ORANGE COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

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Committee Chair: Maricela Rios-Faust, Human Options

Committee Members:

Jude Abusham, Student in Orange County

Brateil Aghasi, WISEPlace

Patience Biosah, Individual

Barbara Burke, LGBTQ Community Activist

Deborah Kraft, Lived Experience Advisory Committee, Orange County Family Violence Council's (OCFVC) Homelessness Domestic Violence (DV)-Sexual Assault (SA) Task Force, Housing is a Human Right OC (HHROC), Stronger Women United, DV Policy Advocate

Diana Lam, Interval House

Mark Lee, Radiant Futures

Nishtha Mohendra, Families Forward

Lydia Nationalesta, City of Lake Forest

Wendy Seiden, OCFVC Homelessness-DV-SA Task Force and Chapman University's Homeless Policy Practicum

Tianna Terry, Friendship Shelter/Individual Coordinated Entry System (CES)

Cynthia Thouvenel, Ohlone Tribe Non-Profit

Katherine Tan, Individual

AGENDA

Welcome and Introductions – Maricela Rios-Faust, Chair

Public Comments – Members of the public may address the Domestic Violence 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 Domestic Violence Committee. Members of the public may address the Domestic Violence Committee with public comments on agenda items after the agenda item presentation. 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 Domestic

Violence Committee, members of the public are to enter their name and agenda item number in the chat box to be placed in a queue. Staff will call your name in the order listed in the chat box.

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – Maricela Rios-Faust, Chair

2. **Domestic Violence Committee Orientation** – Maricela Rios-Faust, Chair and Sarah Jones, Continuum of Care (CoC) Manager, Office of Care Coordination

    a. Membership involved and meeting cadence of Domestic Violence Committee

    b. Review 2022 Point In Time data related to domestic violence subpopulation in Orange County

    c. Review CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) as it relates to addressing the needs of domestic violence survivors in Orange County

3. **Vision and Goals of the Domestic Violence Committee** – Maricela Rios-Faust, Chair

    a. Overview of Domestic Violence Committee Charter and CoC Board Leadership Vision

    b. Open discussion related to vision and goals of the Domestic Violence Committee

4. **Coordinated Entry System (CES) Policies and Procedures** – Sarah Jones, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination

    a. Overview of the proposed changes to the CES Policies and Procedures, including CES for Survivors, assessment updates, a disaster prioritization policy and clarifying language, as approved by the Policies, Procedures and Standards Committee

5. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, December 19, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Orange County Continuum of Care Board

3-Year Leadership Vision and Objectives

Strategic Aim 1: Permanently House those Experiencing Homelessness

Long-Term Goal 1: The CoC has led the collaborative effort to build and sustain a fluid system to prevent homelessness and quickly intervene with solutions to end homelessness among veterans, Transitional Aged Youth (TAY), and families, while making significant, measurable progress for all populations experiencing homelessness.

Objectives:

1.1 The CoC Board has adopted evidence-based approaches to effectively assist those at-risk of losing housing through activities and funding requirements associated with prevention and diversion efforts within the System of Care in Orange County and annual evaluation and review of relevant data reports.

1.2 The CoC Board has a consistent data collection methodology, using an equity lens, providing annual data updates so that all providers, members, and the public have access to clear, consistent, and regular analyses of the demand for resources in every intervention and/or project type within the System of Care.

1.3 The CoC Board has implemented a System of Care dashboard, in collaboration with the Commission to End Homelessness and other key stakeholders, generating real time updates on system/CoC capacity to provide resources and information, consistent with the needs of providers, members, and the public, to address homelessness.

1.4 The CoC Board is engaging in ongoing, rigorous review and evaluation of Orange County's homeless service system to understand service needs and gaps and assign funding priorities, ensuring appropriate funding allocations, and shifting or resources as needed.

Strategic Aim 2: Ensure an Efficient, Dignified System

Long-Term Goal 2: The regional homelessness response system provides multiple points of access for all populations experiencing homelessness, reduces length of stay in shelters through more housing opportunities, creates fluidity among interventions in the Coordinated Entry System, promotes long-term housing stability, and measurably reduces returns to homelessness.

Objectives:

2.1 The CoC Board promotes and supports collaboration across the CoC to create consistency among providers in training on evidence-based practices and participant engagement.

2.2 The CoC Board works collaboratively with public housing authorities, the Orange County Housing Finance Trust, and other local housing partners, to create consistency within housing project types and facilitate fluidity among housing opportunies to better meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness.

2.3 The CoC Board ensures data is communicated in ways that provide meaningful, actionable strategies and practices that reduce the length of homelessness, promote increased housing stability, and reduce returns to homelessness.

2.4 The CoC Board provides multi-platform opportunities for and incorporates feedback regarding the accessibility and efficiency of the Orange County homeless response system through intentional engagement with people with lived expertise, frontline staff, and system leaders.

Strategic Aim 3: Promote an Equitable, Just System

Long-Term Goal 3: The CoC has assessed the homelessness response system and implemented policies, procedures, and practices rooted in deep understanding of historical, systemic inequities and injustices in housing and homeless services for underrepresented and marginalized groups to promote more equitable outcomes.

Objectives:

3.1 The CoC Board, committees and Administrative Entity membership demonstrate understanding of the dynamics of systemic racial and cultural barriers to housing as evidenced by a clear and consistent focus on priority actions and policies which promote equity and justice.

3.2 The CoC Board has implemented the highest priority recommendations from the C4 Innovations-led CoC Racial Equity Assessment and assesses recommendations on a six-month basis to evaluate the impact of change.

3.3 The CoC Board employs a comprehensive and continuous process to assess and develop appropriate responses to racial inequities outside of the CoC's jurisdiction when they adversely impact unhoused people or impede the end of homelessness.

3.4 In addition to the racial equity framework, the CoC Board has developed and implemented strategies to address systemic inequities and injustices for other historically marginalized groups.

Strategic Aim 4: Drive System-Wide Engagement and Collaboration

Long-Term Goal 4: The CoC is a model for community education and engagement, creating broad and better understanding of the CoC's role, aligning with cities, the County and private resources, partnering to reimagine law enforcement's role in homelessness response, strengthening policy agenda partnerships with other CoCs, and centering the voices of those with lived experience in decision-making.

Objectives:

4.1 The CoC Board, in collaboration with the Administrative Entity, offers educational opportunities for service providers and community partners, resulting in strong alignment and partnership, and increased understanding and agreement of the role and purview of the CoC Board and program among CoC members, city representatives, County departments, and private funders.

4.2 The CoC Board regularly coordinates resource allocation priorities with and has achieved broad understanding of the role and participation of private funding sources, as evidenced by comprehensive investment and resource mapping.

4.3 The CoC Board has implemented an ongoing process of engagement with local police departments and the Sheriff's Department and launched at least one collaborative initiative to reimagine the role of law enforcement in homelessness.

4.4 The CoC Board has developed a policy agenda and legislative priorities and is working closely with other California CoCs to enact federal and state changes to measurably improve the resources and performance of the CoC.

4.5 CoC policies, processes, plans, and priorities are evaluated and informed by those with lived experience.

Strategic Aim 5: Strengthen Regional Leadership and Accountability

Long-Term Goal 5: The CoC is primarily accountable for the strategy to end homelessness in Orange County, and promote a human right to housing, aligned with the state action plan and federal programs, and recognized as the model for innovative approaches through decision-making processes undeterred by politics or bureaucracy, with decisions and strategy set by experts, practitioners, and those with lived experience.

Objectives:

5.1 The CoC Board has agreed on a strategic vision for preventing and ending homelessness in Orange County that impacts decision-making towards CoC funding opportunities and initiatives.

5.2 All CoC Board members and related subcommittee members receive training and education to ensure they have comprehensive knowledge about the CoC strategic vision, acknowledged best practices, the CoC's scope of influence related to its policies, and funding decisions.

Strategic Aim 6: Smartly Allocate Funds to Match the Greatest Needs

Long-Term Goal 6: The CoC partners with all relevant stakeholders on comprehensive fiscal and resource mapping and analysis of data to inform funding decisions and priorities, ensure clear performance metrics, maximize pooled resources, and allocate funding in a fiscally accountable way.

6.1 The CoC Board analyzes other funding sources, identifies leveraging opportunities to support addressing homelessness, and engages in outreach to other CoCs to learn about additional funding initiatives and best practices.

6.2 The CoC Board plans and conducts an in-depth analysis of investment and resource mapping tools to identify and target relevant fiscal resources for CoC funding decisions and priorities.