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HOUSING FOR HEALTH PARTNERSHIP SEEKS MEMBERSHIP FOR LIVED EXPERTISE ADVISORY GROUPS

Community members with lived experiences of homelessness invited to share expertise promoting stable, safe and healthy place to live

December 7, 2023 – The Housing for Health Partnership (H4HP) today announced it is seeking participation of community members for two separate Lived Expertise and Youth Lived Expertise advisory groups, both set to launch in Spring 2024.

Once appointed, advisory group members will work with like-minded individuals to recommend improvements to County leaders regarding Santa Cruz County's various housing systems, in an environment meant to also promote development of their leadership skills. The H4HP is seeking advisory group members from different backgrounds and life experiences, including people who identify as LGBTQ+, who are from diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds, and of different abilities and ages.

"These two new advisory groups will help the H4HP advance its mission to promote housing security for all County residents, regardless of current housing status, with a strong commitment to collaboration," said Robert Ratner, Director of the County of Santa Cruz Housing for Health Division. "Together, this diverse collective of individuals will use their voice and experience to make a difference."

Advisory group members must be:

- Currently experiencing or has previously experienced homelessness
- Living in Santa Cruz County
- Passionate about being a part of collaborative community change
- Ages 18 – 24 for the Youth Lived Expertise Advisory Group

Advisory group members will be compensated at \$25/hour for a 20-hour monthly commitment. Interest forms are being accepted now through January 19, 2024 and can be found at: <https://bit.ly/LivedExpertiseActionBoard>.

The Housing for Health Partnership is a collaboration of the County and each city within Santa Cruz County, along with local homelessness service providers. It acts as the federally-designated continuum of care for Santa Cruz County and helps allocate State and federal funding to address homelessness. The County of Santa Cruz serves as lead agency for the H4H Partnership. Visit the Housing for Health Partnership [online](#), on [Facebook](#) or on [Instagram](#).