

# Orange County Housing Opportunities Committee December 3, 2021

### Agenda

- 1. Call To Order Judson Brown, Housing Opportunities Committee Chair
- 2. Additions / Deletions to Agenda
- 3. Emergency Rental Assistance Program Zulima Lundy, Judson Brown, Grace Stepter
- 4. Santa Ana Rent Stabilization and Just Cause Eviction Ordinances Judson Brown, City of Santa Ana
- 5. Project-Based Housing Updates:
  - a) Project Homekey Update Julia Bidwell, OC Community Resources
  - b) MHSA and NPLH Update Stephani Bryson, Health Care Agency
  - c) PHA Project-Based Vouchers Updates and Projections Kerrin Cardwell, Julia Bidwell, Judson Brown, Nate Robbins
- 6. Tenant-Based Housing Updates:
  - a) Welcome Home OC Update Becks Heyhoe, OC United Way
  - b) Whole Person Care Update Nicole LeMaire, Whole Person Care
  - c) PHA Special Purpose Vouchers Updates Kerrin Cardwell, Julia Bidwell, Judson Brown, Nate Robbins
- 7. County-Wide Performance Metrics Update:
  - a) Coordinated Entry System Rebecca Rickets, CES Coordinator
  - b) Family Coordinated Entry System Katherine Rodriguez, Family Solutions Collaborative
  - c) Individual Coordinated Entry System Connor Stephenson, Friendship Shelter
- 8. Coordinated Entry System (CES) Policy Update Zulima Lundy, CoC Manager and Rebecca Ricketts, CES Coordinator
- 9. HOME-ARP Funding Zulima Lundy, CoC Manager
- **10. 2022** Point in Time and Housing Inventory Count Zulima Lundy, CoC Manager
- **11.** Next Meeting: February 11, 2022 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.

#### **Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Program:**

- The County of Orange closed the application period for the Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Program on April 30, 2021. Referrals are now being made to the State of California COVID-19 Rent Relief program (Housing is Key).
  - For questions or assistance, contact: 833-430-2122 or visit <u>https://housing.ca.gov/covid\_rr/index.html</u>
- The City of Irvine has joined the State of California COVID-19 Rent Relief program for Round 2
- The Cities of Anaheim and Santa Ana received a direct allocation from the U.S. Department of the Treasury for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program. For more information on their application process and eligibility requirements visit:
  - Anaheim <u>https://www.anaheim.net/5532/Emergency-Rental-Assistance-Program</u>
  - Santa Ana <u>https://www.santa-ana.org/rental-assistance</u>

#### Santa Ana Rent Stabilization and Just Cause Eviction Ordinances:

The Santa Ana City Council adopted two new ordinances to help protect renters:

- Rent Stabilization Ordinance limits residential rent increases to no more than 3% per year
- Just Cause Eviction Ordinance limits the allowed reasons for which a renter can be evicted.

#### More information available at:

www.santa-ana.org/renterprotections www.santa-ana.org/rso www.santa-ana.org/justcauseevictions

#### The new ordinances are effective as of November 19, 2021.

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#### **Coordinated Entry System (CES) Policy Update:**

The Office of Care Coordination in partnership with OC CES Administrators for the three components of CES presented on proposed changes to the CES assessment and prioritization polices at the CES Steering Committee on November 4, 2021. Two subsequent listening sessions were held on November 18, 2021, with CES Community partners and the public to receive feedback on the proposed changes.

#### The following CES policy updates are being proposed:

- Assessment: Replace the VI-SPDAT with data collected in the program entry screen -Length of Homelessness
- **Prioritization**: Primary and sole factor will be length of homelessness; Discontinue the shelter preference; Discontinue VI-SPDAT

## The Policies, Procedures & Standards (PPS) Committee will be meeting on December 14, 2021, at 3:30 PM to discuss this item and receive feedback.

#### **HOME-ARP Funding:**

The Office of Care Coordination acting as the Collaborative Applicant for the Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC) is coordinating a project consultation meeting with HOME jurisdictions to review their intended use of funding, provide technical assistance to the applicant, and identify potential collaborations for administering HOME-ARP funds.

- December 2, 2021 Cities of Anaheim and Santa Ana
- Future meetings will be scheduled based on timeline of the jurisdiction's proposed project

The CoC at large is encouraged to participate in future project consultations to provide feedback as key stakeholders in Orange County.

#### 2022 Point in Time and Housing Inventory Count:

The HIC and Sheltered PIT are conducted on an annual basis during the last 10 days of January and are required by HUD.





