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California Interagency Council on Homelessness

Advisory Committee Meeting

November 12, 2024

Agenda

- I. Call to Order, Tribal Land Acknowledgement, and Roll Call
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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 August 22, 2024, Advisory Committee Meeting

Public Comment, Agenda Item II

Consent Calendar

- If joining by Zoom, click the “raise hand icon”
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Council Member Vote

- Shall items on the Consent Calendar be approved?
- Adoption of the Meeting Summary from the August 22, 2024 Committee Meeting

III. Executive Officer Updates

IV. Local Initiatives Division: Strengthening connections through resources and information

Local Initiatives Division

Mission:

The local initiatives team strives to strengthen relationships and enable connections through the delivery of resources and information, the amplification of best practices, and acting as a conduit for communication across systems to support local communities prevent and end homelessness in California.

Goals:

- Become a central resource hub for local jurisdictions
- Build relationships with CoCs and local governments to identify needs and trends
- Amplify successful strategies and best practices across the state
- Serve as a connector across systems for local jurisdictions

Cal ICH Resource Library

Goals:


- Creates a robust repository inclusive of resources ranging from toolkits and materials released by state and federal partners to emerging, promising, and best practices to prevent and end homelessness.
- Incorporates an organized methodology and design for resource links, videos, and materials.
- Includes an expansive repository of resources (over 200+ resources and growing)

Cal ICH Resource Library

Resource Library

The California Interagency Council on Homelessness endeavors to identify and share resources and tools, and to highlight evidence-based and promising best practices that can be utilized towards ending homelessness in California. The resources below are updated on a regular basis; if you have resources you recommend we highlight here, please email calich@bcsh.ca.gov for our consideration.

Please use the Search Tool or choose one or more categories below to filter the results. The number of resources for each category is shown in parentheses after the category title. Resources have been added to be inclusive of all categories covered within the resource.

- Cross-System Collaboration and Strategic Planning (53)
- Data and Reporting (39)
- Encampments & Unsheltered Homelessness (15)
- Emergent and Promising Practices (37)
- Equity & Justice (31)
- Funding & Resources (16)
- Health & Safety (36)
- Housing First (18)
- Housing (Interim) (39)
- Housing (Permanent) (53)
- Legal & Legislation (12)
- Lived Experience (12)
- Population Focus (55)
- Prevention & Intervention Strategies (10)
- Supportive Services (38)
- Select All

Resources updated monthly

Two search functions:

- Key terms or phrases
- Filter by category

Provides:

- Title
- Author
- Brief description
- Link to resource location

Homeless Emergency and Active Readiness Toolkit (HEART)

Cal ICH interdepartmental emergency preparedness group: Strategies, Tools, and Emergency Preparedness for Unsheltered Populations (STEP-UP)

STEP-UP Interdepartmental Group

Goal:

Support local jurisdictions in preparing and planning for future disasters and emergencies affecting people experiencing homelessness.

Representatives from:

- California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES)
- California Department of Public Health (CDPH)
- California Department of Social Services (CDSS)
- California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)
- California Department of Education (CDE)
- California Department of Aging (CDA)
- California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH)

Toolkit Goals

The goal of this toolkit is to help those working in emergency planning and response agencies and the homelessness response system at the local level by:

- **Creating a shared understanding** of the different needs of persons experiencing homelessness during a disaster.
- **Informing local partners** of respective roles and capacities.
- **Supporting local interagency collaboration.**
- **Providing strategies** for supporting persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness during disasters or emergencies.



Development Process



- Combined information from a variety of resources
- Integrated State agencies' information and their connection to local services during emergencies

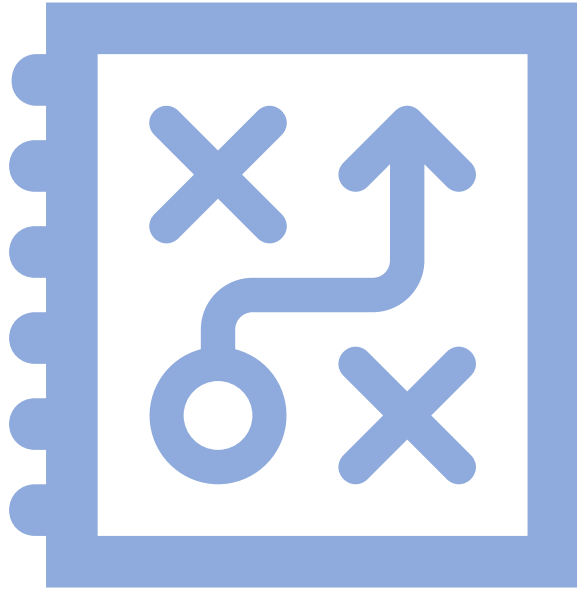


- Reviewed 58 County Emergency Operations Plans and Annexes
- Distributed a survey to California's 44 Continuums of Care, 58 counties, and large cities



- Conducted interviews with 6 local jurisdictions
- Sought feedback from Cal ICH's Lived Experience Advisory Board

Emergency Operations Plan Review



In a review of emergency operations plans from 58 Counties:

- **30** mentioned people experiencing homelessness
- **28** did not mention people experiencing homelessness

Survey Findings



In a survey of local emergency and homelessness response systems, respondents identified specific actions that could be used to improve coordination, including:

- **Increasing collaboration**
- **Conducting joint training and exercises**
- **Communicating clear roles and responsibilities**

Cal ICH LEAB Feedback



LEAB members identified specific concerns and actions for reflection and inclusion in the toolkit:

- Impacts of criminalization
- Building trust and rapport
- Partnerships and collaboration
- Access to information and training
- Communications
- Evacuation and transportation
- Shelter solutions

Three-Part Approach to Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing Homelessness During Disasters

Part 1 - Be Informed

- Emphasizes the importance of understanding emergency response and homelessness systems. Encourage readers to learn about their county's emergency plans.

Part 2 - Get Connected

- Emphasizes collaboration, a whole-community approach, and inclusion of people experiencing homelessness in emergency planning.

Part 3 - Take Action

- Advocates for proactive and comprehensive support for individuals experiencing homelessness during emergencies, focusing on communication, transportation, shelter, essential services, safety, equity, trauma-informed approaches, and transition to recovery.

Additional Elements



Key
Takeaways



Collaborative
Opportunities



Tools and
Templates to be
adapted



Checklists and
Information
created by Cal
ICH



Links to
Additional
Resources

Toolkit Launch & Next Steps

Communication

- Cal ICH Newsletter
- Social Media

Webinar Series

- Toolkit Introduction & Overview
- Be Informed
- Get Connected
- Take Action

Additional Content

- Funding Guide
- Fact Sheets
- Exemplary Practices Case Studies

STEP-UP FY 2024-2025

STEP-UP is in the process of finalizing activities following the release of the toolkit which may include developing quarterly bulletins to further expand on specific topic areas, developing or updating resources, and other activities to be finalized with the group shortly.

Discussion Questions

- How can we most effectively communicate the existence of these resources to ensure it reaches the intended audiences?
- How can we maximize engagement and ensure these resources are useful and impactful for local communities?

V. Action Plan

Action Plan Development

September – December 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Initial planning conversations with Council and Advisory Committee✓ Draft structure presented to the Council
January – March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Initial public input on Action Plan✓ Initial planning sessions with Cal ICH LEAB✓ Draft goals presented to the Council
April – August 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Continued public and Tribal input✓ Continued input from LEAB✓ Individual planning with Council agencies and departments✓ Special Council meeting to develop collaborative actions
September – December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Finalized Plan goals and actions<input type="checkbox"/> Propose new Action Plan to Council for adoption<input type="checkbox"/> Begin dissemination

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
- Increasing access to resources for California's Tribal communities
- 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

Leading with Equity

Plan integrates **racial equity frameworks**:

- Targeted Universalism
- Equity-based Decision Making
- Equity-Centered Community Design
- Collective Impact 3.0
- Continuous Quality Improvement

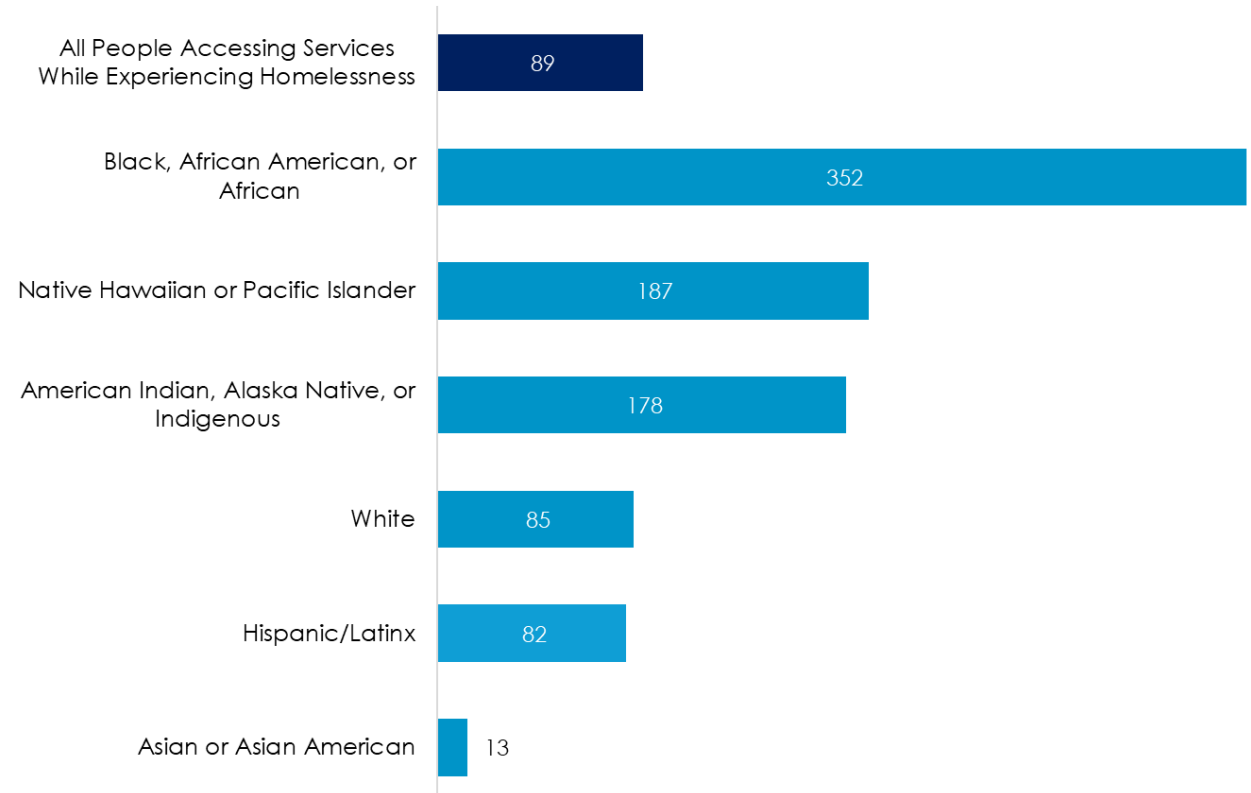
Ensure equity and effectiveness by:

- Collecting and analyzing data
- Involving communities in planning and decision-making
- Providing training and TA to partners
- Increasing resources equitably

REWG advise and partner with departments to implement frameworks, recommend strategies, and launch **Racial Equity Implementation Hub**

Californians Accessing Services While Experiencing Homelessness

Rate by Race & Ethnicity (per 10k Californians)



Draft Action Plan Three-Year Goals

Action Plan North Star:

Have a housing placement available for every person served

Three-Year Goal:

For every two people served, one is placed in housing during that year

Five individual Action Plan goals:

- North stars listed for each individual goal
- Plan goals designed to get **halfway to all north stars** by 2027
- Focuses on redressing profound racial inequities and other disparities
 - Black or African American; Native American, American Indian, or Alaska Native; Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander communities
 - Detailed demographic analysis with performance measurement

Goals

1. CREATE MORE HOUSING	Permit more than 1.5 million homes , with no less than 710,000 of those meeting the needs of low- and very low-income households.
2. HELP MORE PEOPLE LEAVE UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS	Increase the percent number of people who leave unsheltered homelessness and enter either emergency shelter, transitional housing, or permanent housing from 42% to 70% .
3. HELP MORE PEOPLE MOVE INTO HOUSING	Increase the percentage of people who move into permanent housing from 20% to 60% .
4. IMPROVE CONNECTIONS TO HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES	Increase the percent of individuals or families currently experiencing homelessness who are enrolled in and receiving Medi-Cal and CalWORKs.
5. ENSURE PEOPLE DO NOT EXPERIENCE HOMELESS AGAIN	Ensure that at least 96% of the people who move into permanent housing do not experience homelessness within six months.

Investments (sample)

Plan Goals	Goal 1	Goal 2	Goal 3	Goal 4	Goal 5
Measures	# units created	# experiencing unsheltered homelessness moving into shelter	# moving into housing	# connected to Medi-Cal or CalWORKs	% remaining in permanent housing after six months
State's Strategic Investments (Lead Dept.)					
Investments Will Drive Progress Toward the Goals Noted for Each					
Homekey+ (HCD)			✓		✓
Behavioral Health Bridge Housing (DHCS)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Home Safe (CDSS)			✓	✓	✓
Low Income Housing Tax Credit Programs (Cal HFA)	✓		✓		✓
Homeless Innovative Programs Grants (CDE)		✓	✓	✓	

Action Areas



Action Area #1: Increasing People's Access to Housing & Services



Action Area #2: Coordinating & Streamlining State Programs



Action Area #3: Engaging Partners & Communities



Action Area #4: Using Data Strategically



Action Area #5: Advancing Best Practices & Quality

- Action Area Structure:
 - 5 Action Areas
 - 15 Objectives
 - 180+ Actions
- Commitments to specific action-oriented coordination across State agencies and programs and deeper collaboration with public and private partners in communities
- Actions are measurable towards the individual goals

Implementation

Regular and Transparent Performance Measurement

- Annual report on investment metrics and goal outcomes, including racial disparities

Focus on Addressing Inequities

- Ensure programs are designed and implemented to address inequities, with support from REWG and LEAB

Coordination Across Council Departments & Agencies

- Collaborate across departments, connect on parallel work, and follow up on successes and challenges

Collaboration with External Partners

- Provide partners (legislature, state-level advocates, Tribal governments, etc.) with information in Plan that is useful in their ongoing work

Public Education and Awareness

- Communicate the new plan broadly, follow up with partners and grantees, and make plan information accessible

Refining the Plan for the Future

- After the 3rd year, the Council will review progress to design and implement an updated plan

Discussion Questions

- How can we ensure the Plan is shared with and utilized by all the sectors that Advisory Committee members represent?
- How can the Council best ensure effective implementation of the Action Plan?


VI. General Public Comment

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VII. Final Remarks and Adjournment

- Next Council meeting: December 3, 2024 at 1:00 pm
- Next Advisory Committee meeting: February 5, 2025 at 1:00 pm

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