

Sonoma County Homeless Coalition Board Committees 2024

1. Coordinated Entry Advisory Committee

This committee ensures CoC is compliant with federal and state requirements, and that a countywide Coordinated Entry System (CES) is in place that is effective and responsive to real-time community needs including:

- Advising Sonoma County Homeless Coalition Board on strategies for ensuring service providers are implementing Housing First principles
- Make recommendations for providing training and technical assistance to help service providers become compliant with CE and Housing First system requirements and build capacity
- Consult with recipients of Emergency Solutions Grant program funds to inform Sonoma County Homeless Coalition Board on developing policies to guide CES in accordance with HUD regulations
- Provides comprehensive assessment of the needs of individuals and families for housing and services

2. Funding and Evaluation Committee

This committee is responsible for the oversight of funding and evaluation of projects for the Sonoma County Continuum of Care (CoC) responsibilities include:

- Developing recommendations for the Sonoma County Homeless Coalition Board on use of CoC funds
- Developing recommendations for the Sonoma County Homeless Coalition Board to comment on funding decisions by other parties
- Developing and/or reviewing long-term funding strategies and plans to achieve the CoC's vision
- Making funding decisions on behalf of the Sonoma County Homeless Coalition Board if such authority is delegated by the Board
- Evaluating the performance of the system of care, programs, and service providers to inform funding decisions, support public communications (including a dashboard of metrics), and improve the system of care
- Participating with the HMIS Committee in the evaluation of the HMIS Lead's performance particularly related to the above bullet point.

3. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Data Committee

This committee is responsible for advising Sonoma County Homeless Coalition Board on issues regarding Sonoma County's web-based Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) including:

- Developing and maintaining the dashboard of metrics to achieve the vision of zero functional homelessness

- Alerting Sonoma County Homeless Coalition Board of providers whose data jeopardizes the overall system
- Advising on issues related to the Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) to Congress, regular Homeless Counts (required every two years—preferred annually), biannual estimate of housing needs or gaps analysis, and the annual inventory of homeless-dedicated housing (Housing Inventory Chart)
- Approves annual policies and procedures for HMIS
- Approves updates to existing HMIS documents per regulation changes, as well as oversight of monthly public-facing data dashboards.

Approves aligned definitions for each program type funded in Sonoma County in terms of desired outcomes, to assist the Sonoma County Homeless Coalition Board in developing appropriate measures for rewarding system providers that meet or exceed expectations and sanctioning system providers that do not adhere to requirements or meet expectations.

- Recommends training and technical assistance to build the capacity of service providers
- Performs an annual evaluation of the HMIS Lead

4. Strategic Planning Committee

This committee will monitor and report back to the Sonoma County Homeless Coalition Board on strategic plan progress to ensure the vision of zero functional homelessness is achieved, including alignment of services and policies across the system of care.