# ORANGE COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE VETERANS COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 21, 2023 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

## Location:

Tierney Center for Veteran Services 1231 Warner Ave, Tustin, CA 92780

Committee Chair: Eric Richardson, Volunteers of America

#### **Committee Members:**

Audel Gonzalez, Individual
Becks Heyhoe, Orange County United Way
Melanie Martins, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Sarah Nance, CalOptima Health
Jeffery Pagano, Orange County Veterans and Military Families Collaborative
Michael Ruiz, Volunteers of America
Jade Smith, Tierney Center for Veteran Services

## **AGENDA**

**Welcome and Introductions** – Eric Richardson, Chair

**Public Comments** – Members of the public may address the Veterans Committee 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 Veterans Committee. Members of the public may address the Veterans Committee with public comments on agenda items after the Veterans Committee 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. In order to address the Veterans Committee, members of the public are to complete a Speaker Request Form prior to the beginning of each agenda item. Staff will call your name in the order received.

# **BUSINESS CALENDAR**

- 1. **Veterans Registry Data Review** Eric Richardson, Chair
  - a. Coordinated Entry System (CES) Veteran Registry data
- 2. **Targeted Outreach for Veterans** Eric Richardson, Chair
  - a. Overview of targeted street outreach efforts towards three Veteran populations:
    - i. Older Adult Veterans (ages 62 and older);
    - ii. Veterans whose length of homelessness has been longer than ten (10) years; and

- iii. Veteran Families with minor children
- b. Update on progress thus far on the Veterans Affairs (VA), Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) and Care Coordination teams
- 3. Orange County Veterans and Military Connected Families Collaborative (OCVMFC) Ask the Questions Training Update Eric Richardson, Chair and Jeffrey Pagano, Convener Program Manager, OCVMFC
  - a. Presentation on previous work completed by OCVMFC on the Ask the Questions campaign in Orange County
- 4. Veterans Affairs (VA) National Housing Conference Eric Richardson, Chair
  - a. Update on presentation being given related to service approach for veterans experiencing homelessness in Orange County.
- 5. **Provider Feedback** Eric Richardson, Chair
  - a. Providers and members of the public are invited to share announcements, feedback and public comments related to Veteran homelessness.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 16, 2023, from 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.