

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

In Attendance:

Aaron Zell (DHHS), Alex Stillman (Arcata City Council), Alexis (YAB), Cheryl Churchill (Eureka Housing Authority), Darlene Spoor (Arcata House Partnership), Dian Pecora (South County Homes for All), Jennifer Dart (City of Arcata), Lorey Keele (RCAA), Luke Scown (Arcata Police Department), Robert Ward (DHHS), Saul Lopez (Nation's Finest), Sonya Levy-Boyd (HCTAYC), Leigh Pierre-Oetker (CCRP), Alisha Hammer (CCRP)

Agenda:

Welcome, Review Agenda, Approve Minutes

- A New York Times article was shared: “V.A. Begins Drive to Put Homeless Veterans Into Guardianship” (Link: https://www.nytimes.com/2026/03/11/us/politics/veterans-homeless-guardianship-trump.html?unlocked_article_code=1.SVA.E8JC.3PQtBVOOrPlmz&smid=url-share)
- The Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has contracted with CCRP to work on the Community Health Assessment (CHA). As part of this work, CCRP will gather input from organizations providing services to unsheltered people. The topic will be on the agenda for the first 20-30 minutes of the next Executive Committee (EC) meeting.
 - CCRP will provide the questions ahead of the meeting.

Executive Committee Agency Updates

- Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS): The winter shelter period is winding down, and success was the result of strong collaboration across multiple organizations. If anyone would like to take on a leadership role next year, please contact Aaron directly.
- Arcata House Partnership (AHP): Funding provided by the City of Arcata enabled AHP to provide a wide range of services. Final service data will be available soon.
- The Housing Authority: Submit foster youth referrals to Child Welfare Services (CWS) for Youth to Independence (FYI) vouchers (ages 18-24).

HHHC General Meeting Agenda Discussion

- The General Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 26, 2026, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
- Agenda items include:
 1. Gaining a better understanding of the processes and relationship of law enforcement with unhoused people.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:41 p.m. Next Executive Meeting: March 25, 2026, over Zoom.

- Luke will present for the Arcata Police Department and will reach out to the Problem Orientated Police (POP) Team to see if someone from Eureka is available.
- 2. The impact and importance of extreme weather shelters and warming centers
 - Representatives from multiple organizations (Betty Kwan Chinn, City of Eureka, Arcata House Partnership, South County Homes for All, Eureka Rescue Mission, etc.) will each have 10 minutes to share data such as bed nights were provided, meals were served, and other metrics they find relevant (from October 15 through March 15).
 - Organizations with PowerPoint presentations should be provided to Aaron in advance of the meeting.
 - This work often goes unnoticed by those not directly involved. The goal is to raise awareness and educate the broader community about the coordination and collaboration already taking place.
 - It would be beneficial if someone from the media could attend.
- CCRP will reach out to the Executive Committee before the General Meeting to finalize the agenda.

April 3rd In Person Executive Committee Meeting

- The meeting will be held at the Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center, 9am to noon.
- Aaron will provide coffee and Los Bagels.
- The preliminary draft agenda includes:
 - Icebreaker question
 - Mini presentation by each organization describing their services
 - CoC 101 Training
 - Bylaws review, discussion, and obtaining signatures
 - Discussion on communication between the EC and the general public
 - CoC Funding & Legislative presentation
 - CCRP will share the draft agenda at the same time the draft EC minutes are distributed and invite feedback from members.
- There is a maximum capacity for the room, and CCRP will ask people to RSVP so we have a final headcount. This meeting is intended for Executive Committee members only and/or their respective representatives.

Open Discussion Time

- WISH, a domestic violence (dv) support center, may be closing their doors. This would significantly impact partner organizations in Humboldt and Mendocino counties.
- There are two items that need to be completed for HHAP-6 funding to be awarded, based on information previously submitted and signed by the CoC for HHAP-5.

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1. The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office encampment policy—they have six months to finalize and submit it.
2. The Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) between the CoC and Humboldt County.
 - Members were unclear if as a volunteer committee that cannot have a bank account or liability insurance similar to other entities, if they could sign the MOU.
 - It was suggested to find similar documents with comparable language for review before determining if the CoC is authorized to sign; Robert will find similar documents.
 - The County and risk management have reviewed the documents.
 - If the updates are not made and submitted, HHAP-6 funds will not be awarded.
 - Some committee members highlighted the ongoing costs of repairing damaged allocated units compared to the greater cost of conserving clients.
 - An article on Conservatorship: Inside California's System of Coercion and Care for Mental Illness was shared: <https://live-ssmatrix.pantheon.berkeley.edu/research-article/conservatorship/>

Next Steps, Future Meeting Topics, Adjourn Meeting

- The next meeting is Wednesday, March 25, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.
- For next meeting: review, discuss, and vote on updates to MOU for HHAP-5.

Action Items:

- CCRP will send focus group questions, draft agenda for April 3rd in-person meeting, and ask for EC members to RSVP when the draft minutes are sent.
- General Meeting Outreach:
 - Luke – POP
 - Aaron – City of Eureka, Betty Kwan Chin
 - Dian – South County Homes for All
 - Darlene – City of Arcata, Arcata House Partnership
 - Robert – The Mission
- Robert will email HHAP-5 information and examples of other MOUs.