

# Policies, Procedures and Standards Committee October 12, 2021

### Welcome and Introductions

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## **Public Comments**

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# CoC Board Membership Composition and Election Process Recommendation

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# **Continuum of Care (CoC) Board Membership Composition and Election Process Recommendation**

#### • Background:

- During the July 2021 meeting of the Orange County CoC Board, the CoC Board appointed the membership of the Nominating Committee.
- The Nominating Committee was tasked with reviewing the CoC Board membership composition and election process as detailed in the Governance Chart and providing recommendations to best enhance the composition of the CoC Board and improve the election process.
- The Nominating Committee reviewed the relevant sections of the Governance Charter in detail and are recommending the proposed redlines as detailed in Item IV.
   Attachment A.

#### **Proposed Changes Detailed in Attachment A**

- Increased the number of at-large CoC member seats from nine to eleven for a total of 15 seats in the CoC Board.
- Designated specific areas of experience/expertise for nine of the following at-large seats:
  - 1. One (1) seat for Behavioral Health background and expertise
  - 2. One (1) seat for Faith Based Representation
  - 3. One (1) seat for Health Care background and expertise
  - 4. One (1) seat for affordable housing development background and expertise
  - 5. Five (5) seats for expertise on homeless services and/or subpopulation focus
    - 1. Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC)
    - 2. Diversion
    - 3. Emergency Shelter
    - 4. Families
    - 5. Individuals
    - 6. LGBTQ
    - 7. People with disabilities
    - 8. Permanent Supportive Housing
    - 9. Prevention
    - 10. Rapid Rehousing
    - 11.Street Outreach
    - 12. Transitional Aged Youth

#### **Proposed Changes Detailed in Attachment A**

- Added language to highlight the need for a well-balanced perspective and representation of persons of difference races, ethnicity and backgrounds.
- Further detailed the role of the Nominating Committee through the election process.
- Clarified the role of the CoC General Membership in regards to the election process.
- Updated the timeline for the nominating and election process:
  - September CoC Board Chair appoints Nominating Committee
  - October Nominating Committee convenes and outreaches to potential candidates.
  - November Candidates are presented to the CoC General Membership for voting/election.
  - December The CoC Board ratifies slate of elected candidates by the CoC General membership.
  - **January** CoC Board seating takes place. Outgoing CoC Board and Board staff will provide "training" for incoming Board.

# Continuum of Care (CoC) Board Membership Composition and Election Process Recommendation

#### Recommended Action:

 Approve the recommended changes to the sections of the Orange County CoC Governance Charter related to the CoC Board Membership Composition and Election Process as proposed by the CoC Nominating Committee.

# **Anti-Discrimination Policy**

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#### **Anti-Discrimination Policy**

#### Background:

- The Anti-Discrimination Policy (Item V. Attachment A.) is being recommended to the Policies, Procedures, and Standards Committee for adoption.
- Adoption of the Anti-Discrimination Policy will support the Orange County CoC in ensuring all people experiencing homelessness have equal access to the housing and services necessary to end their homelessness.
- The policy would also support the CoC in complying with federal nondiscrimination and equal opportunity provisions, as codified in the Fair Housing Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, Titles II & III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, HUD's Equal Access to Housing Rule and Gender Identity Final Rule, 24 CFR 5.100, 5.105(a)(2) and 5.106(b).

#### Recommended Action:

 Approve the adoption of an Anti-Discrimination Policy for the Orange County CoC in accordance with guidance from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

