ORANGE COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD Wednesday, October 25, 2023 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

# Location:

**County Administration South (CAS) Building** 

**Conference Center** 

425 West Santa Ana Blvd. Room 104/106

Santa Ana, CA 92701-4599

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# MINUTES

#### **Board Members**

Nichole Gideon, Individual Eric Richardson, Volunteers of America Nishtha Mohendra, Families Forward Judson Brown, City of Santa Ana Maricela Rios-Faust, Human Options Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, Samueli Foundation [Secretary] Christina Weckerly Ramirez, Health Care Agency Jason Phillips, Individual Kelly Bruno-Nelson, CalOptima Health Dawn Price, Friendship Shelter [Chair] George Searcy, City of Irvine Sandra Lozeau, City of Anaheim Melanie McQueen, PATH Robert "Santa Bob" Morse, Individual Ami Rowland, Covenant House California Becks Heyhoe, OC United Way [Vice Chair] Tim Shaw, Individual

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#### Call to Order – Dawn Price, Chair

Chair Dawn Price called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

Board Member Roll Call – Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, Secretary

Present: Eric Richardson, Judson Brown, Maricela Rios-Faust, Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, Christina Weckerly Ramirez, Jason Phillips, Dawn Price, George Searcy, Sandra Lozeau, Melanie McQueen, Robert "Santa Bob" Morse, Ami Rowland, and Becks Heyhoe.

Absent Excused: Nichole Gideon, Nishtha Mohendra, Kelly Bruno-Nelson, and Tim Shaw.

George Searcy arrived at the meeting during Board Member Comments. Maricela Rios-Faust and Ami Rowland arrived at the meeting after the Board Member Roll Call was completed and before Public Comments concluded.

**Public Comments:** Members of the public may address the Continuum of Care (CoC) Board 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 CoC Board. Members of the public may address the CoC Board with public comments on agenda items in the business calendar 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.

To address the CoC Board, members of the public are to complete a Request to Address the CoC Board form prior to the beginning of each agenda item and submit it to CoC Board staff. Staff will call your name in the order received.

Members of the public may also submit public comment by emailing <u>CareCoordination@ocgov.com</u>. All comments submitted via email at least 60 minutes before the start of the CoC Board meeting will be distributed to the CoC Board members for their consideration and all comments will be added to the administrative records of the meeting. Please include "CoC Board Meeting Comment" in the email subject line.

- David Austin provided public comment via email in advance of the CoC Board meeting. David Austin shared his experience regarding Group Homes, Orange County Housing Authority, Orange County Board of Supervisors, Orange County Sheriff's Department, Orange County District Attorney, and the State of California Department of Justice office. David Austin provided feedback on the process of reporting a crime.
- Paul Hyek commented that in specific cities, individuals sleeping on the street get taken to jail instead of shelter. Paul Hyek shared issues regarding individuals who reside by the light rail in Santa Ana.
- Peter Warren provided feedback on housing developments needing to be accessible by public transportation.

<u>Board Member Comments</u>: Members of the CoC Board may provide comments on matters not appearing on the agenda so long as the subject matter is within the jurisdiction of the CoC Board.

- Vice Chair Becks Heyhoe announced Homelessness and Awareness Week is taking place from November 1 to November 18, 2023, and invited everyone to participate. Vice Chair Becks Heyhoe also announced that after Orange County's United Way's acquisition of 2-1-1 Orange County (211OC), Elizabeth Andrade has been hired to be the Executive Director of 211OC. Vice Chair Becks Heyhoe shared that on October 26, 2023, United to End Homelessness will be hosting a Community Chat, where Doug Becht, Director of the Office of Care Coordination will speak on the 2023 Homeless Survey.
- Maricela Rios-Faust shared that during the Commission to End Homelessness meeting, Doug Becht presented the 2023 Homeless Survey which would be great information to present to the CoC Board.
- Robert "Santa Bob" Morse stated that he seconded Maricela Rios-Faust's statement and suggested that the 2023 Homeless Survey be presented to the CoC Board.
- Christina Weckerly Ramirez provided a brief update on the Behavioral Health Bridge Housing and shared that on October 5, 2023, the Health Care Agency (HCA) was awarded approximately \$31 million dollars.

# CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters are approved by one motion unless pulled by a Board Member for discussion or separate action. The CoC Board requests that only pertinent information be discussed during this time.

- 1. Approve CoC Board Special Meeting Minutes from September 11, 2023
- 2. Agencies and Jurisdictions Approved for Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Access
  - a. Receive and file list of agencies and jurisdictions approved for HMIS access from July 22, 2023, through October 20, 2023.

Vice Chair Becks Heyhoe motioned to approve Consent Calendar Item 1. Robert "Santa Bob" Morse seconded the motion. Eric Richardson, Judson Brown, Maricela Rios-Faust, Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, Christina Weckerly Ramirez, Jason Phillips, George Searcy, Sandra Lozeau, Melanie McQueen, Robert "Santa Bob" Morse, Ami Rowland, and Becks Heyhoe voted yes. Dawn Price abstained. The motion passed.

Maricela Rios-Faust motioned to approve Consent Calendar Item 2. Melanie McQueen seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

# **BUSINESS CALENDAR**

1. Domestic Violence Awareness Month – Maricela Rios-Faust, Chief Executive Officer, Human Options and Domestic Violence Committee Chair; and Julia Moreno, Residential Case Manager Supervisor, Human Options

Maricela-Rios Faust provided an update on the Domestic Violence (DV) Committee which had its first meeting in October 2023 during Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Maricela-Rios Faust provided additional details on the demographics and identities of the DV Committee membership. Maricela-Rios Faust also shared concerns raised by the DV Committee regarding the revised Coordinated Entry System (CES) Policy and Procedures and inquired as to how the committee can be engaged with reviewing the policy.

Julia Moreno shared information on the impact of DV and housing instability in survivors. Julia Moreno shared metrics related to the Human Options' Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) program and the CoC project.

2. Policies, Procedures and Standards (PPS) Committee – Sarah Jones, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination and Becks Heyhoe, Vice Chair and PPS Committee Chair

Sarah Jones shared that at the September 12, 2023, meeting, the PPS Committee approved an amended recommended action to affirm the current Agency Access Policy as detailed in the HMIS Policies and Procedures and directed staff to create a method for direct referrals for the Shelter Bed Reservation System or to create law enforcement access to Shelter Bed Reservation System outside of HMIS.

Sarah Jones provided background on the CES Policies and Procedures review and updating process. From May to August 2023, a national technical assistance provider, Homebase, worked with a DV Survivor Stakeholder Ad Hoc and facilitated listening sessions with survivors to draft CES policies and procedures for survivors. The public feedback period for the revised draft of the CES Policies and Procedures occurred from September 12 through September 27, 2023. During the public feedback period, the Office of Care Coordination hosted two public listening sessions on September 13, 2023, and September 18, 2023. From the feedback received, the recommended changes consist of incorporating CES for Survivors into the CES Policies and Procedures, adopting the use of revised CES assessments that are specific to survivors,

establishing a policy for prioritizing resources in the event of a disaster, and adopting clarifying language related to CES and CES procedures.

<u>Recommended Action</u>: Approve revised CES Policy and Procedures including CES for Domestic Violence Survivors, assessment updates, a disaster prioritization policy and clarifying language, as recommended by the PPS Committee.

<u>Amended Recommended Action</u>: Postpone the voting on the revised CES Policy and Procedures.

Maricela Rios-Faust introduced the amended recommended action and motioned to approve the amended recommended action. Robert "Santa Bob" Morse seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

#### Public Comments:

- Theresa Black, Chief Program Officer, Laura's House provided public comment via email in advance of the CoC Board meeting. Theresa Black shared that they participated in the DV CES workgroup and their concerns regarding the proposed DV CES Policies and Procedures and Prioritization Tool. Theresa Black stated that the proposed CES Policies and Procedures was not what the workgroup had agreed upon and noted that terminology throughout the needed clarification and consistency. Theresa Black also noted that the roles and responsibilities for the non-funded agencies may need to be different than those who are funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Theresa Black stated additional time is needed to address the concerns before voting on the proposed CES Policies and Procedures at the CoC Board Meeting
- Sharon Wie from Interval House provided public comment via email in advance of the CoC Board meeting. Sharon Wie provided background on Interval House and stated that as an active participant of the DV CES workgroup, the input and concerns that were shared were not reflected into the proposed draft of the CES Policies and Procedures. Sharon Wie urged the delay of the DV CES Policies and Procedures approval to adequately incorporate the input from victim service providers and survivors. Sharon Wie stated that her hope is to ensure immediate safety, respond quickly, provide continuity, and give compassion to survivors who turn to the CoC for assistance.
- Deborah Kraft, LEAC member in the DV seat and DV Committee member and Trisha Perez from Stronger Women United submitted public comment via email in advance of the CoC Board meeting. Deborah Kraft and Trisha Perez stated that they support the agenda, consent calendar item #2 in concept, however, they support the request made by the DV providers to postpone the approval of the CES Policies and Procedures to have more time to provide input and have the full support of the victim service providers who are experts in the field to fully protect survivors at imminent risk for harm. Deborah Kraft and Trisha Perez urged the CoC Board to postpone the vote to allow for additional input. Deborah Kraft and Trisha Perez stated that they are both survivors with lived experience of domestic violence and being unhoused.
- Eve Garrow provided public comment via email in advance of the CoC Board meeting. Eve Garrow stated that she supports the agenda, consent calendar item #2 in concept, however, she supports the request made by the DV providers to postpone the approval of the CES Policies and Procedures to have more time to provide input and have the full support of the victim service providers who are experts in the field to fully protect survivors at imminent risk for harm. Eve Garrow shared that in her role at ACLU of Southern California, she has known many unhoused survivors in Orange County who would have benefited from early detection and referral to services, and the proposed CES Policies and Procedures may have a large impact. Eve Garrow provided data and metrics related to research which affirm the imperativeness of policies that

identify and meet the needs of unhoused survivors. Eve Garrow stated that they urge the CoC Board to postpone the vote to allow DV service providers to provide input.

- Holly Rivera provided public comment via email in advance of the CoC Board meeting. Holly Rivera stated that she would express appreciation for the recent efforts to improve CES Policies and Procedures, however, with the implementation of the new requirements, their agency has noticed the removal of clients from the community queue due to requirements of all Agency Third Party Homeless Verification forms to be completed by homeless providers. Holly Rivera requested that the CoC reconsider this new requirement as it can be detrimental to the consumers. Holly Rivera thanked the CoC Board for their efforts to serve those in great need.
- Wendy Seiden, a clinical professor at Chapman University's Fowler School of Law, former director
  of the Family Protection Clinic in Anaheim, Chair of the Orange County Family Violence Council's
  Homelessness-Domestic Violence-Sexual Assault Task Force, and member of the CoC's newly
  formed DV Committee submitted public comment via email in advance of the CoC Board Meeting.
  Wendy Seiden applauded the work that has gone into the CES Policies and Procedures related to
  DV, however, she shared that she did not believe that the policies are yet sufficiently developed
  to be approved or effective at this time. Wendy Seiden asked that the CoC Board delay approval
  of the CES Policies and Procedures until more work can be done to incorporate the input from
  victim service providers and survivors. As a member of the CoC's DV Committee, Wendy Seiden
  stated that she would be happy to support the process and surged the CoC Board to delay
  approval until the CES Policy and Procedures can be further developed to better meet the needs
  of survivors in Orange County.

CoC Board Member Comments:

- Eric Richardson noted the public comments that were received.
- Christina Weckerly Ramirez inquired on the use of the term domestic violence as opposed to intimate partner violence.
- Maricela Rios-Faust provided background on the term domestic violence, and noted the DV Committee can discuss the terminology used as it relates to the DV committee.
- **3.** 2023 CoC Nominating Committee Recommendation and Update Dawn Price, Chair; Becks Heyhoe, Vice Chair; Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, Secretary; Sarah Jones, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination and CoC Nominating Committee

During the September 11, 2023, special meeting, the CoC Board approved the recommendation to establish the 2023 CoC Nominating Committee to facilitate the annual Orange County CoC Governance Charter (Charter) review and nominating and election process. The CoC Nominating Committee convened four times in October 2023 to review, discuss, and update the relevant sections of the current Charter, with the support of the Office of Care Coordination and a technical assistance provider. The CoC Nominating Committee had robust discussion regarding the need for ensuring that the CoC Board election process is equitable and accessible. Section V.B.2 – Section V.B.4 of the Charter was reviewed in detail, and the CoC Nominating Committee is recommending the proposed the revisions.

Public Comments:

- Madelynn Hirneise, member of the Nominating Committee, emphasized that the minimum number of desired identities was chosen by reviewing data and explained that there was methodology behind the numbers.
- Peter Warren inquired if former applicants who applied would need to reapply to be on the CoC Board.

• Lupe Lopez from Indigenous Women's Rights invited everyone to Eagleman Housing Project's "Cultural Awareness Sharing" event. Lupe Lopez emphasized that Native people experience domestic violence, homelessness, and experience the epidemic of being missing and murdered. Lupe Lopez stated that Indigenous people need to have their invoice in the table and that they will ask their advisory board to apply to be on the CoC Board.

#### CoC Board Member Comments:

- Sandra Lozeau inquired on consideration of having designated seats for specific cities.
- Chair Dawn Price provided clarification that changes to the Charter would remove designated seats.
- Secretary Dr. Shauntina Sorrells provided background on the intentionality of diverse identities in the proposed Charter changes.

<u>Recommended Action</u>: Approve the recommended changes to the CoC Board composition, nominating and selection process detailed in the Orange County CoC Governance Charter, as recommended by the CoC Nominating Committee.

Robert "Santa Bob" Morse motioned to approve the recommended action. Becks Heyhoe seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

4. Funding Recommendations – Sarah Jones, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination

On July 12, 2022, the Orange County CoC Board approved the Rapid Rehousing Services recommendations to designate service providers to provide rapid rehousing services utilizing Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) CoC Round 1 and/or Round 3 funding. The primary goal of Rapid Rehousing Service projects is to help individuals (adult only households), Transitional Age Youth (TAY) and families (households with at least one adult and one minor child) experiencing homelessness countywide obtain secure, permanent, affordable housing quickly, increase self-sufficiency, and achieve long-term housing stability. On August 24, 2022, the Orange County CoC Board approved the Emergency Shelter Operations and Services recommendations to designate service providers to provide Emergency Shelter Operations and Services utilizing HHAP Round 1 and/or Round 3 funding. The primary goal of Emergency Shelter Operations and Services projects is to help persons experiencing homelessness in Orange County, including individuals, families, TAY, and survivors of domestic violence. The Emergency Shelter Operations and Services projects will focus on shelter stabilization and provide robust support services that will assist participants in obtaining permanent housing and increased income.

<u>Recommended Action a</u>: Approve the following funding recommendations for Rapid Rehousing Services:

- i. Covenant House California for Rapid Rehousing Services for Transitional Aged Youth for the term of July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, for an amount not to exceed \$79,207.67 to be funded by State of California Emergency Solutions Grant (State ESG).
- ii. Families Forward for Rapid Rehousing Services for Families for the term of July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, for an amount not to exceed \$320,359.16 to be funded by Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) CoC Round 1 and 3 and State ESG.
- iii. People Assisting the Homeless (PATH) for Rapid Rehousing Services for Individuals for the term of July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, for an amount not to exceed \$79,207.66 to be funded by State ESG.

<u>Recommended Action b</u>: Approve the following funding recommendations for Emergency Shelter Operations and Services:

- i. Covenant House California for Emergency Shelter Operations and Services for Transitional Aged Youth for the term of July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, for an amount not to exceed \$261,599.88 to be funded by HHAP-CoC Round 1 and 3 and State ESG.
- ii. Interval House for Emergency Shelter Operations and Services for Domestic Violence Survivors for the term of July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, for an amount not to exceed \$125,000 to be funded by HHAP-CoC Round 3 and State ESG.
- iii. Mercy House Living Centers (Mercy House) for Emergency Shelter Operations and Services for Individuals in the North Service Planning Area for the term of July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, for an amount not to exceed \$150,000 to be funded by HHAP-CoC Round 3 and State ESG.
- iv. Friendship Shelter, Inc. for Emergency Shelter Operations and Services for Individuals in the South Service Planning Area for the term of July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, for an amount not to exceed \$175,000 to be funded by HHAP-CoC Round 1 and State ESG.
- v. Pathways of Hope for Emergency Shelter Operations and Services for Families in the North Service Planning Area for the term of July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, for an amount not to exceed \$225,000 to be funded by HHAP-CoC Round 3 and State ESG.
- vi. Illumination Foundation for Emergency Shelter Operations and Services for Families in the North and Central Service Planning Areas for the term of July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, for an amount not to exceed \$225,000 to be funded by HHAP-CoC Round 1 and 3 and State ESG.
- vii. Mercy House for Emergency Shelter Operations and Services for Families in the Central Service Planning Area for the term of July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, for an amount not to exceed \$250,000 to be funded by HHAP-CoC Round 3 and State ESG.
- viii. Family Assistance Ministries for Emergency Shelter Operations and Services for Families in the South Service Planning Area for the term of July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, for an amount not to exceed \$200,000 to be funded by HHAP-CoC Round 1 and State ESG.

George Searcy motioned to approve Recommended Actions a and b. Robert "Santa Bob" Morse seconded the motion. Judson Brown, Maricela Rios-Faust, Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, Christina Weckerly Ramirez, Jason Phillips, George Searcy, Sandra Lozeau, Robert "Santa Bob" Morse, and Becks Heyhoe voted yes. Eric Richardson, Dawn Price, Ami Rowland, and Melanie McQueen recused themselves during discussion and abstained from voting. The motion passed.

# Public Comments:

- Carrie Buck, Executive Director of the Family Solutions Collaborative (FSC), shared appreciation for the consideration to fund shelters serving families experiencing homelessness.
- Paul Hyek suggested that the cold weather emergency shelter have a "walk in, walk out" policy. Additionally, Paul Hyek stated that family shelters should hire clients from the emergency shelter and employ preschool or daycare workers, as well as suggested to hire nursing students to provide health services at the shelters.
- David Gillanders, Executive Director of Pathways of Hope, thanked the CoC Board for the opportunity to fund shelter operations, and shared about the ongoing challenge of funding family shelters such as finding new shelter space and the amount to accommodate on the shelter community queue. David Gillanders shared that part of that can impact strategy and agency focus, the amount of bed spaces, which is why the conversation of the need is important.
- 5. 2024 Orange County Point In Time Count Update Sarah Jones, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination and Molly Schaner, Census Supervisor, City Net

The Office of Care Coordination has contracted with City Net to conduct the 2024 Unsheltered Point In Time Count. Molly Schaner from City Net presented information about the 2024 Point In Time Count, including the benefits of the Point In Time Count, timeline of activities, important dates, and information regarding the 2024 Point In Time Ad Hoc representatives.

Public Comments:

- Paul Hyek suggested that a representative from Los Angeles San Diego San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor (LOSSAN) be engaged to assist in identifying hot spots of where people experiencing homelessness are known to congregate.
- Peter Warren suggested recommendations to engage through this process, such as people from Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA).

CoC Board Member Comments:

- Becks Heyhoe inquired on the volunteer website and whether people can sign up.
- Eric Richardson stated on behalf of the Veterans Committee, that they would like to be involved in the drafting of survey questions for the Point in Time Count.
- 6. HMIS Data Request Becks Heyhoe, Executive Director of United to End Homelessness, Orange County United Way, Vice Chair and PPS Committee Chair; and Eric Richardson, Associate Director for Housing, Volunteers of America, and Veterans Committee Chair

As part of Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, Orange County's United Way is hosting the first State of Veterans Homelessness Event on November 3, 2023, and requesting data to be presented publicly at this event. The data will detail the current state of veteran homelessness in Orange County and will be used to highlight areas of community success in addressing veteran homelessness. Additionally, Orange County's United Way is also requesting a snapshot update of the Individual CES and Family CES data dashboards as of November 1, 2023, for use during the Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week.

# Public Comment:

• Peter Warren shared that some churches provide free meals and inquired if a registration list can be created of those who attend.

CoC Board Member Comment:

• George Searcy noted that the data request seemed fair and inquired if similar requests need to come to the CoC Board for approval.

<u>Recommended Action a</u>: Approve Orange County's United Way's HMIS data request for the period of January 1, 2022, through November 1, 2023, to be used at the State of Veterans Homelessness Event, a public presentation, in November 2023.

<u>Recommended Action b</u>: Approve Orange County's United Way's HMIS data request for Coordinated Entry System data on November 1, 2023, to be used for public presentation as part of the Orange County's United Way's Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week in November 2023.

Maricela Rios-Faust motioned to approve Recommended Actions a and b. Sandra Lozeau seconded the motion. Judson Brown, Maricela Rios-Faust, Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, Christina Weckerly Ramirez, Jason Phillips, Dawn Price, George Searcy, Sandra Lozeau, Melanie McQueen, Robert "Santa Bob" Morse, and Ami Rowland voted yes. Eric Richardson and Becks Heyhoe abstained. The motion passed.

- 7. Orange County Homelessness Updates Zulima Lundy, Director of Operations and Sarah Jones, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination
  - a. **System of Care Updates** Zulima Lundy provided the following System of Care Updates:
    - Zulima Lundy provided updates for the Commission to End Homelessness meeting on October 18, 2023. The Commission to End Homelessness approved recommendations for candidate appointments, approved to launch a recruitment process for vacant seats and approval of an ad hoc to evaluate alternative housing solutions like Tiny Homes.
    - Zulima Lundy shared that in September 2023, the State of California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency (BSCH) announced the release of Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round 5 funding and stated that the application due date is in March 2024.
  - b. **CoC Updates** Sarah Jones provided the following CoC Updates:
    - Sarah Jones shared that on Wednesday, September 27, 2023, the Orange County CoC submitted the final FY 2023 Orange County CoC Consolidated Application and Project Priority Listing for the CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to HUD.
    - On September 20, 2023, HUD announced the award of \$60 million to 16 communities under the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP). This funding will help the awarded communities to develop and implement a coordinated community approach to preventing and ending youth homelessness through a wide range of housing programs. Though the Orange County CoC was not awarded YHDP funding, the CoC plans to continue applying for future opportunities to better serve youth experiencing homelessness.
    - HUD released the FY 2024 HMIS Data Standards, which includes updates to the Coordinated Entry System data collection requirements announced on July 10, 2023. The FY 2024 HMIS Data Standards provide the requirements for the programming and use of all HMIS and comparable database systems and went into effect at the beginning of October 2023. The FY 2024 HMIS Data Standards resources are now available on the HUD Exchange website.
    - On May 10, 2023, HUD published updates to the National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate (NSPIRE) that are used to assess whether housing meets minimum quality standards to qualify for assistance with HUD funds. On September 18, 2023, HUD published Federal Register Notice: Economic Growth Regulatory Relief and Consumer Protection Act: Implementation of National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate; Extension of Compliance Date. This notice extends the compliance date for HUD's NSPIRE final rule for Community Planning and Development (CPD) programs, HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Housing Trust Fund (HTF), Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA), Emergency Solution Grants (ESG), and CoC programs until October 1, 2024.
    - CES partnered with the four (4) public housing authorities (PHA) in Orange County Anaheim Housing Authority, Garden Grove Housing Authority, Orange County Housing Authority and Santa Ana Housing Authority to create a PHA Universal Application for applicants matched through CES. Implementation of the PHA Universal Application began on October 1, 2023, and will be used for tenant-based and project-based housing opportunities.

# Public Comment:

• Peter Warren inquired on the CoC Board scheduling during the upcoming holidays in November 2023 and December 2023.

#### CoC Board Member Comments:

- Maricela Rios-Faust inquired if there is an opportunity to learn more information on the YHDP application process and opportunities for improvement, such as data capturing.
- Vice Chair Becks Heyhoe highlighted the importance of the PHA Universal Application as it will make a difference for the end user and those submitting the applications.
- Judson Brown thanked Rebecca Ricketts for her leadership in helping the PHAs with the process, as well as appreciation for the partners at the Corporation for Supportive Housing.

Sandra Lozeau motioned to adjourn the meeting. Becks Heyhoe seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

**8.** Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 15, 2023, from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.