



Meeting Agenda

Continuum of Care (CoC) Board

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

2:00 – 3:30pm

Ventura County Office of Education

Administrative Services Center – Simi Room

5189 Verdugo Way, Camarillo

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1. Call to Order
2. Board Comments
3. CoC Staff Comments
4. Public Comments: An opportunity for the public to participate in public meetings by addressing the Ventura County Continuum of Care Board in connection with one or more agenda or non-agenda items. Public comment is limited to 3 minutes per person during the opening part of the meeting and per item. The time allotment can be increased or decreased by the Chair depending on the number of speakers. This meeting is subject to the Brown Act and public comments may be submitted by using one of the following options:

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Continuum of Care Governance Board Business

5. Approval of Board Minutes from January 8, 2025.
6. Approval of Ventura County Continuum of Care Veteran One Team to apply with United States Interagency Council on Homelessness to Achieve the Goal of Ending Veteran Homelessness.
(Presenter: Alicia Morales-McKinney)
7. Receive and file a report on VC CoC Committees, Workgroups and Staff Updates
(Presenter: Alicia Morales-McKinney)
8. Receive a presentation from the Workgroup Engaging People with Lived Expertise
(Presenter: The Partnership for Safe Families and Communities)
9. Review and approve the VC CoC Nominations Committee recommendation to fill one vacant Board seat.
(Presenter: Jenn Harkey)
10. Receive a presentation on data updates and approve recommendations from the VC CoC Data Committee
(Presenter: Jenn Harkey)



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1. **Call to Order:** Dawn Dyer, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:10pm

Board Members: Dawn Dyer, Paul Drevenstedt, Dr. Sevet Johnson, Stefany Gonzalez, Ingrid Hardy, Manuel Minjares, Mara Malch (attended online, non-voting)

Absent: Jack Edelstein, Katherine Aguilar, Pauline Preciado

CoC Staff: Jennifer Harkey, Alicia Morales-McKinney, Felipe Flores, Christy Madden, Morgan Saveliff

2. **Board Comments:** none.

3. **CoC Staff Comments:** Jenn Harkey shared that the 2025 Point in Time (PIT) Count will be held on Wednesday, January 22nd and volunteers are still being recruited. More volunteers are needed in the cities of Oxnard and Santa Paula.

4. **Public Comments:** none.

Continuum of Care Governance Board Business

5. **Approval of Board Minutes from November 13, 2024.**

A public attendee noted an incorrect title in the minutes and requested that Kimberlee Albers title be updated from “Housing Solutions Director” to “Homelessness Solutions Director”.

Paul Drevenstedt moved to approve; Manuel Minjares was second; all in favor.

6. **Review and approve the VC CoC Nominations Committee recommendations to fill three (3) Board seats, effective January 8, 2025. (Presenter: Jenn Harkey)**

Jenn Harkey shared that CoC staff opened for nominations in November to fill two Board seats following Michael Nigh and Kevin Clerici’s terms ending. Jenn shared that 6 nominations were received and reviewed by the Nominations Committee. In the review, the Committee considered their applications, resumes, expertise, and sectors that are represented across the Board. Kevin Clerici represented the business sector and the Ventura region. Michael Nigh represented the Housing Authority, affordable housing development, and the County-wide region. In addition to the term conclusions of Kevin and Michael, Board member Emilio Ramirez also resigned from the Board in December, as he accepted a position in Riverside and has moved out of County. The Nominations Committee recommended for the 3rd seat to be filled, however, CoC staff received a comment letter from the City of Oxnard requesting the Board fill the third seat with a representative from the Oxnard region. Jenn shared that the Board could decide to re-open the nominations, reconvene the Nominations Committee, and bring back additional nomination recommendations to the Board to fill the third seat.

Jenn shared the nominations recommended by the Committee to fill the three seats: 1) Jeff Lambert, the Chief Executive Officer of the Housing Authority of San Buenaventura; Matthew Paul, the Chief Executive Offer of Conejo Health; and Carrie Sabatini, the Director of Housing Programs and Deputy Executive Director for the Housing Authority of the County of Ventura. Both Jeff Lambert and Carrie

Sabatini were in attendance and introduced themselves to the Board.

The Board discussed options and decided to move forward with recommending two positions today, and re-opening nominations to fill the third seat with a preference for representation of the City of Oxnard.

Dr. Sevet Johnson moved to approve Jeff Lambert and Carrie Sabatini to fill two Board seats and to re-open nominations to fill the third seat with preference for representation of Oxnard; Paul Drevenstedt was second; all in favor.

Dawn Dyer shared a recognition of service for both Michael Nigh and Kevin Clerici (attached)

7. Approval to submit the Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA) Report as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Continuum of Care program.

(Presenter: Jenn Harkey)

Jenn Harkey reminded the Board that the CoC is required to submit a LSA report to HUD annually and the report is used for strategic planning purposes for federal, state and local initiatives designed to prevent and end homelessness. The report runs from October 1st to September 30th. Jenn informed the Board of different data elements that are included in the report and highlighted that we are getting very close to ending Veteran homelessness in Ventura County thanks to the Ventura Springs project and the work being done by the Veteran One Team. Jenn shared that CoC staff has been working closely with the HMIS team to resolve data issues and correct errors within the system. The final LSA report must be submitted to HUD by January 9th, 2025.

Kimberlee Albers also shared that the Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) was released, and the 2024 PIT Count data showed an 18% increase in homelessness nationwide and a 3% increase in California.

Jeff Lambert moved to approve; Paul Drevenstedt was second; all in favor.

8. Approval of recommendations for State of California Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP) Round 5 grant funding as developed by the VC CoC Data, Performance & Evaluation Committee. *(Presenter: Alicia Morales-McKinney)*.

Alicia shared the Data Committee recommendations for HHAP 5 funding with the Board. The CoC was awarded 6.8 million for this round of HHAP funding. Alicia reviewed scoring criteria and funding priorities with the Board and shared that HHAP 5 funding includes a requirement for all sub-recipients to draw down 50% of their allocation by May 31, 2026 and meet outcome goals. The full funding recommendations and scoring can be found in the January Board packet on the VC CoC website.

Ingrid Hardy inquired regarding funding priorities and why some priority funding recommendations were split between several agencies and others were recommended to one sole organization. Alicia shared that CoC staff analyze proposals and if reductions in funding would be detrimental to a project. Staff also review gaps in funding and whether the full amount of funding is needed and/or the impact of receiving reduced funding. Alicia explained that in analyzing gaps in funding, there is generally more flexibility in rapid rehousing or homeless prevention than with other priorities such as delivery of permanent housing. Alicia lastly shared that after Data Committee recommendations are complete, CoC staff reach out to the agencies to confirm if they would be able to accept a reduced funding award. Jenn Harkey also highlighted that priorities were reviewed with the Committee and the creation of new units was prioritized over supportive services, staffing, or motel model interim sheltering.

Kyler thanked the CoC for the partnership with the Housing Authority of San Buenaventura on Valentine Rd. and highlighted the creation of new units and persons successfully moving into housing.

Ingrid Hardy moved to approve; Dr. Sevet Johnson was second; Jeff Lambert abstained; all in favor.

9. Authorization to Release of a Request (RFP) for Proposals for the California Housing & Community Development (HCD) Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Funding. (Presenter: Felipe Flores)

Felipe Flores requested Board approval to release an RFP for ESG funding on 1/10/2025. Felipe shared that beginning with this Program Year, HCD will be releasing one ESG NOFA every three years.

Applicants awarded will enter into one contract that covers three annual funding cycles: 2024-2026, 2025-2027, and 2026-2028. The preliminary allocation is \$609,987.00 with approximately \$18,299.00 allocated to the administrative entity for grant administration. Felipe also reminded the Board of ESGs four primary activities: Street Outreach, Rapid Re-Housing, Emergency Shelter, and Homelessness Prevention. Felipe shared a minimum of 40% of the allocation must be used for Rapid Rehousing activities. Jenn Harkey further shared that ESG is pass-through funding that comes directly from HUD and is passed through the State of California which is then distributed through Continuums of Care. Jenn shared that this is one of the few grants that can be prioritized and dedicated to emergency shelter and street outreach activities.

Board members inquired if agencies will be renewed for all three years or one-year increments. CoC staff clarified that the recommendation is to contract in one-year increments and complete an annual rank and review process to make determinations for renewals or reallocations based on outcome and performance metrics.

Carrie Sabatini moved to approve; Jeff Lambert was second; all in favor.

10. Approval of a Reallocation of the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) Fiscal Year 2024-25 Rapid Rehousing (RRH) Grant (Presenter: Jennifer Harkey)

Jenn Harkey shared with the Board that the CoC was awarded renewal grant funding from HUD for Rapid Rehousing for the 2024-2025 grant term. Due to the previous agency that was awarded funding stopping operations, the Board authorized for staff to open an RFP for reallocation of funds. Two applications were received, however, one of them did not meet threshold requirements. The CoC Data Committee recommended to award the funding to the United Way of Ventura County (UWVC). Jenn shared that over the past year, UWVC has successfully housed 140 households with a 99% housing retention rate. Jenn lastly shared that due to the tight timeframe, CoC staff will request to extend the term with Board approval.

Board members highlighted the success of the Landlord Engagement Program by United Way and applauded the successful housing retention rates. Ingrid Hardy inquired if the East County focus was successfully demonstrated in their application. Carie Bristow, director of the Homelessness Initiatives for United Way, shared that the focus will be in East County and that they already have extensive partnerships with landlords in Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks. Carie further shared that they are partnering with Harbor House and Samaritan Center and will prioritize those referrals for this grant.

Manuel Minjares moved to approve; Jeff Lambert was second; all in favor

Additional items not on the agenda: Doug Landon, public attendee, requested a Q&A for the community for the ESG RFP. CoC staff agreed to hold a Q&A and to announce the date and time with the release of the RFP.

Next meeting set for February 12th, 2025

Meeting adjourned at 3:24pm

DEDICATED COC BOARD MEMBERS CONCLUDE TERMS OF SERVICE

BY DAWN DYER, VC COC BOARD CHAIR

MICHAEL NIGH

AREA HOUSING AUTHORITY OF VENTURA COUNTY
VC CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD MEMBER (2015 - 2025)

Executive Director at Area Housing Authority of the County of Ventura (AHACV) since 2015. The Area Housing Authority is an independent, non-profit agency serving the residents of Camarillo, Fillmore, Moorpark, Ojai, Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks and the unincorporated areas of Ventura County. AHACV provides assistance to people in need of affordable housing through development, acquisitions, and partnerships, including administration of Section 8 Program, Tax Credit Properties, and Public Housing.



Michael has served the AHACV for over 36 years, starting as a computer operator in 1988, advancing to Finance Director in 2004, then served for 10 years as the Director of Finance & Housing & Section 8.

The AHACV is governed by a 15-member Board of Commissioners. Each jurisdiction appoints two Commissioners to serve a 4-year term. In addition, one Resident Commissioner is appointed "at-large". Under Michael's leadership, AHACV was named one of the nation's best run housing authorities for 18 consecutive years. Exemplary program management and efficient program implementation earned AHACV the designation of a "High Performer" from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program.

Michael spent his youth in Indiana, where he earned his bachelor's degree in accounting from Ball State University, Muncie IN. We are all fortunate that he decided to make Ventura County his home. He has been a critical voice for housing and under his leadership AHACV has developed multiple new housing communities.

Michael, we will miss your extensive knowledge and experience on the CoC Board. We know you will continue to make a positive difference in our community. Thank you for your 10 years of service!



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KEVIN CLERICI

DOWNTOWN VENTURA PARTNERS

VC CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD MEMBER (2015 - 2025)

CoC Chair Dawn Dyer remembers meeting Kevin back in 2004, when he was a staff writer for the Ventura County Star. Dawn was consistently impressed with the quality and objectivity of Kevin's reporting, and his willingness to dive down deep to try and help readers understand issues more holistically. Kevin's commitment to our Ventura County community has always been evident.



Kevin earned his BA in Journalism from the University of Arizona and worked as a staff writer for the Arizona Daily Star, the San Diego Union Tribune, and the Reporter before moving to Ventura County and starting at the Star.

In 2011, Kevin was hired to lead Downtown Ventura Partners as its Executive Director. With his deep ties to the City of Ventura, broad insight into economic and business issues, energy and passion, Kevin propelled the organization into a more vital role in the community.

Formed in 2009, the Downtown Ventura Business Improvement District supports local businesses through clean and safe services, marketing and promotions, special events, business attraction and retention, and advocacy. As the "Voice of Downtown" DVA is a direct liaison for the small business community. Under his leadership, the organization has established a nonprofit Property-based Business Improvement District, whereby property owners choose to assess themselves to fund strategic programs and services that ensure the City's historic core is safe, clean, and economically viable.

Kevin's commitment to housing and providing services to those in need has been evident for decades. As a journalist, he earned accolades and was named as a "Champion of Mental Health" for a series of articles on the unhoused. In addition to his 10 years serving on the Coe, Kevin has been an active volunteer with numerous organizations throughout the community, including People's Self-Help Housing, and the VC Behavioral Health Advisory Board, among others.

Thank you, Kevin, for your dedication and service to Ventura County! Your 10 years of service on the CoC Board have made positive changes to the programs dedicated to ending homelessness in our community.



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VC CoC Governance Board

SUBJECT: Approval of Ventura County Continuum of Care Veteran One Team to apply with United States Interagency Council on Homelessness to Achieve the Goal of Ending Veteran Homelessness.

VC CoC staff continue to meet weekly to review homeless veteran cases and focus on strategies for ending veteran homelessness in Ventura County. VC CoC staff and Veteran Affairs (VA) staff continue to meet to coordinate efforts on how to achieve Functional Zero, Ending Veteran Homelessness by 2025 by incorporating the “Ventura One Team”. The “Ventura One Team” overall goal is to act as collective to identify all Veterans experiencing homelessness; triage them quickly to a housing resource; and use case conferencing, navigation, and intentional bridges to rapidly place Veterans into permanent housing.

VC CoC is requesting approval to submit an application for the [Criteria and Benchmarks for Achieving the Goal of Ending Veteran Homelessness](#) as outlined by the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH). Veteran homelessness continues to be a critical issue and aligning our Alliance’s efforts with national standards will significantly advance our mission to address the housing and support needs of our veterans.

The **Criteria and Benchmarks for Achieving the Goal of Ending Veteran Homelessness** are designed to guide communities in effectively coordinating and leveraging resources to end homelessness among veterans. Participating in this initiative will allow us to enhance our existing programs and demonstrate our commitment to improving outcomes for veterans experiencing homelessness.

Specifically, we are seeking to:

1. Strengthen our partnerships with local agencies, healthcare providers, and housing authorities to better support veterans.
2. Implement evidence-based strategies that have proven successful in reducing veteran homelessness.
3. Measure and track progress toward ending veteran homelessness in our community.
4. Ensure that our programs align with national benchmarks and best practices.

The CoC Veteran One Team believes that our participation will not only provide us with valuable tools and resources, but it will also elevate our efforts to bring meaningful change to the lives of veterans in need of stable housing and supportive services.

On February 4, 2025, VC CoC Veteran One Team hosted the First Annual Veterans Stand Out Clinic at the Captain Rosemary Bryant Mariner Outpatient Medical Clinic. The clinic deemed successful supporting 27 Veterans by connecting them to vital resources such as Ventura County Veteran Service Office, U.S.VETS, Gold Coast Veterans, Supportive Services for Veteran Families, Turning Point Foundation Transitional Housing, Ventura County Public Defender’s Office, Ventura County Public Health and HUD-VASH.

Below are stats from the event:

- 7 added to the Veteran By Name List
- 5 SSVF admissions
- 3 VASH screened/HCF completed

- 2 VASH enrolled/Enrollment into VA
 - 1 VA Healthcare enrollment
 - 4 Matched to permanent Housing resource
 - 4 pending placement at Salvation Army GPD
- 27 total Veterans registered

Data Inflow and Outflow Impact Report

Month	System inflow per month:	System outflow per month:
January 2024	9	3
February 2024	11	2
March 2024	8	4
April 2024	13	6
May 2024	5	6 (positive)
June 2024	5	5 (positive)
July 2024	9	5
August 2024	15	1
September 2024	14	3
October 2024	11	1
November 2024	2	5 (positive)
December 2024	6	7 (positive)
January 2025	1	9(positive)
	Total: 109	Total: 57

As of February 1, 2025, there are 64 sheltered/unsheltered veterans on the Veterans Verified by name list, and of those 64, 37 are matched to the new Ventura Springs Housing Development and other permanent housing projects such as Ormond Beach. During the 2024-2025 Fiscal year, more available resources will become available through resources such as Cabrillo Economic Development Center Dolores Huerta Gardens with 13 additional Veteran units for unhoused Veterans. CoC Veteran One Team will begin the referral process for Dolores Huerta Gardens beginning February 10, 2025.

Recommendation: Approval of Ventura County Continuum of Care Veteran One Team to apply with USICH to Achieve the Goal of Ending Veteran Homelessness.

February 12, 2025

VC CoC Governance Board

SUBJECT: Receive and file a report on VC CoC Committees, Workgroups and Staff Updates

Housing & Services Committee: This committee reconvened on January 17, 2025, with a diverse membership, including healthcare providers, shelter providers, transitional housing providers, supportive services providers, outreach providers, persons with lived expertise, behavioral health, and city partners. The committee has developed a Supportive Services Plan to provide standardized quality care, guidance for housing navigation and retention, and coordinate the appropriate caseload ratios for different subpopulations across all homeless services programs within the Ventura County Continuum of Care. The committee is reviewing best practices in other communities and using regional goals to guide our system of care. The next Housing and Services Committee meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2025 at 9:30am.

HMIS Steering Committee: Continuing to onboard programs onto HMIS, including additional providers of CalAIM Enhanced Care Management and Community Supports services. The City Center Transitional Housing program has also agreed to onboard which will assist with increasing the HMIS utilization rate. VC CoC staff continue to review the onboarding requests to ensure priority is given to the appropriate programs. HMIS staff is continuing to develop new online training modules to allow newly licensed users the ability to complete training remotely. The Vulnerability Assessment Tool (VAT) scoring threshold was changed to align with the new assessment which was modified from the prior VI-SPDAT.

Data, Performance & Evaluation Committee: The Data Committee reviewed and analyzed the latest quarterly System Performance Measures Report from the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to determine areas for improvement prior to the next annual HUD reporting deadline. The committee also reviewed the proposals for the State Homeless, Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round 5 grant and will be reviewing the State Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) proposals on March 5, 2025, received through the recent Request for Proposals (RFP). Recommendations on State ESG will be brought to the VC CoC Board for review and approval at the March 12, 2025 Board meeting.

Public Information and Outreach (PIO) Committee: Expanding outreach through VC CoC social media to educate the public and raise awareness on homelessness issues. In addition to having a brief space for community partners to share their work on these issues or provide current updates for further dissemination, this committee continues to incorporate stories of people with lived experience with the assistance of a Public Service Intern. Additionally, social media, special initiatives and grant funding updates are provided regularly. The CoC has published its third quarterly newsletter named the VC CoC Chronicle. The next PIO Committee meeting is scheduled on April 23, 2025 at 1:30pm.

Veterans Case Conference Workgroup: This workgroup is focused on ending Veteran homelessness in Ventura County by ensuring referrals are being made to the Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) program, Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) and other local housing providers. This workgroup regularly reviews the Homeless Veterans By Name List (BNL) with Veteran service providers to coordinate connections to housing and services. Referrals to the VASH program are now being prioritized through this workgroup to ensure the most vulnerable homeless Veterans are connected to housing resources. The Veterans Workgroup continues to meet on a bi-monthly basis utilizing a One Team approach and schedules in person meetings as needed to ensure continuity of care and coordination. The next in person meeting is scheduled on February 24, 2025 at 1pm.

Youth Collaborative Workgroup: Over 20 youth providers participate in this workgroup. These providers ensured that unaccompanied homeless youth were counted in the 2025 Homeless Count surveys on January 22, 2025. The Youth Collaborative is working with the Partnership for Safe Families to ensure that a Youth Action Board (YAB) is established and active to bring youth voices to the table for the planning and implementation of homeless youth programs. The next meeting is scheduled on March 24, 2025 at 3:30pm.

Staff: VC CoC staff will be attending the 2025 National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) Conference February 25 - 28 in Los Angeles. Best practices are shared from experts on shared housing approaches, data driven decision making, new technology to improve system performance, incorporating people with lived experience, advancing racial equity and more. Staff will be bringing items to the CoC committees to discuss the best practices and provide recommendations to the VC CoC Board at a later date.

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VC CoC Governance Board

SUBJECT: Receive an update from the Workgroup Engaging People with Lived Expertise

BACKGROUND: The Ventura County Continuum of Care (VC CoC) authorized HUD CoC Planning Grant Funds to contract with the Partnership for Safe Families to engage people with lived experience. The intent of this program is to “hold space” for those who are willing to share their lived expertise, by providing unconditional support and actively seeking input from different perspectives to make a positive impact on our homelessness system.

DISCUSSION: The Partnership for Safe Families has been actively engaging with those who have lived experience in homelessness, by meeting regularly with the newly formed workgroup. An update will be shared with the VC CoC Board.

The PARTNERSHIP FOR SAFE FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES

As the designated Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC), The Partnership for Safe Families & Communities of Ventura County (The Partnership) is a collaborative non-profit organization with over 40 years of experience providing inter-agency coordination, networking, advocacy, public awareness, and education to prevent child abuse, neglect, and family violence across the lifespan.

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POINT IN TIME COUNT 2025

SANTA PULA THE LOCATION

The Point-In-Time (PIT) Homeless Count is a community effort to assess the unhoused population in Santa Paula. Conducted annually, this initiative gathers critical data to address homelessness, allocate resources, and develop effective solutions. With the Santa Paula Spirit, local volunteers, service providers, and organizations come together to ensure an accurate and compassionate count, helping to shape policies and programs that support those in need.

OUR TEAM

Community-Led PIT Homeless Count in Santa Paula

Our team came together with a group of seven dedicated volunteers to hit the streets of Santa Paula at 6 AM, engaging with the unhoused community in a meaningful way. As we walked through the city, we not only gathered vital data for the Point-in-Time (PIT) Homeless Count but also provided essential goods and connected individuals with resources. Serving around 25-30 unhoused individuals, our goal was to humanize the face of homelessness, offering compassion, dignity, and direct support to those in need.



Youth Voice Celebrates the Holidays
If youth joined together...

The team engaged in a meaningful activity centered around music boards, exploring the importance of setting personal and collective goals. The session highlighted experiences such as improving relationships, maintaining healthy sleeping connections with sugar and workouts, seeking financial stability through saving, participating in educational programs, and forming physical growth. By reaching these goals, participants were inspired to take reasonable steps toward creating positive change and leading a brighter future for themselves and their communities.

The team shared laughs during a lively white elephant gift exchange and a fun trivia game, bringing everyone closer and spreading holiday cheer.

TO CONCLUDE THE MEETING, THE TEAM HIGHLIGHTED TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AS AN AWARENESS, FOSTERING DISCUSSION ON BEHAVIORS AND PROMOTING SAFE, RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS.

Questions Answers

What types of challenges are you're experiencing?

Hoping youth find communities

- social dining options
- figuring out a career path
- places to hang out that are safe
- learning about taxes, politics, buying a house

What are ways to spread your voice?

Social media... TikTok

- Reach out to friends/family
- create presentations
- share flyers in local hang-outs

Who would you invite to your voice?

Experts to give presentations

- people who may benefit from the community
- friends, family, mentors

Youth Voice
What is youth voice? Youth voice is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit focused on community outreach and strengthening leaders by promoting resilience and education through the five protective factors. By fostering social connections and concrete support, the program empowers leaders to come together in times of need. Giving youth a platform to share their stories sparks personal growth, builds resilience, and empowers others facing similar challenges. A key element is engaging youth to express their experiences and strengthen the community.

CREATE AN INTERACTIVE GAME CONNECTION AND COMMUNITY BUILDERS

BEEN DONE

MARKING, ALLOWING

GRAP AND ENHANCE MORE PEOPLE

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IMPACT SNAPSHOT

Youth Voice Presents



VENTURA COUNTY YOUTH VOICES UPCOMING EVENTS



Chew & Chat Hybrid 9.25.24	Ventura County Youth Voices recently hosted a "Chew & Chat" event that engaged 12 youth participants, both in person and via Zoom. This gathering provided a valuable platform for open dialogue, allowing attendees to pose insightful questions and share diverse perspectives.
Interviews On 9.26.24 10.17.24	Youth Voices is excited to announce that we will be hosting interviews for QUILTBAG members. This is a unique opportunity for youth with lived experience to contribute their insights and actively work toward creating meaningful system change.
YAM Outreach HS 10.29.24	Youth Voices will have an outreach table at this upcoming event to share our program to the community. This is a great opportunity to learn more about how youth with lived experience are using their voices to drive meaningful change. We encourage everyone to stop by, ask questions, and discover how to get involved!
Trainers to Resilience Hubton SB 11.4.24	Youth Voices will have an outreach table at this upcoming event that the Partnership For Safe Families and Communities is partnering with to share our program to the community.
CORE Meeting Zoom 11.6.24	Our upcoming CORE meeting will bring together all of our CORE members to plan and organize our December event. This meeting is a crucial step in ensuring the event's success, and we look forward to collaborating as a team to make it impactful and memorable.
CASA Presentation Zoom 11.11.24	We are excited to announce that we will be presenting to CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) to begin a partnership aimed at connecting youth to our programs. This collaboration will enhance our efforts to support youth in our community.
Breaking Barriers Sacramento 11.17.24-11.19.24	Youth Voice Leaders will be attending Breaking Barriers to gain valuable insights. Breaking Barriers is a collaboration of leaders from various child-serving systems across California. They are united by the belief that working together through planning and problem-solving is essential to support the educational, social, emotional, and behavioral well-being of California's children and youth.
Holiday Party Hybrid 12.4.24	Youth Voices will be hosting a holiday party to celebrate the end of the year! Join us for a fun-filled event featuring games and activities as we also plan for the upcoming Youth Voices social connection in February. We look forward to celebrating together and strengthening our community!
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Youth Voices Social Connections
Presented by Ventura County Youth Voices

RED FLAGS & Real Love
Recognizing & Preventing Teen Dating Violence

BANDERAS ROJAS Y Amor verdadero
conocer y prevenir la violencia en el noviazgo en adolescentes

Wednesday February 12th 2025
5:00pm - 6:30pm

Join Youth Voices Social Connections and guest presenters Interface Children and Family Services to learn more about Teen Dating Violence and how it can be prevented!
Live Spanish Interpretation Provided

Register Here

Miércoles 12 de febrero del 2025
5:00 - 6:30

¡Únete a Youth Voices Social Connections y a los presentadores invitados de Interface Children and Family Services para aprender más sobre la violencia en el noviazgo entre adolescentes y cómo se puede prevenir!
Interpretación en español en vivo disponible

Regístrate aquí

2025 ACT CONFERENCE: COMMUNITY STRATEGIES TO HELP ALL CHILDREN THRIVE

At this conference, you will learn about Positive and Adverse Childhood Experiences (PACES) and their profound influence on individuals, families, and communities. The conference also offers a rare opportunity to connect with fellow advocates, policymakers, researchers, and community leaders who care deeply about transformational change.

Through engaging presentations and interactive workshops, attendees will gain a deeper understanding of childhood trauma, its long-term impact, and practical strategies for identifying and co-creating effective solutions. The conference offers ample opportunities for networking and fostering meaningful connections among stakeholders from a wide range of sectors.

Our commitment is to collaboration, honoring the lived experience of our communities, and prioritizing evidence-informed practices, data-driven insights, and dissemination of PACES research.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2 & THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2025
DOUBLETREE BY HILTON SACRAMENTO
2001 Point West Way, Sacramento, CA 95815

- » Conference Registration Deadline: March 21, 2025
- » Register at: <http://act-caconference.org>
- » Travel Stipend Deadline: January 31, 2025

FEATURING KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:
Dr. Joaquin Arambula (invited), Dr. Diana Ramos (invited), Dr. Pogue Cofer, Dr. Manuel Pastor, Kamrajpal Chahal, and Ravna Washivani.

For additional information please contact us at info@act-ca.org

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Youth Voice Action Board

We are a diverse team of youth leaders using our lived experience to create system change under the guidance of The Ventura County Parents Voices. Ventura County Youth Voices is to empower youth who have experienced adversity & want to use their voices to make positive change to strengthen families. Ventura County Youth Voices aims to support systemic change that benefits the youth and families in our communities. By offering a safe and supportive environment, we enable young people to leverage their personal experiences and perspectives to inspire transformation and assist other families facing similar challenges

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IDENTIFY THE RESPONSIBILITY, RESILIENCE, AND RESPECT ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNITY LEADERS NEED TO LIFT VENTURA COUNTY YOUTH ACTION BOARD

SUPPORT

- Relationship-Based vs. Compliance-Based Leadership
 - Authentically and consistently communicate to youth and families "you are valued, you belong, and you have purpose"
- Strength-Based vs Deficit Lens: Focus on resilience vs fragile & broken
- Adversity touches everyone's lives. See youth with lived experience through understanding and relating vs. judging and condemning. (them vs. us)

SUSTAIN

- Budgets are our value statements
 - Leverage funding with Youth Voices as a lead for budgets, not an afterthought
- Consistent communication and connection vs contract manager/leaders changing departments or units and dropping the relationship ball
- Provide meaningful and consistent training to support youth leadership, engagement and understanding of initiatives and sense of connection and community ownership



Step 1: Youth can email vcyouthvoices@gmail.com to request an application

Step 2: Fill out application

Step 3: Email filled application back to vcyouthvoices@gmail.com

After receiving an application Youth Voices will reach out to the applicant to schedule an in person interview!!

HOW TO APPLY



CONTINUUM OF CARE (COC) PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE (PLE) HOUSING INSECURITY FOCUS GROUP

DECEMBER 9, 2024

LOCATION: PARTNERSHIP FOR SAFE FAMILIES & COMMUNITIES VENTURA, CALIFORNIA
12:30-2:30 PM

AGENDA

- WARM WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS
- OVERVIEW: WHAT BROUGHT US TOGETHER & SCOPE OF WORK
- COMMUNITY QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & SNACK BREAK
- NEXT STEPS INCLUDING STRONG PROCESS
- SHARELINE & OPTIMISTIC CLOSING

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

10 PARTICIPANTS

Age Range: 38-71 years

40% White, 40% African American, 20% Latinx/Hispanic

RACE/ETHNICITY

DOUBLED UP FAMILY LIVING

LIVING WITH FAMILY

SHEDDING YARD, VEHICLES, PARKS & HOTELS

DRUG REHAB.

DEPLACED BY WILDFIRE

SUBQUIZED HOUSING

HISTORICAL HOUSING EXPERIENCES SHARED

OPPORTUNITIES IDENTIFIED

- STOP THE LABELING AND THE ASSUMPTIONS OF PEOPLE WHO ARE HOUSING INSECURE
- ENCOURAGE COMPASSION AND HOPE IDENTIFY PEER NAVIGATORS (SOMEONE WHO HAS DONE IT THAT CAN SHOW YOU HOW TO DO IT)
- CREATE A SOLID SHELTER IN VENTURA THAT TREATS PEOPLE WITH HUMANITY TEACH FINANCIAL LITERACY INCLUDING HOW TO BUILD CREDIT AND HOW ACQUIRING PROPERTY WORKS
- PROVIDE EMERGENCY HOTEL VOUCHERS DEVELOP A VENDOR SPONSORSHIP NETWORK

PRESSURES SHARED

- HURTFUL ASSUMPTIONS AND NEGATIVITY ASSOCIATED WITH HOMELESSNESS LITTLE COMPASSION
- HIGH MOVE IN AND UTILITY COSTS
- LACK OF RENT CONTROL OVERSIGHT
- FEW REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR ELDERLY AND FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN
- CHALLENGING FAMILY DYNAMICS
- PHYSICAL DANGERS WHEN LIVING ON THE STREETS
- EXTENDED WAIT TIMES AND DIFFICULTY ACCESSING/QUALIFYING FOR SUPPORTIVE SERVICES
- MINIMAL MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES
- RACIAL DISPARITIES

PLE VOICES

"HOUSING INSECURITY KEEPS US IN A VICIOUS CYCLE THAT IS VERY DIFFICULT, UNLESS SOMEONE PUTS OUT THEIR HAND AND SAYS 'LET ME HELP YOU' AND LET ME DO WITH ATTENTION AND CARE, THE INSECURITY REMAINS."

"I REALLY APPRECIATED BEING INVITED TO DO THIS, WE CAN COME UP WITH SOLUTIONS, BEING ABLE TO TELL AND LEARN FROM OUR STORIES REMINDS ME I AM NOT A SHUDGE IN THE PAST, REOPENING THE STORIES AND MY HISTORIES GIVE MEANING TO MY LIFE AND HELPS ME TO MAKE A WAY FORWARD."

Upcoming Focus Group

Partnering with public health

PLE + Public Health

Our focus groups continue to expand! Our participants are building community-unity & empowerment!

Next focus group 2.13.25

Participants registered 12

Engaged and informative discussion

Stipends - Food- Lunch + Fun raffles included




Meet The Team

VENTURA COUNTY PARENTS VOICES CORE TEAM

Dr. Kathleen Weil Anthony - Executive Director
 Scotti Greene - Director of Special Projects
 Jackie Barber - Oregon Parents Voice Coordinator
 (Small portraits of team members)

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OUR CORE TEAM

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YOUTH VOICE LEADERS

Janel Aguayo, Kamiryn Stewart

(Small portraits of youth voice leaders)

Mackie, Yoanna, Emiliano, Kylee, Opal, Yazi

STRONGER FAMILIES SAFER KIDS

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MAY 17, 2025

THANK YOU

February 12, 2025

VC CoC Governance Board

SUBJECT: Review and approve the VC CoC Nominations Committee recommendation to fill one vacant Board seat.

BACKGROUND: The Ventura County Continuum of Care (VC CoC) Governance Board includes representatives of relevant stakeholders, private and public officials, philanthropic representatives, local business, service organizations, programs serving homeless populations, and those with lived experience in homelessness. Representation of a broad array of our community will enhance the capacity to coordinate and leverage resources from various sectors across the region.

The VC CoC Governance Charter allows for a minimum of 7 and maximum of 13 Board members. The current Board membership is found in Exhibit A (see attached). The following members terms ended in December 2024: Kevin Clerici and Michael Nigh. Also, one additional Board vacancy has resulted from the resignation of Oxnard Housing Director, Emilio Ramirez. Nominations for new VC CoC Board members were solicited through ongoing outreach to the VC CoC Alliance partners, VC CoC Committees and shared on the VC CoC social media pages.

The VC CoC Board is responsible for voting on its membership and selecting members from the nominations provided. The VC CoC Alliance is responsible for generating nominations for the Board membership and ratifying the membership of the full Board annually at one of the quarterly meetings.

The VC CoC Nominations Committee met remotely on February 4, 2025, after the solicitation of new CoC Board applications in January 2025 with the priority for an Oxnard area representative. This committee includes 1) VC CoC Board Vice Chair, Manual Minjares, 2) VC CoC Board Member, Jack Edelstein, and 3) VC CoC Board Member, Pauline Preciado. The committee discussed five (5) nominations received from various sectors and have recommended Michael Skinner to fill the vacancy from Emilio Ramirez. Mr. Skinner serves as the Homeless Coordinator for the City of Oxnard.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Approve the VC CoC Nominations Committee recommendation for Michael Skinner to join the VC CoC Governance Board, effective February 12, 2025.

February 12, 2025

VC CoC Governance Board

SUBJECT: Receive a presentation on data updates and approve recommendations from the VC CoC Data Committee

BACKGROUND: The VC CoC receives quarterly data reports from the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), including system performance measures for reporting to the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The HMIS team sends out quarterly data quality reports to ensure updates are made by service providers.

DISCUSSION: Recently, the State of California implemented changes in the system performance measures associated with the Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) program, as reported through the State Homeless Data Integration System (HDIS). The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) now requires specific outcomes to be reached in order to receive the HHAP funding installments. VC CoC staff met with HCD staff to better understand the State reporting and clarify the requirements to meet outcomes. Overall, HUD system performance is improving in several measures; however, data quality issues are affecting outcomes for housing placements, the average length of time homeless, and exits from street outreach projects. VC CoC are recommending additional training be provided to ensure data quality improves.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Approve the incorporation of data quality as a scoring factor for Continuum of Care funding with six months notice to providers, to include the following:

- 1) If an applicant has beds dedicated to homelessness that are not in HMIS and are not domestic violence related, they would receive a 2 point deduction from the scoring total; and
- 2) a basic HMIS data quality assessment would be conducted by the HMIS team to rate applicant in compliance with HUD and CA data standards for a maximum of 5 points.

VENTURA COUNTY
CONTINUUM OF CARE ALLIANCE
ENDING HOMELESSNESS
IN VENTURA COUNTY

February 2025 Data Updates and Recommendations

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Discussion Points

- Point-in-Time Count Data
- CA System Performance Measures
- HUD System Performance Measures
- Data Quality
- CoC Board Recommendations & Next Steps

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Who Is Counted?

Persons in Emergency Shelters

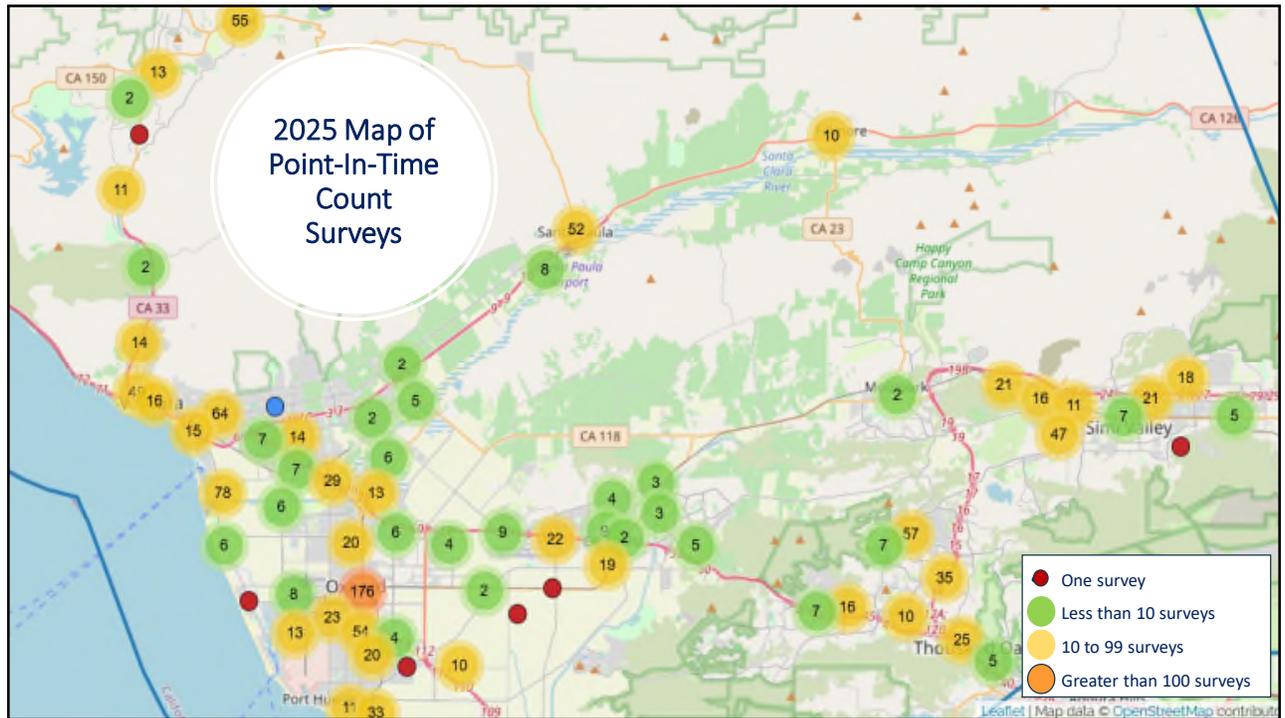
Persons in motels paid for by a program

Persons in Transitional Housing

Persons living in places not meant for human habitation: unsheltered, vehicles, encampments



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California System Performance Measures

- Reducing the number of persons experiencing homelessness
- Reducing the number of persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness
- Reducing the number of persons who become homeless for the first time
- Increasing the number of persons exiting homelessness into permanent housing
- Reducing the length of time persons remain homeless
- Reducing the number of persons who return to homelessness after exiting homelessness to permanent housing
- Increasing successful placements from street outreach

HHAP 4 2nd installment requires 2 of the performance measures to be improving. HHAP 6 requires that 50% of the performance measures be improving or a CoC would need to be in corrective action.

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California System Performance Measures

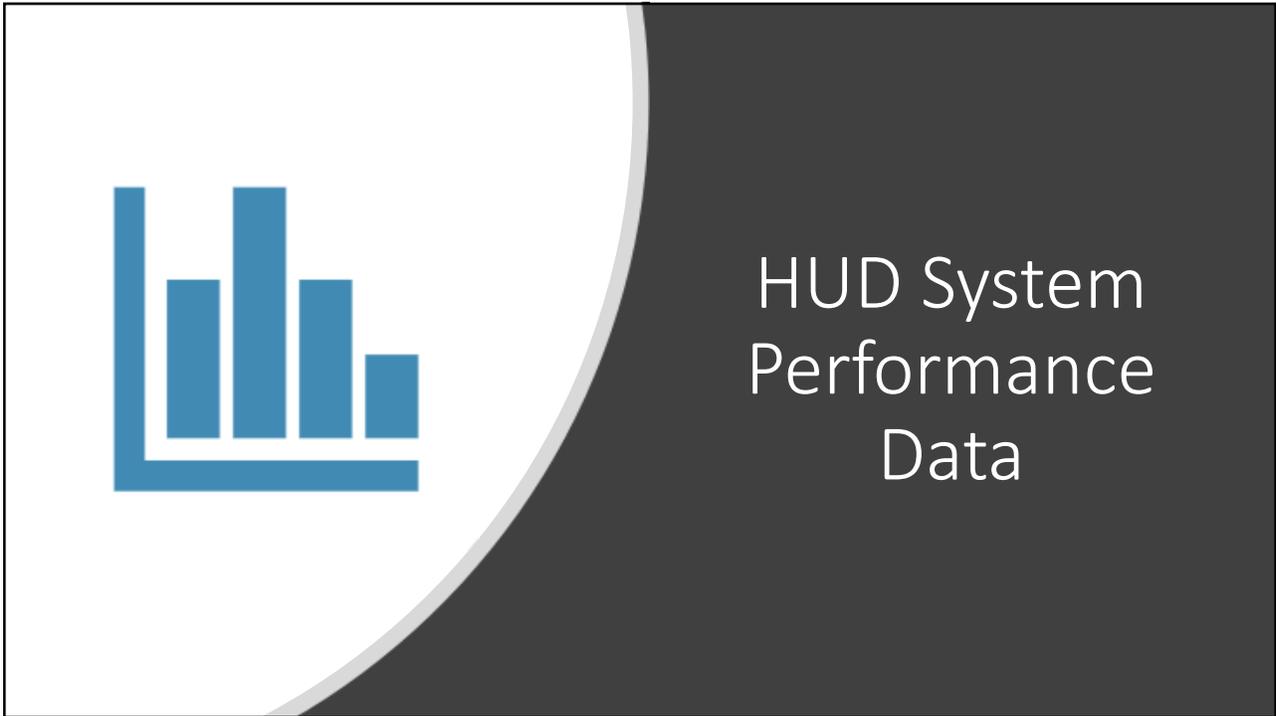
Measure 1a: Reducing the number of persons experiencing homelessness.						
CY 2022	CY 2023	FY 2023	# Change from CY 2022	% Change from CY 2022	# Change from CY 2023	% Change from CY 2023
3,196	3,054	3,057	-139	-4%	3	0%
Measure 1b Reducing the number of persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness on a daily basis.						
PIT 2022	PIT 2023	PIT 2024	# Change from PIT 2022	% Change from PIT 2022	# Change from PIT 2023	% Change from PIT 2023
1,356	1,633	1,431	277	20%	-202	-12%
Measure 2 Reducing the number of persons who become homeless for the first time.						
CY 2022	CY 2023	FY 2023	# Change from CY 2022	% Change from CY 2022	# Change from CY 2023	% Change from CY 2023
1,681	1,407	1,421	-260	-15%	14	1%
Measure 3 Increasing the number of persons exiting homelessness to permanent housing.						
CY 2022	CY 2023	FY 2023	# Change from CY 2022	% Change from CY 2022	# Change from CY 2023	% Change from CY 2023
665	595	674	6	1%	76	13%

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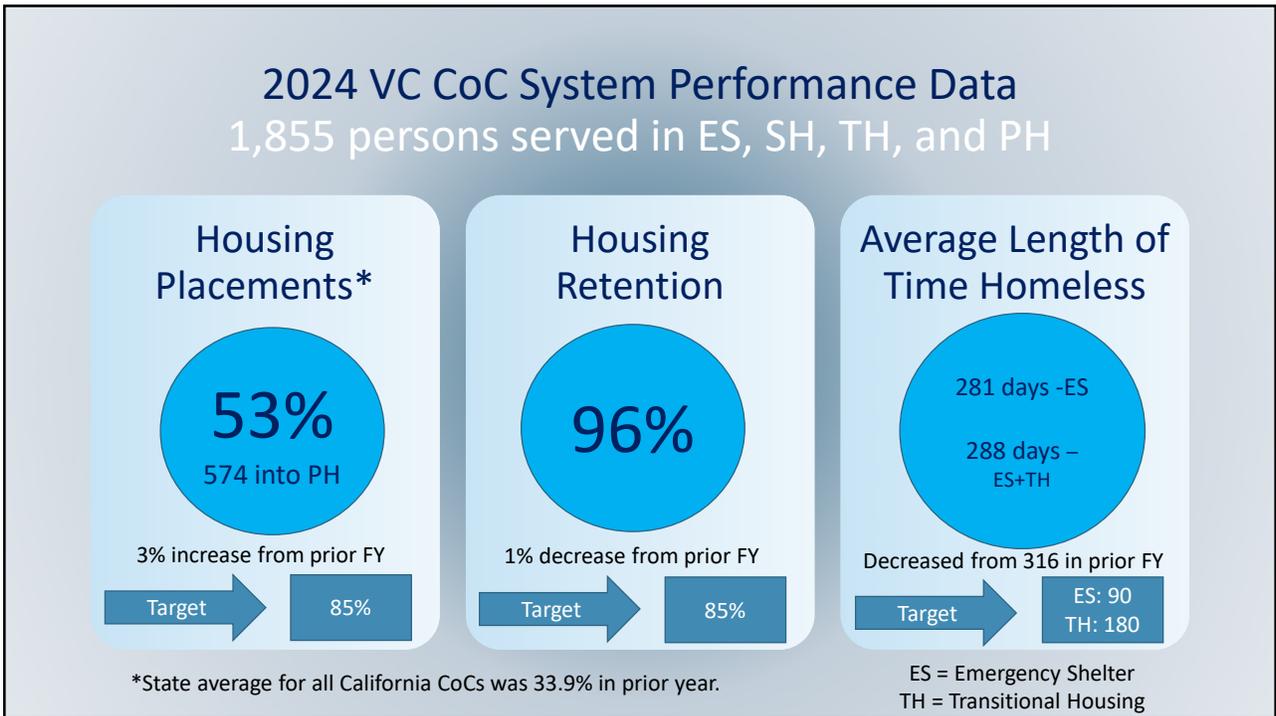
California System Performance Measures

Measure 4 Reducing the length of time persons remain homelessness.						
CY 2022	CY 2023	FY 2023	# Change from CY 2022	% Change from CY 2022	# Change from CY 2023	% Change from CY 2023
163	197	194	30	19%	-4	-2%
Measure 5 Reducing the number of persons who retrain to homelessness after exiting homelessness to						
CY 2022	CY 2023	FY 2023	% Point Change from	% Change from CY 2022	% Point Change from	% Change from CY 2023
9.09%	10.14%	7.63%	-1.46%	n/a	-2.51%	n/a
Measure 6 Increasing successful placements from street outreach.						
CY 2022	CY 2023	FY 2023	# Change from CY 2022	% Change from CY 2022	# Change from CY 2023	% Change from CY 2023
45	44	47	2	4%	3	7%

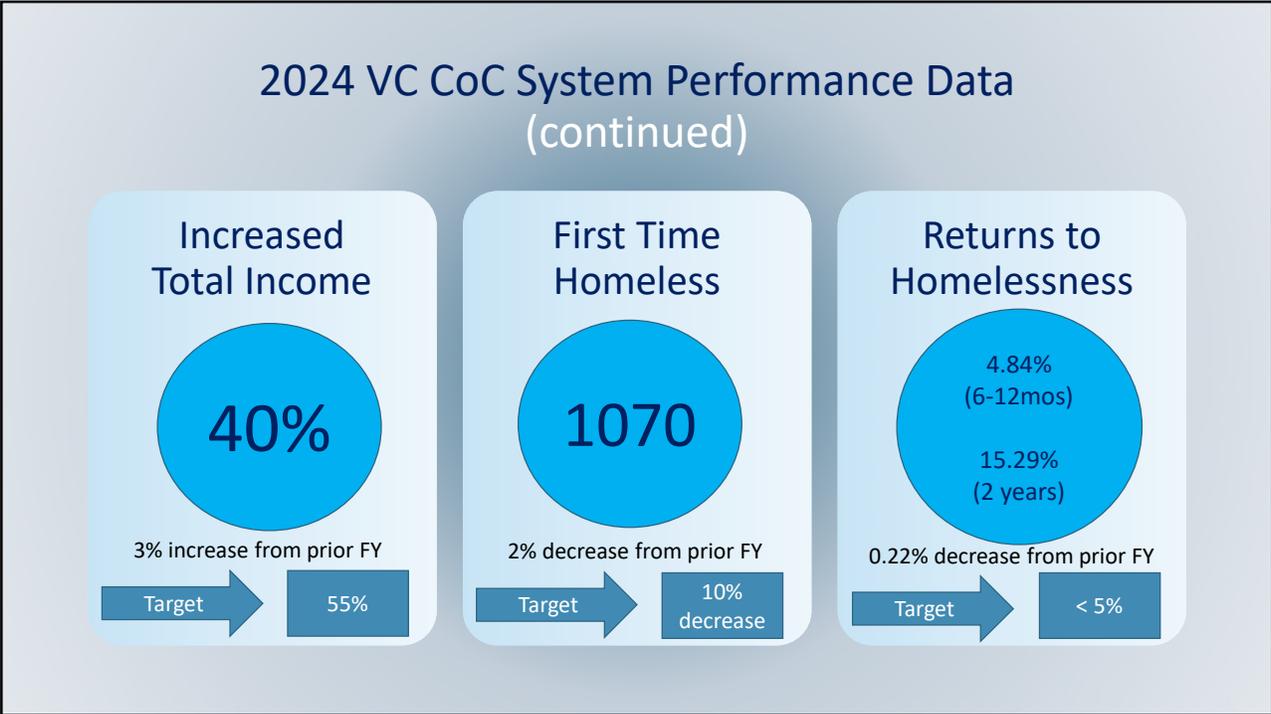
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Getting a Complete Picture Challenges with HMIS Bed Coverage

HUD Standard is 85% in each category. Reported annually during Point in Time Count – Housing Inventory Chart. The image is from the most recent 2024 HUD CoC Application.

Project Type	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current Non-VSP Beds [Column F of HDX Report]	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current VSP Beds [Column K of HDX Report]	Total Year-Round, Current, HMIS Beds and VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database [Column M of HDX Report]	HMIS and Comparable Database Coverage Rate [Column O of HDX Report]
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	980	63	933	89.45%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	10	0	10	100.00%
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	198	57	113	44.31%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	376	57	433	100.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	635	0	326	51.34%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	298	0	108	36.24%

2025 HIC is in process, new data. Known missing beds VASH, EHVs

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Data Quality Issues Impacting Funding

Persons experiencing homelessness are being filtered out by State because living situations are not consistently or accurately being entered in non-residential projects.

Impact: CA numbers do not align with HMIS numbers.

Move in dates are missing, often not aligned across providers or are not cleared from previous housing and entered for current program.

Impact: Missing permanent housing placements and lengthens the days experiencing homelessness.

Street Outreach providers must enter continued homeless status throughout enrollment.

Impact: Successful exits from street outreach projects are significantly under-represented.

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Incorporate HMIS use and data quality as a scoring factor for CoC funding

- 1) If an applicant has beds dedicated to homelessness (included in Housing Inventory Chart) that are not in HMIS and are not domestic violence related, they would receive a 2 point deduction from the scoring total.
- 2) A basic HMIS Data Quality Assessment would be conducted by the HMIS Team to rate applicant in compliance with HUD and CA data standards for a maximum of 5 points.
- 3) If enacted by the CoC Board, applicants would have six months notice of the addition of HMIS data quality to scoring to improve their data quality before impact.

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Questions?

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