 2024

Agenda

- I. Call to Order, Tribal Land Acknowledgement, and Roll Call
- II. Consent Calendar
- III. Executive Officer Updates
- IV. Action Plan Core Elements Overview Action Plan
- V. State Funding and Programs Work Group Project Overview
- VI. General Public Comments
- VII. Final Remarks and Adjournment

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

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.

Committee Member Roll Call

- Please say "here" or "present"

II. Consent Calendar

- Adoption of the Meeting Summary from the May 21, 2024, Advisory Committee Meeting

Public Comment, Agenda Item II

Consent Calendar

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Council Member Vote

- Shall items on the Consent Calendar be approved?
- Adoption of the Meeting Summary from the May 21, 2024 Committee Meeting

III. Executive Officer Updates

IV. Action Plan Core Elements Overview

Vision

An equitable and just California in which homelessness is rare, brief, and never more than a one-time experience.

Guiding Principles and Commitments

- Pursuing racial equity and justice
- Creating solutions for the full diversity of people experiencing homelessness
- Seeking and valuing the expertise of people with lived experiences of homelessness
- Strengthening Housing First approaches
- Balancing crisis response and permanent housing solutions
- Advancing trauma-informed care and person-centered services
- Aligning health, housing, and homelessness strategies
- Increasing access to resources for California's Tribal communities

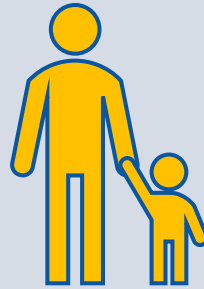
Goals: What Data is in HDIS?

PROJECTS



Data about the **projects** in a community serving people at-risk of or experiencing homelessness

PEOPLE



Data about the **people** accessing services in a community, and their housing needs

ENROLLMENTS



Data on the projects people are **enrolled** in to receive housing or services to help prevent or end their homelessness

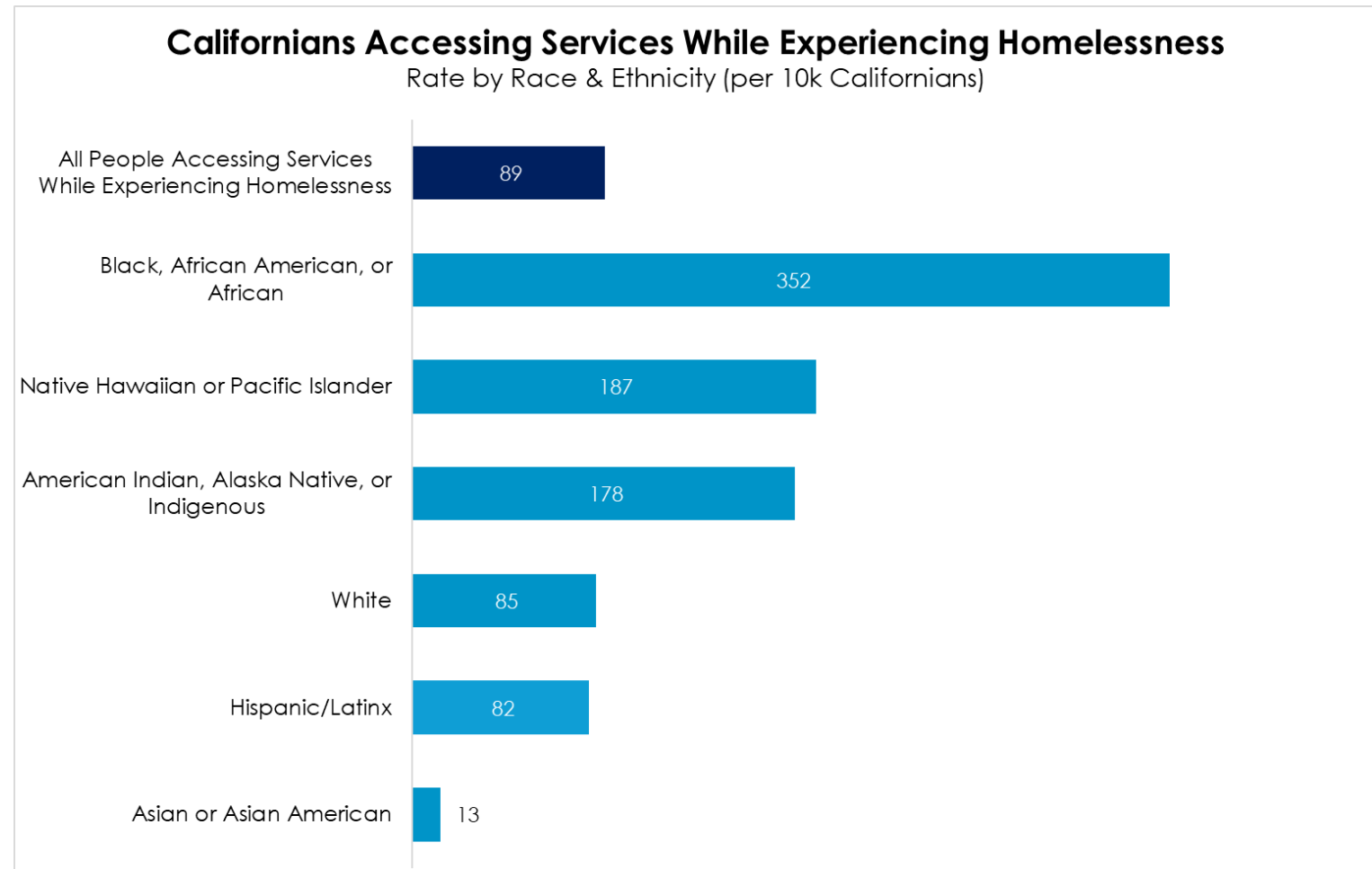
Baseline Data: Homelessness in California

Measure	FY 2022-2023	Change from Previous Year
# of People Accessing Services While Experiencing Homelessness	349,519	+17%
# of People Experiencing Homelessness for the First Time	184,334	+13%
# of People Exiting to Permanent Housing	72,298	+14%
Average Length of Time Homeless (Days)	156	+1%
% of People Returning to Homelessness	9.10%	-0.02 percentage points
# of People Successfully Placed from Street Outreach	11,748	+7%

Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Homelessness

This chart shows the number of people in each group who are **accessing services** while experiencing homelessness, relative to their share of California's overall population.

- Out of every **10,000 people** in California, **89** accessed services while experiencing homelessness during FY 22-23.
- Out of every **10,000 Black, African American, or African people** in California, **352** accessed services while experiencing homelessness
- That means **3.52% of all Black, African American, or African people** experienced homelessness that year



Draft Goals

Goal	Draft Baseline Data (FY 22-23)
<p>1. Create more housing: Plan for the creation of more than 2.5 million homes, with no less than one million of those meeting the needs of extremely, acutely, and low-income households, by 2030.</p> <p><i>Specific inequities to be redressed might include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Racial discrimination and other forms of discrimination experienced by Native American and Black communities within housing markets. • Racial inequities and other disparities experienced by Native American and Black communities served by State-funded housing dollars and/or units. • Inequitable geographic distribution of affordable housing options. 	<p><i>Cal ICH will work with HCD to establish baseline data for this Goal.</i></p>
<p>2. [Exploring] Reduce inflow into homelessness: Reduce the ratio of people entering homelessness as compared to those exiting each year to XX.</p> <p><i>Specific inequities to be redressed might include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Racial inequities experienced by Native American and Black communities in continuous experiences of homelessness from year to year. • Risks of homelessness and access to prevention resources within Native American and Black communities. • Disparities in housing referrals and successful permanent housing placements within Native American and Black communities. 	<p>Ratio - 1:3.7 for every 10 people who exited homelessness, 37 people entered or returned to accessing homeless services.</p>

Draft Goals

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<p data-bbox="155 444 188 534">BRIEF</p> <p data-bbox="244 318 1900 444">3. Help more people leave unsheltered homelessness: Increase by XX% the total number of people who leave unsheltered homelessness to either emergency shelter, interim housing, or permanent housing.</p> <p data-bbox="244 465 1123 505"><i>Specific inequities to be redressed might include:</i></p> <ul data-bbox="270 526 1880 711" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="270 526 1880 608">• Overrepresentation of Native American and Black communities among those who are unsheltered.<li data-bbox="270 629 1880 711">• Disparities in access to services, interim and permanent housing options, and outcomes achieved for Native American and Black communities.	<p data-bbox="1972 408 2395 622">92,976 people who were experiencing unsheltered homelessness moved into a sheltered setting.</p>
<p data-bbox="155 886 188 976">BRIEF</p> <p data-bbox="244 761 1860 842">4. Help more people move into housing: Increase by XX% the total number of people who move into permanent housing.</p> <p data-bbox="244 863 1123 903"><i>Specific inequities to be redressed might include:</i></p> <ul data-bbox="270 925 1875 1153" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="270 925 1875 1051">• Racial inequities experienced by Native American and Black communities in lengths of time remaining homeless while accessing services and in continuous experiences of homelessness from year to year.<li data-bbox="270 1072 1875 1153">• Disparities in housing referrals and successful permanent housing placements among Native American and Black communities.	<p data-bbox="1972 872 2395 1043">72,298 people exited homelessness and moved into permanent housing.</p>

Draft Goals

Goal	Draft Baseline Data (FY 22-23)
<p>BRIEF</p> <p>5. Improve connections to health and social services: Increase by XX% the percent of people who are currently experiencing homelessness who are enrolled in/receiving Medi-Cal and CalWORKs.</p> <p><i>Specific inequities to be redressed might include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Disparities experienced by Native American and Black communities in access to health care and social services, care and services provided, and outcomes.	<p><i>Cal ICH will work with relevant HHS departments to establish baseline data for this goal.</i></p>
<p>ONE-TIME</p> <p>6. Ensure people do not become homeless again: Ensure that at least XX% of the people who move into permanent housing do not become homeless again.</p> <p><i>Specific inequities to be redressed might include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Inequities in returns to homelessness for Native American and Black communities.	<p>91% of people who exited homelessness and moved into permanent housing did not return to homelessness in 6 months.</p>

Goals

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- 2. [Exploring] Reduce inflow into homelessness:** Reduce the ratio of people entering homelessness as compared to those exiting each year to XX.
- 3. Help more people leave unsheltered homelessness:** Increase by XX% the total number of people who leave unsheltered homelessness to either emergency shelter, interim housing, or permanent housing.
- 4. Help more people move into permanent housing:** Increase by XX% the total number of people who move into permanent housing.
- 5. Improve connections to health and social services:** Increase by XX% the percent of people who are currently experiencing homelessness who are enrolled in/receiving Medi-Cal and CalWORKs.
- 6. Ensure people do not become homeless again:** Ensure that at least XX% of the people who move into permanent housing do not become homeless again.

Questions?

What questions do you have about the Action Plan vision, guiding principles and commitments, and/or goals?

Discussion

From the perspective you bring to the Committee, what can the State support local partners in doing effective work that achieves these goals?

V. State Funding and Programs Working Group Project Overview

Background

- In late 2022, Cal ICH members expressed interest in hearing from the Advisory Committee on how to best coordinate State funding and programs. At the September 2023 Council meeting, the Committee provided **an initial set of recommendations** to the Interagency Council in a [memo](#).
- After Interagency Council Members asked various questions about these recommendations, Cal ICH staff created a series of [proposed action steps](#) to implement these recommendations.

Recommendations and Action Steps

- The Advisory Committee recommended:
 - “The Council should pursue actions to reduce administrative burden for applicants.”
- An action step proposed to implement this recommendation was to:
 - “Request that State Funding and Programs Working Group create recommendations on standard funding application questions, reporting requirements, outcomes, and definitions to help unify state funding applications as much as possible.”

State Funding and Programs Working Group

- Comprised of State staff only, this Working Group was formed in late 2021 and is charged with several responsibilities, including:
 - Identifying opportunities for streamlining deployment of State funding;
 - Creating clearer standards for the housing and services interventions to be supported by State funding and programs;
 - Assessing and addressing challenges that smaller communities face in securing and implementing State funding;

Reducing Administrative Burden for State Funding Applicants

- The state administers **multiple funding programs** related to housing and homelessness with varying requirements.
 - Grantees feel administratively burdened by differing reporting requirements, insufficient amounts of administrative allocation to properly execute program, and differing definitions of the target population and encampments
- The goal of this project is to:
 - Provide recommendations on the ways state programs can **design funding requirements to reduce administrative barriers** to communities (e.g. funding application and allocation timelines, multiple reports, capacity building, addressing conflicting policies, aligning definitions and requirements)

Potential Project Scope

The SFP Working Group has proposed **several program data elements to consider** when analyzing programs to determine alignment:

- Timelines (Release date and expenditure deadlines)
- Eligible Activities
- Definitions of homelessness/Participant eligibility
- Auditing Scheduling and Cycle
- Demographic Data Collection
- Target population
- Eligible applicants
- Reporting timelines and requirements
- Administrative Percentage
- Outcome Goals

Potential List of Programs to Assess

- On August 6, 2024, SFP proposed two existing lists of Council Member Department programs related to Housing and Homelessness:
 1. **2024 Cal ICH Housing First Surveys**
 2. **Guide to Strategic Uses of State and Federal Funds to Prevent and End Homelessness**
- SFP Working Group suggested prioritizing program selection based on total funding amount and number of grantees.

Project Milestones

Action	Date
Solicit feedback on project scope from the Advisory Committee	August 2024
Identify the state funding programs that will be included in the project. Finalize the project scope and key data elements.	September 2024 (tentative)
Discuss draft survey in SFP Working Group Meeting and obtain final input. Identify recipients of the survey. Formulate stakeholder input plan.	October 2024 (tentative)
Obtain stakeholder input.	November 2024 (tentative)
Finalize survey and distribute.	December 2024 (tentative)
Share first impressions from the survey with the SFP Working Group; fix any data issues.	February 2025 (tentative)
Draft SFP Working Group Recommendations to Reduce Administrative Burden memo and present it to the Advisory Committee for peer review.	June 2025 (tentative)

Discussion Questions

- Are there additional program elements that the survey should include?
- What specific programs would you want included in the first review?
- Any recommendations to adjust the timeline or proposed next steps?
- Do you have suggestions for stakeholder input?


VII. General Public Comment

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VII. Final Remarks and Adjournment

- Next Council meeting: September 5, 2024 at 1:00 pm
- Next Advisory Committee meeting: November 12, 2024 at 1:00 pm

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