

ORANGE COUNTY
CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, July 12, 2022
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Location: County Administration South (CAS)

Building Conference Center

425 West Santa Ana Blvd. Room 104/106

Santa Ana, CA 92701-4599

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MINUTES

Board Members

Matt Bates, City Net [Secretary]
Judson Brown, City of Santa Ana
Nikki Buckstead, Family Solutions Collaborative
Donald Dermit, The Rock Church
Becks Heyhoe, OC United Way [Vice Chair]
Tim Houchen, Hope4Restoration
Patti Long, Mercy House
Dawn Price, Friendship Shelter

Eric Richardson, Volunteers of America
Maricela Rios-Faust, Human Options [Chair]
Soledad Rivera, Families Together of OC
Elida Sanchez, OC Department of Education
Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, Orangewood Foundation
George Searcy, Jamboree Housing
Tim Shaw, Individual
Christina Weckerly Ramirez, Health Care Agency

Call to Order – Maricela Rios-Faust, Chair

Chair Maricela Rios-Faust called the meeting to order at 3:31 PM

Board Member Roll Call – Matt Bates, Secretary

Present: Matt Bates, Donald Dermit, Becks Heyhoe, Patti Long, Dawn Price, Eric Richardson, Maricela Rios-Faust, George Searcy, Christina Weckerly Ramirez

Absent Excused: Judson Brown, Nikki Buckstead, Tim Houchen, Soledad Rivera, Elida Sanchez, Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, Tim Shaw

Public Comments: Members of the public may address the Continuum of Care (CoC) Board on items listed within this agenda or matters not appearing on the agenda so long as the subject matter is within the jurisdiction of the CoC Board. Members of the public may address the CoC Board with public comments on agenda items in the business calendar after the CoC Board member discussion. Comments will be limited to three minutes. If there are more than five public speakers, this time will be reduced to two minutes.

To address the CoC Board, members of the public are to complete a Request to Address the CoC Board form prior to the beginning of each agenda item and submit it to CoC Board staff. Staff will call your name in the order received.

Members of the public may also submit public comment by emailing CareCoordination@ochca.com. All comments submitted via email before the start of the CoC Board meeting will be distributed to the CoC Board members for their consideration and all comments will be added to the administrative records of the meeting. Please include "CoC Board Meeting Comment" in the email subject line.

- Callie Rutter, Co-Chair for the Lived Experience Advisory Committee, requested to make the CoC Board meetings accessible on an online platform such as Webex or Zoom and/or have call-in options.

Board Member Comments: Members of the CoC Board may provide comments on items listed within this agenda or matters not appearing on the agenda so long as the subject matter is within the jurisdiction of the CoC Board.

- No Board Member comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters are approved by one motion unless pulled by a Board Member for discussion or separate action. The CoC Board requests that only pertinent information be discussed during this time.

- No Consent Calendar Items.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

1. Continuum of Care Supplemental to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness Notice of Funding Opportunity (CoC Special NOFO)– Zulima Lundy, Director of Operations

Zulima Lundy provided an overview on the FY2022 CoC Supplemental to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness Notice of Funding Opportunity (CoC Special NOFO). The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is making approximately \$322 million in funding available through CoC Special NOFO. Funding will be utilized to support communities in developing plans to address rural and unsheltered homelessness, particularly in communities with very high levels of unsheltered homelessness. The County of Orange's Office of Care Coordination has identified this funding opportunity as important to support the ongoing efforts to address unsheltered homelessness in Orange County and is seeking support from the Orange County CoC Board membership to apply for the opportunity, proposed timeline, and establish an Ad Hoc comprised of non-conflicted members for the CoC Special NOFO.

CoC Board Member Comments:

- Secretary Matt Bates inquired whether there would be a second round of funding if there is leftover funding from jurisdictions that do not apply for the funding opportunity. Secretary Matt Bates also asked for clarification on the rural component of the funding opportunity and whether parts of Orange County can be eligible for that funding.
- Vice Chair Becks Heyhoe asked if there is information on timeline and implementation of the housing stability vouchers for the Public Housing Authorities. Vice Chair Becks also inquired if there is the opportunity to project-base the housing stability vouchers.
- Dawn Price commented that the National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) webinar was helpful and informative. Dawn Price asked whether the CoC Plan to Serve Individuals and Families Experiencing

Homelessness with Severe Needs (CoC Plan) development was primarily staff function or whether it will be developed by the special Ad Hoc. Dawn Price believes the writing process of the CoC Plan development can be educational for everyone.

- George Searcy inquired on clarification on the capital and the housing rental subsidies.

Recommended Actions:

- a. Authorize the Orange County Continuum of Care’s participation in the CoC Special NOFO.
- b. Approve the issuance of a local competition process for the CoC Special NOFO to address unsheltered homelessness in Orange County.
- c. Establish an Ad Hoc comprised of non-conflicted members to support the local competition process for the CoC Special NOFO.

George Searcy motioned to approve the recommended actions a, b, and c. Dawn Price seconded the motion. Matt Bates, Donald Dermit, Becks Heyhoe, Patti Long, Dawn Price, Eric Richardson, Maricela Rios-Faust, George Searcy, and Christina Weckerly-Ramirez voted yes. All motions passed.

2. Approve Rapid Rehousing Service Recommendations – Zulima Lundy, Director of Operations

Zulima Lundy shared the background and timeline that led to the Rapid Rehousing Services Funding Recommendations that are to be funded with Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round 1 and/or Round 3. On March 23, 2022, the Orange County CoC Board approved the recommendation to issue Request for Proposals for Emergency Shelter Operations and Request for Proposals for Rapid Rehousing Services. The primary goal of Rapid Rehousing Service projects is to help individuals experiencing homelessness in each Service Planning Area (SPA) – North, Central and South – and Transitional Aged Youth and families experiencing homelessness countywide obtain secure, permanent, affordable housing quickly, increase self-sufficiency, and achieve long-term housing stability.

CoC Board Member Comments:

- Christina Weckerly-Ramirez asked for clarification on the length of assistance for families and whether supportive services can still be offered after rental assistance ends. Christina Weckerly-Ramirez inquired about the housing stabilization services and resources provided.
- George Searcy requested clarity on the length of assistance for all populations and the numbers of households to be served..
- Eric Richardson asked for clarification on the Rapid Rehousing program models and whether there are additional resources to provide support in exploring various models. Eric Richard proposed inviting PATH explain their program model and performance outcomes in a presentation.
- Vice Chair Becks Heyhoe commented that there is a significance difference in the per household dollar amount between individuals, families and transitional aged youth programs. Vice Chair Becks Heyhoe inquired on the next steps if the individuals need more than 6 to 9 months of assistance.
- Chair Maricela Rios-Faust clarified that the proposed metrics were calculated from agency’s previous experience and how the agencies have a track record for their models. Chair Maricela Rios-Faust shared that experience in administering several domestic violence state contracts and having success with the 6-month model because clients are connected to additional resources.
- Patti Long shared that shorter rapid rehousing interventions are challenging in the CoC and has concerns regarding how successful the shorter interventions will be as the agency may struggle to stabilize people in the short timeframe.
- Dawn Price inquired on whether supportive services are required and shared concerns on how housing placements are prioritized because it is challenging for clients to engage in Rapid Rehousing. Dawn Price shared that there are lots of vulnerable people and are concerned that there is not enough support.

- George Searcy inquired on the approval process and whether the funding recommendations will be taken to the Board of Supervisors. Additionally, George Searcy commented on the wide variation on the service units and understood the funding opportunity is trying to serve the most people.
- Secretary Matt Bates shared concerns with changing the scope of the proposal because during the application process, an agency can provide their metrics and claim that they will serve specific numbers, however, if the contract is flexible and the metrics are reduced, it is unfair on a procedural standpoint to the other agencies who may have had the lower metrics on their initial application.
- Donald Dermit asked for clarification and information regarding the previous contracts for the agencies.

Recommendation Action:

- a. Approve the following Rapid Rehousing Services Recommendation
 - i. Covenant House California for Rapid Rehousing Services for Transitional Aged Youth for the term of September 15, 2022, through June 30, 2024, for an amount not to exceed \$1,021,269.
 - ii. Families Forward for Rapid Rehousing Services for Families for the term of September 15, 2022, through June 30, 2024, for an amount not to exceed \$964,718.
 - iii. People Assisting the Homeless (PATH) for Rapid Rehousing Services for individuals for the term of September 15, 2022, through August 31, 2024, for an amount not to exceed \$2,200,000.

George Searcy motioned to approve the recommended actions. Matt Bates seconded the motion. Matt Bates, Donald Dermit, Becks Heyhoe, Patti Long, Dawn Price, Eric Richardson, Maricela Rios-Faust, George Searcy, and Christina Weckerly-Ramirez voted yes. All motions passed.

3. Orange County Homelessness Updates – Zulima Lundy, Director of Operations

Zulima Lundy provided the following Orange County Homelessness Updates:

- **CoC Board Seat Nomination Process** – The Office of Care Coordination is accepting nominations for the CoC Board seat vacancy for the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program Funded Agency or Recipient Agency Representative. Information on the CoC Board nomination process and timeline, including a recording of the CoC Nomination Process Overview Webinar, can also be accessed on the CoC Board Nomination and Election webpage.
- **Funding Opportunity:** The COVID-19 Temporary Isolation Shelter Services Program RFP has been open since July 05, 2022. The County of Orange County Executive Office is seeking proposals from qualified organizations to provide COVID-19 Temporary Isolation Shelter Services to provide temporary isolation shelter services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Orange County who are COVID-19 positive and/or symptomatic to help and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 by providing non-congregate shelter. The COVID-19 Temporary Isolation Shelter Services RFP is available on BidSync and proposed projects must be submitted by July 22, 2022, at 2:00 PM Pacific Time.

Motion to Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 24, 2022, from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.