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**Santa Cruz County
Housing for Health Partnership (H4HP) Policy Board
Regular Meeting Agenda
August 10, 2026; 11am-1pm
420 Capitola Ave., Capitola – Capitola City Hall - Community Room**

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Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions

Non-Agenda Public Comment

Brief Action Items {11:05 – 11:15 pm}

1. Review and Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes: June 8, 2026

Discussion/Action Items {11:15 – 12:30 pm}

2. CoC NOFO – Review and Approve Rating and Ranking Recommendations

Lived Expertise Workgroup Updates {12:30 – 12:45 pm}

3. Status Update

Information/Potential Action Items {12:45 – 1:00 pm}

4. Point-in-Time (PIT) Count 2026 Report Released
5. CoC Policies and Procedures – Review and Approval Plan
6. Pacific Station North & Harvey West Studios Lease-Ups
7. Live Oak Landing and Bridge House Status Updates

Board Member Announcements

Adjournment

Next Meeting: October 19, 2026, 11am – 1 pm

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Housing for Health Partnership (H4HP) Policy Board

Meeting Minutes

June 08, 2026; 11 am- 1 pm

Call to Order/Welcome

Present: Elaine Johnson, Heather Rogers, Leo Moreno, Manuel Caceres, Marni Sandoval, Nick Calubaquib, Radovan “Mish” Radich, Sam Altis, Serg Kagno, Shebreh Kalantari-Johnson, Susie O’Hara, Terence Concannon

Absent: Connie Moreno-Peraza, Dr. Faris Sabbah, Eric Crebs, Justin Cummings, Monica Martinez, Rosie Garcia

Additions and Deletions to the Agenda: None

Non-Agenda Public Comment

None Received

Action Items (vote required)

1. Approval of Minutes: Approval of Meeting Minutes: April 20, 2026
Discussion: None
Public Comment: None
Motion: Move to approve April 20, 2026, meeting minutes
Motion to Approve: Serg Kagno
Motion Seconded: Heather Rogers
Abstentions: None
Board Action: Motion passed unanimously.
2. Approval of Policy Board Co-Chair Nomination
Discussion: The board discussed nominations for the co-chair positions within the Housing for Health Partnership (H4HP) policy board. Sam Altis from AFC will serve as one of the co-chairs for the H4HP policy board. Housing for Health staff has been actively seeking self-nominations for the vacant co-chair position.
Public Comment: None
Motion: Move to Approve the nomination of Sam Altis, Executive Director, Association of Faith Communities, to serve as one of two co-chairs for the Housing for Health Partnership Policy Board, through December 31, 2027.
Motion to Approve: Terence Concannon
Motion Seconded: Susie O’Hara
Abstentions: None
Board Action: Motion passed unanimously.

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3. Approve CoC Funding NOFO Information and Proposed Actions

Discussion: *Housing for Health Staff presented an overview of the FY 2026 HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), released on June 1, 2026, and described the local application, review, rating, and ranking process required for submission to HUD. Santa Cruz County received more than \$7.5 million in FY 2025 CoC funding. Staff reviewed significant changes to the FY 2026 NOFO, including updated federal funding priorities, changes to the competitive funding process, and the potential impact on existing and future projects. The Board received information on the proposed local timeline, application materials, draft scoring criteria, and the role of the Rating and Ranking Committee, which will evaluate project applications and develop funding recommendations for Board consideration at a future meeting. Staff also reviewed proposed strategies intended to maximize the community's competitiveness in the national funding process. Questions were asked regarding project eligibility, funding priorities, provider outreach, and the flexibility to transition projects in response to changing federal requirements.*

Public Comment: *A more concise version of the policy statement for FY 2026 NOFO was suggested to enhance public accessibility and readability.*

Motion: *Move to adopt the policy statement generated and reviewed during the meeting with additional direction to staff to tailor the policy statement to the intended audience.*

Motion to Approve: *Susie O'Hara*

Motion Seconded: *Radovan "Mish" Radich*

Abstentions: *None*

Board Action: *Motion passed unanimously*

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4. Approve CoC Funding NOFO Information and Proposed Actions

Discussion: Housing for Health staff presented the board with the timeline for the Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) from HUD. They discussed adjusting the dates to ensure that participants in the local HUD CoC NOFO review, rating, and ranking committee can attend.

Public Comment: None

Motion: Move to approve the staff-recommended FY 2026 NOFO local process timeline, allowing staff to make changes to the dates to accommodate schedules of review and ranking committee members.

Motion to Approve: Susie O'Hara

Motion Seconded: Heather Rogers

Abstentions: None

Board Action: Motion passed unanimously

5. Approve CoC Funding NOFO Information and Proposed Actions

Discussion: Proposed scoring criteria align with the priorities identified by HUD in the NOFO. Staff recommend approving the proposed scoring criteria with the authority to make minor adjustments to the application and criteria based on further updates and clarifications from HUD related to the NOFO. Housing for Health staff will provide technical support throughout the NOFO period for interested applicants.

Public Comment: None

Motion: Move to approve the staff-recommended 2026 HUD CoC NOFO local application scoring criteria and authorize staff to make minor modifications to the scoring criteria and application based on additional information and clarifications from HUD.

Motion to Approve: Sam Altis

Motion Seconded: Elaine Johnson

Abstentions: Serg Kagno

Board Action: Motion passed

Lived Expertise Workgroup Updates (no vote required):

6. Status update

Discussion: Lived Expertise Action Board (LEAB) member Manuel Caceres provided updates on the LEAB/LEAB activities such as participating in the Review and Ranking Panel as part of this year's NOFO process. Mentioned that LEAB is currently recruiting to fill one open seat and YLEAB is currently recruiting to fill two open seats.



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Information Items (no vote required):

7. 2026 Point-in-Time Count Update

Discussion: The 2026 Point-in-Time Count report should be out in July.

Report/Discussion Items (no vote required)

8. Brown Act Information, Question and Answer Session

Santa Cruz County Counsel staff provided a training and refresher on the Brown Act, including updates to teleconferencing provisions under current state law. The presentation covered open meeting requirements, public records obligations, remote participation procedures, agenda practices, and the appropriate use of email and social media to avoid unintended serial meetings. The importance of transparency and public access to government decision-making was emphasized. Board members asked clarifying questions regarding agenda posting timelines, teleconferencing procedures, republication of updated meeting materials, and social media practices. Staff provided responses and noted that meeting materials may be updated and reposted as needed in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Board Member Announcements

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.

Next Meeting: **Monday, August 10, 2026, 11:00 am**

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Discussion / Action Item 2: Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) – Review and Approve Rating and Ranking Recommendations

Background:

On June 1, 2026, HUD released the federal fiscal year 2026 HUD CoC NOFO. The full NOFO can be found at this website - [FY 2026 Continuum of Care Competition and Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Grants NOFO](#). Santa Cruz County received over \$7.5M in HUD CoC funding from FY 2025 CoC funding. The NOFO process includes two key components: (1) The development of a community-wide application, completed by Housing for Health staff and consultants; (2) Management of a local, competitive funding application process for organizations interested in applying for HUD CoC NOFO funding as a renewal, modified, or new project. This local process must result in a locally ranked and prioritized list of applications for funding.

Tony Gardner and Housing for Health Division staff reviewed the FY 2026 NOFO and prepared a set of initial recommended actions to launch the required local application submission, review, rating, and ranking process. As anticipated, the NOFO contains many significant changes from prior NOFOs issued over the past ten plus years. Some key changes include but are not limited to: (1) A 60% cap on Tier 1 applications (non-competitive), likely to be renewed grants, increasing the probability of some current projects losing funding; (2) Up to 40% of our current funding could be lost in the national competition process. (3) Incentives to apply for services only and transitional housing grants; (4) Encouragement for faith-based organizations to apply for funding; (5) A shift away from “Housing First” to requiring treatment and services as a condition of participating in housing programs; (6) An emphasis on employment and increasing “self-sufficiency”; (7) An emphasis on increasing competition for funding rather than renewing most program grants. Housing for Health Division staff and consultants will present additional background information on the NOFO at the Board meeting.

At the June 8, 2026, meeting of the Board, Board members developed a high-level policy statement related to our local CoC priorities related to the NOFO. The priorities were shared with potential applicants via the Housing for Health newsletter and a web posting. An applicant orientation session was held on June 16, 2026, and slides from the orientation were made available on the website. Local applications were due on July 21, 2026. The local review and ranking committee received application and rating materials for review on July 31. On August 5, committee members were oriented to their roles and heard from applicants through brief in-person presentations and question and answer session. The committee met on August 6 to finalize their recommendations related to this NOFO for the CoC Policy Board meeting on August 10. These recommendations will be published as soon as they become available as additional materials for the August 10 Policy Board meeting.

Based on updated information from HUD, the following NOFO financial parameters apply to our CoC:

Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) = funding available for one-year renewals of existing CoC, Domestic Violence (DV), and Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP) types or repurposing of projects to different projects or project types = **\$7,609,846**

Projects must be prioritized into Tier 1 or Tier 2 priority funding categories and ranked within each of the categories as individual project applications.

Tier 1 (likely to be renewed/funded) = 60% of our Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) including YDHP funding = \$4,565,908

Tier 2 (part of national competition, greater risk of not being renewed/funded) = 40% of our ARD = \$3,043,938.

Our CoC is also eligible to apply for CoC bonus opportunities. Bonus project applications must be ranked in either Tier 1 or Tier 2 by the local CoC.

General CoC Bonus Opportunity = \$1,141,477

DV Bonus Opportunity = \$210,762.

Our CoC is eligible to apply for a planning grant of \$380,492 on a non-competitive basis.

The **maximum award** our CoC might receive = \$7,609,846 + \$1,141,477 + \$210,762 + \$380,492 = **\$9,342,577**

The Policy Board must finalize project rankings and plans at its August 10, 2026, meeting considering the recommendations of the review and ranking committee. This timeline reflects HUD required deadlines for public posting of rankings, appeal periods ending August 21, application updates, and final application submissions by August 26. The current NOFO is part of federal litigation, and the plaintiffs have requested a summary judgement or final decision by August 10, 2026. The decision of the courts may impact on the local and national NOFO competition. Information about the court decision may be available by the time of our Policy Board meeting. The table on the next page shows the applications received, the amount requested, and the project type.

**Housing for Health Partnership (Santa Cruz County CoC) Local FY 2026 HUD NOFO Applications Received
All for 1-Year Grant Terms**

Applicant Name	Project Name (Brief Description)	Brief Description	New or Renewal	Project Component	Total HUD Budget
CoC RENEWAL PROJECTS					
Housing Authority of Santa Cruz County	Shelter+Care	Permanent supportive housing subsidies for chronically homeless individuals. 20 units at Harvey West Studios (pending) + 27 scattered site units as goal. Current = 40 households.	Renewal	PH	\$1,910,598
Housing Matters	Harvey West Studios	Permanent supportive housing subsidies for chronically homeless individuals. 13 scattered site unit goal. Originally was for Harvey West Studios but project delays triggered need to repurpose. Current = 28 households.	Renewal	PH	\$351,891
Housing Matters	180 Together PSH	Permanent supportive housing subsidies for chronically homeless individuals ineligible for Housing Choice Vouchers. 9-unit goal. Current = 16 households.	Renewal	PH	\$402,561
Housing Matters	801 River Street PSH	Permanent supportive housing subsidies for Casa Azul a 7-unit permanent supportive housing project. Current = 7 households.	Renewal	PH	\$302,619

Applicant Name	Project Name (Brief Description)	Brief Description	New or Renewal	Project Component	Total HUD Budget
Santa Cruz County HSA	MATCH PSH	Permanent supportive housing master lease program managed by Front St. Part of flexible housing subsidy pool plans. 42 master lease unit target. Current = 41 units with 42 people served.	Renewal	PH	\$1,240,542
Santa Cruz County HSD	Coordinated Entry Expansion	Funds support role of United Way/2-1-1 and Miracle Messages in local coordinated entry system. Serving over 1,100 people/year.	Renewal	SSO	\$259,896
Santa Cruz County HSD	County of Santa Cruz Homeless Management Information System	Used for special projects/training related to HMIS. HSD voluntarily reduced grant by \$26,314.	Renewal	HMIS	\$50,000
CoC NEW PROJECTS					
Families In Transition	First Step-Scattered Site TH for Families with Children	Rapid rehousing program for families planning to transition to a transitional housing model. Goal of 8 families currently, serving 20.	Transition Grant to New TH	TH	\$671,530
Housing Matters	Housing Matters Transitional Housing	Proposal to fund transitional housing for 18 families and 18 singled individuals in recuperative care program at Rebele Family shelter building.	New – CoC Bonus	TH	\$819,401

Applicant Name	Project Name (Brief Description)	Brief Description	New or Renewal	Project Component	Total HUD Budget
Housing Matters	SSO HDAP	Proposal to augment existing, state-funded rapid rehousing/bridge to PSH project for people with disabilities not yet approved for disability income benefits. Proposal to serve 26 people/year.	New – CoC Bonus	SSO	\$155,802
Housing Matters	Harvey West Studios New	Proposal to expand permanent supportive housing subsidies at Harvey West Studios up to 20 units; willing to reduce target # of units.	New – CoC Bonus	PH	\$872,256
Janus of Santa Cruz	Recovery to Support Permanent Housing	Proposes 12-bed transitional housing project combining recovery residence with sober living, serving 48 people/year.	New – CoC Bonus	TH	\$750,942
Monarch Services	Monarch DV Bonus TH Expansion Project	Proposed domestic violence transitional housing program expansion, serving 73 people/year.	New – DV Bonus	TH	\$177,160
Monarch Services	Monarch Transitional Housing Program	Proposed transition grant moving from rapid rehousing to transitional housing model serving 73 people/year in application.	New – DV Transition grant	TH	\$142,583
Safe Families for Children	Host Homes and Support Services Project	New applicant, proposing host home transitional housing model, propose serving 118 people/year.	New – CoC Bonus	SSO	\$229,000

Applicant Name	Project Name (Brief Description)	Brief Description	New or Renewal	Project Component	Total HUD Budget
Santa Cruz County HSA	Street Medicine Innovations - Street Outreach	Homeless Persons Health Project street medicine expansion proposal to serve 2,450 people/year. Services funding proposal.	New – CoC Bonus	SSO	\$519,616
Walnut Avenue Family & Women's Center	Housing & Employment Program TH	Domestic violence rapid rehousing to transitional housing transition grant proposal, serving 29 people/year.	New – DV Transition grant	TH	\$749,441
Walnut Avenue Family & Women's Center	Housing & Employment Program TH Expansion	DV bonus project to expand transitional housing capacity serving 10 people/year.	New – DV Bonus	TH	\$177,160
YHDP PROJECTS					
Bill Wilson Center	Casa Sankofa	Proposed repurposing of existing youth rapid rehousing to support 11-unit transitional housing Homekey-funded project on Freedom Blvd.	New – YHDP Repurpose	TH	\$453,783
Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County, Inc.	YHDP - Youth Homeless Response Team (YHRT)	Renewal of youth services and outreach grant serving 95 per year.	YHDP Renewal	SSO	\$112,361
Encompass Community Services	Drop-In Center	Supports services at Thrive Hive youth drop-in center, serving 142 youth per year.	YHDP Renewal	SSO	\$296,167
Families In Transition of Santa Cruz County, Inc.	Young Adults Achieving Success -TH	Converting youth rapid rehousing program into a transitional housing grant for 7 youth/year.	New – YHDP Repurpose	TH	\$328,896

Applicant Name	Project Name (Brief Description)	Brief Description	New or Renewal	Project Component	Total HUD Budget
CoC PLANNING GRANT (Not Ranked)					
County of Santa Cruz	Planning Grants	Funds support lived expertise groups, PIT count, technical assistance, community meetings, etc.	CoC Planning Grant	Planning	\$380,492
		Totals		\$11,354,697	

Lived Expertise Workgroup Updates #3

Joint LEAB/YLEAB Updates:

- Both boards continue to hold joint meetings. The June and July meetings have primarily focused on planning the process to recruit and onboarding new members (1 LEAB; 2 YLEAB).
- Homebase continues to provide facilitation and member support, as well as handling member stipends. Member feedback thus far indicates that the new stipend structure is working well.
- Board members are participating on the Review and Rank panel during this year's NOFO process.
- The next Joint Board meeting will take place on Monday, August 10th.

LEAB Updates:

- **Recruitment**
 - The board interviewed several applicants and selected 1 new member, who will attend their first board meeting in August.
- **Projects**
 - LEAB will continue to accept external project requests through its online form, supporting community partners seeking lived experience input.
- Manuel Caceres and Rosie Garcia continue serve as the LEAB Policy Board liaison and alternate, respectively. Lisa Bordenave continues to attend Operations Committee meetings as LEAB Operations Committee Liaison.

YLEAB Updates:

- **Recruitment**
 - The board interviewed several applicants and selected 1 new member, who will attend their first board meeting in August.
 - YLEAB is currently recruiting for one additional open seat.
- **Projects**
 - YLEAB will continue to accept external project requests through its online form, supporting community partners seeking lived experience input.
- Vi Saleem continues to attend Operations Committee meetings as the YLEAB Operations Committee Liaison.

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4. Point-in-Time (PIT) Count 2026 Report Released

The annual 2026 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count full report on people experiencing homelessness in Santa Cruz County was posted on the Housing for Health Partnership website on August 5, 2026. The report is compiled by Applied Survey Research (ASR) with Housing for Health Division staff support and the efforts of over 200 volunteers. The full report can be accessed here: [Point-in-Time \(PIT\) Counts](#). The report provides an estimate of the number of people experiencing homelessness on a single day and includes geographic, demographic, and other information useful to understanding trends related to housing and homelessness over time within the County.

Summary:

Between 2024 and 2026, the PIT Count went down by 11%, from 1,850 to 1,648. Most other communities are reporting a similar two-year shift. We conduct the count every year instead of the minimum federally-required two years. For the annual change, between 2025 and 2026, the PIT Count went up by 12% from 1,473 to 1,648. There was an increase in “youth under 24” (24 to 86) and “chronically homeless” individuals (878 to 993).

The increase among youth was expected due to changes in our 2026 PIT count youth outreach approach. In 2026, the County and ASR initiated a change in the count methodology to ensure participants in safe parking and safe sleeping programs were included in the count results. This change added an additional 126 people to the count results almost entirely within the City of Santa Cruz. The methodological changes likely account for nearly all the increase found between 2025 and 2026.

Additionally, due to federal and state budget cuts, referrals to permanent housing programs in 2025 declined to focus limited resources on keeping those housed in housing. Resources to exit people from homelessness declined as more people became homeless.

Key takeaways:

- The total number of people experiencing homelessness in the County stayed relatively consistent between 2025 and 2026, with the documented increase primarily due to methodology changes implemented in 2026.
- Geographically, the count increased 19% in the City of Santa Cruz and 30% in unincorporated areas with declines in Capitola (55%) and Watsonville (10%); the City of Santa Cruz increases were nearly all linked to methodological shifts.
- 50% of survey respondents indicated this was their first time experiencing homelessness; the highest percentage reported in PIT counts in the last 10 years.
- 71% reported having a disabling condition, representing a trend of increasing numbers of seniors and people with disabilities experiencing homelessness.

- 1 in 4 indicated a substance use disorder was a primary cause of their homelessness.
- 93% reported living in Santa Cruz County when they lost their housing.
- 70% reported living in Santa Cruz County for 10 years or more prior to becoming homeless.

Primary drivers:

- Changes in methodology resulted in more aggressively identifying youth experiencing homelessness and ensuring participants in safe parking and safe sleeping programs were included in the count.
- Due to loss of state and federal funding, available housing program slots (rapid rehousing, affordable housing, and permanent supportive housing) went down significantly in 2025; available slots were used to help those currently housed to stay in housing.
- Declines in available slots meant fewer households exited from homelessness into housing while new households became homeless.
- Declines in deeply affordable housing subsidies and units primarily impacts seniors and people with disabilities living on fixed and limited incomes.
- One out of four surveyed indicated a substance use disorder as a primary cause of their homelessness.

5. CoC Policies and Procedures – Review and Approval Plan

Housing for Health Division staff have been working closely with Focus Strategies, the operations workgroup, and the lived expertise workgroups to update policies and procedures for the CoC. The new materials will be presented to the Policy Board at upcoming meetings in October and December 2026 for consideration. Housing for Health staff hope to complete and publicly post an updated set of CoC policies and procedures by January 2027. Final draft documents will be posted for public comment and Policy Board member review as soon as each section becomes available.

Policy Board members will receive notification emails when documents are available for review. Key documents that will be presented for discussion and review include: Systemwide Standards, Policy Practices, Transfer Policies, Complaints and Grievances, Program Manuals (Housing Focused Outreach, Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, Rapid Rehousing, Permanent Supportive Housing), Coordinated Entry, and HMIS.

6. Pacific Station North and Harvey West Studios Lease-Ups

Two of the largest affordable and supportive housing development projects in Santa Cruz County have started their lease-up and move-in process. Pacific Station North is a 128-unit family community project of Eden Housing, located at 900 Pacific Avenue in Santa Cruz. The project has a mix of studio, 1-BR, 2-br, and 3-BR apartments for individuals and families. Thirty-two units are set-aside for extremely low-income households, with 21 units targeted for individuals and families who are

homeless or at-risk of homelessness. The project has 51-dedicated project-based vouchers from the Housing Authority of Santa Cruz County. Housing for Health provides supportive services for 11 dedicated permanent supportive housing units at the property. Eden Housing is planning a grand opening event for the project on September 29, 2026, from 12-2 pm. Additional information about the project and upcoming event can be found here - [Pacific Station North Apartments - Eden Housing](#).

Harvey West Studios is a 120-studio unit permanent supportive housing project developed by Housing Matters in partnership with MidPen Housing. The project is located at 119 Coral Street, Santa Cruz, on the Housing Matters campus. All the units are set-aside for people experiencing homelessness at the time they apply for a unit. It includes 59 No Place Like Home (NPLH) units for individuals with mental health issues, 20 units for veterans, and 41 units for people with disabilities. Housing Matters, Front Street, and County Behavioral Health will provide on-site supportive services. John Stewart Company will manage the property. The Housing Authority is providing a mix of rental subsidy financial assistance for 80 units.

The lease-up process for the site has begun. All referrals to the property go through the VA for the veteran units and coordinated entry for the other 100 units at the site. Initial move-ins are currently anticipated for late September/early October. Additional information and updates can be found here - [Harvey West Studios – Housing Matters](#).

7. Live Oak Landing and Bridge Housing Status Updates

Live Oak Landing and Bridge House are two new low-barrier shelters developed with a mix of local and state funding sources in unincorporated areas of the County. Live Oak Landing, formerly the Santa Cruz Inn at 2950 Soquel Avenue, was purchased by Housing Matters utilizing funding from private donations, a City of Santa Cruz Encampment Resolution Grant, and County funds. The site recently opened and is providing shelter and supportive services for individuals with histories of living unsheltered in the Harvey West neighborhood of the City of Santa Cruz. The site is focused on supporting individuals struggling with behavioral health challenges. When fully operational, the site will have a capacity to serve 24 individuals at a point-in-time. Housing Matters has more information about the project on their website - [Live Oak Landing – Housing Matters](#).

Bridge House is a modular construction low-barrier shelter funded with state behavioral health grant and County funds with a capacity to serve 34 individuals with behavioral health challenges. LifeArk provided the modular units for the site located at 2202 Soquel Ave that was once a veterinary clinic. Referrals to the site will come from County Behavioral Health. The site is anticipated to be ready for occupancy before the end of August 2026. Housing Matters and County Behavioral Health will provide on-site services to residents.

Both locations offer closed, secure campuses that allow people to have privacy, pets, and possessions during their stay. The new sites reflect increased collaboration between Housing for Health, Behavioral Health, and the City of Santa Cruz.