

Orange County Continuum of Care Board Special Meeting February 15, 2022

Brown Act Update Approval for Continued Teleconferencing Zulima Lundy, Continuum of Care Manager

Background

- The Ralph M. Brown Act requires that most deliberations and actions of public boards, committees, and commissions ("BCCs") be conducted and taken openly. Prior to the COVID-19 emergency, this required meetings of BCCs to be held in person, with teleconferencing by a member allowed only under limited circumstances.
- On June 11, 2021, the Governor issued Executive Order N-08-21, waiving certain provisions of the Brown Act and authorizing BCCs to hold public meetings virtually. The Executive Order specified that those waivers remain valid through September 30, 2021.
- On September 16, 2021, the Governor signed into law Assembly Bill 361 (AB 361), amending the Brown Act to allow BCCs to continue virtual meetings until January 1, 2024, but with less flexibility than afforded by the Executive Order. AB 361 adds a new subsection (e) to Government Code Section 54953, laying out the requirements for such meetings.

Background

- AB 361 notes that virtual meetings must take place during a proclaimed state of emergency where State or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or during a proclaimed state of emergency where the BCC determines by majority vote that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.
- If the BCC determines that holding virtual meetings is in the best interest, it shall make the following findings every 30 days thereafter:
 - 1. Review and reconsider the circumstances of the state of emergency.
 - 2. Find that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person. [or] State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

Recommended Action

 Determination in accordance with AB 361 Section 3(e)(3) that, while the state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic, as originally proclaimed by the Governor on March 4, 2020, remains active and/or state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, the Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC) Board has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and has determined that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person and/or state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

Orange County Homelessness Updates Doug Becht, Director, Office of Care Coordination Zulima Lundy, CoC Manager

System of Care Update Doug Becht, Director, Office of Care Coordination

Orange County Cold Weather Armory Emergency Shelter Program

The Orange County Cold Weather Armory Emergency Shelter program provides shelter for individuals experiencing homelessness at the National Guard Armory in Santa Ana.

Location: 612 East Warner Ave., Santa Ana, CA

No walk-ups are permitted

This program is for adults only, age 18 and older.

Bus Pick-up Locations:

- Pick Up #1 Arriving at 5:15 p.m. Departing at 5:30 p.m. Flower & Civic Center, Santa Ana. On Flower (east side of street), between 6th Street and Civic Center Drive
- Pick Up #2 Arriving at 6:15 p.m. Departing at 6:30 p.m. On Walnut near 1st Street (across the street from the Social Services Agency)

For more details contact the cold weather emergency shelter site: (213) 220-5636

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Commission to End Homelessness

- Regular Meeting: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 1 p.m.
- Will begin recruitment, evaluation and recommendations for appointments and/or reappointments for the following expired membership seats:
 - A business representative
 - An individual who served, or serves, as a City Manager or an elected official in the Central Service Planning Area
 - An individual who served, or serves, as a City Manager or an elected official in the South Service Planning Area
 - A philanthropic leader
 - A representative of the faith-based community
 - A member who is at-large

Project Roomkey

- The County of Orange continues to operate temporary isolation shelters services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness who are COVID-19 sick or symptomatic
- Total capacity to serve is 150 persons
- Referrals into the program are made by the Public Health Services, hospitals, shelters, street outreach teams, and law enforcement

COVID-19 Vaccination Efforts

- The Office of Care Coordination is working with Public Health Services and two Federally Qualified Health Centers on vaccination efforts for those experiencing homelessness
 - Families Together of Orange County
 661 W. 1st Street, Tustin, CA 92780
 Monday Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 - Share Our Selves
 - 1550 Superior Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92627 Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The State of California's Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Program is referred to as CA COVID-19 Rent Relief or Housing is Key.

- Orange County tenants with rental arrears and/or past due utility bills are encouraged to apply for assistance.
- Landlords are also encouraged to apply.
- Priority for households that have an income of 50 percent or below of the Area Median Income (AMI).

CA COVID-19 RENT RELIEF

Check eligibility and apply for rent and utility relief at HousingIsKey.com or call 833-430-2122 today.



Continuum of Care (CoC) Updates Zulima Lundy, Continuum of Care Manager

2022 Point In Time Count Update

- The Office of Care Coordination has received an exception from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to conduct the 2022 Point In Time (PIT) Count during the last 10 days of February. The Orange County 2022 PIT Count will conduct the sheltered count the night of Monday, February 21, 2022, and the unsheltered count starting the morning of Tuesday, February 22 through Thursday, February 24.
- The exception was due to the ongoing COVID-19 surge related to the Omicron variant. The Office Of Care Coordination wants to ensure an accurate count is conducted with the proper staffing and volunteers needed. As such, delaying the 2022 PIT Count to the last ten days of February will hopefully allow for the COVID-19 surge to pass and provide the necessary support for a robust and accurate unsheltered count.

2022 Point In Time Count Update

Tuesday	Wednesday,	Thursday
February 22, 2022	February 23, 2022	February 24, 2022
 Central Service Planning Area Freedom Hall at Mile Square Park Tustin Public Library 	 North Service Planning Area Fullerton Public Library SSA Anaheim Regional Center 	 South Service Planning Area Aliso Viejo Public Library Laguna Niguel Public Library

 For additional information about the 2022 Point In Time Count, including details on how to volunteer, please visit <u>https://www.everyonecountsoc.org/</u>.

2022 Point In Time Count Volunteers Needed

Field Surveyors

You will be part of a survey team during the 2022 Point In Time Count. You will assist in canvassing assigned geographic areas and surveying homeless neighbors. You'll be required to complete an application and self-guided virtual or live 2-hour training.

• Time: 4:30 – 9:00 a.m. or 6:30 – 11:00 p.m.

Field Surveyor Team Captains

Team Captains are encouraged to recruit and identify friends, colleagues, and/or family members to create their own team of surveyors. All Team Captains will be required to complete an application and 2-hour live training one to two weeks prior to volunteering.

• Time: 4:30 – 9:00 a.m. or 6:30 – 11:00 p.m.

Set Up or Clean-Up Volunteers

You will be assigned a specific deployment center and are responsible for setting up or cleaning up, managing the check-out process, greeting field support volunteers, and supporting with setting up or packing up supplies. You'll be required to complete an application and self-guided virtual or live training.

- Set Up Time: 3:30 5:30 a.m. or 5:30 7:30 pm
- Clean Up Time: 8:00 10:00 a.m. or 10 p.m. 12 a.m.



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2022 Point In Time Count – Family Effort

- When: Tuesday, February 22 and Wednesday, February 23 between 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Where: Families experiencing homelessness are encouraged to make an appointment or walk into their nearest access point location to be surveyed

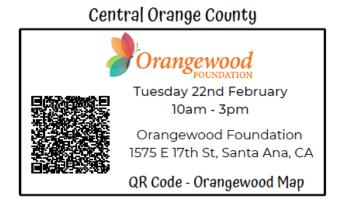
NORTH	CENTRAL	SOUTH
Pathways of Hope	Colette's Children's Home	Families Forward
611 S. Ford Ave.	7372 Prince Drive Suite #106	8 Thomas
Fullerton, CA 92832	Huntington Beach, CA 92647	Irvine, CA 92618
(714) 680-6391 ext. 2220	(714) 596-1380	(949) 296-8348
Illumination Foundation	Serving People In Need	Family Assistance Ministries
7855 Katella Ave.	151 Kalmus Drive, No. H2	1030 Calle Negocio
Stanton, CA 90680	Costa Mesa, CA 92626	San Clemente, CA 92673
(714) 507-2459	(714) 751-1101 ext. 15	(949) 492-8477 ext. 101
883 S. Anaheim Blvd.	Family Solutions Collaborative	South County Outreach
Anaheim, CA 92805	1505 E. 17th Street	7 Whatney, Suite B
(714) 507-2490	Santa Ana, CA 92705	Irvine, CA 92618
		(949) 687-2413
HIS OC	Families Forward	
907 N. Bradford Ave.	2030 E. 4th Street	
Placentia, CA 92870	Building G, Suite 158	
(714) 993-5774 ext. 1019	Santa Ana, CA 92705 (949) 296-8348	

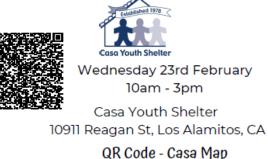
Access Points

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2022 Point In Time Count – Transitional Aged Youth Effort

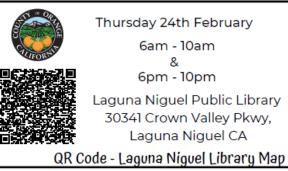
• Covenant House California will be hosting Come & Be Counted Events





North Orange County

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Thursday 24th February

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Aliso Viejo Public Library 1 Journey, Aliso Viejo, CA

QR Code - Aliso Viejo Library Map

Funding Opportunities

City of Santa Ana and Santa Ana Housing Authority Affordable Housing Development Request for Proposals

- Proposed developments may be for acquisition and/or rehabilitation of eligible properties for rental or and /or ownership housing; acquisition and conversion of non-residential property to multifamily rental housing units; and/or new construction of housing units for rental housing and /or ownership housing
- Bid Number: RFP #21-136
- Bid Starts: December 8, 2021
- Bid Ends: February 28, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.
- For more information, visit the following link <u>https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/20137/bo/bo-search</u>

Funding Opportunities

Orange County Housing Finance Trust 2022 Notice of Funding Availability

- The 2022 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) provides for the availability of \$10,591,910 in Orange County Housing Finance Trust (OCHFT) funds that promoted the new construction or acquisition/rehabilitation of Permanent Supportive and Affordable Housing affordable for Orange County's extremely low-income households by providing below market rate financing.
- The initial deadline for applications is March 22, 2022, at 5:00pm. The online application form is available <u>here</u>.

HUD Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR)

• The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released its <u>2021 Annual Homeless Assessment Report Part 1</u> to Congress.

Key Findings

- More than 326,000 people experienced sheltered homelessness in the United States on a single night in 2021, a decrease of eight percent, from 2020.
- 15,763 people under the age of 25 experienced sheltered homelessness on their own as "unaccompanied youth" on a single night in 2021.
- Number of sheltered people in families with children declined 15 percent between 2020 and 2021.
- Between 2020 and 2021, the number of veterans experiencing sheltered homelessness decreased by 10 percent.
- Number of sheltered individuals with chronic patterns of homelessness increased by 20 percent between 2020 and 2021.
- Number of individuals remains largely unchanged, decreasing by about one percent between 2020 and 2021.



