CA-515 General Board Meeting

August 12, 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), Rolande Tellier (Co-chair), Louise Arquilla, Amy Ellis, Rob Oldham, Elizabeth Sorg, Nichole Mulford, Vanessa Aguilera, Beth Gonzales

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)

12:02 **New Board Member Application** - Chairperson

12:04 **HHAP 6 Update** - Isaiah Rich-Wimmer

12:06 **2026 CoC Competition Update** - Scott Thurmond

12:08 **Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)** - Tammy Gregerson

12:13 **Coordinated Data Entry Overview** - Ulysses Palencia

12:18 **Operations Manager Report** - Kasia Elijah

12:22 **CalAim Transitional Rent -** Cristina Pena, Kaiser and Lisa O'Connell, Partnership Health, and Jamie Gallagher, Placer HHS

12:47 **Executive Director Update** - Blanca Castro

12:51 **Subcommittees and Jurisdictional Updates -** Roundtable

1:00 **Adjourn Meeting Public**

Closed Session Board Members Only

1:10 **Adjourn Meeting**

Next Meeting: September 9, 2026 (Zoom)

CA-515: Roseville/Rocklin/Placer County CoC
Meeting Location: Video Conference via Zoom
July 8, 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, Breana Herndon, Blanca Castro. Absent: Rolande Tellier Additional Attendees: Alina Zelynska, Debbie Prince, Tahirih Kraft (UWCCR), Ambrosia Cramer (PCOE), Anna Acosta (Partnership), Chris Dunbaugh (PCOE), Cristina Pena (Kaiser Permanente), Diana Vo (UWCCR), Donavon Hazen, Jen Buer, Jill Fox (VOA), Jillian McCarthy, Kyleene Headrick (Staff Services), Landon Wolf, Stacy Renegar, Steve Johnson (Placer), Tammy Gregerson (Connecting Point), Tori Connolly, Trisha Isom, Ulysses Palencia (211- Connecting Point), Raul Martinez (Placer HHS), Judi Moore (Placer Housing Authority), Christina Nicholson (WPL), Jenni Glass (VOA), Donovan Hazen and Stacy (Placer County Probation), Jen and Kyleene (ASOC), Jillian (Connecting Point), Landon (Place Co VSO, Trisha Isom (City of Roseville), Kami Naylor (Pinnacle Treatment)

	Thurmond Consulting: Scott Thurmond, Isaiah Rich-Wimmer, Pam Bedi, Janet Holm.
Approval of Agenda	A motion was made to approve the agenda. Motion: Dr. Rob Oldham Second: Elizabeth Sorg *The motion passed.* Abstentions: none.
Approval of Meeting Minutes	A motion was made to approve the June meeting minutes. Motion: Dr. Rob Oldham Second: Vanessa Aguilera *The motion passed.* Abstentions: none.
Placer County's Newest PSH	A video was shown showcasing the Sun Rose permanent supportive housing project. The project brought 82 units of affordable housing to Placer County, successfully helping to decrease local homelessness.
Public Comment	Beth Gonzales reiterated her request for a transitional housing facility in South County, similar to the Sun Rose project and what is available on county land in Auburn. She plans to share an article from VOX detailing the history of homelessness in the United States and the actions required to create housing.

HHAP 6 RFP Update	Isaiah Rich-Wimmer provided the update: ● The application period is closed with a total of 14 submissions received across both Continuums of Care (CoCs). Next steps involve the Rating and Ranking Committee reviewing the applications against community priorities and HHAP 6 focus areas, a process slated to wrap up by August 31. It is noted that funding cannot be drawn down until certain adjustments are made to historical data tracking within the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to satisfy state-level AB 977 reporting.
2026 CoC Competition Update	Scott Thurmond provided the update: ● There is an upcoming mandatory strategy meeting for agencies intending to apply for the competition. There is a significant guideline change from HUD; they are dropping the renewal project funding guarantee from 90% down to 60%, reflecting the new federal focus on temporary, short-term housing solutions. Additionally, the Board will need to determine a tiering strategy to ensure crucial components like HMIS remain funded.
HMIS New Features	Tammy Gregerson provided the update: ● There are several new features being rolled out by WellSky. They include dedicated, reportable fields for phone numbers and email addresses, multi-select functionality to condense assessments, customizable conditional logic, and electronic signature capabilities.

AEGIS/Pinnacle Tribal Initiatives	Kami Naylor with Pinnacle Treatment Center Network provided a presentation on AEGIS: ● AEGIS is a medication-assisted treatment (MAT) service program, operating multiple clinics across Northern California. They utilize Methadone and Buprenorphine coupled with Behavioral Health therapy to help individuals navigate recovery from opioid use disorders. She outlined their admission criteria, grant-funded options for uninsured residents, and localized tribal community partnerships.
Operations Manager Report	Kasia Elijah provided her report: ● There is a new partnership with the Roseville Elks Lodge to provide welcome home kits to unhoused veterans transitioning into permanent housing. ● The "Barrier Buster" challenge successfully utilized funds for client moving and living essentials. ● HRCS has been collaborating with the VA to coordinate their respective "by-name" tracking lists of homeless veterans. ● The VA has established its own internal veteran by-name list and has started sending that data to Kasia. ● Kasia and her team are actively working to integrate this data by connecting these individuals to the 211 system. This will ensure that all veterans experiencing homelessness in Placer County are tracked comprehensively in the local system, rather than just appearing in the isolated VA database.

Executive Director Update	Blanca Castro provided her report: ● There has been a smooth progression of the HHAP 6 process, with award announcements targeted for late August. ● The Quist Group is the incoming accounting firm that will streamline fiscal grant compliance starting August 1, with upcoming structural reorganization separating grant administration from administrative support. ● Data cleanup remains a priority in HMIS, specifically addressing the skewing effect of individuals who remain open in Coordinated Entry despite already being successfully housed.
LoGAC/Jurisdictional	Elizabeth Sorg provided the update: ● The most recent LoGAC meeting covered regional Point-in-Time count results, HHAP 6 allocations, and local jurisdictional trends. ● There is ongoing research into local housing preferences after Placer County adopted a resolution prioritizing its own residents for affordable housing options. ● Amy Ellis added that the expansion of the Casita Bridge Housing Program located at the Government Center has successfully passed its necessary inspections. It is expanding by six additional beds, which are currently being filled from a prioritized waitlist. ● This program accepts individuals coming directly from streets and shelters.

	● Although there are plenty of active referrals, agencies are reminded that they can continue to submit referrals to the program. ● Long-term goals still include expanding the program into a larger space, and the county continues to look for future funding opportunities after an unsuccessful grant application last year. ● Jurisdictions are encouraged to look into HomeKey opportunities, but they must keep specific parameters in mind regarding Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) funding. ● The funding is not unlimited, meaning there is no guarantee that the county can completely fund the supportive services side of every proposed project. ● Proposition 1 shifted funding categories but did not grant extra money. Since Placer County was already investing heavily in housing, the expansion of available dollars is not as large as some may think. ● While the county still wants to grow projects, future sustainability will require a diversification of funds rather than relying solely on the model used for the first three projects. Partners are asked to bring the county to the table early in the process to evaluate what can be done.
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

THURMOND CONSULTING COC NEWSLETTER

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Update: What's the Word?

Federal Homelessness Funding: Looking Ahead to FY 2027

As Congress considers FY 2027 funding, the National Alliance to End Homelessness is highlighting several federal budget proposals that could significantly affect local homelessness response systems. The Alliance is calling for $5.1 billion for Homeless Assistance Grants, compared with $4.42 billion enacted for FY 2026. The current House proposal would provide $4.16 billion, including $3.78 billion for the Continuum of Care Program. The Administration's proposal would take a different approach, eliminating the CoC Program as a separate funding stream and consolidating federal homelessness assistance into a modified Emergency Solutions Grants program.

For CoCs, the discussion extends beyond funding for homelessness programs themselves. The Alliance is also closely watching federal rental assistance and affordable housing programs that communities rely on to help people transition from shelters, transitional housing, and homelessness into permanent housing. For example, the House proposal includes $38.08 billion for tenant-based rental assistance, while the Alliance is seeking $45.6 billion to maintain existing assistance and expand access to vouchers. The Alliance cautions that insufficient rental assistance could reduce communities' ability to move people from homelessness into permanent housing.

As the FY 2027 appropriations process continues, CoCs may want to watch funding levels for the CoC Program, Emergency Solutions Grants, rental assistance, and other affordable housing programs. Together, these resources affect not only the capacity of local homelessness programs, but also the availability of permanent housing pathways for the people they serve.

The National Alliance is also encouraging homelessness organizations and community partners to educate members of Congress about the role federal homelessness and housing programs play in their communities.

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FEDERAL FUNDING

SAMSA ANNOUNCES $700 MILLION IN NEW FUNDING TO ADDRESS MENTAL ILLNESS, ADDICTION, HOMELESSNESS

SAMHSA has announced more than $700 million in new federal funding opportunities to expand behavioral health, substance use treatment, crisis response, and services for people experiencing homelessness.

This includes $96 million for the new STREETS program, supporting street-based treatment, recovery services, and connections to housing for people experiencing homelessness with serious mental illness or substance use disorders.

CoCs and community partners are encouraged to review the available opportunities for potential funding and partnership opportunities.

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.

CoC 515 Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Report - August 2026

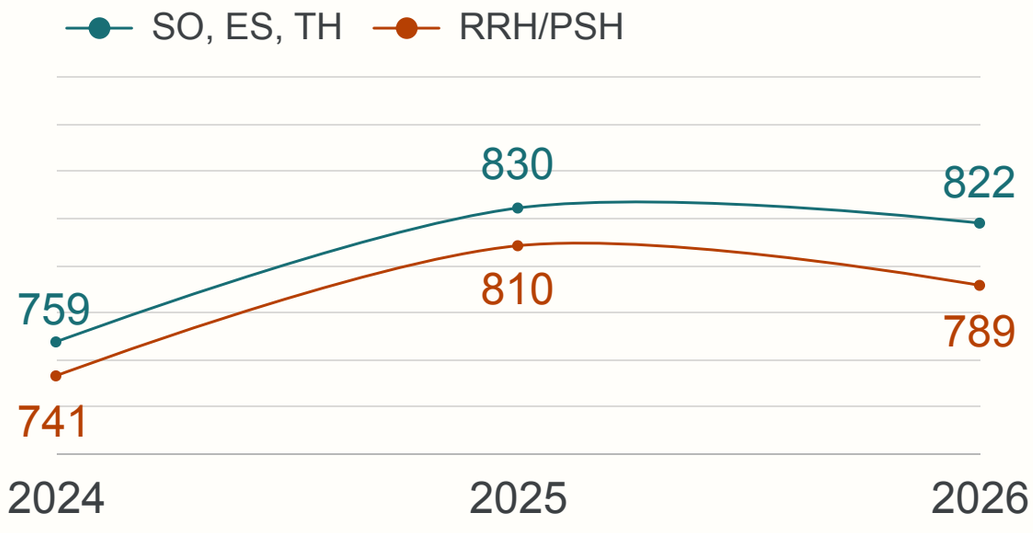
January 1 - June 30, 2026
January 1 - June 30, 2025
January 1 - June 30, 2024

Data in this report does not include clients in the Coordinated Entry (CE) project type in HMIS

Report Key

SO = Street Outreach
ES = Emergency Shelter
TH = Transitional Housing
RRH = Rapid Re-housing
PSH = Permanent Housing
LOT = Length of Time

Total Persons



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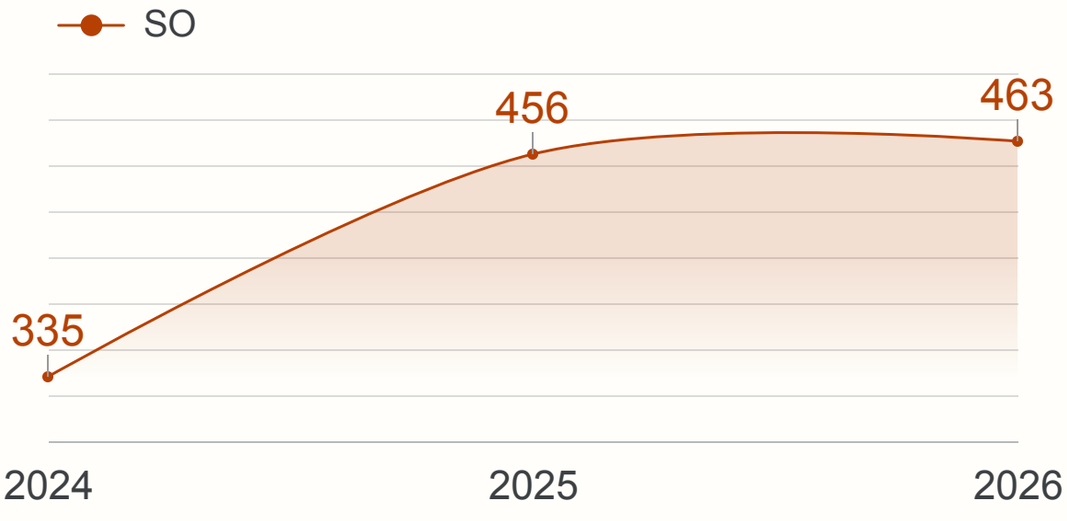
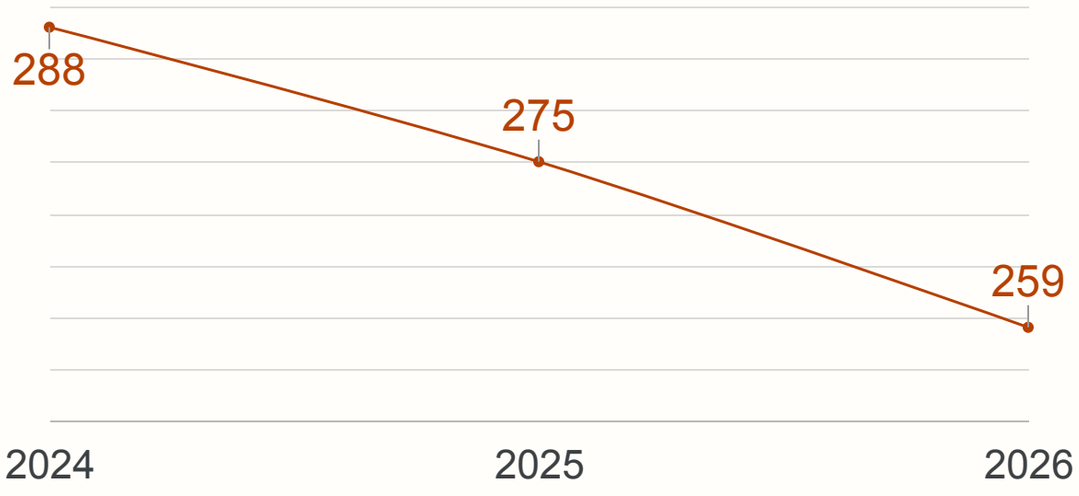


First Time Homeless

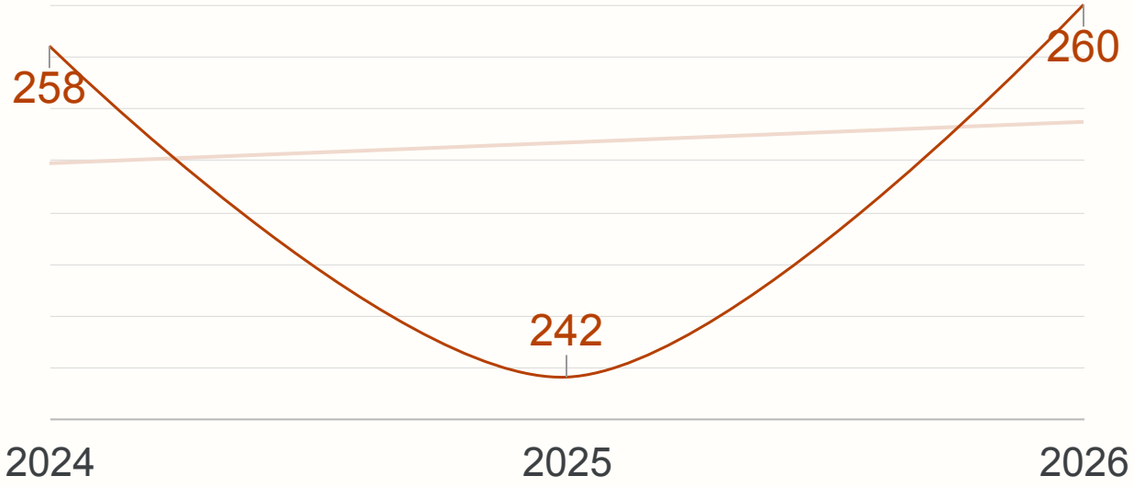


Returns to Homelessness

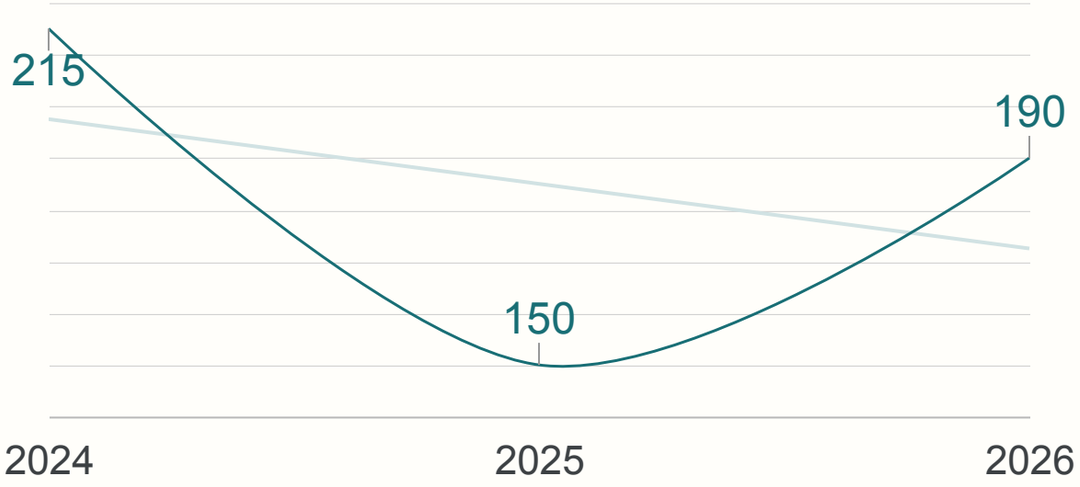
Year	Total
2024	9%
2025	11%
2026	18%

LOT Homeless

Total Persons



Veterans



Emergency Shelters and Transitional Housing Programs

Housed

Year	Housed	Retained PSH
2024	182	217
2025	209	264
2026	168	259

Housed = People who are permanently housed and not in Permanent Supportive Housing

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Retained PSH = People enrolled in Permanent Supportive Housing at or before the reporting period and still enrolled at the end of reporting period

VI ROLLOUT

2026 Nevada/Placer Vulnerability Index (VI) Assessment Implementation Steps

- Educate and train HMIS users on the new VI assessment during the HMIS annual training in September
- 211 call agents implement the new VI assessment on October 1st
- Implement the new online case manager VI assessment on October 1st
- Add a news item under “System News” in HMIS on October 1st to alert HMIS users to the implementation
- Send out an email to all HMIS users regarding the new VI assessment on October 1st

Coordinated Entry – 211 Update

Ulysses Palencia

211 Program Manager

Coordinated Entry System

All CoC program recipients and subrecipients are required to use a centralized or coordinated assessment system established by CoCs known as Coordinated Entry System

Ensures program participants are assessed when they contact 211, and are referred to the appropriate resources available to address their supportive service and housing needs

Snap-Shot of June and July Activity

- Number of new clients in June and July = 259 persons
- Number of individuals assessed = 362
- Number of Client information updates = 118
- Number of Shelter “Refreshes” = 101

Wait Times

- **Month of June**
  - Average wait time as 4:19 minutes
  - 428 individuals came through the 211-phone line

- **Month of July**
  - Average wait time – 3:40 minutes
  - 406 individuals came through the 211-phone line

Questions?

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

Reporting Month:	July
Date:	8/7/2026
Prepared by:	Kasia Elijah

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

   - Met with **VA leadership** to strengthen coordination around Veteran services, including discussions on data integration and the distribution and prioritization of **HUD-VASH vouchers** for Veterans on the By-Name List.
   - Continued expanding participation in the **TAY Case Conferencing** group by conducting outreach to new community partners, including **PIERS**, to strengthen collaboration and increase resources available for transition-age youth.
   - Met with **Unity Care** to learn more about their programs and services while discussing HMIS data entry needs and opportunities to improve documentation, reporting, and collaboration within the Continuum of Care.
   - Next stop: August 2026, Truckee Navigation Center / Brown Bear Truckee

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

   - Continued planning efforts for the **Senior By-Name List (BNL)** initiative by meeting with key partners to finalize the implementation timeline, with an anticipated launch in **October 2026**. Discussions focused on identifying essential providers and stakeholders to ensure a strong, collaborative case conferencing group from the start.
   - **Veteran** case conferencing resulted in **five Veterans being housed** during the month of July. The team also identified **nine Veterans** as potential candidates for upcoming **HUD-VASH voucher** opportunities, strengthening coordination between the VA and community partners to maximize housing placements.
   - **TAY** case conferencing continues to make progress in both housing outcomes and data quality. Through collaboration with **AMIH case management**, youth were successfully connected to permanent housing. The group also continued its By-Name List cleanup efforts by re-engaging **five youth** who had been on the list for more than **200 days** and confirming they were still in need of services, while removing **two youth** who were no longer eligible due to successful housing or lack of contact.
   - Through ongoing case conferencing, I identified several opportunities for system improvement, including the need for more consistent **Coordinated Entry exits** when individuals are housed and increased utilization of the **HMIS case conferencing tools and client profile fields**. These areas will be a continued focus to improve data accuracy, coordination, and system performance.

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

- Participated in the **TAY Housing Collaborative** to provide updates on the progress of the Transition-Age Youth By-Name List, including housing outcomes, data cleanup efforts, and ongoing case conferencing initiatives.
- Continued supporting the **Built For Zero Leadership Group** by advancing key priorities, including finalizing the outreach policy, planning for the rollout of the revised Vulnerability Index (VI) tool, discussing the restart of the **FoCES** and **Data Evaluation Committee (DEC)**, and exploring opportunities to strengthen collaboration with the **VA** through data integration and coordinated case conferencing.
- Actively participated in the **CoC Board's Now, Next, Later Engagement Committee**, focusing on strategies to recruit new providers and community organizations to participate in monthly CoC meetings, expand stakeholder representation, and strengthen collaboration across the Continuum of Care.
- Established regular coordination meetings with **Connecting Point** and community providers to identify HMIS priorities, improve communication, and gather feedback on training needs, workflow enhancements, and desired system functionality. These meetings are helping inform future HMIS improvements and strengthen collaboration between providers and the CoC.

4. **Data Quality:** Outreach to New Partners; Data Quality & Improvement; Monthly Data Reports
   - Met with **Unity Care** to better understand their HMIS data entry challenges and By-Name List needs, providing support and identifying opportunities to improve data quality and documentation practices.
   - Successfully brought the **Built For Zero dashboard reporting up to date** by completing monthly reports (January–June) for the **Veteran, Chronic, Chronic Veteran, and Total Population** dashboards, ensuring reporting is current and better reflects system performance.
   - Collaborated with the **HMIS Administrator** and HRCS team to develop next steps for the systemwide Coordinated Entry data cleanup strategy, with a continued focus on improving data quality and provider accountability.
   - Created the **HRCS Data Excellence Award** to recognize providers demonstrating exceptional HMIS data quality and encourage continued excellence in data management across the Continuum of Care.
   - Supported the HMIS Administrator by reviewing and refining provider training materials to improve consistency, usability, and understanding of HMIS workflows.
   - Continued supporting the **TAY Case Conferencing** group by improving data quality through Coordinated Entry cleanup efforts, assigning provider responsibility for exits, and distributing step-by-step HMIS guidance for entering system notes and completing Coordinated Entry exits.

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

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

July 2026 Recap

Key Achievements

• Coordinated **VASH voucher process** with VA leadership for Veterans experiencing homelessness on our BNL.

• Brought Built For Zero monthly reporting **current** (January–June) for Veteran, Chronic, Chronic Veteran, and Total Population dashboards.

• Created the **HRCS Data Excellence Award** to recognize exceptional HMIS data quality.

Responsibility Highlights

• **FIVE** Veterans housed in July and **NINE** Veterans identified for upcoming HUD-VASH voucher opportunities.

• Re-engaged **FIVE** long-term youth (200+ days) and removed **TWO** inactive or housed youth from the TAY By-Name List.

• Supported providers in **understanding** HMIS monthly reports and resolving reporting and system setup issues.

Challenges & Gaps

• **Inconsistent** Coordinated Entry exits leading to inaccurate By-Name Lists (housed, deaths, etc.).

• **Limited use** of HMIS case conferencing tools and client profile fields.

• Continued need for **provider training and accountability** to improve data quality.

Next Steps

• Moving forward with launching the **Senior case conferencing** group in quarter four.

• **Engaging new providers** to the CoC and case conferencing spaces.

• Continued advancing the **systemwide data cleanup** strategy through provider support, HMIS training resources, and recognition of high-quality data with the new HRCS Data Excellence Award.

CalAIM
Transitional Rent

Placer County CoC Monthly Board Meeting
August 12, 2026

Presenters:

- Placer County Behavioral Health – Jamie Gallagher
- Partnership Health Plan – Lisa Brundage O'Connell
- Kaiser Permanente – Cristina Peña

Agenda

I. Transitional Rent Benefit
II. Referral Process
III. Placer Implementation/BHSA
IV. Resources

County of Placer Health & Human Services Adult System of Care

Partnership HealthPlan of California A Public Agency

Kaiser Permanente

New Community Support: Transitional Rent

Started: January 1, 2026

What is it? Up to six months of rent for Medi-Cal members experiencing or at risk of homelessness with specific eligibility criteria.

Who is this for? Transitional Rent is designed to provide a time limited opportunity to help those who:

Clinical risk factors are those that are connected to County Behavioral Health with Severe Mental Illness (SMI) or Substance Use Disorder (SUD) as defined in DHCS BIN-26-002. The member has one or both of the following:

- Significant impairments, where impairment is defined as distress, disability or dysfunction in social, occupational or other important activities and a reasonable probability of significant deterioration in an important are of life functions

AND The member's condition as described is due to either of the following:

- A diagnosed mental health disorder, according to the criteria of the current editions of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) and the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD).
- A suspected mental disorder that has not yet been diagnosed.

Behavioral Health Integration:

In each county the MCP operates, **it must offer a contract to the county behavioral health department** or the designated county department or agency to serve as a Transitional Rent (TR) provider.

Transitional Rent Eligibility Criteria – Behavioral Health Population

All required documents must be submitted with the referral form for a successful authorization

Clinical & Social Needs

Meets the access criteria for Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS)

OR

Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) or Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS)

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Experiencing or at risk* of homelessness

****Does not include eviction prevention***

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Transitioning out of an identified institution

OR

Experiencing unsheltered homelessness

OR

Eligible for Full-Service Partnership (FSP)

Documentation*

Housing Support Plan

Includes financial sustainability plan after TR, primarily from BHSA funding

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Referral Form

Includes Habitability Attestation (for identified setting)

+

Lease or Room Agreement

+

Supporting Financial Documents

+

Clinical Eligibility Documentation

* *Documentation requirements subject to change pending DHCS final guidance*

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Responsibilities of TR Provider

- Verify eligibility with County Behavioral Health
- Verify housing setting qualifications
- Check housing habitability
- Create, update and review housing support plan
- Pay rent to landlords
- Facilitate the transition of the rent payment at the exhaustion of TR
- Submit TARs and claims for reimbursement

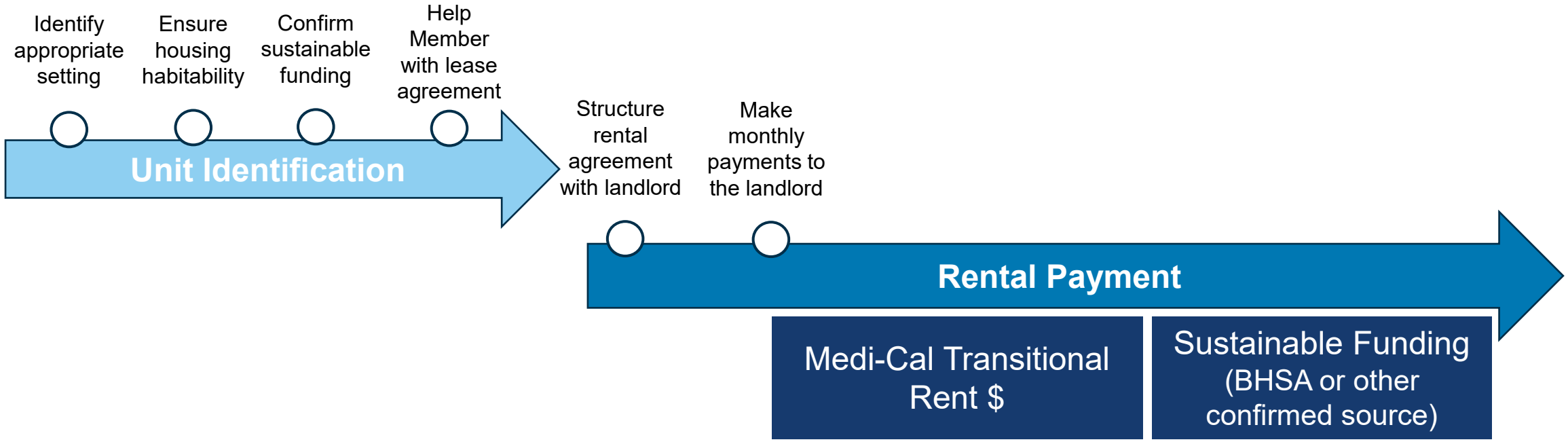
Global Cap

- Effective January 1, 2025, DHCS released guidance that a member may not receive more than a combined six months (182 days) of Short-Term Post-Hospitalization Housing, Recuperative Care and Transitional Rent within a rolling 12-month period.
- All three of which are referred to as “Room and Board” services established as a “global cap” coverage waived by the DHCS. All authorization requests must adhere to the global cap.

Service	Limit per service	Limits across service
Recuperative Care	6-month limit per rolling 12-month period (per Member)	6-month limit per rolling 12-month period (per Member)
Short Term Post Housing	6-month limit per rolling 12-month period (per Member)	
Transitional Rent	6 months of service per 5-year demonstration (per household)	Applies across all three Room and Board services.

How does the benefit work?

Transitional Rent Provider coordinates with and pays the landlord on behalf of the Member for Transitional Rent payments, as a bridge to a confirmed sustainable funding source



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Transitional Rent | Benefit Description

Transitional Rent is a ***bridge to sustainable housing*** that will support a subset of unhoused Members across the state who meet criteria.

Benefit

- Rental payment
- Storage fees, amenity fees, landlord-paid utilities that are charged as part of rent
- Permanent and Interim housing settings
- Available Population of Focus: Behavioral Health (County-level SMHS and SUD)

Time Frame

- **Up to 6 months**
- Depends on Member utilization of Room and Board services (Recuperative Care and STPHH)
- Once in a Medi-Cal demonstration 5-year period
- Launched January 1, 2026

Payment Methodology

- The reimbursable ceilings are tied to a percentage of the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Small Area Fair Market Rents (SAFMR)
- Payments can be made on a per-diem basis. The per-diem reimbursable ceiling for a given setting is equal to the monthly rate divided by 28. Per-diem payments will be reserved for stays of less than a full month. Month-long stays will be required to be paid on a per-month basis. Total payments in a month will not exceed the per-month reimbursable ceiling
- Resources:
  - **Payment Methodology:** https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/Documents/DirectedPymts/Transitional-Rent-Payment-Methodology.pdf
  - **SAFMR:** https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/fmr/fmrs/FY2025_code/select_Geography_sa.odn

Placer County Transitional Rent Referrals

- Referrals are open to those accessing Placer County Behavioral Health services only.
- Member can be referred or continue to receive ECM and Housing Transition/Navigation services when referred to Placer County Behavioral Health.
- If working with a member that you think has a SMI/SUD, refer member to Placer County Behavioral Health through normal channels.
  - ✓ **Example of Appropriate Referral**: ECM provider working with member that has mentioned they have a past history of psychotic disorders but is not currently receiving treatment. It would be appropriate to refer the member to County BH for assessment.
  - ✓ Example of Inappropriate Referral: Member is stressed from life change and has generalized anxiety. This member can receive treatment from a Partnership provider.

Members need to meet the following for Transitional Rent Authorization:

1. Meet eligibility requirements
2. Housing unit must be identified
3. Housing Support and Sustainability Plan
   - ✓ Housing plan must provide a sustainability strategy for member that demonstrates how the member will meet rent requirements on month 7 and beyond. Sustainability will look different for each member.

PARTNERSHIP HEALTHPLAN of CALIFORNIA

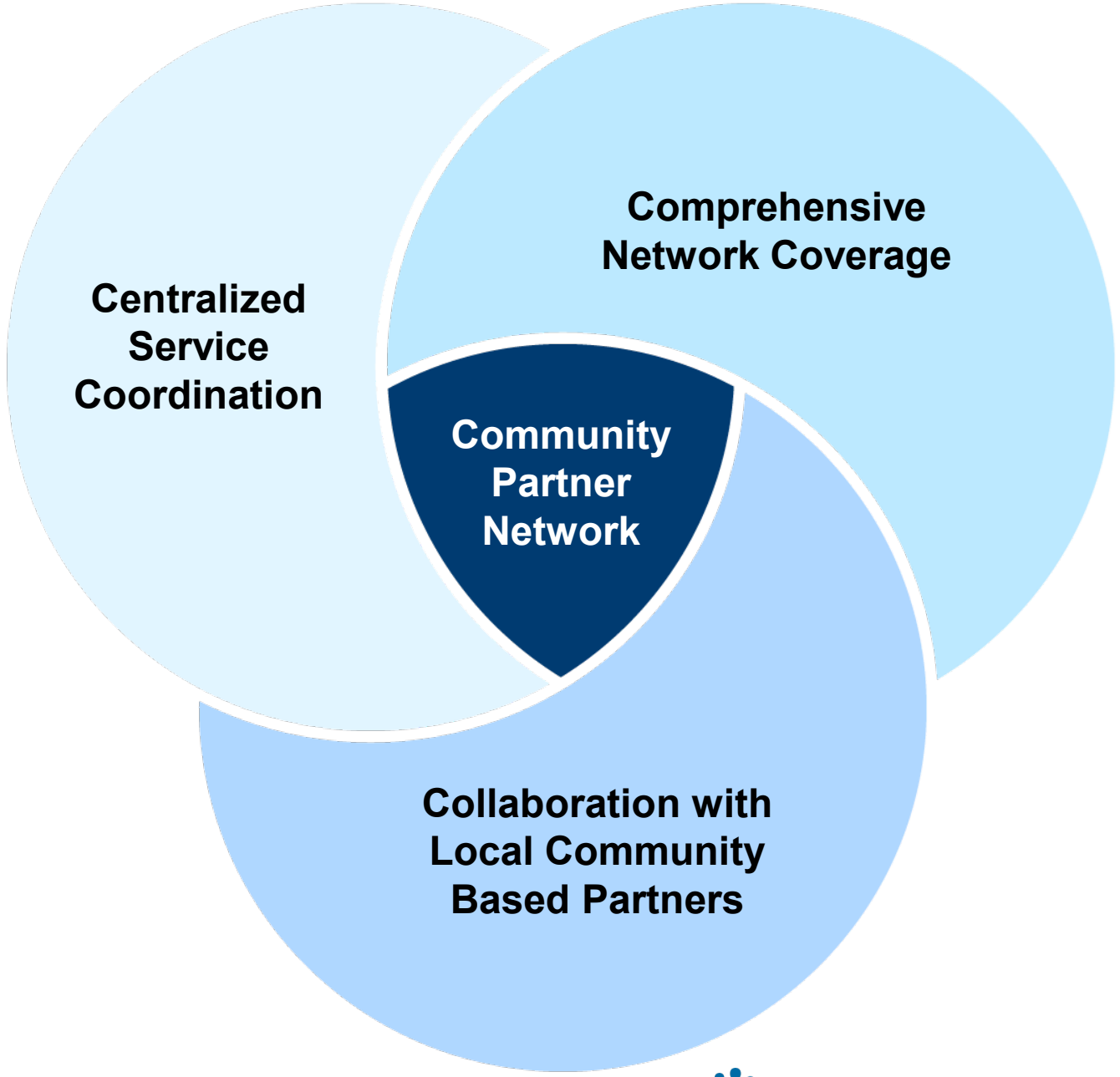
Kaiser Permanente Network Lead Entity Overview

Kaiser Permanente's Network Lead Entities (NLE) support the development of a community partner network for Enhanced Care Management (ECM), Community Supports (CS), and Community Health Worker (CHW) services in all 32 counties.

Centralized Service Coordination
KP is centralizing the coordination of services through the NLEs. KP retains oversight of eligibility, member notifications, quality, and grievances.

Comprehensive Network Coverage
The expertise and services of three statewide NLEs provide comprehensive coverage and enable timely access to ECM, CS, and CHW services.

Collaboration with Local Community Based Partners
NLEs provide ECM, CS, CHW services in close collaboration with community-based organizations with geographic and population of focus expertise.



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Who are the NLEs, and what is their expertise?

Kaiser Permanente has selected four NLEs, comprising a comprehensive network to provide Enhanced Care Management (ECM), Community Supports (CS), and Community Health Worker (CHW) benefits for Kaiser Medi-Cal members.

	Full Circle Health Network	Independent Living Systems	Partners in Care Foundation	foodsmart
Geographic Footprint	• All 32 counties	• All 32 counties	• SCAL Region	• All 32 counties
Areas of Expertise	• Children • Youth • Young adults • Families	• Adults • Home and Community-Based Services • Care Coordination	• High needs members	• Medically Tailored Meals
Services Provided for KP	• ECM PoFs • 7 CS services: Respite, Asthma Remediation, Housing Trio, Day Habilitation, Transitional Rent • CHW services	• ECM PoFs • 13 CS services (*excludes Medically Tailored Meals and Transitional Rent) • CHW Services	• ECM PoFs • 2 CS services: Personal Care and Homemaker Services and Respite Services	• 1 CS service: Medically Tailored Meals including nutrition assessment and nutrition education

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Transitional Rent in Placer

Placer County HHS ASOC has agreed to be the Transitional Rent Provider

What does this mean?

- We will receive referrals for Transitional Rent and work with the MCP to administer the benefit
- Continue to assess and provide Behavioral Health Services
- Support the development of sustainable Housing Support Plans, including month 7 and beyond
- Continue to refer to 211 so Coordinated Entry can assess their vulnerability and add them to the by-name-list (housing waiting list)
- When approved administer payments for transitional rent
- Continue to braid funding to support sustainability
- Continue to grow our housing continuum options

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Planning for “Month 7”

To be eligible for Transitional Rent:

- **Housing Support Plan must demonstrate sustainability following the Transitional Rent benefit period**
  - Transitional rent will be paired with another confirmed subsidy:
    - Housing Choice Voucher (formerly known as Section 8)
    - HUD VASH voucher
    - HUD CoC PSH vouchers
    - Placement in Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) with ongoing funding source, including BHSA.
- **Month 7 plans need to be:**

  confirmed, solidified, approved, awarded, or issued
- **Month 7 plans that may not be approved if they are:**

  awaiting, in-progress, applying, waitlisted, to-be-determined

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How will Transitional Rent work with BHSA Housing Intervention Funding?

- **BHSA Housing Intervention Funding currently has been allocated to:**
- **Infrastructure Projects:**
  - Supporting the development of our housing continuum, namely our Homekey and Permenent Supportive Housing (PSH) sites
- **Permanent Settings:**
  - Rental subsidies attached to our contracted PSH sites
  - Supportive services and housing stabilization services these PSH sites
- **Interim Settings:**
  - Utilizing our network of Transitional Housing options with Mental Health and Substance Use focus.
  - Supportive Services and Housing stabilization services at these sites

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Payment considerations for “month 7”

- **During the Transitional Rent benefit period:**
  - Full payment of rent/program costs are requested and approved.
    - Housing sustaining services will focus on:
      - Budgeting and skill building to support long term sustainability
      - Addressing past due debt and acquisition of resources
      - Exploring needs such as representative payee services
      - Integrating other benefits and resources to support the transition to future rent contributions
- **Following the Transitional Rent period:**
  - Most subsidy sources require participants to pay a portion of their income towards the rent.
    - Housing Choice Vouchers, HUD VASH, CoC HUD PSH require recipient to pay up to 30% of their adjusted income towards their rent.
    - BHSA Housing intervention funding will also require:
    - Participants to pay up to 30% - 40% of their income towards their rent at PSH sites
    - Participants pay program fees at transitional hosing sites

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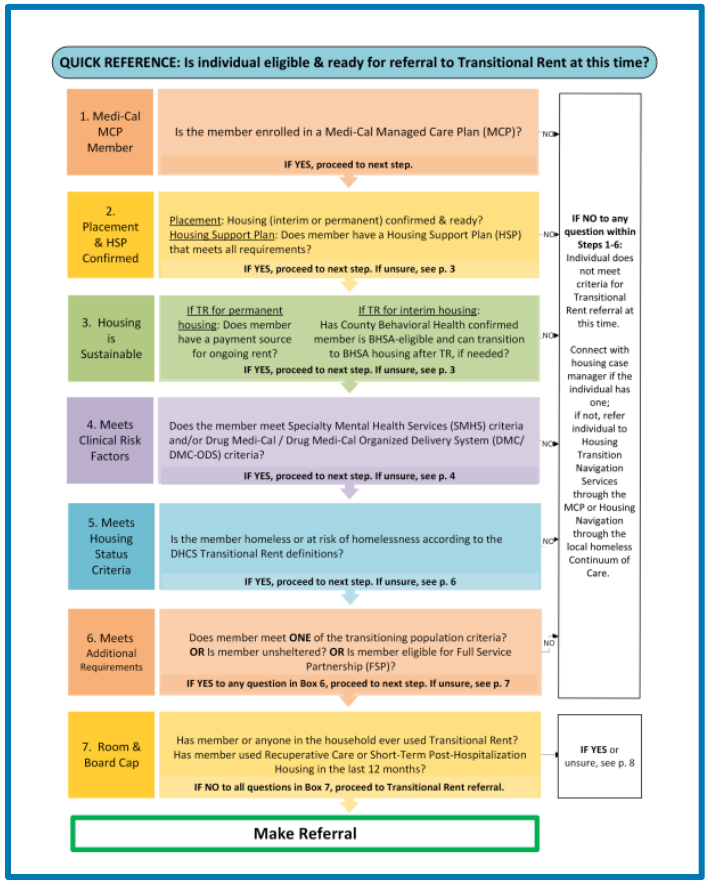
Eligibility Criteria Explainer (CSH Advisory Committee)

Developed by the Housing-Related Community Supports Implementation Advisory Committee

A plain-language **explainer and guide** that translates DHCS Transitional Rent eligibility criteria into step-by-step decisions.

Can be utilized by providers and referrers as:

- An onboarding guide for training front-line staff on Transitional Rent eligibility
- A quick reference to confirm eligibility prior to referral
- A tool for staff who follow up on referrals with MCPs to better understand why a Transitional Rent referral was approved or denied



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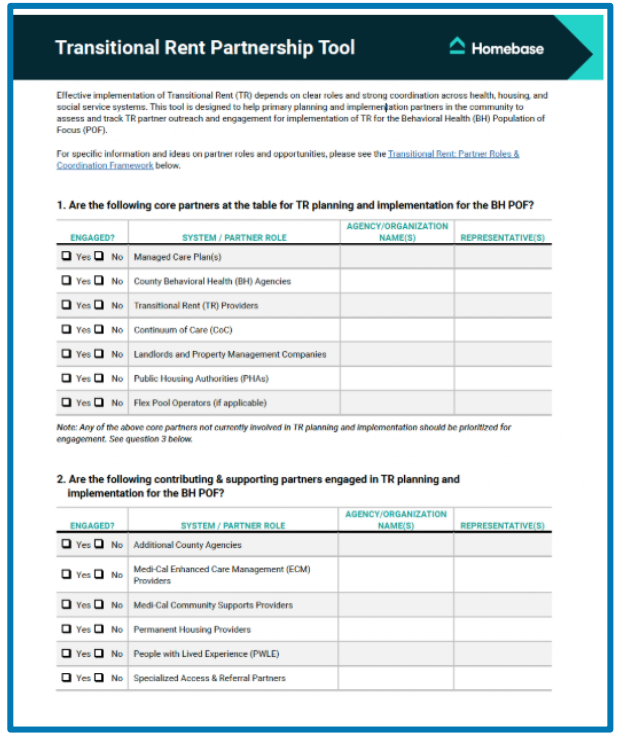
Transitional Rent Descriptions (Homebase)

Kaiser Permanente partnered with Homebase and the California Health Care Foundation to develop Transitional Rent **educational materials**.

The cross-sector tools and guidance support coordination across counties, Managed Care Plans (MCPs), behavioral health, and housing partners.

Download practical resources for implementation, including:

- Eligibility and referral guidance
- Housing Support Plan template
- Partnership and coordination tools
- Member vignettes to illustrate use cases



Transitional Rent Partnership Tool — Homebase

Effective implementation of Transitional Rent (TR) depends on clear roles and strong coordination across health, housing, and social service systems. This tool is designed to help primary planning and implementation partners in the community to assess and track TR partner outreach and engagement for implementation of TR for the Behavioral Health (BH) Population of Focus (POF).

For specific information and ideas on partner roles and opportunities, please see the Transitional Rent: Partner Roles & Coordination Framework below.

1. Are the following core partners at the table for TR planning and implementation for the BH POF?

ENGAGED?	SYSTEM / PARTNER ROLE	AGENCY/ORGANIZATION NAME(S)	REPRESENTATIVE(S)
☐ Yes ☐ No	Managed Care Plan(s)		
☐ Yes ☐ No	County Behavioral Health (BH) Agencies		
☐ Yes ☐ No	Transitional Rent (TR) Providers		
☐ Yes ☐ No	Continuum of Care (CoC)		
☐ Yes ☐ No	Landlords and Property Management Companies		
☐ Yes ☐ No	Public Housing Authorities (PHAs)		
☐ Yes ☐ No	Flex Pool Operators (if applicable)		

Note: Any of the above core partners not currently involved in TR planning and implementation should be prioritized for engagement. See question 3 below.

2. Are the following contributing & supporting partners engaged in TR planning and implementation for the BH POF?

ENGAGED?	SYSTEM / PARTNER ROLE	AGENCY/ORGANIZATION NAME(S)	REPRESENTATIVE(S)
☐ Yes ☐ No	Additional County Agencies		
☐ Yes ☐ No	Medi-Cal Enhanced Care Management (ECM) Providers		
☐ Yes ☐ No	Medi-Cal Community Supports Providers		
☐ Yes ☐ No	Permanent Housing Providers		
☐ Yes ☐ No	People with Lived Experience (PWLE)		
☐ Yes ☐ No	Specialized Access & Referral Partners		

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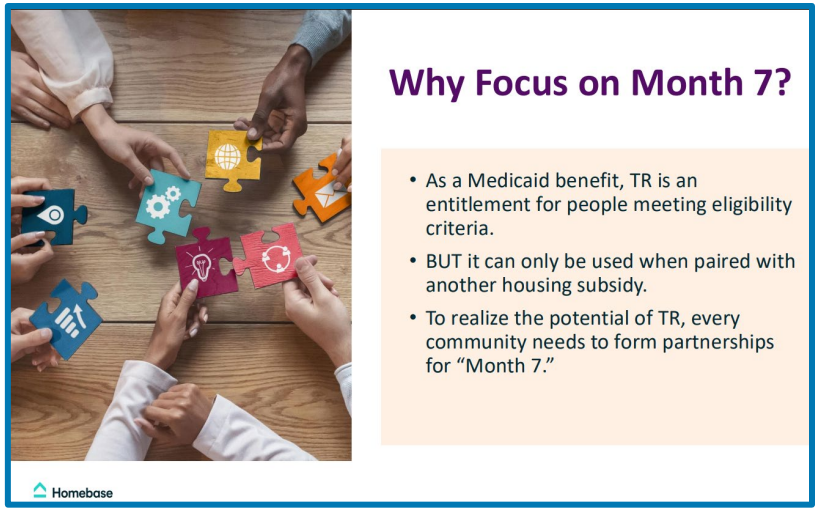
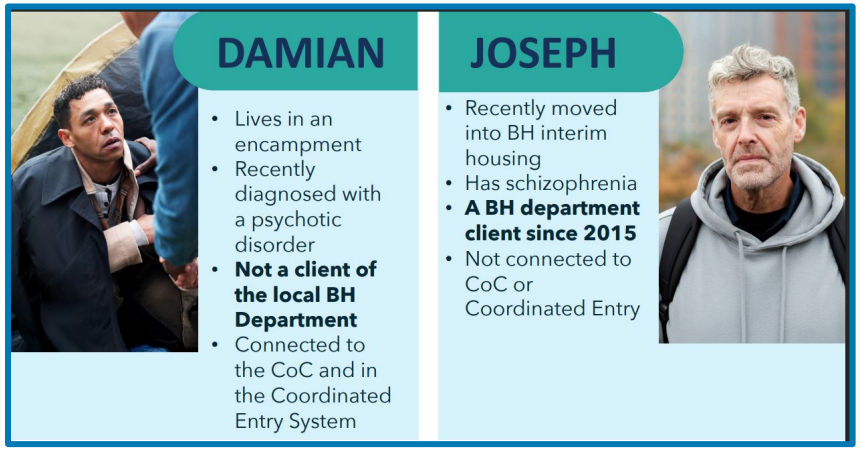
Transitional Rent Webinars (Homebase)

View presentation slides and videos of **recorded trainings for local implementers** featuring the Fundamentals of Transitional Rent and Peer Learning Series deep dives into:

- Eligibility and Referrals
- Month 7 Planning
- HMIS and Data Sharing





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Questions and Resources

Partnership CalAIM Website:
https://partnershiphp.org/Community/Pages/CalAIM.aspx

DHCS CalAIM Website:
https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/CalAIM/Pages/CalAIM.aspx

DHCS Housing for Health Website:

https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/Pages/Housing-for-Health.aspx

Email: CalAIM@partnershiphp.org

HOMELESS RESOURCE COUNCIL OF THE SIERRAS

Date August 8, 2026

To: Placer CoC CA-515 Board Members

From: Blanca Castro, HRCS Executive Director

Subject: HRCS Executive Director Monthly Report for Month of July 2026

Highlights

- **CBS News Story on Placer county's continued decline in PIT numbers** https://www.cbsnews.com/sacramento/news/placer-county-homeless-count-progress/

  Special thank you to Katie Combs-Prichard, Placer HHS Public Information Officer for coordinating the interviews and working with the CBS journalist.

- **HHAP-6 Review & Ranking** Process is underway, Rating and Ranking workgroup has three meetings in August to rate and rank the proposals. Thurmond is leading this process.

- **New Accounting Firm Hired** – The Quist Group to modernize and strengthen HRCS fiscal management processes and procedures – Transition under way.
- *The California Interagency Council on Homelessness* released on June 23, 2026, Calendar Year (CY) 2025 California System Performance Measure (CA SPM) data for all jurisdictions at the CoC level. I am working with HMIS Administrator and Ops Managers to develop a plan to share the data and make it accessible to all stakeholders well as accompanying resources to support your use of this data.
- **Now, Next and Later 2026 Placer CoC Action Plan –** Board working session on July 8 – status updates on progress on goals for 2026.

Upcoming Priorities Next 30–60 Days

- **Data Evaluation / Future of Coordinated Entry System (FoCES) Committees** Convene and merge these two committees to support data quality, compliance, and system performance monitoring. Priority will be the phased in approach for the Revised Vulnerability Index.

- **Revised Vulnerability Index Implementation** – In Process. Launch date is October 1, 2026.

- **Veterans Administration data integration with HMIS** –In process

- R**equest for Proposal-RFP Process for new CoC Coordinator underway**

- Researching how HRCS can pay for the HMIS licenses which are currently paid for by each Provider ($950.00/license). Currently

HRCS Website Redesign and Modernization Project

- Due to the priorities with updating HRCS" Vendor contracts, the redesign of the HRCS website is currently on the "Later" portion of the 2026 Now, Next and Later Action Plans.

- 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.

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Placer CoC General Board Meeting
August 12, 2026

Blanca Castro, Executive Director
Homeless Resource Council of the Sierras

Executive Director's July 2026 Monthly Report

Blanca Castro, Executive Director

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July 2026 Highlights

- **CBS News Coverage:** Placer County's continued decline in PIT numbers featured in a CBS Sacramento story.
- **HHAP-6 Review & Ranking:** Workgroup launched; three August meetings scheduled.
- **New Accounting Firm:** The Quist Group hired to modernize fiscal management; transition underway.
- **Now, Next, Later Action Plan:** July 8 board working session held; progress updates on 2026 goals.

Operational Priorities Next 30–60 Days

- **FoCES + Data Evaluation Committees:** Merge and convene "*Priority will be the phased in approach for the Revised Vulnerability Index.*"

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

- **RFP for New CoC Coordinator:** Development and release in progress. Working in collaboration with HRCS Board of Directors.

Operational Priorities
Next 30–60 Days

- **HMIS License Fee Strategy:** Researching options for HRCS to centrally fund provider licenses which currently cost $950/license.

- **CA-State Performance Measures -SPM 2025 Data Released:** ED, HMIS Administrator, and Ops Managers developing a plan to share data and resources with stakeholders

Presented by Christina Nicholson with Whole Person Learning & Vanessa Aguilera with AMI Housing

Let's Talk About TAY

Overview & Updates on TAY Housing Services in Placer County

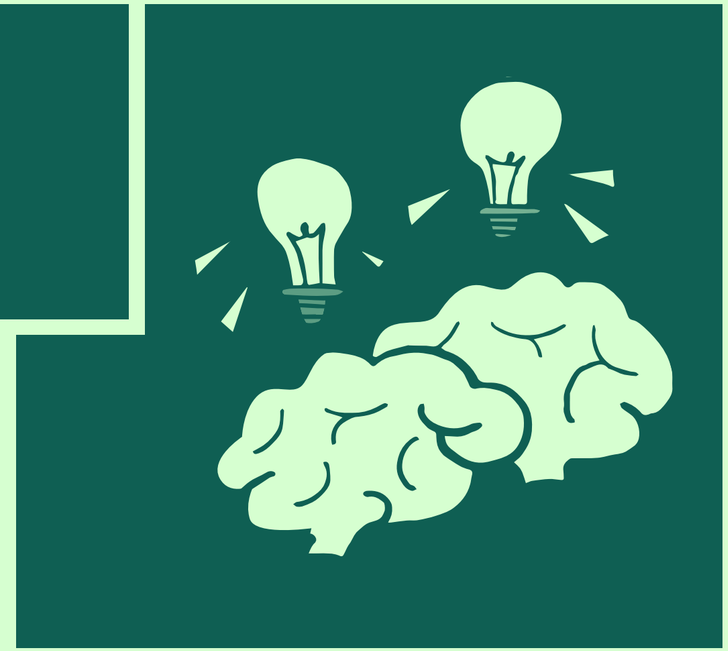
August 12th, 2026

TAY Housing Collaborative & BFZ

The TAY Housing Collaborative (TAY HC), established in 2019 as a core community partnership collaborative to address the needs of TAY who are experiencing or are at imminent risk of homelessness, is now an official sub-committee of HRCS. Christina Nicholson is the TAY HC Coordinator and Vanessa Aguilera is the TAY HC HRCS (CA-515) Board Liaison .

Kasia Elijah is the CA-515 Operations Manager and is leading the Built-For-Zero initiative for TAY after successfully guiding veterans toward “functional zero” . The TAY BFZ group works in conjunction with the TAY HC.

What does the data show?



- June 2025 there were 231 youth on the By Name List > May 2026 the number reduced to 157
- 2025 PIT Count counted 54 unaccompanied youth > 2026 PIT Count counted 27 unaccompanied youth
- 2026 PIT Count Data shows 22% of total respondents were under 18 when they experienced their first episode of homelessness, 15% of total respondents have been in the foster care system, and nearly an even split between unsheltered vs. sheltered TAY

- The BFZ initiative will help bring this number down even further as the group cleans up the list and ensures meaningful outreach is done
- Results show progress and reinforce the need for sustained, coordinated, and data - driven solutions
- Housing instability is not only a social issue, but a healthcare issue that leaves lasting impact on youth
- *Definitions:*
  - *Unaccompanied Youth: 0 - 24 Years Old, not with anyone 25+ (Specific to the PIT Count)*
  - *Literally Homeless vs. At Risk: HUD Definition*

Accomplishments

Together We Achieve More

- TAY HC started with 28 TAY providers/attendees, the group is now at 101 members
- Continue to improve the use of Coordinated Entry to identify and connect TAY with the appropriate resources
- Streamlined a process for TAY to access necessary funds and voucher opportunities
- Open referral process for TAY with an established point of contact (HC Team)
- FY24/25 AMIH served 98 TAY and spent ~$127K > FY25/26 AMIH served 163 TAY and spent ~$267K
- Continue to decrease the TAY BNL and identify outreach opportunities with established protocol for outreach attempts

Updates

- AMIH's TAY beds are all full and providing services, including Sun Rose Apartments
- AMIH has continued funding availability for housing costs for FY26/27
- Blossom Place has closed, a loss in beds available for TAY females. However, The Taylor House is opening a new home for young women in Rocklin, expanding beyond their existing Roseville home.
- Roseville Housing Authority was awarded and have issued 20/20 Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) vouchers.
- Placer Housing Authority currently has a waitlist for Family Unification Vouchers (FUP) and is still accepting referrals for FYI on demand vouchers.
- Sierra College has a new 358 bed housing facility, more than doubling on - campus units and offering some free endowed beds for students in need.

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Housed

Year	Housed	Retained PSH
2024	182	217
2025	209	264
2026	168	259

Housed = People who are permanently housed and not in Permanent Supportive Housing

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Retained PSH = People enrolled in Permanent Supportive Housing at or before the reporting period and still enrolled at the end of reporting period