

Humboldt Housing and Homelessness Coalition (HHHC) Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 11, 2026
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

In Attendance: Aaron Zell (DHHS), Connie Beck (DHHS), Darlene Spoor (Arcata House Partnership), 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), Alex Stillman (City of Arcata), Alexis (YAB), Jennifer Dart (City of Arcata).

Agenda:

Executive Committee Agency Updates

- Arcata House Partnership: (1) Two weeks ago, AHP met about AB130, which requires building departments to complete inspections for all shelters, navigation centers, recovery centers, and drug recovery houses by April. The Arcata Inspector will handle inspections for Arcata sites, but they are unsure about the County on the one county location. Funding, including HHAP, will be withheld if inspections aren't completed by April (except for correction-related funding). DHHS will follow up and can contact them in the meantime.

In-Person HHHC Meeting Discussion

- The Executive Committee (EC) agreed to hold the in person EC meeting on April 3rd, 2026 from 9am - 12pm. CCRP will start fine tuning details for this and will send out a calendar invitation.

Discussion - Sending Support Letters to AB1708

- The EC agreed to table this agenda item until the next EC meeting in order to review the details of AB1708 and possibly bring a representative from CalCities to discuss details.
 - Alex agreed to reach out and invite a representative.

Open Discussion Time

- A concern has been raised about certain regulations that YHDP contractors/subcontractors have to follow as indicated by HUD. HUD has indicated that nonprofits have to verify immigration status for all program participants using the SAVE system. Nonprofits have historically been exempt from this, but specific language in the YHDP contract notes otherwise.
 - AHP has learned through HUD and through legal counsel that they are currently exempt from this requirement for their current HUD grants. They recommend RCAA, as a possible subcontractor, to reach out for legal counsel.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:40 p.m. Next Executive Meeting: February 25, 2026 over Zoom.

- As per HUD, other topics, such as harm reduction and abortion, cannot be discussed nor services can be provided around. Not only that but HUD is only allowing program participants to identify as male or female in the system, which is working to systematically erase any community members that do not identify within the binary.
- Local community members and community-based organizations have serious issues with these impositions.
- A point brought up was how these impositions and restrictions impact the purpose of local community-based organizations. What are the implications of this on their services? Will that restrict who can receive services?
 - It was recommended to bring an expert on who is fighting these impositions (possibly someone from the National Alliance to End Homelessness) to a future EC meeting.
- It was also noted that the grant provides \$1 million in funding every two years, and it's important to help ensure those funds remain in the community and continue supporting local youth, especially considering the broader political context.
- The Youth Action Board (YAB), a central body to the YHDP planning and implementation process, will be discussing options with RCAA to move forward.
 - The EC discussed how important it will be for them to elevate the voices of youth advocates such as the YAB to legislators and representatives. DHHS can assist HCTAYC with this.

Next Steps, Future Meeting Topics, Adjourn Meeting

- AB130 (Shelter)
- Circle back on the discussion around federal impositions on grant funding.