

MAYORS' & COUNCILMEMBERS' ASSOCIATION OF SONOMA COUNTY
Cloverdale, Cotati, Healdsburg, Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, Sonoma,
Windsor

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Centerline 33
555 Rohnert Park Expressway
Rohnert Park, CA
Thursday, August 13, 2026
7:00 P.M.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mark Stapp

2. ROLL CALL

Cloverdale		Petaluma		Sebastopol	
Cotati		Rohnert Park		Sonoma	
Healdsburg		Santa Rosa		Windsor	

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. General meeting minutes of June 11, 2026

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

If members of the public would like to provide public comment, we encourage you to submit them via email to the Association Clerk, Lauren Berges, by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting: lberges@sonomacountylocalleaders.org

5. PROGRAM

A. Sonoma State University Update

Guest Speaker: Dr. Michael E. Spagna, Sonoma State University President

B. HUD-VASH: Veteran Housing and Support Services in Sonoma County

Guest Speaker: Sienna Johnston, LCSW

6. REPORTS

A. Board of Directors Meeting Report Out (Chair Stapp)

B. Local and/or Regional Appointments Report Out

C. Mayors' Report (report from Mayor of each city)

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members may share any updates or information not listed on the agenda

8. ADJOURNMENT

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on October 8, 2026 in the City of Santa Rosa

/s/ Lauren Berges, Executive Director

Upcoming 2026 General Membership Meetings

October 8, 2026 City of Santa Rosa

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Hall of the Above
199 Petaluma Blvd. N.
Petaluma, CA
Thursday, June 11, 2026
7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Mark Stapp at 7:10 PM.

Mayor Kevin McDonnell of Petaluma provided opening comments.

- 2. ROLL CALL:** In attendance were the cities of Cloverdale, Cotati, Healdsburg, Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, Sonoma, and Windsor.

- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- A. General Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2026**

Chair Stapp introduced the item. The City of Petaluma motioned to approve, The City of Healdsburg seconded. There was unanimous consensus to approve the meeting minutes of April 9, 2026.

- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

- 5. PROGRAM:**

- A. Measure "O" Roadshow**

Guest Speaker: Nolan Sullivan, Health Services Agency Director and Alea Tantarelli, Health Program Manager

Director Sullivan and Program Manager Tantarelli provided a presentation and responded to questions from the members.

- 6. REPORTS:**

- A. Board of Directors Meeting**

Chair Stapp reported on the evening's Board of Directors Meeting

B. Local and/or Regional Appointments Report Out

Members provided general updates on local and regional appointments.

C. Mayors Report

Mayors and/or delegates reported out on various programs, projects, and updates from their respective city/town.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Stapp adjourned the meeting at 8:55 PM

/s/ Lauren Berges, Executive Director



HUD-VASH

Sienna Johnston, LCSW



HUD-VASH at the San Francisco VA Health Care System

HUD-VASH is a collaborative program that pairs HUD's Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) rental assistance with VA case management and supportive services.

These services help homeless Veterans and their families obtain permanent housing and access the health care, mental health treatment, and other supports necessary to help them improve their quality of life and maintain housing over time.



San Francisco VA Catchment

SFVA's HUD-VASH program includes:

- San Mateo
- San Francisco
- Alameda
- Marin
- Sonoma
- Mendocino
- Lake
- Humboldt Counties

Location	Total Vouchers
San Mateo County	160
San Francisco	959
Marin County	89
Mendocino County	101
Sonoma County	35
City of Santa Rosa	429
Tribal VASH, Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians	8 approximate units
Lake County	20
City of Oakland	485
City of Berkeley	40
City of Alameda	68
Alameda County	183
Humboldt County	97



Eligibility Requirements:

Eligible for HUD-VASH:

1. Chronically Homeless (McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11360(9))
 - Homeless individual with a disability
 - *Lives either in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter*
 - *Has been homeless continuously for at least 12 months or on at least 4 sperate occasions in the last 3 years*
2. Homeless (McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11302))
3. VA Healthcare Eligible (Eligibility for the HUD-VASH program was expanded by National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (P.L. 116-283 § 9103). Some Veterans who are not otherwise eligible for VA health care services are now eligible for HUD-VASH)
4. Housing Authority Income Limits (varies by location)

Ineligible for HUD-VASH:

1. Dishonorable Discharge/Bad Conduct Discharge (from a general court-martial)
2. Tier 3 Lifetime resisted sex offender (290)
4. Over Income Limit (effective August 13, 2024, **VA service-connected disability benefits are excluded from income calculations** when determining eligibility for HUD-VASH vouchers)



Prioritization for HUD-VASH

Prioritization

1. Women Veterans
2. Veterans with minors in their custody
3. Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation New Dawn (OEF/OIF/OND)
4. Aging Veterans

Vulnerability

1. Homeless history
2. Physical health
3. Mental Health
4. Substance Use
5. Family/Social Support
6. Finances



How it Works

- 1. VA Assessment:** VA Social Worker evaluates Veteran housing needs and eligibility.
- 2. Referral to PHA:** Eligible and prioritized veterans are admitted to the program and referred to Public Housing Authority (PHA), which issues the voucher.
- 3. Housing Placement:** HUD-VASH supports the Veteran in conducting a housing search. PHA determines if unit meets HUD standards for quality and cost. Once approved, voucher covers a portion of rent directly to the landlord, while the veteran pays the tenant share (30-40% of gross income).
- 4. Ongoing Support:** HUD-VASH multidisciplinary team provide continuous support to ensure housing stability and access to necessary services



Two Types of HUD-VASH Vouchers

Tenant Based Voucher (must follow PHA payment standards)

1. Can be used on the open market to select housing within the County of the Public Housing Authority.
2. After being in a lease for 1 year, the Veteran can decide to move to another housing unit with their voucher.
3. After being in a lease for 1 year, they Veteran can port their voucher to another county depending and case management status.

Project Based Vouchers

1. Voucher stays within the designated building unit.
2. Veteran can not take the voucher with them if they leave the unit.
3. Veteran can not port utilizing their PBV voucher.



Sonoma County Project Based Sites

Name, Location	# of VASH project-based units
Benton Veterans Village, Santa Rosa	6
Windsor Veterans Village, Windsor	53
Altra Madrone, Sonoma	10
River City, Petaluma (pictured)	19
Heritage Park, Windsor (Opening 2026)	10 ¹⁰



Clinical Case Management

- Assessment and Treatment Planning
- Support obtaining voucher, locating and moving into housing
- Regular home visits once housed
- Liasing with Property Managers, Housing Authorities
- Groups/workshops base on need or specific areas of focus. Examples; socialization/interpersonal skills, benefit workshops, harm reduction education, substance use
- Resource and referrals based on treatment plan goals
 - *Benefit/income linkage*
 - *Budgeting*
 - *Behavioral Health treatment; therapy, substance use treatment*
 - *Medical Care*
 - *Transportation*



A Multidisciplinary Team

- Licensed Clinical Social Workers
- Masters of Social Workers (ASW)/Social Work Interns
- Psych Nurse Practitioner
- Registered Nurses
- Occupational Therapists
- Housing Assistants
- Peer Specialists
- Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist



Graduation/Discharge

- Veterans who have been housed for one year, demonstrate housing stability and no longer need case management may be graduated from HUD-VASH.
- If financially eligible, they retain voucher and are contacted annually by HUD-VASH Graduate Teams to assess stability.
- When a Veteran household incomes goes over the allowable limit for a voucher for over 6 months, they no longer qualify for HUD-VASH. HUD ends participation and VASH team provides resource linkage to address outstanding case management needs if applicable.



Additional VHA Homeless Programs

- **Grant and Per Diem (GPD)**

- *Transitional housing. Participants pay a program fee 30% of their income.*
- *Length of stay up to 1 year*
 - COTS, Petaluma 5 beds (pending)
 - IFSN, Santa Rosa (pending)

- **Contract Residential Program (CRS)**

- *Transitional housing for Veterans who are Healthcare eligible*
- *Length of stay up to 6 months*
 - Hearn House, Santa Rosa 18 beds
 - COTS, Petaluma 10 beds

- **Health Care for Homeless Veterans (HCHV)**

- *Community outreach and engagement of homeless Veterans to link to healthcare and housing.*

- **Veterans Justice Outreach (VJO)**

- *Support justice involved Veterans via Veterans Court, diversion, and linkage to treatment, healthcare, housing.*

Questions

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