



# 2025 CONFERENCE ON HOMELESSNESS



December 10, 2025

TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
7:00-8:45am	Coffee (No Continental Breakfast)	West Terrace
8:00am	Conference Check-In Begins	Lobby 6
9:00-9:50am	<b>Welcome</b> Land Acknowledgement, Mayor Todd Gloria Remarks & Tamera Kohler-Conference Framing	Ballroom
10:00-10:50am	Leadership in Action - What We Learned From Iain The Right Leader at the Right Time: Workforce Partnership CEO The Power of Prevention: How FQHCs Are Redefining Health Partnerships One Region, One Purpose: Inside the Alliance for Regional Solutions Break the Chain: How Upstream Action Prevents Homelessness Before It Starts Weathering the Storm: Strategic Operations for Lean Funding Cycles Can I get a shelter bed? - Knowing in Real Time Leading as Allies: Reimagining Male Leadership in Youth Homelessness Systems	1AB 2 3 4 5AB 11AB 8 9
11:00-11:50am	Beyond Hello: Enhancing Engagement WTF! What's The Future Purpose Over Noise: Kentucky & West Virginia Leaders Reimagining Homeless Response The Purposeful Pursuit: Balance, Wellness & the Power to Keep Going The PHA Power Hour: Real Talk on Funding, Shortages & Solutions It's All About the Units: A Multi-Pronged Strategy to Reach Functional Zero for Veterans Data Overload? AI to the Rescue Constructing Complex Social Service Programs (The FJV Detox Case Study)	1AB 2 3 4 5AB 11AB 8 9
12:00-1:35pm	Lunch Keynote: Sam Demma	Ballroom
1:45-2:35pm	Finding the Signal Amidst the Noise: Staying Housing-Focused During Times of Uncertainty CA State of Mind: What's Working, What's Changing & What's Possible Stay on Target: The Power of Perseverance Riverpark Rising: Caring for the River — and the Communities Alongside It Small Dollars, Big Stability: The Senior Housing Strategy That Works The Case Puzzle: Tools & Tactics for Solving Complex Cases with Creativity and Grit The Purpose Compass: Staying True North in a Shifting National Landscape Building Safety, Dignity, and Belonging for LGBTQI People Within a Shelter Environment	1AB 2 3 4 5AB 11AB 8 9
2:45-3:35pm	Housing, Justice, & the Price of Exclusion: Reframing the Narrative Bringing AT HOME to Your Community Neighbors in Action: A Small Community Model With Big Impact Millions of Dollars at Stake: What do you mean we won't get the money? Using your Voice Effectively: Be a Policy Expert The Frontline Revolution: Redefining Client Engagement From Silos to Deep Collaboration: How Funders and Providers Unified for Youth Beyond the Move-in: Housing Stabilization Powered by Peer Partnership	1AB 2 3 4 5AB 11AB 8 9
3:45pm	A light snack of Mexican cookies & treats will be served. Please enjoy & continue to network.	West Terrace



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December 11, 2025

TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
7:00-9:00am	Continental Breakfast & Coffee	West Terrace
8:00am	Conference Check-In Begins	Ballroom 6
<b>8:45am-9:50am</b>		
Welcome	Tamera Kohler Remarks, Thank You to Our Sponsors, Board Recognition, and Peer Awards	Ballroom
<b>10:00-10:50am</b>		
	If I Could Talk to Me 30 Years Ago	1AB
	Return on Goodwill - Keynote Speaker Sam Demma	2
	Sharing Stories with San Diegans: Why These Stories Matter	3
	The Power of the Pause: De-Escalation Through Human Connection and Dignity	4
	California's Leadership Lens: Purpose, Policy & the Path Forward	5AB
	Managing the Money: Funding Optimization in Tough Times	11AB
	Housing Is the Start Not the Finish: Cross-Sector Collaboration	8
	Reigniting the Movement - Swimming Upstream	9
<b>11:00-11:50am</b>		
	Beyond the Job Title: Partnering With Lived Experience to Solve Real Challenges	1AB
	CA in Transition: Shifting of the Behavioral Health Landscape	2
	Tax Considerations Following Passage of The One Big Beautiful Bill Act	3
	What They Really Want: The Power in Listening to Our Veterans	4
	Nail It and Scale It: Diversion (Housing Problem Solving + Resolution Strategies)	5AB
	Promising Practices in Addressing the Complexities of Older Adult Homelessness	11AB
	Advancing Workforce Capacity Through Innovation: The ELEVATE Fund Approach	8
	Co-Sheltering: Keeping People and Pets Together in Any Shelter Environment	9
12:00-1:35pm	Lunch Keynote – Steve Cuss: Managing Leadership Anxiety: Yours and Theirs	Ballroom
<b>1:45-2:35pm</b>		
	Proximity and Presence Practice Model	1AB
	Power Partners: Cities, Counties & the Fight for Housing Solutions	2
	Philanthropy with Purpose: Investing in Stability, Solutions, and System Alignment	3
	Mission Possible: Leading a Workforce Through Significant Change	4
	BOOM! ERF - How We Do it	5AB
	Community Leadership: Navigating Public Perception & Policy with Purpose	11AB
	System Remix: Rewiring the System to End Youth Homelessness	8
	The Power Of a Well Self - Keynote Speaker Steve Cuss	9
<b>2:45-3:35pm</b>		
	Keys to the Front Door: How ID Access & Homeless Court Pop-Ups Clear the Path to Housing	1AB
	Finding Home Together: Building Community Through Shared Housing and Innovation	2
	Steady in the Storm: Holding Our Values When the Ground Shifts	3
	Survey Says?! What San Diegans Think About Homelessness	4
	Beyond ERF: Success and Challenges of Stabilization	5AB
	Rapid Rapport: Making Connection When Minutes Matter	11AB
	Future-Proofing Youth: Engaging UPstream	8
	Purpose at the Point of Return: Re-Entry, Behavioral Health & Housing Stability	9