CA-515 General Board Meeting

September 9, 2026 | 11:45 am – 1:00 pm

Meeting Location: Virtual Meeting via Zoom
Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85718939253

Board Members:
Suzanne Acrell (Co-chair),Louise Arquilla, Amy Ellis, Rob Oldham, Elizabeth Sorg, Nichole Mulford, Vanessa Aguilera, Beth Gonzales, Megan Wright

Agenda Items
11:45 **Call to Order / Roll Call / Welcome Introduction** - Chairperson

11:47 **Approval of Agenda** - Chairperson (Review proposed Agenda. Make revisions/additions, as necessary.)

11:49 **Approval of Meeting Minutes** - Chairperson

11:57 **Public Comment** (Please limit comments to the board to 2 minutes per person)

12:04 **HHAP 6 Funding Recommendation and Vote** - Isaiah Rich-Wimmer

12:14 **HHAP 7**- Isaiah Rich-Wimmer

12:19 **2026 HUD CoC Program Competition** - Scott Thurmond

12:24 **HMIS Coordinated Entry** - Tammy Gregerson

12:34 **Operations Manager Report** - Kasia Elijah

12:39 **Executive Director Update** - Blanca Castro

12:44 **Subcommittees and Jurisdictional Updates -** Roundtable

1:00 **Adjourn Meeting**

Next Meeting: October 14, 2026 (In-person)

CA-515: Roseville/Rocklin/Placer County CoC
Meeting Location: Video Conference via Zoom
August 12, 2026 | 11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

Welcome and Introductions	Suzanne Acrell called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. HRCS Board & Staff: Suzanne Acrell, Louise Arquilla, Dr. Rob Oldham, Elizabeth Sorg, Nichole Mulford, Vanessa Aguilera, Beth Gonzales, Amy Ellis, Kasia Elijah, Blanca Castro. Absent: Breana Herndon. Additional Attendees: Lisa O'Connell (Partnership Health Plan), Christina Nicholson (Whole Person Learning), Erica Plumb (Mercy Housing), Cristina Pena (Kaiser Permanente), Jamie Gallagher (Placer County), Tammy Gregerson (Connecting Point), Judi Moore (Placer County Housing Authority), Ambrosia Cramer (PCOE), Debbie Prince (VA), Donavon Hazen (Probation), Marc Woodson, Mary Barker (Placer HS Outreach Supervisor), Megan Wright (The Gathering Inn), Namita Vij (Partnership Health Plan), Nathalie Tapia (Partnership Health Plan), Raúl Martínez (Placer HHS), Tahirih Kraft (UWCCR), Trisha Isom (Roseville Housing Authority), Ulysses Palencia, Jenni Glass (VOA). Thurmond Consulting: Scott Thurmond, Isaiah Rich-Wimmer, Pam Bedi, Leng Kutil, Janet Holm.

Approval of Agenda	A motion was made to approve the agenda. Motion: Beth Gonzales Second: Louise Arquilla *The motion passed.* Abstentions: None.
Approval of Meeting Minutes	A motion was made to approve the July meeting minutes with two edits; one correcting “Castia Bridge” to Casa DeWitt and one formatting edit to clarify individual reporting. Motion: Dr. Rob Oldham Second: Elizabeth Sorg *The motion passed.* Abstentions: Rolande Tellier
Public Comment	Beth Gonzales shared that the Rocklin City Council reviewed a proposed housing development at St. Augustine's on Wildcat, noting many emotional objections were raised.
New Board Member Application	● The Board will meet in closed session (after the general meeting) to review and vote on a new Board member application. ● Rolande announced her resignation from the CoC Board effective after that meeting, noting this created an opening. Rolande will continue as HRCS treasurer through December.

HHAP 6 Update	Scott Thurmond gave the update: ● Available Funding: A total of $855,530.14 is available under CA-515 for HHAP 6. ● Applications: There are 13 applications submitted, with a total requested amount of approximately $2.4 million (noted in chat), significantly exceeding available funds. ● A work group met earlier that day for a first-pass review of all proposals. ● The approach emphasizes clear justification, not just for the proposals themselves, but for why a specific amount will or won't be granted. ● Key concerns raised included ensuring outcomes are met and that applicants are not supplanting existing funding they already have. ● The work group will meet again next Friday to complete the full rating and prioritization of all applications. ● HHAP 7 is expected to function as an amendment to HHAP 6, and there is discussion about whether HHAP 7 funds could be allocated to HHAP 6 recipients, which is allowable under the amended NOFO.

2026 CoC Competition Update	Scott gave the update: ● The Federal Court vacated the 2026 NOFO related to the CoC competition right in the middle of the rating and ranking process. ● The court's issue was not with the legality of the NOFO itself, but with HUD's failure to follow the required administrative process for getting input on major changes to this funding source. HUD acknowledged the NOFO has been vacated. ● Listening sessions are being held; Scott planned to attend one the following day with Dr. Marbut, who is described as the architect of the changes being made to the CoC competition. ● These sessions may represent HUD's attempt to fulfill the administrative process the court required. ● HUD is trying to move toward more short-term programs and away from long-term permanent supportive housing programs; this plan would significantly increase homelessness. ● This situation is unprecedented in the 30+ years working with the CoC competition. ● The main plaintiff in the court case is the National Alliance on Homelessness, a link was shared with their summary. ● https://us9.campaign-archive.com/?e=a916d8c46f&u=466b34a51377a9504fb2ebd8f&id=f13f192631

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)	Tammy Gregerson provided the update: ● Total persons experiencing homelessness increased ~8% from 2024 to 2026, while unsheltered persons increased by 38%. ● First-time homelessness slightly decreased (288 to 259), a positive trend. ● Returns to homelessness doubled from 2024 to 2026, a newer concerning trend. ● Length of time dipped in 2025 (more people were housed that year) but has gone back up in 2026. ● People housed decreased ~8% from 2024 to 2026, but those retaining permanent supportive housing increased ~19%. ● HUD does not provide specific benchmarks; it compares each CoC to its own prior years. ● California SPMs can be used for benchmarks (e.g., for HF funding), and Tammy noted she would cover that topic next month. ● An updated vulnerability assessment was approved by the HRCS Board and will go live October 1st in HMIS. ● Call agents and case management forms will be updated on that date. ● Mandatory HMIS annual training is scheduled for next month, which will include training on the new assessment. ● Guidance will also be provided for existing clients assessed under the previous tool to ensure consistent scoring

Coordinated Data Entry Overview	Ulysses Palencia provided the overview: ● CoC program recipients are required to use the centralized coordinated entry assessment system, which ensures individuals are assessed and referred to appropriate housing and supportive services. ● June & July Activity (Placer CoC only): 362 total individuals assessed for coordinated entry eligibility. ● 259 new clients entered into the system. ● 118 clients updated their information through 211. ● 101 clients called in for a shelter refresh (re-referral without full re-screening). ● Wait Times (IVR - Housing Prompt): ● June: avg. 4 min 19 sec, with 428 individuals pressing the housing prompt. ● July: reduced to 3 min 40 sec, with 406 individuals. ● Two additional staff members were added to help reduce wait times further. ● Beth asked about repeat callers; Ulysses noted shelter refreshes and info updates reflect prior system engagement, but duplicated vs. unduplicated tracking is not currently available. ● Elizabeth asked whether wait times are before speaking to someone; confirmed yes, it's the average time to answer the call. ● Rolande asked about dropped calls; Ulysses confirmed that metric is available in their system, and Blanca suggested adding it to a future report

Operations Manager Report	Kasia Elijah gave the report: ● Coordinated with the VA on the new VASH voucher process, collaborating with the VA, VASH team, and the by-names list to ensure provider input on voucher allocation decisions. ● Caught up on Built for Zero monthly reports (January–June) for veterans, chronic veterans, and total populations after a transition in responsibilities. ● Created the HRCS Data Excellence Award to recognize agencies providing high-quality HMIS data monthly. First recipients: The Gathering Inn (TGI) and the Adult System of Care. ● Veterans: 5 veterans housed in July; 9 veterans identified for upcoming HUD-VASH voucher opportunities. ● TAY (Transition Age Youth): Re-engaged 5 long-term youth (on the list 200+ days); removed 2 inactive/housed youth from the by-names list. ● Inconsistent coordinated entry exits leading to inaccurate by-names lists - providers were reminded to exit individuals from coordinated entry upon housing or death. ● Limited use of HMIS case conferencing tools by providers. ● Continued need for provider training and accountability to improve data quality. ● Launch of a Senior Case Conferencing Group targeted for October.

	● Engaging new providers to the CoC and case conferencing spaces. ● Ongoing system-wide data cleanup.
CalAIM Transitional Rent	Cristina Pena, Kaiser Permanente and Lisa O'Connell, Partnership Health Plan, and Jamie Gallagher, Placer HHS: ● Transitional Rent Benefit Overview: Went live January 1, 2026; covers up to 6 months of full rent for eligible members. ● Eligibility requires severe mental illness or substance use disorder, experiencing homelessness, and transitioning from unsheltered homelessness, behavioral health, hospital, or substance use program. ● A housing support plan, referral form, and identified/secured lease are required documentation; incomplete referrals will be denied. ● Both Partnership Health Plan and Kaiser Permanente have contracted with Placer County HHS to serve as the transitional rent provider. ● Members must still go through coordinated entry and call 211 as part of the process. ● Placer County will administer payments and braid funding (BHSA, housing choice vouchers, HHAP dollars, etc.). ● A solid sustainability plan is required for authorization, showing how the member will cover rent from month 7 onward (typically 30–40% of income). ● Eligible voucher types include Section 8, HUD VASH, CoC PSH, and FYI vouchers.

	● BHSA dollars are being directed toward infrastructure projects (e.g., Homekey Plus), PSH sites, and interim housing settings. ● Due to time constraints, questions were directed to the chat or to Blanca Castro directly, and the topic was flagged as a likely future agenda item. ● The TAY Housing Collaborative (TAHC) was established in 2019 with HHAP funding as a core partnership between Whole Person Learning, AMI Housing, and Golden Sierra Job Training Agency. ● It is now an official subcommittee of HRCS. ● The by-names list dropped from 231 youth (June 2025) to 157 (May 2026) as the list is being cleaned up. ● PIT Count: 54 unaccompanied youth in 2025, reduced to 27 in 2026. ● 22% of total respondents first experienced homelessness under age 18; 15% had been in the foster care system. ● TAY provider group grew from 28 to 101 members. ● Served 98 TAY and spent $127K in FY 2024/25; served 163 TAY and spent $267K in FY 2025/26. ● Streamlined coordinated entry process and open referral protocol established. ● TAY beds are full and provide services, including Sun Rose. ● Blossom Place (transitional house) has closed, but The Taylor House opened a new home for young women in Rocklin.

	● Roseville Housing Authority was awarded and administered all 20 Foster Youth to Independence vouchers. ● Sierra College now has a 358-bed housing facility, more than doubling on-campus housing availability.
Executive Director Update	N/A due to time constraints.
Subcommittees and Jurisdictional Updates	N/A due to time constraints.
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m. to closed session.

HOMELESS RESOURCE
COUNCIL OF THE SIERRAS

Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Round 7 Grant Funding- Options

Blanca Castro, Executive Director – HRCS

Leng Power, Thurmond Consulting LLC

Placer CoC – 515

- Census as of 2025
- 442,081*

- Area Median Income for a Family of 4 =
- $124,000*

*U.S. States Census Bureau www.census.gov ; CA Dept of Housing and Commu
Development 2026 State Income Limits www.hcd.ca.gov

HHAP – 7 Background

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) recently released the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Round 7 of the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program.

Issued as an amendment to the Round 6 NOFA, it makes available an additional $829.4 million appropriated in the 2026–27 Budget Act.

HHAP 7 - Qualification Criteria

To receive the first disbursement, applicants must:

Obligate 50% of total Round 6 funding

Meet all requirements for the second disbursement of Round 5 funding

Remain in good standing on all prior-round reporting requirements

HHAP 7 Qualifications Criteria Continued

For county and city applicants, comply with CalICH guidance on addressing encampments

For county and city applicants, maintain a compliant housing element

For large-city applicants and counties containing large cities, obtain a prohousing designation within 12 months of the funding allocation

For large-city applicants and counties containing large cities, provide a local funding match

HHAP 7 – Builds on Approved HHAP 6 Regional Plan

HCD is requesting:

- Updated HHAP 6 Budget Plan identifying how HHAP 7 funds will be used
- HHAP 7 expenditures tied to existing HHAP 6 Key Actions
- Key Actions may be amended or added, if necessary
- Completion of other required HHAP 7 eligibility/verification requirements

HHAP 7 – Timeline & Expenditure Requirements

- **Sept. 2026 -** Board provides direction on preferred funding strategy
- **HCD Submission -** Updated HHAP 6 Budget Plan / required HHAP 7 materials
- **Initial Disbursement -** HHAP 7 funding becomes available following HCD requirements
- **Implementation -** Funding strategy carried out consistent with Regional Plan
- **Expenditure Deadlines**

  Initial Allocation : Fully expend on or before December 31, 2032.

  Full Allocation : Fully expend on or before December 31, 2033.

  Unexpended Funds: Any money left unspent by these dates will be reallocated

HHAP 7 – Strategic Options for Placer CoC CA-515

01

Increase HHAP-6 funding to provide larger awards to final grantees.

02

Use HHAP-7 funds for eligible applicants not included in the initial HHAP-6 recommendations.

03

Run a new CA-515 RFP focused on categories not funded under HHAP-6.

HHAP 7 – Board Direction

Board direction on the preferred approach for HHAP 7 funding.

- Use the Board's preferred funding approach to guide development of the HHAP 7 funding plan.
- Confirm alignment with the approved HHAP 6 Regional Plan and HCD requirements.
- Refine proposed funding amounts and implementation details.
- Return to the Board with specific HHAP 7 funding recommendations for final approval.

HHAP Round 7 - Additional Information

- Preliminary allocations and local match commitment guidance
- HHAP 7 FAQ pending from HCD
- Informational webinars hosted by HCD:
  - August 31,2026
  - September 24,2026
- HCD HHAP Grant Program webpage
- Send questions to coordinator@hrcscoc.org

THURMOND CONSULTING COC NEWSLETTER

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Update: What's the Word?

Supporting the Workforce Behind Our Homelessness Response

The National Alliance to End Homelessness recently highlighted an issue that is critical to the strength of our homelessness response systems: the workforce responsible for delivering services every day. In a new case study featuring Seattle-based Compass Housing Alliance, the Alliance explores how intentional workforce policies can help homeless service organizations better support and retain their employees.

The homelessness services workforce faces significant challenges. Frontline staff navigate complex needs in limited resource environments with high caseloads and funding fluctuations. Organizations compete for qualified employees with higher compensation or less demanding conditions, leading to high turnover. This disrupts client relationships, increases workloads, and hinders program and service continuity.

The Compass Housing Alliance case study highlights the importance of workforce stability in homelessness services. It emphasizes the need for policies and investments that support frontline workers, ensuring system capacity and sustainability.

What CoCs and Service Providers Can Do

- Assess workforce needs — Track vacancies, turnover, recruitment challenges, and retention trends.
- Listen to frontline staff — Use surveys, check-ins, or stay interviews to understand what employees need.
- Invest in staff development — Provide training, mentoring, quality supervision, and advancement opportunities.
- Address workload and burnout — Review caseloads, administrative burden, and supports for staff working in high-stress environments.
- Build workforce costs into funding — Ensure program budgets realistically account for wages, benefits, training, and supervision.

SHOW ME THE MONEY

FEDERAL FUNDING

THE OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME RECENTLY OPENED ITS FY 2026 HOUSING ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The program supports organizations providing housing and supportive services to victims of human trafficking, with an emphasis on transitional housing and rapid rehousing approaches that help survivors achieve safe, stable, and permanent housing.

Funding may support housing-related costs as well as services that promote long-term stability, making this opportunity particularly relevant for CoCs, victim service providers, and community partners serving individuals and families experiencing both trafficking and housing instability.

Application Deadlines: October 5, 2026

Learn more here: Office of Victims of Crime

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND RESOURCES

PATH TA Marketplace

The PATH TA Marketplace offers specialized expertise enabling tailored project design to meet recipients' specific needs, focusing on domains such as Building Data Capacity, Community Support, and Engaging in CalAIM through Medi-Cal Managed Care.

MANDATORY HMIS TRAINING

- Required for every HMIS license holder
- Failure to attend will result in a suspended license
- I am following up with program managers when their staff has yet to register

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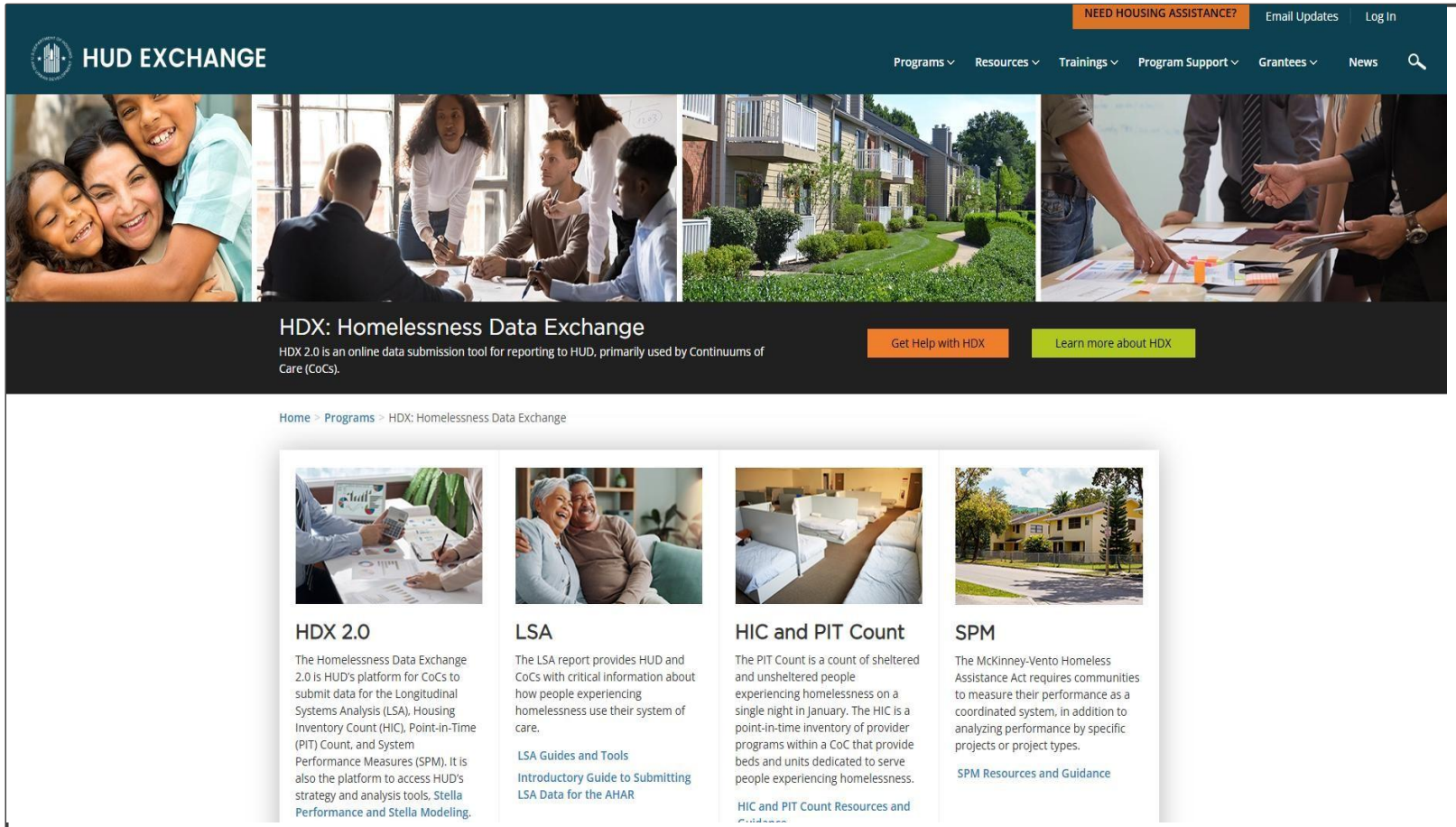
HCD and HUD are enforcing performance outcomes, and our data quality may be impacting our ability to demonstrate success and identify gaps in our homeless response system.

Use this QR code to sign up



The Homelessness Data Exchange 2.0 is HUD's platform for CoCs to submit data for the Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA), Housing Inventory Count (HIC), Point-in-Time (PIT) Count, and System Performance Measures (SPM).

https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/hdx/

HDX
Homelessness Data Exchange 2.0

Welcome to the Homelessness Data Exchange website. Data from this website is intended for HUD and community use only. Public data sets are available at www.hudexchange.info or by contacting the specific Continuum of Care.

CoC Name	Rocklin/Roseville/Placer County CoC
Year	2025
Final LSA Submission Link	https://hudhdx2.info/dataset/53888/flag-report

Category	Usability Determination	Flag IDs		
		Issues Affecting Usability	Issues Requiring Manual Fixes to be Usable	Other Data Quality Issues Considered
ES/TH/SH-AO	Usable			739, 848, 1218, 1314, 1351
ES/TH/SH-AC	Usable			739, 848, 1218, 1314, 1351
ES/TH/SH-CO	Usable			739, 848, 1218, 1314, 1351
RRH-AO	Usable			1314
RRH-AC	Usable			1314
RRH-CO	Usable			1314
PSH-AO	Usable			758, 1314
PSH-AC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
PSH-CO	Usable			758, 1314

AC = Adults with Children, AO = Adults only, ES = Emergency Shelter, SH = Safe Haven
TH – Transitional Housing, RRH = Rapid Re-housing, PSH = Permanent Supportive Housing

The Longitudinal Systems Analysis Report (LSA) is submitted annually to HUD. It uses HMIS data to track household-level performance, as well as bed utilization.

HUD has deemed CoC 515's data usable.

Data findings will be provided at a later date.

CoC – 515 HMIS Coordinated Entry (CE) Data
Data on August 1, 2026

Category	Total
Total persons in CE	2,404
Persons housed and still in CE	113
Persons in CE and **not** enrolled in other programs	1,115
Persons in CE over 90 days without service or program enrollments	900

113 people need to be exited from CE as housed.

900 people need to be exited from CE as inactive.

1,391 people will be in CE after these exits.

CoC – 515 HMIS Referral Data
January 1, 2026 – August 7, 2026

Category	Total
Referrals made from CE to other programs	1424
Accepted Referrals	123
Accepted and on waitlist	483
Declined Referrals	106
Cancelled Referrals	516
Outstanding Referrals (haven't been addressed)	196

43% of referrals were accepted, with 80% of those added to a waitlist.

57% of referrals were not or have not yet been accepted.

CoC – 515 HMIS Data
Additional Information

- In August 2026, 107 people were **added** to CE.
- There is not enough staff time to follow up with each of these individuals.
- Individuals who do not enroll in another program, will remain in CE.
- WellSky has a process to exit people from CE once they meet the parameters of our inactive policy.
- We also need an “At-Risk” program to separate people in CE who are currently experiencing homelessness and those who are at-risk of homelessness.

Homeless Resource Council of the Sierras (HRCS)
Operations Manager Monthly Report
Placer CoC CA-515

Reporting Month:	August
Date:	9/3/2026
Prepared by:	Kasia Elijah

1. **Stakeholder Engagement**: Meetings & Events, Partnership Development, Community Engagement

   - Conducted site visits in the **Tahoe/Truckee area**, meeting with Alison with AEGIS Consulting to learn more about housing efforts and resources in Eastern Placer and touring **Brown Bear Studios** to better understand the housing project and opportunities for continued collaboration.
   - Toured the **VOA Navigation Center** and met with Shelter Manager Justin Jones and the Navigation Center team to learn more about shelter operations, services, and how the CoC can strengthen coordination and support for individuals experiencing homelessness in the region.
   - Connected with **Pinnacle Treatment Centers** to learn more about their substance use treatment and outreach services in Placer County and discuss opportunities to strengthen their partnership and connection with the CoC and community providers.

2. **Built For Zero:** Functional Zero goals, Case Conferences, By Name Lists , Key Issues & Gaps Identified

   - Veteran BNL: Four Veterans were housed during August. Continued collaboration with VA and housing authority partners has resulted in the majority of available HUD-VASH vouchers through Roseville and Placer County being assigned to Veterans identified through our coordinated BNL efforts.
   - TAY BNL: Continued to see positive housing outcomes through TAY case conferencing, with approximately 2–3 youth housed during August, while maintaining focus on connecting youth to permanent housing and appropriate supportive services.
   - Senior BNL: Continued building the foundation for the new Senior BNL, with the kickoff scheduled for late September and bi-weekly case conferencing beginning in October. The initial population will focus on adults 62 and older experiencing or at risk of homelessness.
   - Senior Partner Engagement: Expanded the network of partners being brought to the Senior case conferencing table, including IHSS, APS, Seniors First, Area 4 Agency on Aging, and other senior-serving organizations, with the goal of improving coordination and reducing senior homelessness throughout Placer County.

3. **CoC Committee Facilitation:** Future of Coordinated Entry System (FoCES); Data Evaluation and Quality Committee; Built for Zero Leadership Committee

   - **CoC Board Now, Next, Later Engagement Committee:** Met in August to develop strategies for increasing CoC participation, including outreach to **business leaders, people with lived experience (PWLE), and tribal communities**, as well as planning for a September community tabling opportunity.
   - **TAY Housing Collaborative:** Participated in the August meeting to hear updates from local TAY partners and stay connected to ongoing youth housing efforts and resources.
   - **FoCES & DEC:** Began organizing the **FoCES and Data Evaluation Committee relaunch**, including developing the kickoff agenda and coordinating scheduling for the initial meetings.
   - **BFZ Leadership:** Continued work on key priorities, including the **updated VI tool rollout, Veteran data quality**, and preparation for the upcoming **Built For Zero Conference in October**.

4. **Data Quality:** Outreach to New Partners; Data Quality & Improvement; Monthly Data Reports
   - Completed August Built For Zero monthly reporting for the Veteran, Chronic Veteran, Chronic, and Total Population dashboards, continuing efforts to keep BFZ reporting current and consistent.
   - Met with the VOA Home Start program to address HMIS and data entry challenges and worked through their monthly data quality report to strengthen their understanding and use of the report for ongoing data improvement.
   - Continued working with the TAY Case Conferencing group on BNL cleanup, with a focus on identifying long-stayers, determining who remains actively in need of services, and ensuring appropriate Coordinated Entry exits and removals.
   - Collaborated with the HMIS Administrator to establish a course of action for the broader systemwide data cleanup initiative, including next steps for addressing existing data quality issues across Coordinated Entry.

5. Upcoming Priorities (Next 30–60 Days)

   - **Continue advancing the Senior By-Name List initiative** by strengthening stakeholder partnerships, establishing foundational policies and procedures, and building the infrastructure necessary to support a sustainable, housing-focused case conferencing model.
   - **Prioritize significant improvements to the TAY By-Name List** by continuing the systemwide cleanup effort, increasing partner accountability, improving data accuracy, and maintaining a real-time list that supports effective housing-focused case conferencing.
   - **Continue Veteran Built For Zero efforts** by strategically utilizing remaining Flex Funds, supporting housing placements, and maintaining momentum toward Functional Zero through coordinated case conferencing and barrier removal.

- **Advance the CoC Board's "Now, Next, Later" Action Plan** by supporting committee initiatives, continuing the restart of the FoCES and DEC committees, and strengthening stakeholder engagement across the Continuum of Care.
- **Continue enhancing HMIS data quality and reporting** through implementation of the Coordinated Entry cleanup process, expansion of Built For Zero performance reporting to additional populations, and development of provider training and technical assistance materials.
- **Strengthen community partnerships** through ongoing stakeholder outreach, provider engagement, and cross-system collaboration to improve coordination and housing outcomes.

HOMELESS RESOURCE COUNCIL OF THE SIERRAS

Operations Manager Report

August 2026 Recap

Kasia Elijah, Operations Manager - Placer County
Homeless Resource Council of the Sierras

August 2026 Recap

Key Achievements

- **6–7 housing placements in August**: 4 Veterans and 2–3 TAY youth successfully housed.
- **Senior BNL launch on track**: September kickoff scheduled, with case conferencing beginning in October for adults 62+.
- **Strengthened HUD-VASH coordination**: Majority of available Roseville and Placer County vouchers assigned through collaborative Veteran prioritization efforts.

Responsibility Highlights

- **Senior BNL Launch**: Advanced planning for the September kickoff and October launch of Senior case conferencing.
- **HMIS & Data Quality**: Continued BFZ reporting, provider support, TAY BNL cleanup, and systemwide data cleanup planning.
- **Partner Engagement**: Toured Brown Bear Studios and the VOA Navigation Center and connected with Pinnacle Treatment Centers to strengthen collaboration and bring additional services into case conferencing and ongoing CoC participation.

Challenges & Gaps

- **Inconsistent HMIS/CE updates** continue to impact BNL accuracy, including timely exits and long-stayers.
- **Provider data quality and reporting knowledge varies**, creating an ongoing need for training and technical assistance.
- **Referral follow-up gaps:** Need a more consistent process for closing the loop on referrals and documenting outcomes for clients entered into HMIS.

Next Steps

- **Launch Senior BNL**: Facilitate the September kickoff and prepare for bi-weekly case conferencing beginning in October.
- **Advance HMIS Data Cleanup:** Begin implementing the systemwide cleanup strategy and support VI tool rollout plan.
- **Strengthen CoC Infrastructure:** Relaunch ForCES and DEC and continue expanding provider participation in case conferencing and CoC activities.

HOMELESS RESOURCE COUNCIL OF THE SIERRAS

Date September 5, 2026

To: Placer CoC CA-515 Board Members

From: Blanca Castro, HRCS Executive Director

Subject: HRCS Executive Director Monthly Report for Month of **August 2026**

Highlights

- Released **Request for Proposal for Grant Management and Technical Assistance Contractor** – closing date is Sept 20, 2026 – HRCS board will help review, evaluate and select new contractor start date week of October 7.

- Released **Request for Quotes for Human Resources and Administrative Support Services Contract. Estimated date for having a contract in place is early October.**

- **Data Evaluation and Future of Coordinated Entry System –** scheduled reconvening the week of September 14. Will share the names of committee members and ask CoCs who is missing from this Committee.

- **HHAP-6 Review & Ranking** – Rating and Ranking process in final stages. Key learning from this process is emphasis on Data quality and demonstrating performance outcomes.

- **HHAP-7** Preliminary allocations, and request to Placer CoC Board for direction on how to use HHAP-7 funds.

- **The Quist Group** – HRCS accounting contractor– **Fiscal modernization and improvements to tracking and documentation of grant funds.**

Upcoming Priorities Next 30–60 Days

- **Revised Vulnerability Index Implementation** –Live date is October 1, 2026.

- **Veterans Administration data integration with HMIS** – Will explore adding this new data to HMIS at no additional cost to HRCS. Discussion in contract negotiation.

- ***HUD FY 2026 CoC Competition –*** *Application Review process is still underway. This is at a pause, but HRCS will move forward with rating and ranking applications to be ready for when the pause due to lawsuits is lifted.*

- ***Nomination Process for New CoC*** *and HRCS Board Members begins in October 2026*

- *Supervisor Bonnie Gore requested to on 9/10 with HRCS and Placer County Executives to discuss Navigation Center in South Placer. Other attendees include Amy Ellis, Director of Adult System of Care, Jamie Gallagher, Program Manager of Placer County Housing and Homelessness Services, and Jeff Merriman, Office of Placer CEO*

- *Meeting scheduled on Tuesday, Sept 8 with leadership from Sacramento Area Agency on Aging -Area -4 which serves Placer County and the members of the Placer County ASOC to explore how we can collaborate and coordinate to serve the older adults experiencing homelessness ore at risk.*

HRCS Website Redesign and Modernization Project

- This is on pause, and we will elevate this to a priority in 2027.

- Executive Director will convene a workgroup to help with the development of the RFQ and selection of a vendor to redesign the HRCS website. We currently have one board member from Placer and one from Nevada CoC who volunteered for this project.

HOMELESS RESOURCE COUNCIL OF THE SIERRAS

Placer CoC General Board Meeting
September 9, 2026

Blanca Castro, Executive Director
Homeless Resource Council of the Sierras

Executive Director's August 2026 Monthly Report

Blanca Castro, Executive Director

Homeless Resource Council of the Sierras

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August 2026 Highlights

- **HHAP-6 Review & Ranking:** Process almost complete. There are a few issues that are under discussion before awards will be announced.

- **RFP for Grant Management and Technical Assistance to CoCs – Released**
- **RFQ for Human Resources & Administrative Support Contractor – Released**

- **FY 2026 Housing and Urban Development CoC Competition** – Applications in rating and ranking phase.

Operational Priorities Next 30–60 Days

- *Scheduling Kick-Off Meeting for Data Quality and Future of Coordinated Entry Week of 9/14*

- *Launch nomination for new Board Members for CoC and HRCS*

Secure new Contractor for Grant Management and TA Services

Secure contractor for HR& Admin Services Support

- **Veterans Administration –HMIS Data Integration:** Work underway to incorporate VA data into HMIS to streamline By Name List for Veterans.