

# Commission to End Homelessness

February 15, 2023



# Discussion Item 1

## Office of Care Coordination Update

### Membership Updates

- Welcome Supervisor Vicente Sarmiento, Second District
- Welcome Monique Davis from Habitat for Humanity of Orange County, as the Business Representative
- Thank you to Scott Stiles, City Manager from Garden Grove, as the Central Service Planning Area Representative

# Discussion Item 1

## Office of Care Coordination Update

### Cold Weather Emergency Shelter

- Located at Independence Park Gymnasium
- Operated by PATH
- Began operations on February 1, 2023
- Capacity to serve 90 individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness on a first come first serve basis
- Two pick up locations in Fullerton to facility, no walk ups allowed to facility
- Will provide a hot dinner and bagged breakfast, access to restrooms and showers, case management support, and linkages to other homeless service programs

# Discussion Item 1

## Office of Care Coordination Update

### Homeless Service System Pillars Report

- Working with County Procurement Office to:
  - Understand the number of contracts and services that align with the services as described in the report
  - Incorporate the definition, best practices, and guiding principles into new solicitations and contracted services
  - Incorporate an annual review process related to adherence to report during renewals
- Working with County Departments to:
  - Identify County provided services and resources as described in the report
  - Discuss possible trainings and technical assistance to be provided to best align with best practices and guiding principles

# Discussion Item 1

## Office of Care Coordination Update

### Request for Proposal

- Homeless Point In Time (PIT) Count Professional Services
  - Will support the planning, implementation, and reporting services for the Homeless PIT count efforts in partnership with the Orange County Continuum of Care
  - **Bid Number:** 017-23010762-CR
  - **Bid Ends:** March 2, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

## **Presentation Item 2**

# Housing Funding Strategy: 2022 Update

- Presentation to be provided by Julia Bidwell and Michelle Zdeba from OC Community Resources, Housing & Community Development



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# 2022 Housing Funding Strategy Update

**Julia Bidwell, Director, OC HCD**  
**Michelle Zdeba, Affordable Housing  
Development Manager, OC HCD**  
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# BACKGROUND

The 2018 Housing Funding Strategy was created as a regional plan based on the 2017 Point in Time Count and identified the need for:

- Development of 2,700 units of supportive housing, and
- Financial resources to achieve that goal.

The 2022 Housing Funding Strategy Update is based on the 2022 Homeless Point-in-Time count and provides a:

- Progress report on the 2,700-unit goal for 2025
- Revised housing unit goal for 2029
- Recommendations for an updated strategic approach





# PROGRESS REPORT

- 1,643 supportive housing units are projected to be produced by 2025

• Units Completed	362
• Units Under Construction	507
• Units In Financing	304
• Units Projected to be completed by 2025	470

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**TOTAL** **1,643**

- Results in a gap of 1,057 supportive housing units still needed to achieve the original goal of 2,700 units.



# PROGRESS REPORT

Factors affecting progress:

- Capital funding for supportive housing development increased
- Increased costs of housing construction due to:
  - COVID-19 global pandemic impacts,
  - Supply chain issues and related delays,
  - Staffing shortages, and
  - Inflation.
- Magnitude of the cost increase:
  - Was unanticipated
  - Greatly impacted the supportive housing pipeline
  - Limited unit production





# UPDATED UNIT GOAL

- The 2022 Housing Funding Strategy Update calls for 2,396 units of supportive housing by 2029 based on the 2022 Point in Time Count.
- These units are a subset of the units already included in the region's Regional Housing Needs Assessment numbers that are being incorporated into city and county Housing Elements.
- Current projections to complete this estimate a funding gap of
  - \$458 million in capital, and
  - \$495 million in operating subsidies for 2,396 units
  - \$350 million in supportive services for 2,396 units



# RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Maximize competitiveness** for funding by aligning local, flexible resource commitments.
- **Dedicate additional funding** and continue to refine policies to maximize developers' ability to attract investors.
- **Maximize ability to use all vouchers** for project-basing up to the caps allowed for the available tenant-based vouchers.
- **Continue investments** in the Orange County Housing Finance Trust.
- **Explore Permanent Local Housing Allocation funding** and the possibility of investing funds in supportive housing production or operations.
- **Prioritize supportive housing** for people experiencing chronic homelessness, and design and invest in supportive housing resources for special populations.
- **Build partnerships** with mainstream supportive services (including CalOptima).
- **Build on collaborative regional investments** in supportive housing development and pursue an expanded Coordinated Funding structure.
- **Incorporate the Housing Pillar commitments** included in the Homeless Systems Pillar Report.





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QUESTIONS?



# Action Item 3

## Recommended Action

Approve Commission to End Homelessness minutes from December 14, 2022, regular meeting.

# Action Item 4

## Recommended Action

Nominate and appoint new Chair and Vice Chair to the Commission to End Homelessness

# Action Item 5

## 2023 Survey Recommendations

### Update of 2023 Survey development with Ad Hoc

- Met with ad hoc membership on three separate occasions
- Discussion on scope and purpose of 2023 Survey
- Circulated drafts of 2023 Survey for edits and feedback
- On February 7, 2023, the Board of Supervisors approved contract with City Net for provision of professional and technical support to administer the 2023 Survey

# Action Item 5

## 2023 Survey Recommendations

### 2023 Survey – Question Sections

- Demographics
- Current Living Situation
  - At Risk of Homelessness
  - Shelter Feedback
  - Outreach Feedback
- Community Ties
- Barriers and Challenges

# Action Item 5

## 2023 Survey Recommendations

### 2023 Survey Methodology

- Representative sample of the 2022 Point In Time
- Mapping activities
- Surveying activities
- Data entry and database management
- Reporting and analysis



# Action Item 5

## 2023 Survey Recommendations

### Recommended Actions

- Approve the 2023 Survey methodology
- Create an Ad Hoc to assist in the data analysis and review of the results of the 2023 Survey

## **Action Item 6**

### Continuum of Care Board Representatives

- The two Continuum of Care (CoC) Board Representative seats are now vacant
- At the January 2023, the CoC Board recommended Maricela Rios-Faust and Robert Morse to serve in this capacity

## Action Item 6

# Continuum of Care Board Representatives

### Maricela Rios Faust

- Has served as a member of the CoC Board for the past four years as the Domestic Violence Representative
- Serves as the Chief Executive Officer for Human Options
- Has over 30 years of experience working with vulnerable populations

### Robert Morse

- Joined the CoC Board in January 2023 as the At-Large Seat Representative for Older Adults
- Experienced over 10 years of unsheltered homelessness
- Serves in other boards and committees related to homelessness matters
- Served as a provider director for five years

## **Action Item 6**

# Continuum of Care Board Representatives

### **Recommended Action**

Approve appointment of Maricela Rios-Faust and Robert Morse to Continuum of Care Board Representative Seats for the term February 16, 2023, to February 15, 2025.