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Friday, June 27, 2025
9:00AM-10:00AM (PST)

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| 1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS | 9:00AM-9:05AM |
| 2. CO-CHAIRS' REPORT | 9:05AM-9:10AM |
| a. May 25, 2025 Meeting Recap (See meeting summary) | |
| b. New County Homeless Initiative Department Updates | |
| i. May 8, 2025 Homeless Deputies Meeting | |
| ii. https://ceo.lacounty.gov/dh/ | |
| c. Federal policy and budget updates | |
| 3. DISCUSSION: | 9:10AM-9:45AM |
| a. Housing survey dissemination strategy | |
| b. Identify partner agencies/sites | |
| c. Volunteers/in-reach | |
| 4. AGENDA DEVELOPMENT FOR NEXT MEETING | 9:45AM-9:55AM |
| 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADJOURNMENT | 10:00AM |

Upcoming Meetings (4th Friday monthly): July 25, 2025 (Cancel?)

Resources to Check Out:

[Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California \(USC\) Street Medicine](#)
[Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative Impact Dashboard](#)



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MAY 23, 2025, 2025 | 9AM-10AM

MEETING SUMMARY

Introductions

- K. Nelson and Dr. David Hardy, HTF Co-Chairs, called the meeting to order, conducted introductions, and welcomed attendees the meeting.

Co-Chairs' Report:

- K. Nelson referred attendees to the packet for the meeting summary for the April 25, 2025 meeting. She also reviewed the workplan and reminded the group about completing the housing survey as a key deliverable for 2025.
- HTF members inquired about the status and future of LAHSA in light of the Board's decision to pull their share of funding to LAHSA and the creation of a Department in the County to address housing.
- Members indicated that LAHSA will remain in some way under a much more focused charge such as conducting the annual homeless count. 43% of LAHSA budget has been cut and some services have closed as a result.
- D. Hardy note that the HTF should keep track of the meetings and Board discussions on the formation of the new Department.
- The housing survey may help inform service transitions and policy decisions. Consider including a question on impact on access centers and intake process.

DISCUSSION: Review and finalize housing survey

The group reviewed and finalized the housing survey. C. Barrit will email the updated version to the HTF members for one final round of input.

Agenda Development for Next Meeting:

- Provide status update on housing survey implementation (June 27)
- Provide update on Board/County discussions on new County Housing/Homelessness Department.



Housing Needs Survey

This survey seeks to understand the housing needs and challenges faced by people living with HIV in Los Angeles County. The results of the survey will help the Commission on HIV with its planning and service standards development.

1. First and Last Name

2. Email address

3. Phone number

4. Mailing address

5. Are you a person living with HIV?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to disclose

6. What is your age?

- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65-74
- 75 and older

7. How do you describe your gender?

- Woman
- Man
- Trans woman
- Trans man
- Non-binary
- Two-spirit
- Genderqueer/Gender non-conforming/Gender fluid
- Questioning/Unsure/Exploring
- Prefer to self-describe:

8. Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation?

- Asexual
- Bisexual
- Homosexual/Gay
- Heterosexual/Straight
- Lesbian
- Pansexual
- Queer
- Questioning/Unsure/Exploring
- A sexual orientation not listed here (please specify):

9. What is your race/ethnicity? (Select all that apply).

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black/African American
- Hispanic/Latinx/e
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- White/Caucasian
- Another race (please specify):

10. What languages do you speak at home? (Select all that apply).

- English
- Spanish
- Chinese
- Tagalog
- Korean
- Vietnamese
- Farsi
- Arabic
- Armenian
- Russian
- Cambodian (Khmer)
- Other, specify:

11. What neighborhood or major cross streets do you live in?

12. Do you have health insurance?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

13. What type of insurance do you have? (Select all that apply)

- Medi-Cal (nationally known as Medicaid)
- Medicare (mostly for people 65 or older, and sometimes for people with certain disabilities)
- Medi-Medi (Medicare and Medicaid)
- Private insurance (via work, union, etc.)
- Covered CA (marketplace exchange)
- Veteran's Administration
- Not sure
- None
- Other, specify:

14. What is your current employment status?

- Working full-time
- Working part-time
- Self-employed
- Working off and on
- Not working
- Disability
- Student
- Retired
- Seasonal
- Looking for job/unable to find work
- Attending job training
- Other (please specify):

15. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

- Never attended school
- Less than high school
- Some high school
- High school graduate/GED
- Some college/technical or vocational school
- Associate's degree
- Bachelor's degree
- Graduate degree
- Other (specify):

16. Currently, what is your main source of income?

- Earnings/job
- Family/friends
- CalWORKs
- Social Security
- General Assistance/Relief
- Unemployment
- Retirement
- No income
- Other (specify):

17. Do you receive any benefits from any of the following programs? Select all that apply.

- CalFresh, SNAP or Food Stamps
- SSI or Supplemental Security Income
- State Disability Income
- Private disability insurance
- Social Security retirement income
- Other retirement income
- Unemployment insurance
- General Relief
- CalWORKs or TANF
- Alimony and/or child support
- Veteran's benefits
- Other (specify):
- None

18. What is your current citizenship status? (Reminder: your answers will remain anonymous. This means that your answer to this question will not be linked to you in any way. You may skip questions you do not feel comfortable answering.)

- US citizen
- Permanent resident
- Not a US citizen or permanent resident
- Refugee or asylum seeker
- Decline to state

19. Do you receive free HIV services?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

20. If you answered "Yes" to question #10, which free HIV services have you received in the last 12 months? (Select all that apply)

- HIV medical care
- Dental care
- Mental health services
- Transportation
- Nutrition services/food bank
- Benefits screening and enrollment services
- Legal services
- Case management
- AIDS Drugs Assistance Program (ADAP)
- Housing support
- Rental support
- Congregate living home
- Skilled nursing facility
- Substance use treatment residence
- Subsidized housing
- Temporary housing/motel

21. Have you lived in any of the following situations at any time within the last 2 years?
Select all that apply.

- Lived in a vehicle, abandoned building, anywhere outside or other place not meant for ongoing human shelter
- Lived in a hotel, motel or campground paid for by an agency, church or other service provider
- Lived in a garage, backyard, or shed
- Lived in a shelter for single adults, youth or families
- Lived in transitional housing for homeless persons
- Lived in a friend or family member's room, apartment or house where I did not contribute to the rent
- Lived in a hospital, nursing facility, mental health facility, jail/prison, or substance use disorder facility where I was homeless before
- None of the above

22. What is your current housing situation?

- Unsheltered/homeless
- Renting a property
- Own a property
- Living in a shelter
- Staying with a friend/relative
- Living in a treatment facility
- Subsidized housing (Section 8, HOPWA, Housing for Health)
- Living in supportive living facility or group home
- Moving from friend/relative to friend/relative (couch surfing)
- Other, please specify:

23. If you receive housing assistance, is your HIV status considered for eligibility for the assistance?

- Yes
- No
- Other (please specify)

24. How long have you been living in your current housing?

- Less than one month
- One to two months
- Three to six months
- Six months to one year
- More than one year

25. Does this place have any of the following issues? Select all that apply.

- Incomplete kitchen (no sink, refrigerator, and/or stove with oven)
- No access to a kitchen
- No heating
- No indoor bathroom
- No hot and/or cold running water
- No air conditioning
- Mold/mildew
- Pest infestation (rodents, bedbugs, cockroaches or other pests)
- External doors that don't lock
- Water leaks
- Broken windows and/or doors
- None of the above

26. In the past 12 months, have you had any problems getting housing due to any of the following? (Select all that apply)

- Criminal record information
- Didn't have enough money for the deposit
- Could not find affordable housing
- Was put on a wait list
- Had credit problems
- Didn't qualify for housing assistance
- Had no transportation to look for housing
- Had a mental or physical disability
- Have a recent history of drug or alcohol abuse
- Could not meet eligibility requirements for subsidies (e.g. Section 8) or other public housing programs
- Could not find a place to live that will accept my rental subsidy (Section 8)
- Problems with my immigration status
- I have not had any problems getting housing

27. Please share any additional challenges you have experienced with **getting** housing.

28. In the past 12 months, have you had any problems keeping your housing due to any of the following? (Select all that apply)

- Difficulty paying rent, mortgage, or utilities
- Drug or alcohol use
- Credit problems
- Eviction
- Problems with my immigration status
- Legal problems
- I have not had any problems keeping my housing
- Other (specify):

29. Please share any additional challenges you have experienced with **keeping** your housing.

30. Considering your living situation, which of these reasons make it harder for you to take care of your health? (Select all that apply).

- I do not have a private room
- I do not feel safe
- I do not have a bed to sleep in
- I do not have a place to keep my medicine
- I do not have a phone where someone can call me
- I do not have enough food to eat
- I do not have money to pay for rent
- I do not have heat and/or air conditioning
- I am afraid of others where I live knowing I have HIV
- I cannot get away from drugs or alcohol
- I do not have good internet access
- There is not good public transportation where I live
- I do not feel comfortable receiving mail about my HIV care, including medications
- I do not have a power source/electricity.
- Other (specify)
- I do not have these challenges

31. What is your plan if you lose your current housing?

- I'm already homeless.
- Live on the streets.
- Live with a friend or family.
- Live in my car.



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Agency	Site Address	Program Contact
Service Planning Area 1 – Antelope Valley		
The People Concern	45338 32nd St. Lancaster, CA 93536	Maudy Linares mlinares@thepeopleconcern.org (323) 243-6004
Volunteers of America, Los Angeles	45150 60th St. W. Lancaster, CA 93536	Garciela Martinez gmartinez@voala.org (661) 723-4873
Service Planning Area 2 – San Fernando Valley		
Bridge to Home	23031 Drayton St., Santa Clarita, CA 91350	Nicole Feast-Williams nicole.feast-williams@btohome.org
L.A. Family Housing Corporation	7816 Simpson Ave., North Hollywood, CA 91605	referrals@lafh.org (818) 255-1766
Service Planning Area 3 – San Gabriel Valley		
Union Station Homeless Services	412 S. Raymond Ave. Pasadena, CA 91104	Adriann Gallegos aGallegos@unionstationhs.org
Volunteers of America, Los Angeles	1400 E. Mission Blvd., Pomona, CA 91766	Timicka Bradley tBradley@voala.org
Service Planning Area 4 – Metro/Hollywood		
Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, Inc.	267 Belmont Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90026	Elvia Valdes eValdes@gschomeless.org (213) 235 - 1460
Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, Inc.	1640 Rockwood St., Los Angeles, CA 90026	Elvia Valdes eValdes@gschomeless.org
National Health Foundation	1032 W. 18th St., Los Angeles, CA 90015	Malia Fine mFine@nhfca.org
People Assisting Homeless (PATH)	340 N. Madison Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90004	Shelia Washington sheliaW@epath.org
Proyecto Pastoral	171 S. Gless St., Los Angeles, CA 90033	Veronica Meza vMeza@proyectopastoral.org (323) 685-2379

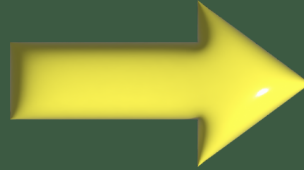
Proyecto Pastoral	135 N. Mission Rd., Los Angeles, CA 90033	Veronica Meza vmeza@proyectopastoral.org (323) 685-2379
Society of St. Vicent de Paul, Council of Los Angeles	231 Winston St., Los Angeles, CA 90013	Intake Coordinator socialservices@svdpla.org (213) 229-9972
Single Room Occupancy Housing Corporation	517 San Julian St., Los Angeles, CA 90013	Renee Baker reneeB@srohousing.org (213) 229-9678
The Midnight Mission	601 S. San Pedro Los Angeles, CA 90014	Ebony Gudger eGudger@midnightmission.org (213) 624-9678
The People Concern	527 S. Crocker St., Los Angeles, CA 90013	Melissa Virgen mVirgen@thepeopleconcern.org
Volunteers of America, Los Angeles	543 S. Crocker St., Los Angeles, CA 90013	Eddie Wormley eWormley@voala.org (213) 232-0876
Weingart Center Association	566 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles, CA 90013	Deborah Williams-Groomes marcusa@weingart.org (213) 627-9000
Service Planning Area 5 – West LA		
1736 Family Crisis Center	Confidential (VSP)	Maritza Hilario mHilario@1736fcc.org (310) 379 - 3620
New Directions, Inc.	11303 Wilshire Blvd. VA Bldg. 116 Los Angeles, CA 90073	Dr. Maurice Carter mcarter@ndvets.org (310) 268-3269
The People Concern	1447 16th St., Santa Monica, CA 90404	Trcia Best tbest@thepeopleconcern.org (310) 828-6717
Service Planning Area 6 – South LA		
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Special Services for Groups, Inc. (HOPICS)	5715 S. Broadway Los Angeles, CA 90037	Accessshopics.org (323) 948-0444
Special Services for Groups, Inc. (HOPICS)	5849 Crocker St., Los Angeles, CA 90003	Accessshopics.org (323) 948-0444
Special Services for Groups, Inc. (HOPICS)	3010 East Victoria St., Compton, CA 90221	Accessshopics.org (323) 948-0444
Special Services for Groups, Inc. (HOPICS)	5603 S. Central Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90011	Accessshopics.org (323) 948-0444

Testimonial Community Love Center	5701 S. Western Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90062	Cynthia Carter cindytclc@aol.com (323) 291-6753 x211
Volunteers of America, Los Angeles	3804 S. Broadway Pl., Los Angeles, CA 90037	Deanna Sims dSims@voala.org (323) 389-1500
Volunteers of America, Los Angeles	8770 S. Broadway Pl., Los Angeles, CA 90003	Kelly Edwards kEdwards@voala.org (213) 248-9671
Service Planning Area 7 – East LA		
The Salvation Army	5600 Rickenbacker Rd., Bell, CA 90201	Alma Martinez-Villagomez alma.martinez@usw.salvationarmy.org (323) 263-1206 x218
Service Planning Area 8 – Harbor Cities		
United States Veterans Initiative	733 S. Hindry Ave., Inglewood, CA 90301	Kevin Kinney kkinney@usvets.org (310) 863-5837
City of Long Beach	1301 W. 12th Street, Long Beach, CA 90813	MSC Helpline (562) 570-4500
HIV Service Organizations with housing programs		
Project New Hope		
APLA Health/Alliance for Housing and Healing		
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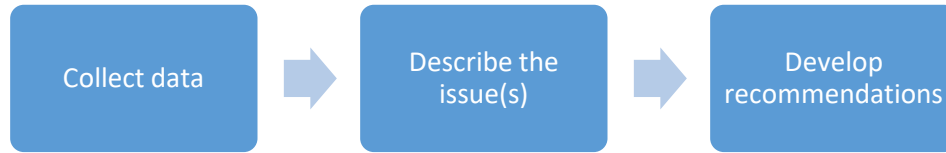
PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT: To identify activities and priorities the Housing Task Force will lead and advance for 2024-2025.

CRITERIA: Select activities that are **specific and realistic and within the scope and capacity of the COH**. The Commission is Los Angeles County’s integrated prevention and care planning council.

Overarching Goal: Develop specific and realistic recommendations and/or response to address the intersection of HIV/STD and housing.

2024-2025		
#	ACTIVITY	TIMELINE/DUE DATE/ACTION ITEMS
1	<p>Engage DHSP-funded housing and legal services agencies to understand the types of needs they see among their clients.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ keep people housed? How can this strategy be supported? <p>Status Update (02.3.25): Completed subject matter/provider panels with DHSP-funded housing agencies; Inner Law Center completed on 1/24/25 meeting. Report back to COH 4/10.25</p>	<p>Invite these DHSP-funded housing and legal services agencies to the September 27 meeting and extend the time to 2 hours.</p> <p>Some questions to ask include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How do your programs work together to foster housing-legal services and partnerships for clients? ○ When are you seeing clients in the service pipeline? What issues are they presenting with? How are your agencies mitigating their issues and needs? ○ How can your services help prevent clients from becoming homeless? What services are provided for prevention versus those who are already homeless? ○ How are clients getting to your agencies? Are they being referred by agencies? Other Ryan White-funded service providers? Self- referrals? ○ Where are the gaps and failures happening in the overall service delivery network? ○ What are legal issues are clients presenting with? ○ What strategies should we consider in using legal services as a way to keep people housed?
2	<p>Develop housing specific needs assessments and supplement with community listening sessions/focus groups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Review existing data and conduct housing-focused needs assessment. Dig deeper in the housing needs and challenges for PWH and those at risk. Identify provider needs around housing such as service/staffing and organizational capacity needs, issues, and challenges. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify and review existing data sources and needs assessments (i.e., City of LA Consolidated Plan, Housing Element Needs Assessment) March- April 2025 2. Develop needs assessment objectives, aims, questions/instruments. Develop focus group guide and survey. April 2025 3. Finalize instruments, promote, recruit participants, and administer survey. May 2025 4. Collect data analyze data. June-July 2025 5. Develop report and recommendations. July 2025

3	Convene housing solutions for PLWH summit to present needs assessment and develop county wide plan of action.	August-September 2025 or a World AIDS Day event?
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PRIORITY LIST AFTER ACTIVITY 1 IS COMPLETED			
2	Use the data for service standards and/or create new service model; perhaps extend temporary housing to longer-term housing and braid RW and HOPWA funds together. Incorporate in EFA service standards the new guidance from HRSA that now allows the use of RW funds for rental deposits. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Offer more legal services (such as help with eviction notices, landlord mediation, etc.) and emergency financial assistance to keep people housed. 	Update service standards Review EFA and housing service standards Create program directives to DHSP	SBP is currently reviewing and updating the EFA service standards.
3	Once standards are updated, pursue advocacy efforts and use data with personal stories to advocate for more funding and/or policy changes.	Annual priority setting and resource allocations (PSRA) process.	PP&A Committee will undertake PSRA for Program Year (PY) 34 and PY 35, 36, and 37 at the July and August PP&A meetings.
4	Conduct housing resource fairs and/or housing clinics at the end of a Commission meeting (does not have to be at all Commission meetings) or have the Consumer Caucus lead this effort.	Inform, educate and disseminate information to consumers, specified target populations, providers, the general public, and HIV and health service policy makers to build knowledge and capacity for HIV prevention, care, and treatment; and actively engage individuals and entities concerned about HIV.	

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OTHER IDEAS FOR FUTURE WORKPLANS AND ACTIVITEIS

#	HOUSING CHALLENGE/ISSUE	ACTION OR STRATEGY TO ADDRESS ISSUE	TIMELINE/ DUE DATE	ACTION ITEMS+NEXTSTEPS+FOLLOWUP
1	<p>Lack of coordination among housing systems and providers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HTF should look at ways to collaborate with DHSP and other providers – agencies are not aware of what each other are doing; not much communication between HIV and housing providers; conduct a training among housing providers about the Ryan White program • Improve interagency communication; the lack of and often conflicting communication among lead agencies and subcontractor agencies lead to frustration and delays in application process; case closures are done erroneously and the burden of starting over is on the client. Submitted documents are lost when they have been submitted by the client multiple times. No one is talking to the client; often left in limbo. • Ensure Medical Care Coordination teams and benefits specialty services contractors are aware of resources; provide trauma-informed care training. 		
2	<p>Duplicative and confusing application process</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve interagency communication; the lack of and often conflicting communication among lead agencies and subcontractor agencies lead to frustration and delays in application process; case closures are done erroneously and the burden of starting over is on the client. Submitted documents are lost when they 		

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		<p>have been submitted by the client multiple times. No one is talking to the client; often left in limbo.</p>		
3	<p>Lack of affordable housing stock</p>			
4	<p>Current efforts are not addressing the root causes of homelessness (stagnant incomes, poverty, racism, mental health, substance use, etc.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore service models for different populations, such as the TransLatina Coalition’s employment to housing program, where graduates of the program learn to start their own business. • Intersect housing with other capacities like employment, food, mental health; some agencies just provide housing but not other services needed by the client to remain housed. 		
5	<p>Lack of homeless prevention services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore service models for different populations, such as the TransLatina Coalition’s employment to housing program, where graduates of the program learn to start their own business. • Intersect housing with other capacities like employment, food, mental health; some agencies just provide housing but not other services needed by the client to remain housed. • Universal basic income, expand 		

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		financial assistance, temporary and permanent supporting housing.		
6	Lack of clarity about eligibility requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HTF should look at ways to collaborate with DHSP and other providers – agencies are not aware of what each other are doing; not much communication between HIV and housing providers; conduct a training among housing providers about the Ryan White program Improve interagency communication; the lack of and often conflicting communication among lead agencies and subcontractor agencies lead to frustration and delays in application process; case closures are done erroneously and the burden of starting over is on the client. Submitted documents are lost when they have been submitted by the client multiple times. No one is talking to the client; often left in limbo. 		
7	Outdated and restrictive federal policies and regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agencies are under-staffed; secure more funding to expand staffing capacity. 		
8	Unclear how/where one would access or start looking for help	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need effort to educate housing and HIV agencies; create a document or web page to help individuals at risk of losing housing; intervene to avert the crisis Develop 1 hotline for housing resources and program for PLWH and those at risk? Isn't this CHIRP LA? 		

COMPREHENSIVE HIV PLAN (CHP) HOUSING RELATED ACTIVITIES:

- 7C.5b: Improve systems, strategies and proposals that prevent homelessness, expand affordable housing, as well as prioritize housing opportunities for people living with, affected by, or at risk of transmission of HIV/AIDS, especially LGBTQ people
- 7C.5c: Promote family housing and emergency financial assistance as a strategy to maintain housing
- 7C.5d: Increase coordination among housing agencies to include intergenerational housing options
- 7C.5e: Blend funding to support housing and rental assistance for seniors living with HIV