



East Desert Regional Steering Committee Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 19, 2026, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Old Joshua Tree Elementary School Room #19
6051 Sunburst Street, Joshua Tree, CA 92252

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East Desert Regional Steering Committee Meeting Agenda

OPENING REMARKS	PRESENTER
A. Call to Order (3 minutes) B. Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation C. Roll Call D. Round Table Introductions (Name and Organization)	Stone James or Robin Schlosser Designee Committee Members
E. Individual Committee Member Comment (3 mins. each) a. Town of Yucca Valley Representative b. Supervisor Dawn Rowe’s office Representative c. City of Twentynine Palms Representative d. City of Twentynine Palms Representative e. Molding Hearts f. Morongo Basin Conservation Association g. Reach Out Morongo Basin h. Rescue + Residence	Curtis Yakimow Glen Harris Stone James April Ramirez Lakita Johnson Janet Johnston Robin Schlosser Daniel Belew
PUBLIC COMMENT	
F. Any member of the public may address the Committee on any matter not on the agenda that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee	
CONSENT CALENDAR	
G. Approve Meeting Minutes from February 19, 2026.	Co-Chair Robin Schlosser
PRESENTATIONS (15 mins)	
H. None	
DISCUSSIONS (30 mins)	
I. Discuss HHAP 5 Coordinated Entry System (CES) 5% Set Aside Request and consider potential agencies who can be the 211 Hub in the East Desert.	Daniel Belew, Committee Member
J. Receive update and discussion regarding HHAP 3 funding reallocation of funding, and funding deadline.	Co-Chair Robin Schlosser
K. Designate Committee Alternates for each Committee Member	Co-Chair Robin Schlosser

Mission Statement: *The Mission of the San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership is to provide a system of care that is inclusive, well- planned, coordinated, and evaluated and is accessible to all who are homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless.*

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Minutes Recorded and Transcribed by Christina Benton, Secretary for EDRSC

TOPIC	
<p>A. Call to Order</p> <p>B. Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation</p> <p>C. Roll Call</p> <p>D. Round Table Introductions</p>	<p>Co-Chair Robin Schlosser called to order at 10:03 a.m.</p> <p>Kevin Mahany, Community Development Director, Symba Center, led the Pledge of Allegiance. There was no invocation.</p> <p>The following EDRSC Board Members were present: Curtis Yakimow, Glen Harris, Co-chair Stone James, April Ramirez, Janet Johnston, Daniel Belew, and Co-chair Robin Schlosser and</p> <p>Absent: Committee Member Lakita Johnson</p> <p>8 members of the public attended in-person, they introduced themselves. ***It was announced that attendees do not have to announce their name or organization to be part of the meeting.</p>
<p>E. Individual Committee Member Comments (3 minutes each)</p>	<p>Co-Chair Robin Schlosser opened the floor for comment from the EDRSC Committee members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee Member Curtis Yakimow stated that the Town of Yucca Valley engaged with 23-25 individuals during the Point in Time Count in January, and they are exploring a broader role in coordinating services for the unhoused. • Committee Member April Ramirez discussed Assembly Bill 1708, which would allow cities to apply directly to the state for HHAP grant funding. Currently, only cities with a population of 300,000 or more receive direct funding from the state. She encouraged everyone to read up on AB 1708 and write letter of support. • Committee Member Glen Harris reminded everyone about the county's emergency preparedness resources, prepare.sbcounty.gov is the website for emergency related topics. He shared the ReadySB County App and Smart 911 (TENS) provide emergency notifications. • Co-Chair Stone James reported that he participated in the Point in Time, the count was up slightly from last year. • Committee Member Daniel Belew provided an update on the VA's grant per diem application. Rescue + Residence received shipping container for their dining facility. • Committee Member Janet Johnston shared that the Morongo Basin Housing Solutions (Working Group) next meeting is Wednesday, March 4, 2026, 9:30am at the Joshua Tree Community Center. The County Homeless Summit will be on Thursday, March 5, 2026, in San Bernardino. There was an HMIS Town Hall in San Bernardino, it was suggested that a focused HMIS 211 CES workshop for the region would be beneficial. Office of Homeless Services (OHS) is offering a series of free training courses that are offered via Zoom a 1pm on the same days as



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	<p>the regional steering committee meetings. She also mentioned that the Continuum of Care is offering financial management training. Co-Chairs should contact OHS about the HHAP4 Request for Proposal and its plan. Office of Homeless Services sent out reports on HHAP1 and HHAP2, which could be reviewed at the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-Chair Robin Schlosser announced that Reach Out Morongo Basin tied for the highest score in the state out of 152 applicants for the Caltrans grant, they were awarded \$400,000 for their transportation program for fiscal year 2027 through 2029. They are applying for county funding again for 3B services, last year they provided 14,979 one way trips to residents. The City of Twentynine Palms provided a grant for the Food Recovery Organizations, as a result Reach Out Morongo Basin will be getting a commercial refrigeration and a commercial freezer unit. She also mentioned that the county review of Morongo Basin Arch is ongoing so there is no information on HHAP3 funds.
PUBLIC COMMENTS	
<p>F. Public Comment – Non-Agenda Items</p>	<p>Co-Chair Robin Schlosser opened the floor to Public Comments</p> <p>The following individual(s) addressed the EDRSC board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eric Menendez (Joshua Tree Gateway Communities Alliance (JTGCA)) • Nick Foley (Set Free Church) <p>Co-Chair Robin Schlosser closed Public Comments.</p>
CONSENT ITEMS	
<p>G. Approve Minutes from December 18th, 2025.</p>	<p>Co-Chair Robin Schlosser opened item G.</p> <p>Committee Member Curtis Yakimow made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Committee Member April Ramirez.</p> <p>The motion to approve the minutes was carried with seven votes in favor. 7/0/1, Committee Member Lakita Johnson had an excused absence.</p>
PRESENTATIONS	
<p>H. Received presentation regarding Recuperative Care Program offered by the Symba Center</p>	<p>Kevin Mahany, Community Development Director for the Symba Center, presented a comprehensive overview of the Symba Center Recuperative Care Program. Recuperative care provides short-term medical oversight and supportive services for individuals experiencing homelessness who are ready for hospital discharge but lack a safe, supportive environment. The services that are provided at the Symba Center are: shelter & meals up to 180 days, medical care coordination, medication management, primary care, behavioral therapy, case management / housing navigation, assistance with transportation and they offer a pet-friendly campus. Referral criteria include medically stable but unable to</p>



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<p>I. Receive update regarding the Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program Round 4 Funding and overview from Inland Housing Solutions</p> <p>J. Homebase and the East Desert Regions Strategic Plan Goals and Strategies from the Listening Session held January 28, 2026.</p>	<p>discharge safely from inpatient stay or emergency room visit, patient reports experiencing homelessness or housing instability, and need follow up care such as wound care, IV antibiotics, post-surgical recovery from emergency room. Symba Center hours of operation are 8am – 6pm, 7 days a week.</p> <p>Questions / Discussion from the Board and Public.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Committee Member April Ramirez mentioned that the Symba Center received a large award last year. She stated that some seniors have Medical/Medicare and Medicare does not provide recuperative care benefits.• Co-Chair Robin Schlosser asked about the referral process.• Public Comment – Nick Foley asked if the Symba Center helps with placing residents. <p>Marisela Manzo, Community Engagement Director for Inland Housing Solutions, presented a detailed summary of the programs and services offered by Inland Housing Solutions (IHS). IHS has been around for 37 years and exists to break the cycle of homelessness for individuals and families in the Inland Empire. They provide case management, health, and supportive services to individuals and families who have no place to live. IHS started as an emergency shelter and transitioned into rapid rehousing. They rebranded from Inland Temporary Homes to Inland Housing Solutions. IHS offers Community Support Programs that include home modifications and navigation services, deposit assistance, and landlord criteria and income requirements. They also offer Enhanced Care Management this expands on housing by including whole person care and healthcare services.</p> <p>Questions / Discussions from the Board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Committee Member April Ramirez asked if clients are required to pass a credit check.• Co-Chair Robin Schlosser requested that pre-screen forms be sent to member organizations. <p>Co-Chair Robin Schlosser asked everyone to review the presentation provided within the agenda.</p>
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DISCUSSION	ACTION/OUTCOME
<p>K. HHAP 5 Category Allocation</p>	<p>Co-Chair Robin Schlosser opened item K.</p> <p>Co-Chair Robin Schlosser explained that the Office of Homeless Services is requesting that the East Desert Regional Steering Committee (EDRSC) provide the breakout of funds per category based on the HHAP 5 allocations approved by the Continuum of Care Board on October 22, 2025. The breakout of funds information must be submitted by the end of day on Thursday, February 19, 2026. The total allocation for the East Desert Region is \$117,233.09</p> <p>Committee Member Curtis Yakimow made a motion to add an Emergency Item (HHAP 5 Category Allocation) to the agenda, seconded by Committee Member April Ramirez.</p> <p>The motion to add the Emergency Item (HHAP 5 Category Allocation) was carried with seven votes in favor. 7/0/1, Committee Member Lakita Johnson had an excused absence.</p> <p>Co-Chair Stone James made a motion to prioritize HHAP 5 funding for the following two categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Prevention/Shelter Diversion b. Street Outreach <p>, seconded by Committee Member Daniel Belew.</p> <p>The motion to prioritize HHAP 5 funding for the following two categories: Prevention/Shelter Diversion and Street Outreach was carried with seven votes in favor. 7/0/1, Committee Member Lakita Johnson had an excused absence.</p> <p>Committee Member Curtis Yakimow made a motion to allocate HHAP 5 funding as follows for the two categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 75% - Prevention/Shelter Diversion b. 25% - Street Outreach <p>, seconded by Co-Chair Stone James.</p> <p>The motion to allocate HHAP 5 funding as follows for the two categories 75% - Prevention/Shelter Diversion and 25% - Street Outreach was carried with seven votes in favor. 7/0/1, Committee Member Lakita Johnson had an excused absence.</p>



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CLOSING

L. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Discussion Prop 36 Laws and Provisions
- Discussion on the Code of Conduct of Committee
- HHAP 3, 4, and 5 update. Concern over HHAP 3 funding expiring in June.
- 211 Workshop
- Lighthouse presentation
- Department of Behavioral Health follow-up presentation

The following future agenda items were requested:
 Committee Member Curtis Yakimow requested to add Committee Member Alternates
 Committee Janet Johnston requested HMIS and 211 Workshops
 Committee Glen Harris requested Brown Act Presentation

M. ADJOURNMENT

Co-Chair Robin Schlosser adjourned the meeting at 11:56 a.m.

NEXT MEETING:

THE NEXT EDRSC MEETING WILL BE HELD AS FOLLOWS:
 THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2026, 10:00 AM -11:30AM
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 6051 Sunburst Street, Joshua Tree, CA 92252

Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round-5 Request for Applications (RFA) Timeline

Action	Responsible Agency	Date of Action
Announcement of HHAP 5 RFA Timeline	OHS	February 13, 2026
HHAP 5 RFA Pre-Bidders Conference - in person at San Bernardino County Fire Headquarters, 598 S Tippecanoe Ave, San Bernardino, CA 92408	OHS	February 23, 2026 1:30 – 3pm
Release of HHAP 5 Request for Applications	OHS	February 25, 2026
Call for Reviewers – 3 per RSC Region	OHS/RSC	February 26, 2026 to March 5, 2026 by 5p.m.
HHAP 5 RFA Bidders Conference (Technical Assistance / Information Session) Mandatory to apply – in person at the Sheriff’s Department 6565 E 3rd St., San Bernardino, CA,92410	OHS	March 3, 2026 1 – 2:30 p.m.
Deadline for submission of Questions through the HomelessRFP@hss.sbcounty.gov mailbox	OHS	March 4, 2026, by 4:00 P.M. (Local Time)
Training for RSC Reviewers on Bonfire	OHS	March 9-13, 2026
HHAP 5 RFA Closes - applications due 4pm PST	OHS	March 18, 2026 by 4 p.m. PST
OHS Minimum Threshold and Financial Review	OHS	March 19-24, 2026
Regional Steering Committee (RSC) Reviewers start reviewing applications	RSC Reviewers	March 25- April 3, 2026
- Check-in sessions with reviewers	RSC Reviewers & OHS	Between March 26 April 2, 2026
RSC Reviewers meet with OHS to finalize application scores – submit recommendations to RSC’s	RSC Reviewers & OHS	April 3, 2026
RSC’s Special Meetings to receive, approve and move forward RSC recommendations to Continuum of Care Board	RSC	April 7-9, 2026
Appeals to Purchasing Agent as noted in the RFA section IX		April 10-23, 2026
CoC Board Meeting Award Recommendations from regions should be presented	CoC Board	April 22, 2026 (pending)

CoC – Continuum of Care

HHAP - Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program

OHS - Office of Homeless Services

RFA – Request for Applications

RSC – Regional Steering Committee



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RECUPERATIVE CARE

WHAT IS RECUPERATIVE CARE?

Recuperative care provides short-term medical oversight and supportive services for individuals experiencing homelessness who are ready for hospital discharge but lack a safe, supportive environment to heal.

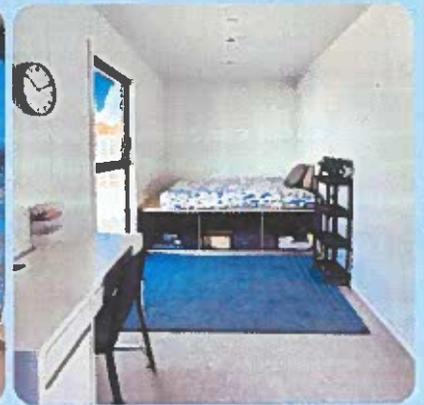
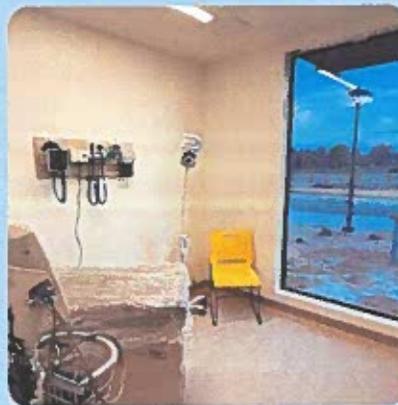
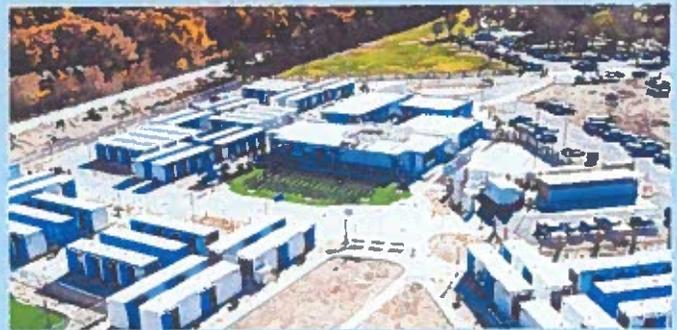
REFERRAL CRITERIA:

- Medically stable but unable to discharge safely from Inpatient stay or emergency room visit
- Patient reports experiencing homelessness or housing instability
- Need follow-up care (e.g., wound care, IV antibiotics, post-surgical recovery) from Emergency room

Services Provided

- Shelter & Meals up to 180 days
- Medical Care coordination
- Medication management
- Primary care
- Behavioral therapy
- Case Management/Housing Navigation
- Assistance with transportation
- Pet-friendly campus

Our Facility:



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October 27, 2025

Subject: Letter of Recommendation for HHAP 5 Funding Priorities

Dear Office of Homeless Services,

On behalf of the East Desert Regional Steering Committee, we are pleased to submit this letter of recommendation in support of HHAP 5 funding allocations. Our committee, composed of dedicated regional stakeholders, remains committed to advancing effective, compassionate, and data-informed solutions to homelessness across our region.

After careful review and collaborative discussion, we respectfully recommend prioritizing HHAP 5 funding across the following five categories:

1. **Prevention/Shelter Diversion**
2. **Street Outreach**
3. **Rapid Rehousing**
4. **Service Coordination**
5. **Support System**

We recognize that funding limitations may necessitate prioritization. In the event that the East Desert Regional Steering Committee is limited to three categories, we recommend the following:

- **Prevention/Shelter Diversion**
- **Street Outreach**
- **Rapid Rehousing**

These three categories represent the most immediate and impactful interventions for reducing homelessness in our region. They reflect our commitment to both proactive and responsive strategies that meet people where they are and move them toward permanent housing.

We appreciate your continued partnership and leadership in addressing homelessness. The East Desert Regional Steering Committee stands ready to support implementation efforts and ensure that HHAP 5 funding translates into meaningful outcomes for our community.

Sincerely, On behalf of the East Desert Regional Steering Committee,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Robin Schlosser'.

Co-Chair Robin Schlosser,
Executive Director, Reach Out Morongo Basin

10/29/2025
Date