



Veterans Committee
March 16, 2023

Welcome and Introductions

Eric Richardson, Chair

Agenda

Agenda

1. Veterans Committee Orientation
 - a. Membership involved in Veterans Committee
 - b. Meeting structure
 - c. Review current data related to veterans experiencing homelessness in Orange County
2. Vision and Purpose of the Veterans Committee
 - a. Overview of Veterans Committee Charter and Continuum of Care (CoC) Board Leadership Vision
 - b. Discussion related to vision and purpose of the Veterans Committee

Veterans Committee Orientation

Eric Richardson, Chair and Sarah Jones, CoC
Manager, Office of Care Coordination

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Veterans Committee Orientation and Overview

- On August 24, 2022, the CoC Board approved the creation of the Veterans Committee.
- The Veterans Committee meetings will serve as a space to share updates on efforts of the Orange County CoC to prevent, reduce, and end homelessness for veterans.
- The Veterans Committee will provide leadership on the issue of veteran homelessness and coordinate efforts to better serve veterans and their families.
- The CoC Board approved the Veterans Committee Governance Charter at the January 2023 meeting of the CoC Board, which detailed representatives to be included in the committee membership.

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Veterans Committee Membership

Seat Representatives	Name
Chair, CoC Board Member	Eric Richardson
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)	Melanie Martins
Orange County Veterans & Military Families Collaborative (OCVMFC)	Jeffery Pagano
Veteran with current or past lived experience of homelessness	Audel Gonzalez
Orange County Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) service provider agencies	Michael Ruiz
United Way Welcome Home OC Program	Becks Heyhoe
Orange County housing providers and/or Public Housing Authorities	<i>To be determined</i>
Health care provider that serves veterans at risk of or experiencing homelessness	Sarah Nance
Employment-focused agency that serves veterans at risk of or experiencing homelessness	Jade Smith

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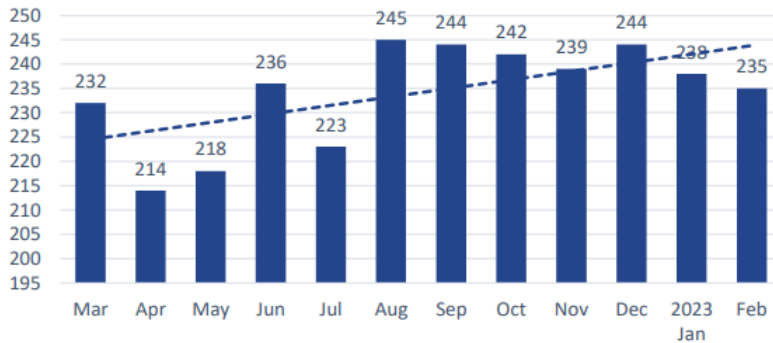
Veterans Committee Meeting Structure

- The Veterans Committee meetings are scheduled to occur the third Thursday of every odd month, from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- The committee may meet in person or virtually, depending on the desire of the group and availability of public meeting spaces.
- The Office of Care Coordination will work closely with the Chair during the committee planning meetings to create agendas that reflect the work desired by the committee membership.
- Additionally, the Chair of the Veterans Committee may appoint a Vice Chair from the committee membership to support with the committee efforts, if desired.

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Veteran Registry Dashboard

Homeless Veterans on Veteran Registry



Currently, there are 254 veterans on the Veteran Registry including 235 veterans experiencing homelessness. In the previous 12 months, 242 veterans have been housed in permanent, stable housing. Over 30 agencies, including the VA Community Resource and Referral Center, outreach providers, and shelter providers, continue to meet weekly to coordinate housing and services for veterans experiencing homelessness in Orange County. In the past 12 months, there has been a 1% increase in the number of veterans experiencing homelessness in Orange County.

Homeless Veterans

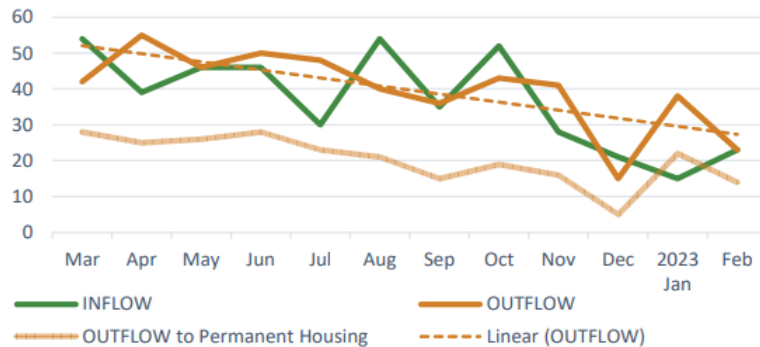
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Veterans Housed

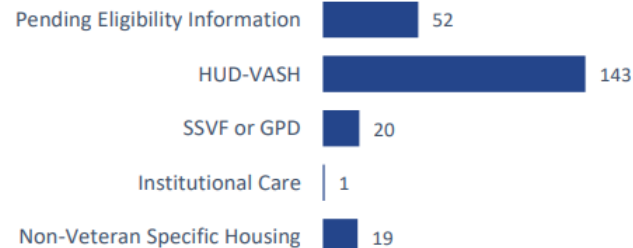
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3/1/22-2/28/23

Inflow vs. Outflow by Month



Permanent Housing Plan



2023

	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	2023 Jan	Feb	Total
INFLOW	54	39	46	46	30	54	35	52	28	21	15	23	443
OUTFLOW	42	55	46	50	48	40	36	43	41	15	38	23	477
OUTFLOW to Permanent Housing	28	25	26	28	23	21	15	19	16	5	22	14	242
OUTFLOW exceeded INFLOW		✓		✓	✓		✓		✓		✓		✓
Homeless Veterans on Veteran Registry	232	214	218	236	223	245	244	242	239	244	238	235	

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VA Data and Updates

Current Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) Data

- 115 vouchered & searching VASH Veterans
- 12-16 orientations are being completed per week to voucher additional Veterans
- Two project-based VASH buildings opening within the next 4-5 months
- Tahiti (Stanton) 10 units
- North Harbor (Santa Ana) 34 units
- Three additional project-based VASH building opening between the end of 2023 and beginning of 2024

VA Outreach Updates

- 2023 homeless outreach expansions
- Goals and target
- Impact on local VA

**Vision and Purpose of
Veterans Committee**

Eric Richardson, Chair

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Veterans Committee Charter and CoC Board Leadership Vision

- At the January 2023 meeting of the CoC Board, the CoC Board approved the Veterans Committee Governance Charter.
- The Veterans Committee Governance Charter includes language that aligns with the CoC Board Leadership Vision and commitment to racial equity efforts as part of the Racial Equity Roadmap action planning implementation.

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Vision and Purpose of the Veterans Committee

- **Purpose:** The Veterans Committee (Committee) will function as an advisory group to the CoC Board and align its efforts to those of the Orange County CoC Board Vision. This Committee aligns with the intent of ensuring that the CoC is actively working to prevent, reduce, and end homelessness for veterans, and measuring progress on these efforts. The Committee will provide leadership on the issue of veteran homelessness and coordinate efforts to better serve veterans and their families in becoming permanently housed and achieving housing stability.

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Vision and Purpose of the Veterans Committee

- **Committee Discussion**

- ❖ What vision do we have for the Veterans Committee?
- ❖ How do we see the purpose of the Veterans Committee supporting the CoC Board Vision?
- ❖ What are some initial topics or initiatives to include in upcoming meetings?

Next Meeting

Thursday, May 18, 2023, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Location to be determined*

