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**Santa Cruz County
Housing for Health Partnership (H4HP) Policy Board
Regular Meeting Agenda
August 10, 2026; 11am-1pm
420 Capitola Ave., Capitola – Capitola City Hall - Community Room**

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Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions

Non-Agenda Public Comment

Brief Action Items {11:05 – 11:15 pm}

1. Review and Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes: June 8, 2026

Discussion/Action Items {11:15 – 12:30 pm}

2. CoC NOFO – Review and Approve Rating and Ranking Recommendations

Lived Expertise Workgroup Updates {12:30 – 12:45 pm}

3. Status Update

Information/Potential Action Items {12:45 – 1:00 pm}

4. Point-in-Time (PIT) Count 2026 Report Released
5. CoC Policies and Procedures – Review and Approval Plan
6. Pacific Station North & Harvey West Studios Lease-Ups
7. Live Oak Landing and Bridge House Status Updates

Board Member Announcements

Adjournment

Next Meeting: October 19, 2026, 11am – 1 pm

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Housing for Health Partnership (H4HP) Policy Board

Meeting Minutes

June 08, 2026; 11 am- 1 pm

Call to Order/Welcome

Present: Elaine Johnson, Heather Rogers, Leo Moreno, Manuel Caceres, Marni Sandoval, Nick Calubaquib, Radovan “Mish” Radich, Sam Altis, Serg Kagno, Shebreh Kalantari-Johnson, Susie O’Hara, Terence Concannon

Absent: Connie Moreno-Peraza, Dr. Faris Sabbah, Eric Crebs, Justin Cummings, Monica Martinez, Rosie Garcia

Additions and Deletions to the Agenda: None

Non-Agenda Public Comment

None Received

Action Items (vote required)

1. Approval of Minutes: Approval of Meeting Minutes: April 20, 2026
Discussion: None
Public Comment: None
Motion: Move to approve April 20, 2026, meeting minutes
Motion to Approve: Serg Kagno
Motion Seconded: Heather Rogers
Abstentions: None
Board Action: Motion passed unanimously.
2. Approval of Policy Board Co-Chair Nomination
Discussion: The board discussed nominations for the co-chair positions within the Housing for Health Partnership (H4HP) policy board. Sam Altis from AFC will serve as one of the co-chairs for the H4HP policy board. Housing for Health staff has been actively seeking self-nominations for the vacant co-chair position.
Public Comment: None
Motion: Move to Approve the nomination of Sam Altis, Executive Director, Association of Faith Communities, to serve as one of two co-chairs for the Housing for Health Partnership Policy Board, through December 31, 2027.
Motion to Approve: Terence Concannon
Motion Seconded: Susie O’Hara
Abstentions: None
Board Action: Motion passed unanimously.

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3. Approve CoC Funding NOFO Information and Proposed Actions

Discussion: *Housing for Health Staff presented an overview of the FY 2026 HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), released on June 1, 2026, and described the local application, review, rating, and ranking process required for submission to HUD. Santa Cruz County received more than \$7.5 million in FY 2025 CoC funding. Staff reviewed significant changes to the FY 2026 NOFO, including updated federal funding priorities, changes to the competitive funding process, and the potential impact on existing and future projects. The Board received information on the proposed local timeline, application materials, draft scoring criteria, and the role of the Rating and Ranking Committee, which will evaluate project applications and develop funding recommendations for Board consideration at a future meeting. Staff also reviewed proposed strategies intended to maximize the community's competitiveness in the national funding process. Questions were asked regarding project eligibility, funding priorities, provider outreach, and the flexibility to transition projects in response to changing federal requirements. A more concise version of the policy statement for FY 2026 NOFO was suggested to enhance public accessibility and readability. The final policy statement and project priorities list is included as an attachment with these minutes.*

Public Comment: *None.*

Motion: *Move to adopt the policy statement generated and reviewed during the meeting with additional direction to staff to tailor the policy statement to the intended audience.*

Motion to Approve: *Susie O'Hara*

Motion Seconded: *Radovan "Mish" Radich*

Abstentions: *None*

Board Action: *Motion passed unanimously*



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4. Approve CoC Funding NOFO Information and Proposed Actions

Discussion: Housing for Health staff presented the board with the timeline for the Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) from HUD. They discussed adjusting the dates to ensure that participants in the local HUD CoC NOFO review, rating, and ranking committee can attend.

Public Comment: None

Motion: Move to approve the staff-recommended FY 2026 NOFO local process timeline, allowing staff to make changes to the dates to accommodate schedules of review and ranking committee members.

Motion to Approve: Susie O'Hara

Motion Seconded: Heather Rogers

Abstentions: None

Board Action: Motion passed unanimously

5. Approve CoC Funding NOFO Information and Proposed Actions

Discussion: Proposed scoring criteria align with the priorities identified by HUD in the NOFO. Staff recommend approving the proposed scoring criteria with the authority to make minor adjustments to the application and criteria based on further updates and clarifications from HUD related to the NOFO. Housing for Health staff will provide technical support throughout the NOFO period for interested applicants.

Public Comment: None

Motion: Move to approve the staff-recommended 2026 HUD CoC NOFO local application scoring criteria and authorize staff to make minor modifications to the scoring criteria and application based on additional information and clarifications from HUD.

Motion to Approve: Sam Altis

Motion Seconded: Elaine Johnson

Abstentions: Serg Kagno

Board Action: Motion passed

Lived Expertise Workgroup Updates (no vote required):

6. Status update

Discussion: Lived Expertise Action Board (LEAB) member Manuel Caceres provided updates on the LEAB/LEAB activities such as participating in the Review and Ranking Panel as part of this year's NOFO process. Mentioned that LEAB is currently recruiting to fill one open seat and YLEAB is currently recruiting to fill two open seats.



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Information Items (no vote required):

7. 2026 Point-in-Time Count Update

Discussion: The 2026 Point-in-Time Count report should be out in July.

Report/Discussion Items (no vote required)

8. Brown Act Information, Question and Answer Session

Santa Cruz County Counsel staff provided a training and refresher on the Brown Act, including updates to teleconferencing provisions under current state law. The presentation covered open meeting requirements, public records obligations, remote participation procedures, agenda practices, and the appropriate use of email and social media to avoid unintended serial meetings. The importance of transparency and public access to government decision-making was emphasized. Board members asked clarifying questions regarding agenda posting timelines, teleconferencing procedures, republication of updated meeting materials, and social media practices. Staff provided responses and noted that meeting materials may be updated and reposted as needed in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Board Member Announcements

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.

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Housing for Health Partnership Policy Board Statement on the HUD FY 2026 CoC NOFO

The Housing for Health Partnership Policy Board (Board) understands that recent changes in HUD's funding rules may create challenges for our community. These changes affect how we can get federal money and how we protect the housing programs we already have, especially permanent supportive housing (PSH). As these federal priorities shift, our community must make careful choices about how to use limited resources and how to design local funding competitions.

It is the policy of the Housing for Health Partnership Policy Board to bring as much federal homelessness funding as possible to Santa Cruz County while also protecting the people who are already living in housing that we support. The Board believes that both goals are important for a fair and effective system that helps people experiencing homelessness.

To meet these goals, the Board expects current programs funded by the Continuum of Care (CoC) to do their best to adjust their program models, policies, and practices to match HUD's changing priorities. Programs should make these changes while still providing strong services and keeping people stable in their housing. The Board understands that making changes takes time, training, and planning. The Board wants to support organizations as they improve their programs and outcomes.

When carrying out this policy, review committees, staff, and decision-makers should try to make the local CoC as competitive as possible while also protecting the housing programs that help people stay stable and move forward.

The Board knows that HUD priorities, local values, limited funding, and community needs may not always match perfectly. Because of this, this policy should be used with flexibility and good judgment. The goal is to bring in the most federal funding we can, support programs in improving their services, and protect the long-term stability and success of our community's homeless response system.



FUNDING PRIORITIES

for our Local CoC/YHDP Application Process

Based on the direction of the Housing for Health Partnership Policy Board (Board), our Continuum of Care (CoC) has incorporated the following into our local project rating and ranking process:

- We are prioritizing permanent supportive housing (PSH) renewal projects serving seniors (55 and older) and individuals with documented disabilities
- We are de-prioritizing rapid rehousing (RRH) new and renewal projects (including RRH programs funded through CoC, Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program [YHDP], and Domestic Violence [DV] Bonus funds) and encouraging current RRH recipients to consider transitioning or replacing their existing programs or reallocating funds to transitional housing (TH)
- We are strongly encouraging applications for DV Bonus projects providing (TH)
- We are strongly encouraging applications for CoC Bonus projects providing TH or supportive services only (SSO) projects
- We are encouraging applicants to clearly articulate supportive service availability and expectations for program participants through participant services agreements
- We are prioritizing projects with:
 - ☐ Evidence of active involvement in coordinated entry
 - ☐ High rates of program occupancy/utilization;
 - ☐ High rates of funding utilization;
 - ☐ Demonstrated agency experience with a given program type;
 - ☐ Demonstrated agency involvement in CoC activities;
 - ☐ Reducing lengths of stay in time-limited programs;
 - ☐ High rates of permanent housing retention
 - ☐ High rates of positive exits to permanent housing
 - ☐ High rates of exits to unsubsidized housing
 - ☐ Lower rates of exits to unknown destination(s) or continued homelessness
 - ☐ Increased levels of access to public benefits among participants
 - ☐ Increased levels of employment income among participants
 - ☐ Documented evidence of linking individuals with behavioral health and employment services
 - ☐ Evidence of leveraging other resources for the program and participants