Orange County Continuum of Care Veterans Committee
May 18, 2023

Welcome and Introductions
Eric Richardson, Chair

Agenda

1. Approve the Veteran Committee Meeting Minutes from March 16, 2023
2. Orange County Coordinated Entry System (CES) Veteran Registry Data Review
   a. Review of current data reflected in Orange County CES Veteran Registry.
   b. Determine action plan and next steps for further analysis.
3. Training Ideas for Veteran Engagement
   a. Possible training related to outreach strategies and service provision for veterans.
   b. Determine action plan and next steps related to training design and facilitation.
4. Meeting Schedule
   a. Consider extending the length of meeting time to 90 minutes for future Veterans Committee meetings.

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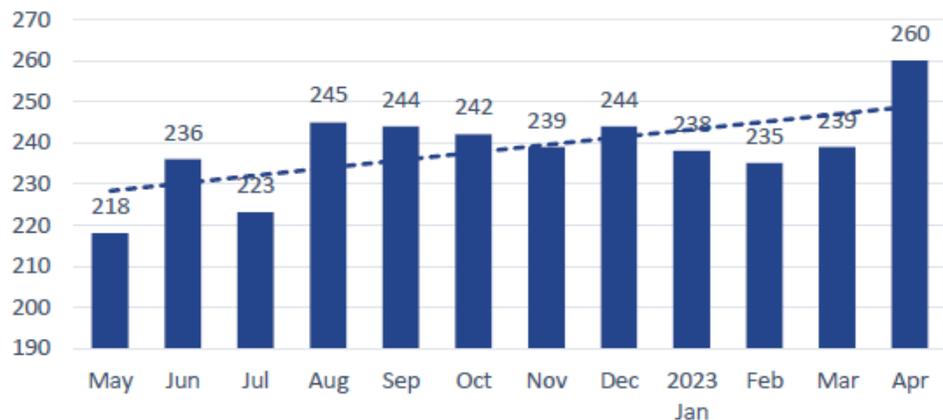1. Approve the Veteran Committee Meeting Minutes from March 16, 2023.

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Orange County Coordinated Entry System (CES) Veteran Registry Data Review

Sarah Jones, CoC Manager,

Office of Care Coordination

Veteran Registry Dashboard

Homeless Veterans on Veteran Registry

Chart data (Homeless Veterans on Veteran Registry):
- May: 218
- Jun: 236
- Jul: 223
- Aug: 245
- Sep: 244
- Oct: 242
- Nov: 239
- Dec: 244
- 2023 Jan: 238
- Feb: 235
- Mar: 239
- Apr: 260

Currently, there are 274 veterans on the Veteran Registry including 260 veterans experiencing homelessness. In the previous 12 months, 212 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 19% increase in the number of veterans experiencing homelesness in Orange County.
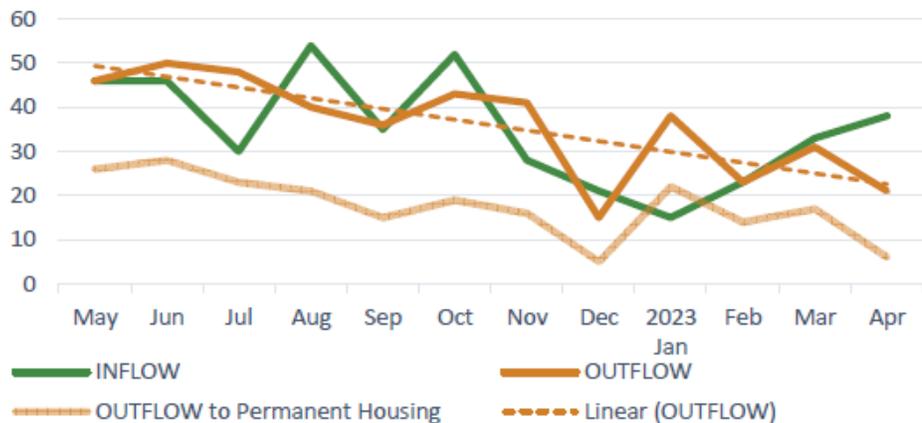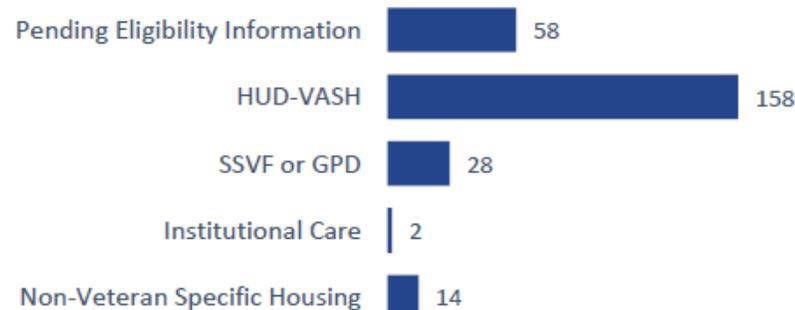
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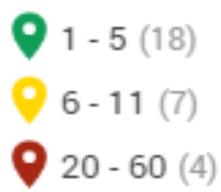
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Veterans Housed

212

5/1/22-4/30/23

Inflow vs. Outflow by Month
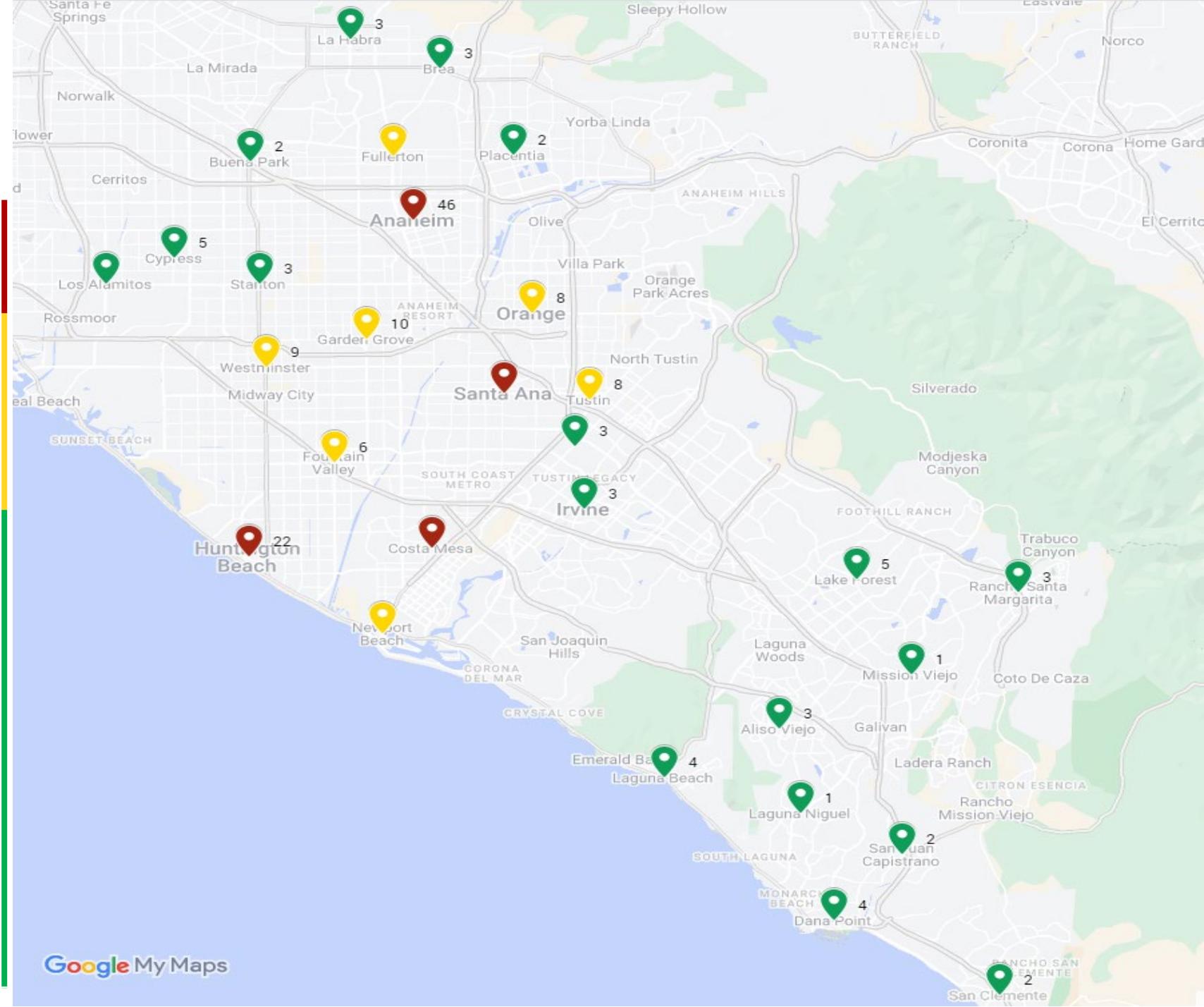
Legend:
- INFLOW
- OUTFLOW
- OUTFLOW to Permanent Housing
- Linear (OUTFLOW)

Permanent Housing Plan

- Pending Eligibility Information: 58
- HUD-VASH: 158
- SSVF or GPD: 28
- Institutional Care: 2
- Non-Veteran Specific Housing: 14

	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	2023 Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Total	
INFLOW	46	46	30	54	35	52	28	21	15	23	33	38	421	
OUTFLOW	46	50	48	40	36	43	41	15	38	23	31	21	432	
OUTFLOW to Permanent Housing	26	28	23	21	15	19	16	5	22	14	17	6	212	
OUTFLOW exceeded INFLOW		✓	✓		✓		✓		✓			✓		
Homeless Veterans on Veteran Registry	218	236	223	245	244	242	239	244	238	235	239	260		

Legend:
- 1 - 5 (18)
- 6 - 11 (7)
- 20 - 60 (4)

City	# of Veterans
Santa Ana	60
Anaheim	46
Huntington Beach	22
Costa Mesa	20
Fullerton	11
Garden Grove	10
Newport Beach	9
Westminster	9
Orange	8
Tustin	8
Fountain Valley	6
Cypress	5
Lake Forest	5
Dana Point	4
Laguna Beach	4
Aliso Viejo	3
Stanton	3
Irvine	3
Brea	3
La Habra	3
Rancho Santa Margarita	3
Buena Park	2
San Juan Capistrano	2
San Clemente	2
Placentia	2
Mission Viejo	1
Los Alamitos	1
Laguna Niguel	1

Business Calendar – Item #1

Veteran Registry As Of May 7, 2023

260
VETERANS
experiencing
homelessness

NORTH	84
CENTRAL	144
SOUTH	28
OTHER	4

- 260 veterans are known to be experiencing homelessness in OC with most veterans experiencing homelessness in Central SPA (55%).

- The average age of veterans on the Veteran Registry is 52 years old.

- The average household size is 1.3 people.

- 8% of the veteran households include minor children.

AGE

18-24	1%	2
25-54	48%	126
55-61	22%	56
62+	29%	76

HOUSEHOLD SIZE

1 PERSON	85%	222
2 PEOPLE	7%	19
3 PEOPLE	4%	11
4 PEOPLE	2%	5
5+ PEOPLE	1%	3

HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION

ADULTS ONLY	92%	238
FAMILY WITH MINOR(S)	8%	22

LIVING SITUATION

UNSHELTERED	60%	157	
SHELTERED	37%	97	
OTHER	2%	6	

CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS

YES	53%	137	
NO	47%	123	

LENGTH OF HOMELESSNES

<1 YEAR	36%	93	
1-2 YEARS	38%	98	
3-9 YEARS	20%	51	
10+ YEARS	7%	18	

DISABLING CONDITION

YES	77%	200	
NO	22%	58	
UNKNOWN	1%	2	

MENTAL HEALTH DISABILITY

YES	55%	144	
NO	41%	107	
UNKNOWN	3%	9	

IDENTIFIED HOUSING NEEDS

PENDING	22%	58	
HUD-VASH	61%	158	
SSVF OR GPD	11%	28	
INSTITUTIONAL CARE	1%	2	
NON-VETERAN SPECIFIC	5%	14	

- 60% of the veterans experiencing homelessness in Orange County are currently unsheltered.

- 53% of the veterans in Orange County are experiencing chronic homelessness.

- The median length of homelessness is 1 year and 4 months and the average length of homelessness is 3 years.

- 77% of veterans on the Veteran Registry have a disabling condition, including 55% reporting a mental health disability.

- 158 veterans are working on applying for HUD-VASH.

- 28 veterans are interested in being housed through SSVF or referred to a GPD program.

Next Steps for Data Reviewed

- **Key Observations of Population of Focused Client Groups**
  - ❖ 76 clients are 62 years or older
  - ❖ 22 families, households with at least one minor child
  - ❖ 18 clients have experience 10 or more years of homelessness
- **Targeted Outreach**
  - ❖ Veteran service providers are focusing on targeted outreach to veterans:
    - o Retrieving veteran details from CES Veteran Registry by-name list (BNL) through communication with relevant provider
    - o Mapping of last known locations in North, Central and South Service Planning Areas (SPAs)
    - o Outreach coordinated by SSVF, VA, and veteran's current provider. Other providers to involve?
    - o Teams from VOALA and PATH to attend with access to emergency accommodation
    - o Conduct a needs assessment to understand needs related to health, benefits and links to other services
    - o Obtain ongoing support from providers needed
    - o Review progress at the next committee meeting

Training Ideas for Veteran Engagement
Eric Richardson, Chair

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Training Ideas for Veteran Engagement

- At the March 16, 2023, meeting of the Veterans Committee, the membership and attendees discussed a potential need for designing training for veteran service provisions

- Specifically, trainings related to outreach strategies and best practices related to intake assessments were discussed

- The Orange County Veterans and Military Families Collaborative (OCVMFC) is already engaging in great work around better serving Orange County Veterans and their families through the Ask the Questions campaign: https://www.ocvmfc.info/ask-the-questions-campaign

- OCVMFC released a survey to service providers to retrieve data that could be shared with veteran and civilian decision-makers to improve access to resources and services: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ATQOC

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Training Ideas for Veteran Engagement

- Consider where trainings, discussions and workshops could take place

  - ❖ CoC Committees: Housing Opportunities Committee, Service Provider Forum, other meetings?

- Connect with outreach providers to review intake and screening documentation for veterans

- Other suggestions?

Meeting Schedule
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- Based on the discussion during the March 16, 2023, meeting of the Veterans Committee, the membership expressed a longer meeting time may be beneficial

- The Veterans Committee membership is being asked to consider extending the length of meeting time to 90 minutes for future Veterans Committee meetings

Next Meeting:

Thursday, July 20, 2023, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Tierney Center for Veteran Services located at

1231 Warner Ave, Tustin, CA 92780