

Homeless Policy Steering Committee

Meeting Minutes | March 11, 2026

In Person & Online Zoom Meeting | 3:00 PM-5:00 PM

1. **Welcome. Call to Order: 3:05 PM**
2. **Roll Call**

HPSC Voting Members **in Attendance** (16 required for quorum):

Elected Officials

County Board of Supervisors

Eric Lucan

Cities & Towns (MCCMC):

San Rafael:

Rachel Kertz

Mill Valley:

Caroline Joachim

County Health and Human Services

Mental Health and Substance Use
Services:

Michael Wilson

Community Development

Community Development Agency:

Leelee Thomas

Public Housing Agency

Marin Housing Authority:

Samantha Guzowski; Renu Kharbuja (Alt)

Consumer Representatives

Jason Sarris

Bill Hale

Domestic Violence

Center for Domestic Peace:

Tara Peterson; Christina Schiffner (Alt)

Faith-Based Organizations

Marin Organizing Committee:

Pat Langley

Law Enforcement

FMDT Liaison:

Lynn Murphy; *Nguyen Pham (Alt)*

Probation

County of Marin Probation Dept.

Terry Wright (for Chief Marlon Washington);
Jane Casto (Alt)

Homeless Service Providers

St. Vincent de Paul:

Christine Paquette, Meredith Parnell (Alt)

Ritter Center:

Mark Shotwell, Kim Baenisch (Alt)

Community Action Marin:

Chandra Alexandre; Ashlyn Artis

Adopt A Family of Marin:

Jacqueline Jaffee, Jasmine Martinez (Alt)

North Marin Community Services:

Cheryl Paddack, Charlotte Gonnella (Alt)

Make It Home

Zoe Neil

Marin Peer Resource Community Collective

Bambi Klyse, Jenn Mallow (Alt)

Homeless Housing Providers

Homeward Bound:

Paul Fordham, Carrie Sager (Alt)

Bucklew Programs:

Connie Mann, Chris Kughn (Alt)

School Districts

Marin County Office of Education:

Laura Trahan, Amy Carrera (Alt)

Healthcare

Marin City Health and Wellness Centerpoint	Dominique McDowell, <i>La'Kiya Striplin (Alt)</i>
<u>Veteran's Services</u>	Maurice Lee
TBD	TBD
<u>Employment Services</u>	
TBD	TBD
<u>Regional Representation</u>	
Women Helping All People	Royce McLemore
<u>Youth</u>	
Side By Side TAY	Laura Taylor; Laura Tucker (Alt)
Marin County Cooperation Team	Jahmeer Reynolds; <i>Mira Guidi (Alt)</i>
<u>Older Adults</u>	
Vivalon	Stephanie McNally; Jacob Orozco (Alt)
<u>Homelessness Prevention</u>	
Front Porch	Luke Barnesmoore, Joseph Schumake (Alt)
Marin County Cooperation Team	Jahmeer Reynolds; <i>Mira Guidi (Alt)</i>
<u>Access and Functional Needs</u>	
Marin Center for Independent Living	Ted Jackson
<u>Business Community</u>	
San Rafael Chamber of Commerce	Karen Strolia

3. Approval of the Minutes

- a. Action to adopt minutes from November 12, 2025 HPSC quarterly meeting.
 - Discussion: None
- b. Motion to approve the minutes:
 - Meredith Parnell moved to approve the minutes; Jason Sarris seconded the motion.
 - All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

4. Introductions, Announcements

5. Public Comment

- a. None

6. Resolution 2026-01 Recommending that the Marin County Board of Supervisors develop a stabilization framework to protect existing permanent supportive housing programs from federal funding disruption (ACTION)

- a. Discussion
 - Jason Sarris and Sara McEvoy from the Marin County Lived Experience Advisory Board provided a summary and background for the resolution.
 - Cheryl Paddack stated that the proposed resolution in the first sentence refers to disabling conditions but not homeless individuals and proposed to amend the resolution accordingly.

- Rachel Kertz proposed to additionally amend the resolution in the first sentence to substitute the phrase “Marin County’s housing first strategy” for “Marin County’s housing strategy”.
- b. Action
- Jason Sarris moved to approve the resolution, as amended. Luke Barnesmoore seconded the motion.

7. Recap and Current Status of 2025 CoC Program NOFO (INFORMATION)

- a. **Background:** HUD released the FY 2025 NOFO on November 13, introducing changes—such as a cap on permanent housing funding—that would have significantly impacted Marin. A coalition of communities sued HUD and was granted a preliminary injunction, which effectively continued the standards of the FY 24-25 NOFO.
- b. **Current Legal Status:** HUD is actively appealing the injunction. On March 2, 2026, HUD filed a notice of appeal and an emergency motion to stay the injunction, arguing they need it lifted to release a new NOFO and issue awards for the third and fourth quarters. A higher-level court is currently determining the merit of this appeal; if denied, HUD's next option would be the Supreme Court.
- c. **Legislative Mandates (Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2026):**
- If HUD fails to make FY 2025 awards by July 2026, they must non-competitively renew all projects expiring in the latter half of 2026.
 - HUD is required to keep Tier 1 funding at 60% or higher of the Annual Renewal Demand (ARD).
 - HUD must release the FY 2026 NOFO by June 1, 2026, with awards to be made by December 1, 2026.

8. Establish Ad-Hoc 2025-26 CoC NOFO Local Competition Committee

- a. This ad-hoc committee, consisting of non-conflicted voting members, will be responsible for reviewing and approving local scoring tools, competition policies, and the final project priority listing for the upcoming CoC NOFO funding cycle. (Hoping for at least three). Will be a public meeting and will be all virtual.
- b. Samantha Guzowski moved to establish the ad-hoc 2025-26 CoC Local Competition Committee to approve competition materials and the priority listing. Ashlyn Artis seconded the motion.
- c. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

9. Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures Amendment (Action)

- a. The HPSC considered a motion to amend the Coordinated Entry (CE) Policies and Procedures Manual to formally document current practices regarding the matching of prioritized households to available housing. The update emphasizes a case conferencing approach that considers client preferences, unit characteristics, and program specialties to ensure referrals

have the highest likelihood of success. This practice supports Marin's high 94% permanent supportive housing retention rate.

A key component of the new language specifies that households are matched to housing opportunities best suited to their needs; for instance, individuals with a history of housing loss due to roommate conflict might not be placed in a shared unit.

- Amendment proposed to include a) language clarifying that prior history of an individual does not determine future housing and B) reasonable accommodation.
- b. Action: Luke Barnesmoore moved to approve the amendment, as amended in this meeting. Seconded by Mark Shotwell.
- c. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

10. Collaboration Between CoCs and Area Agencies on Aging to Prevent and Address Older Adult Homelessness.

- Luke Barnesmorre conveyed content from a national webinar on meeting the needs of older people experiencing homelessness.
- Meredith Parnell discussed demographic trends in Marin County in regard to older people experiencing homelessness, the current landscape in terms of meeting those needs and resources required.

11. Marin County Lived Experience Advisory Board Update

- a. Jason Sarris shared that the Seed of Hope event was on March 2, 2026 and 83 people were counted as receiving clothes, hygiene and self-care products. Other Lived Experience Advisory Boards from across the state. General Assistance advocacy work is ongoing.

12. Inclement Weather Workgroup Update

- a. Jason Sarris shared that one daytime shelter for rain was mobilized with the medical street outreach team and eight people attended for services. Challenges include transportation and people being able to leave the location.

13. SWES Update

- a. Gary Naja-Reis shared that SWES was activated on February 19th and 20th. Eighteen people sought shelter after extensive activation and outreach. Gary reminded providers that county contracts can be used to get vulnerable clients to SWES and transportation is provided to the dining room for breakfast. Bus passes are provided to come back the next night if needed. The County has requested lists of people with high medical needs and their locations, as these individuals will be assisted who are most at risk in inclement weather.

14. Governance Charter Review Committee Update

- a. Matt Weber shared that the committee has worked through all of the provisions of the current governance charter and is now assembling all of its recommended changes into a substantially revised Governance Charter that it hopes to present to HPSC at its May 2026 quarterly meeting.

15. Transition Aged Youth Update

- a. Nikolas Brady shared that the County has been conducting strategic planning sessions and brainstorming solutions to fill any gaps in services. Community Action Marin, Homeward Bound, Catholic Charities, and Adopt A Family are all collaborating. The TAY version of the Coordinated Entry Housing Assessment will launch later this year.

16. Coordinated Entry Update

- a. Nikolas Brady shared that the Marin County Data Dashboard shows 918 chronically homeless individuals have been housed in permanent supportive housing. 140 veterans have been housed and 11 remain on the list. 288 family households have been housed in Marin County.
- b. 60 people attended a training course for the new housing assessment for Marin County.
- c. New MAVSA training for new assessment – 60 people yesterday.

17. Pit Count Update

- a. Nikolas Brady shared that over 100 volunteers participated in the annual Place in Time Count. All 62 census tracts in Marin were covered. At this time, staff are working on the survey component of the count.

18. Adjourned 4:55 pm.