

ORANGE COUNTY
CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD
MEETING
Wednesday, October 26, 2022
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 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
Nishtha Mohendra, Families Forward
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

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Call to Order – Maricela Rios-Faust, Chair

Chair Maricela Rios-Faust called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

Board Member Roll Call – Matt Bates, Secretary

Present: Matt Bates, Judson Brown, Nikki Buckstead, Becks Heyhoe, Patti Long, Dawn Price, Eric Richardson, Maricela Rios-Faust, Elida Sanchez, Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, George Searcy, Tim Shaw.

Absent Excused: Donald Dermit, Nishtha Mohendra, Soledad Rivera, Christina Weckerly Ramirez.

Absent: Tim Houchen.

Elida Sanchez arrived to the meeting following Consent Calendar item 1.

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 at least 60 minutes 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.

- Paul Hyek commented on the shelter shuttle services provided by Mercy House and suggested shuttle drivers acquire commercial licenses.
- Peter Warner spoke about the shuttle services offered by Mercy House and recommended the bus line that connects to the San Clemente Amtrak be reinstated.

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

- Nikki Buckstead informed the CoC Board and the public that she has accepted another employment opportunity in Los Angeles and her final day with the Family Solutions Collaborative is October 28, 2022. Given her move to Los Angeles, Nikki Buckstead resigned from her CoC Board member position. Nikki Buckstead thanked the CoC Board for their hard work and efforts towards reducing homelessness in Orange County.

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.

Dr. Shauntina Sorrells motioned to approve the items on the Consent Calendar and recognized each item as a separate vote. Eric Richardson seconded the motion.

1. Approve CoC Board Meeting Minutes from August 24, 2022

Nikki Buckstead, Becks Heyhoe, Patti Long, Dawn Price, Eric Richardson, Maricela Rios-Faust, Dr. Shauntina, and Tim Shaw voted yes. Matt Bates, Judson Brown, and George Searcy abstained. Elida Sanchez did not vote on this item. Motion passed.

2. Approve CoC Board Special Meeting Minutes from September 14, 2022

Judson Brown, Becks Heyhoe, Dawn Price, Maricela Rios-Faust, Elida Sanchez, Dr. Shauntina, George Searcy and Tim Shaw voted yes. Matt Bates, Nikki Buckstead, Patti Long, and Eric Richardson and George Searcy abstained. Motion passed.

3. Approve CoC Board Meeting Minutes from September 28, 2022

Judson Brown, Nikki Buckstead, Becks Heyhoe, Patti Long, Dawn Price, Eric Richardson, Maricela Rios-Faust, Elida Sanchez, Dr. Shauntina, George Searcy and Tim Shaw voted yes. Matt Bates abstained. Motion passed.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

1. Orange County CoC Racial Equity Roadmap Update – Felicia Boehringer, CoC Administrator, Office of Care Coordination

Felicia Boehringer provided an overview of the Orange County CoC Racial Equity Roadmap that will guide the work of the Orange County CoC and establish equitable policies and practices in the homeless service delivery. The Office of Care Coordination contracted with C4 Innovations for the development of a Racial Equity Roadmap for the Orange County CoC, and it is to be completed in three phases. It is currently in Phase 3, which includes the finalizing and discussion on the implementation and sustainability aspects of the Racial Equity Roadmap Action Plan. Felicia Boehringer provided an overview of the quantitative and qualitative data findings from the Orange County homeless service system assessment. The assessment is available on Attachments 1A and 1B of the October 26, 2022, agenda.

CoC Board Member Comments:

- Nikki Buckstead noted that the Family Solutions Collaborative was heavily involved in the Racial Equity Roadmap process and expressed that Race and Ethnicity is not accurately captured in HMIS and suggested further review to ensure that accurate data is captured.
- Dawn Price commended the Office of Care Coordination, specifically Felicia Boehringer, in leading this project. Dawn Price is interested in seeing how the data will change now that the 2022 Point in Time results have been released. Dawn Price is also curious to examine the quantitative data and how it ties into the qualitative data.
- Tim Shaw applauded the actionable insights C4 Innovations provided throughout the process as this will support the CoC Board strategic planning process. Tim Shaw expressed that the Racial Equity Roadmap working group was thoroughly engaged in discussions about the racial inequities that may exist within the CoC and Orange County. In addition, the participation from people with lived experience of homelessness has been substantive and looks forward to seeing their feedback incorporated into the planning process.
- George Searcy expressed his support for the recommendations on the Racial Equity Roadmap assessment. George Searcy suggested the next step is to decide which recommendations to prioritize given the limited resources available. George Searcy suggested a data summary that supports each recommendation to assist with prioritizing the recommendations.
- Matt Bates discussed the overall racial inequities that exist within Orange County and how history has played a role in the current housing situation. Matt Bates acknowledged that racial biases exist and there needs to be a deeper conversation and training in which services are provided for people of color.
- Becks Heyhoe noted that United to End Homelessness presented on the history of racism and the causes of service resistance among people experiencing homelessness previously. Becks Heyhoe noted that both videos can be found on the United to End Homelessness YouTube channel.
- Dr. Shauntina Sorrells shared how unaffordable and inaccessible Orange County is for black people and how it highlights the divide that exists in Orange County.
- Patti Long suggested presenting the assessment findings to local jurisdictions such as city officials, county officials, and local funders to educate and work together towards understanding racial equity.

2. Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round 4 – Felicia Boehringer, CoC Administrator, Office of Care Coordination

On September 30, 2022, the State of California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency (BSCH) announced the release of HHAP Round 4 funding. As of today, local allocations have not been announced. As part of the HHAP Round 4 grant application process, submittal of a Local Homelessness Action Plan is a requirement. As such, the Office of Care Coordination will begin drafting a Local Homeless Action Plan for the Orange County CoC which will be presented to the CoC Board for approval during the November 16, 2022, meeting. Additionally, the Office of Care Coordination will complete the HHAP-4 grant application on behalf of the CoC as the designated Administrative Entity in advance of the November 29, 2022, deadline. Eligible activities include rapid rehousing, operating subsidies, street outreach, and services coordination.

CoC Board Member Comments:

- Dr. Shauntina Sorrells highlighted the limited funding for Transitional Aged Youth and suggested the CoC Board consider including more than the 10% minimum threshold for the subpopulation.
- George Searcy shared that the State of California Homekey Program has funding for youth and resources could be aligned to increase the interim and permanent housing capacity.

Public Comments:

- Peter Warner commented on American Family Housing’s staff and shared that there should be more attention to needs regarding food.

3. CoC Committee Updates – Felicia Boehringer, CoC Administrator and CoC Committee Chairs

a. Updates on CoC Committees

- i. Housing Opportunities Committee** – Judson Brown provided updates on the recent Housing Opportunities Committee meeting. The meetings continue to be productive and focus on tenant-based and project-based housing opportunities within Orange County. The local public housing authorities (PHAs) have providing data that highlights areas of need. There are 646 tenant-based voucher holders searching for a unit and there is a 70% utilization rate for Special Purpose Voucher holders.
- ii. Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) Collaborative Committee** – Dr. Shauntina Sorrells shared that there are over 60 members on the TAY Collaborative Committee representing a mixture of non-profit members and community members. The TAY Collaborative Committee is beginning to focus on the Youth Action Board in preparation for the next round of Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program funding. During a previous meeting, CalOptima Health presented on CalAim, including accessing resources during the last meeting and the TAY Collaborative Committee now has a comprehensive list of providers that serve the TAY population.

- b. Lived Experience Advisory Committee (LEAC)** – Felicia Boehringer provided an update on behalf of the LEAC. Felicia Boehringer shared that on September 16, 2022, the Office of Care Coordination and CoC Board Leadership discussed potential Board Members to appoint as interim Chair for the LEAC. CoC Board Member Tim Shaw was outreached to, and he confirmed interest in acting as interim Chair for the LEAC. The Office of Care Coordination recommended Tim Shaw to the membership of the LEAC during the October 2022 meeting. The LEAC membership supported Tim Shaw acting as Interim Chair for the LEAC.

Recommended Action: Approve Tim Shaw as Interim Chair of the Lived Experience Advisory Committee

George Searcy motioned to approve the recommended action. Dawn Price seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

CoC Board Member Comments:

- Tim Shaw expressed that this is on an interim basis and expressed his desire to continue the efforts provided by the LEAC members.

Public Comments:

- Peter Warner suggested opening a shelter where the Courtyard Transitional Center used to be located.
- Paul Hyek recommended developing a comprehensive list of employable skills for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness and offering them employment opportunities at a local shelter. Paul Hyek offered to assist with creating the list.

4. Orange County Homelessness Updates – Doug Becht, Director of Care Coordination and Felicia Boehringer, CoC Administrator, Office of Care Coordination

a. System of Care Updates – Doug Becht provided the following System of Care Updates:

- Project Roomkey – The County of Orange continues to operate temporary isolation shelters with a total capacity of 50 beds for individuals and families experiencing homelessness who are COVID-19 sick or symptomatic. 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 continues to work with Public Health Services and two Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) on vaccination efforts for those experiencing homelessness. The FQHCs are Families Together of Orange County in Tustin and Share Our Selves in Costa Mesa.
- Cold Weather Emergency Shelter – The Office of Care Coordination intends to open the Cold Weather Emergency Shelter at the Santa Ana Armory and will be seeking a provider to facilitate the operations of the emergency shelter.
- Commission to End Homelessness – Currently, Matt Bates serves as a member of the Commission to End Homelessness as a CoC Board representative. The seat is coming up for election, and the Office of Care Coordination will work toward with the CoC Board Leadership to appoint a CoC Board member to fill the seat. The Commission to End Homelessness recommended the following applicants to serve as members on the Commission to End Homelessness during the October 2022 meeting:
 - Hospital Representative – Christy Cornwall from Providence-Mission Hospital,
 - Business Representative – Monique Davis from Habitat for Humanity of OC,
 - Municipal Fire Representative – Chief Sean deMetropolis from the City of Orange Fire Department, and
 - Behavioral Health Representative – Richard Afaible from Be Well Orange County.

These recommendations will be presented to the Board of Supervisors in December 2022 for approval. In addition, the Homeless Service System Pillars Report developed by the Commission to End Homelessness was received and filed by the Board of Supervisors during the October 18, 2022, meeting.

- State of California Homekey Round 2 and 3 – The Huntington Beach Oasis project recently opened to provide interim housing for individuals experiencing homelessness and reached maximum capacity within a month of opening. The location will eventually be converted to permanent

supportive housing. The North Harbor project in Anaheim recently had a ribbon cutting and will also operate as interim housing before converting to permanent supportive housing. The release of the Homekey Round 3 Notice of Funding Availability is anticipated in the next several months.

b. Continuum of Care Updates – Felicia Boehringer provided the following CoC updates:

- CoC Supplemental to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness Notice of Funding Opportunity to Address Unsheltered Homelessness (CoC Special NOFO) – On Tuesday, October 18, 2022, the Office of Care Coordination posted a final version of the CoC Special NOFO Consolidated Application and Project Priority Listing E-snaps Document on the CoC Special NOFO webpage. On Thursday, October 20, 2022, the Orange County CoC submitted the final Special NOFO Consolidated Application and Project Priority Listing to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
- 2022-23 Domestic Violence Assistance (DV) Program Request for Proposals (RFP) – The Governor's Office of Emergency Services has announced the 2022-23 DV Program RFP in the amount of \$537,587.00. The purpose of the Program is to provide comprehensive support, including emergency shelter, to domestic violence survivors and their children and to provide support for the development and establishment of domestic violence services to unserved and underserved populations. The RFP is soliciting proposals to provide culturally specific services (i.e., culturally relevant, and linguistically specific). The application is due December 08, 2022.
- Updated Action Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness in California – On September 1, 2022, the California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH) convened and adopted the updated Action Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness in California. The updated Action Plan includes increased input from the new State agencies and departments on Cal ICH as of January 2022. While the Action Plan maintained its current structure of five Action Areas and 15 Objectives, the Action Plan now identifies more than 150 Activities along with new key principles and practices that focus on trauma-informed care and the alignment of health, housing, and homelessness strategies.
- CoC Board Election Process – The Orange County CoC Board is comprised of 17 seats where approximately half of the board seats are up for election each year, in order to prevent all Board seats turnover at the same time, as detailed in the Orange County CoC Governance Charter. There are eight (8) CoC Board seats that are set to expire on December 31, 2022, which include one (1) seat for Public Housing Authority (PHA) representative, one (1) seat for Homeless or Formerly Homeless Individual representative, one (1) seat for Domestic Violence Agency representative; and five (5) Seats for At-Large representatives.
- Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV) Update – The CoC has partnered with PHAs to distribute EHV's to assist individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness; at risk of homelessness; fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking; or were recently homeless and for whom providing rental assistance will prevent the household's homelessness or having high risk of housing instability.
- Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) Funding Awarded – On October 24, 2022, Secretary Fudge announced the award of \$83.7 million to 17 communities through the YHDP. This funding will help the awarded communities build systems to end youth homelessness through a wide range of housing programs including rapid rehousing, permanent supportive housing, transitional housing, and host homes. YHDP will also support youth-centered services, housing supports, youth-focused performance measurement and coordinated entry systems. Though the Orange County CoC was not awarded YHDP funding,

the application process was beneficial in learning how to become better equipped to apply for future opportunities to serve more youth experiencing homelessness.

- Training Opportunities – The Office of Care Coordination has two training opportunities coming up in the next few weeks. The first is the LGBTQ+ Cultural Competency Training Facilitated by LGBTQ Center OC and is scheduled for Thursday, October 27, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. This meeting will take place virtually. The second training is a Housing First Training facilitated by Dusty Olson, HUD Technical Assistance Coach with Abt. Associates on Thursday, November 17th, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. This is an in-person meeting, and the location will be communicated at a later date.

CoC Board Member Comments:

- Judson Brown read the comment made by Santa Ana Mayor Vicente Sarmiento concerning Federal Judge Carter’s decision on the Cold Weather Emergency Shelter.

Public Comments:

- Peter Warner suggested the Orange County Transportation Authority participate in the emergency shelter discussions to note if bus stops are near emergency shelters.

George Searcy motioned to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Shauntina Sorrells seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent. Meeting adjourned at 3:43pm.

5. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, November 16, 2022, from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.