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LOCAL CONTINUUM OF CARE RELAUNCHED

The former Homeless Action Partnership, Santa Cruz County's federally-designated continuum of care (CoC), has been rebranded as the Housing for Health Partnership (H4HP).

The new name better aligns with the Housing for Health Division, which works under Santa Cruz County's Human Services Agency and serves as the lead CoC partnership agency. In addition, the governance of H4HP has restructured to give local jurisdictions officials and people with lived experience more direct involvement in H4HP policy decisions.

The new H4HP structure includes a Policy Board, responsible for high level planning, decision-making and system oversight. The Policy Board delegates implementation, operational, and planning responsibilities to specific Operational Committees and Working Groups.

The Policy Board consists of 15 community leaders who represent constituencies with significant experience or resources to address the issue of homelessness.

Jurisdictional members include Capitola City Manager Jamie Goldstein, Santa Cruz Director of Planning & Community Development Lee Butler, Santa Cruz Vice Mayor Martine Watkins, Watsonville Community Development Director Suzi Merriam, Watsonville interim City Manager Tamara Vides, County Health Services Agency Assistant Director Tiffany Cantrell-Warren, Santa Cruz County Public Defender Heather Rogers, and Santa Cruz County Supervisors Manu Koenig and Ryan Coonerty.

Partner members include UCSC Assistant Dean of Students Mariah Lyons, Central California Alliance for Health Chief Executive Officer Stephanie Sonnenshine, and Community Foundation of Santa Cruz Chief Executive Officer Susan True. Three seats remain open, at least one of whom must have lived experience with homelessness.

To apply to be a member or to learn more about the H4H Partnership, visit www.housingforhealthpartnership.org.