

Advisory Board Membership Policy

Advisory Boards will be made up of agency representatives from city(ies) (if applicable), county(ies), and relevant stakeholders that will include a broad representation of key stakeholder groups found within the counties encompassed in the CoC as articulated in the HUD Interim Rule. Each participating Agency is allowed one Voting Member on the Advisory Board. Advisory Board members must adhere to the guidelines and responsibilities as outlined in the NorCal CoC Governance Charter. Advisory Board participation is mandatory for agencies receiving CoC funding. Designation of Officers such as a chair, vice-chair and secretary, can be made by nomination and appointed by majority vote.

There are **two types** of members:

a. Voting Member (Maximum of one per Agency)

A Voting Member is an Officer and must attend regularly scheduled Advisory Board meetings and shall have the authority to one vote on all action items. Designation of Officers such as a Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary, can be made by nomination and appointed by a majority vote of the Voting Members.

b. Participant

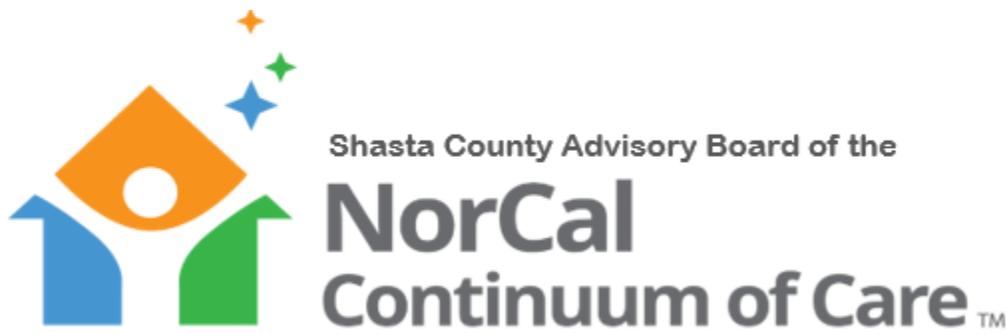
A Participant may participate in Advisory Board meeting discussions but do not have the authority to vote on any action items. There is no meeting attendance requirements for Participants.

Both member types must complete a membership application (Attachment B). New applications will be reviewed quarterly at the regularly scheduled Advisory meeting and approved by a majority vote of the Voting Members.

Each Advisory Board will be made up of a minimum of 3 Voting Members, a representative from a city(ies) (if applicable), the county(ies) and a relevant stakeholder(s), and a maximum of 30 Voting Members. The membership policy, and membership participation should be reviewed annually.

The Advisory Board Secretary will be responsible for maintaining records of all membership applications, and a roster of both participants and Voting Members.

If a Voting Member is aware that they will be unable to attend regularly scheduled Advisory Board meeting they are responsible for notifying the Advisory Board Chair, Vice Chair, or Secretary in advance. This will ensure that quorum will be met. Voting Members may send an alternate in their place from their agency.



Advisory Voting Members and Participants may be removed for good cause upon agreement of a two-thirds majority of Voting Members present at an Advisory Board meeting. Good cause may include but not limited to the following conduct:

1. Accumulating two consecutive absences without contacting the Advisory Board Chair, Vice Chair, or Secretary ("unexcused").
2. Refusing to participate in Advisory Board functions and responsibilities.
3. Engaging in activities not authorized by the Advisory Board that are disruptive or otherwise detrimental to the work of the advisory board.
4. Speaking on behalf of the CoC unless authorized to do so.

In all cases, before removal shall be implemented, the Advisory Board member subject to removal shall:

1. Receive written notice from the Advisory Board Chair and/or Vice-Chair, at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of discussion, stating the grounds for removal including dates, times, and places that may be applicable.
2. Receive an opportunity to be heard by the Advisory Board Voting Members and Participant prior to a majority vote by the Voting Members on the removal issue.