

**Humboldt Housing and Homelessness Coalition (HHHC) Executive Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 28, 2026**  
**1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**In Attendance:** Aaron Zell (DHHS), Connie Beck (DHHS), Robert Ward (DHHS), Darlene Spoor (Arcata House Partnership), Cheryl Churchill (Eureka Housing Authority), Dian Pecora (South County Homes for All), Leah Lamattina (HCOE), Lorey Keele (RCAA), Saul Lopez (Nation's Finest), Thomas Steenblock (Open Door), Jeff Davis (City of Eureka), Rosemary Shultz (HCTAYC), Luke Scown (Arcata Police Department), Kristen Raymond (City of Eureka), Jennifer Dart (City of Arcata), Alex Stillman (City of Arcata).

**Agenda:**

*Executive Committee Agency Updates*

- City of Eureka: (1) A big thank you to Open Door for partnering with UPLIFT Eureka to bring mobile medical services to Bayside Village beginning next month. (2) There is a recent push for community access for tsunami outreach. There are efforts being put into creating outreach materials and getting information out to the community. One effort is focused on tsunami sirens, of which the only working one in the area is at the Arcata Marsh. PG&E previously installed sirens in different Eureka communities around 2005.
  - Humboldt County Office of Education (HCOE) conducts some outreach and education work with Local Educational Agencies (LEA).
  - Humboldt Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD) are joining the HHHC for a future general meeting. A partnership with them could be beneficial.
- DHHS: (1) DHHS has preliminary Point-in-Time (PIT) count numbers, but will wait to share until they receive all final surveys from community partners. The unsheltered count appears to have declined slightly. A big thank you to RCAA, AHP, and Partnership Healthplan for providing supplies. The PIT count had about 130 total volunteers.
  - The Executive Committee (EC) is unsure whether this reduction in the unsheltered count is attributable to the number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness decreasing or if people are moving further out and are harder to locate. The number of shelter beds in the community has not increased significantly over the past two years.
  - It is important for the EC to communicate why we are seeing a reduction, so that the community doesn't reduce the focus on homelessness as an issue. The EC can also look at program data to give a more accurate picture of the nuances of the issue and help keep the community correctly informed.

*CoC Onboarding Presentation*

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- New EC members attended their first meeting earlier this month. To support their understanding of the CoC and its member organizations, the group agreed to hold a series of presentations at a future in-person meeting.
  - HCOE will tentatively host this meeting.
- The topics will include: CoC 101, CoC funding and legislation (similar to presentations conducted to BOS annually), mini presentations from community organizations on services provided (include Live Well Humboldt).
  - It was also mentioned that the CoC could view some trainings, as indicated by DHHS.

*Discussion - External CoC Presentations Protocol*

- DHHS annually conducts a presentation to the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors on fiscal and legislative topics related to the CoC program. This presentation does not include information relating to the work of community partners. This year's presentation occurred earlier than normal, due to the board wanting updates on federal and state regulatory changes.
  - This annual presentation is necessary considering the Board of Supervisors' approves all contracts related to the CoC program.
- The information shared during the Board of Supervisors meeting will be shared with EC members.
- It has been requested that EC members get notified when these presentations happen.

*Last Minute Discussion Items*

- DHHS received a letter from HUD regarding the renewal of CoC projects and will update the EC as it moves forward. The EC will be looking at what larger neighboring counties are doing to transition programs.
- The City of Eureka conducts a similar survey and counts its population experiencing homelessness. Previously, the survey was conducted in alternating years from the PIT count; it is now scheduled for the same years as the PIT count and takes place between March and April. The City has collected extensive data through this effort for the past six to eight years. Jeff Davis will share additional information once this year's survey is completed.
- The use of drone-based photography was discussed as a method for locating people experiencing homelessness in remote areas. Initial ideas included partnering with real estate businesses or the Sheriff's Office, both of which already use this technology. It was noted that this approach should be used prior to PIT counts, as in-person outreach is essential during the count. HUD requires that all people experiencing unsheltered homelessness be offered the opportunity to complete the survey and receive incentives.

*Next Steps, Future Meeting Topics, Adjourn Meeting*

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- At the next EC meeting, the coalition will set a date for the March in person meeting.
- Future meeting topic: compare local homelessness program data across partners with PIT count data to better understand community homelessness.