Homeless Policy Steering Committee

Meeting Minutes | June 17, 2026

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

1. **Welcome. Call to Order: 3:00 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; *Karen Petterson (Alt)*
Law Enforcement	
FMDT Liaison:	Lynn Murphy
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 (Alt)*
Adopt A Family of Marin:	Jacqueline Jaffee, *Jasmine Martinez (Alt)*
North Marin Community Services:	Cheryl Paddack, *Charlotte Gonnella (Alt)*
Make It Home	Carolyn Flannery; *Zoe Neil (Alt)*
Marin Peer Resource Community Collective	Bambi Klyse, *Jenn Mallow (Alt)*
Homeless Housing Providers	
Homeward Bound:	Paul Fordham
Buckelew Programs:	Connie Mann, *Chris Kughn (Alt)*
School Districts	
Marin County Office of Education:	Laura Trahan, *Amy Carrera (Alt)*
Healthcare	
Marin City Health and Wellness	Dominique McDowell, La'Kiya Striplin (Alt)

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

3. Approval of the Minutes

a. Action to adopt minutes from March 11, 2026 HPSC quarterly meeting.
   - Discussion: None

b. Motion to approve the minutes:
   - LeeLee Thomas moved to approve the minutes; Laura Taylor seconded the motion.

4. Introductions, Announcements

Announcements:

- Homeward Bound announced that the organization has acquired a convent to use forhousing in San Rafael. They are expected to break ground next year and open in 2028.
- Jason Sarris announced he is a new board member for Make It Home.
- New San Marin housing development is opening
- A community meeting about the new Merrydale development drew in about eighty people last night. The biggest concern at this time for community members appears to be the long-term housing development; they are currently supportive of tiny homes.
- North Marin Community Services is stepping in to assume behavioral health programs that Canal Alliance was managing.
- San Rafael Chaber of Commerce was just recognized as the Chamber of the Year.

- The homelessness prevention initiative will go to the Board of Supervisors on July 14th, 2026. A briefing session will be held prior with partners and will be coordinated by Marin County Homelessness and Coordinated Care.

5. Public Comment

Sarah McEvoy stated that she urged Marin County to provide guidance for organizations that are faced with program termination and requested that Program Coordinators with Marin County send updated notices about fund cuts. She stated that there was disappointment in the way that a recent resolution was presented at BOS meeting, and not included in materials for the meeting, but instead placed in a slide show by Health and Human Services. She said that responses to questions from the supervisors were inaccurate and did not address program closures underway. She additionally stated that supervisors including Supervisor Lucan should have made a correction in that meeting. She stated that the Marin independent Journal newspaper stated that there is support for permanent supportive housing when there is not.

Co-Chair Rachel Kertz stated that this item is not on the agenda thereby preventing further discussion. She stated that this matter will be brought up with Supervisor Lucan's office.

6. Research on Homelessness and Aging: A Snapshot.

a. Presentation by Dr. Angie Perone, Director of the Center for the Advanced Study of Aging Services at the School of Social Welfare, University of California, Berkeley (INFORMATION

Dr. Perone presented research on the intersection of housing and aging. The presentation focused on older adults and homelessness in Marin County, including causes, impacts, and outcomes. Dr. Perone also discussed solutions including cross-sectorial partnerships and narrative frameworks.

b. Discussion

Comments by meeting participants included:

- Marin County has an opportunity to re-direct the course of these issues. Consciousness -raising is one of the first steps.
- Skyrocketing rental costs are one of the main causes.
- Social, racial and economic inequality in Marin greatly exacerbates the housing situation.
- Marin has a larger older population than other counties in the bay area but also has more resources. Marin could be a leader on this issue state-wide and nationally.

- Common issues related to tenant protections for this population include the fact that many older adults who are primary tenants often rely on secondary tenants to make rent.
- Employment and age discrimination for older adults is a critical and related issue.
- Fraud victimization is a key issue and contributing factor.

7. Resolution 2026-02

a. A resolution directing the Older Adult Committee to develop and implement a coordinated assessment and action plan on older adult homelessness – *Rachel Kertz, Co-Chair* (ACTION)

Ted Jackson from the Center for Independent Living proposed an edit to the text of the second paragraph in the proposed resolution as follows: "WHEREAS the systems best positioned to prevent and resolve older adult homelessness — homeless response, aging services, healthcare, behavioral health, and managed care, and community integration — continue to operate largely in isolation from one another;"."

b. Co-Chair Rachel Kertz requested a motion to approve the resolution as amended. Motion from Ted Jackson and Second from Pat Langley.

All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

8. HUD FY 2026 CoC Program NOFO

a. Overview of HUD's 2026 CoC Program Notice of Funding Opportunity – *Matt Weber, Homebase* (INFORMATION)

Matt Weber provided information about recent developments including that HUD continues to shift and reduce funding and move away from Housing First to alternative models. He described funding changes to tie 1 and tier 2 programs and provided a timeline for applying for new funding under the new guidelines.

b. Discussion

Comments included:

- There is a need to tell this story of funding cuts to the community.
- Marin County Homelessness and Coordinated Care has a lot of materials and depending on the audience, these materials could be adapted.
- The National Alliance to End Homelessness has a lot of great presentation materials as well.

9. Point in Time Count Update

a. Preliminary findings from the CoC's 2026 count of people experiencing sheltered and unsheltered homelessness – *Nikolas Brady, HHS* (INFORMATION)

Nikolas Brady stated that his team will be finalizing the data over the next few weeks and issuing a report.

10. Marin County Lived Experience Advisory Board Update

Jason Sarris shared that the Seed of Hope event had 103 people come through the Advisory Board's station The Board continues to finish drafts on bylaws and is working with the Board of Supervisors on the drafts. The Advisory Board will be meeting with the Homelessness and Coordinated Care division of Marin Couty Health and Human Services., as well as with Daniel Cooperman of the City of San Rafael.

11. Governance Charter Review Committee Update

Matt Weber shared that this year-long effort has been a success. The group is currently working on a draft to be considered at the next HPSC meeting. Many thanks to participants Pat Langley, Carrie Sager, Cheryl Paddock, Meredith Pernell, Nikolas Brady, Jason Sarris, and Tara Peterson, Tara Ozes, and Rachel Kertz.

12. Transition Aged Youth Update

Nikolas Brady shared that the work in Marin County on Youth is at its greatest point, noting that Marin County continues to increase the investment in youth and grow resources for this population with new staffing devoted to youth homelessness. The Youth Advisory Board is very strong and invested. The Catholic Charities housing site has filled 19 of 20 beds and reflects that the County's investment in youth has made it the single strongest part of homelessness work underway in the county. He expressed gratitude to Marin County Government and Consulting partners as well as Adopt A Family of Marin, Side by Side and Community Action of Marin.

13. Coordinated Entry Update

a. Nikolas Brady shared that Coordinated Entry is leveraging expertise across the county to provide coordinated entry services.

b. Data: Last month 3 individuals were housed in permanent supportive housing, and 1 veteran was placed in housing. Five veterans remain who are experiencing homelessness. Four families were housed last month and 25 families remain.

Comments included a request that the county's data dashboard include how many individuals are falling out of housing.

14. Adjourned 4:55 pm.