

**ORANGE COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, October 17, 2023
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Location:
Virtually on Teams
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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

MINUTES

Welcome and Introductions – Maricela Rios-Faust, Chair

Public Comments – Members of the public may address the DV 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 DV Committee. Members of the public may address the DV 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 DV 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

Chair Maricela Rios-Faust called the meeting to order and provided background on the selection of the DV Committee. Chair Maricela Rios-Faust shared information regarding one of the DV Committee members and requested from the rest of the membership.

Committee Discussion:

- Katherine Tan shared that she is not familiar with how many providers were reflected in the DV Committee and stated that provider perspective is important.
- Tianna Terry asked a clarifying question regarding the DV Committee membership.
- Mark Lee stated that there is great value to provider representation and would like to respect the process. Mark Lee suggested that the alternates be contacted to share their thoughts.
- Brateil Aghasi asked if the suggested replacement had filled out an application for the DV Committee.
- Nishtha Mohendra asked if there is an ideal committee size that staff recommends.
- Diana Lam stated that she would have liked to be a member of the DV Committee but due to personal experiences she could not serve.

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

Chair Maricela Rios-Faust provided background and information regarding the DV Committee membership and meeting cadence.

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

Sarah Jones shared an overview of the 2022 Point In Time data related to DV 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

Sarah Jones shared an overview of the CoC Program Competition NOFO as it relates to addressing the needs of DV survivors in Orange County.

Committee Discussion:

- Mark Lee inquired if the 2022 Point In Time data was obtained from only DV shelters.
- Patience Biosah inquired as to how many CoC agencies are funded to provide services to survivors.
- Barbara Burke shared her perspective on a hybrid meeting model to allow people to participate virtually. Barbara Burke stated that Interval House as a CoC agency that provides services should be on the DV Committee.
- Wendy Seiden supported having a representative from Interval House on the DV Committee, appreciated having in-person meetings and agreed that committee members can attend remotely, if needed.

- Diana Lam thanked everyone and shared her hopes for the DV Committee to work together to help resolve the homelessness in communities.

Public Comments:

- A member of the public shared that there is a committee on DV in Spanish.
- A member of the public inquired on the process for public comments and the DV Committee member selection process.

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

Chair Maricela Rios-Faust provided an overview of the DV Committee Charter and CoC Board Leadership Vision.

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

Sarah Jones provided an overview of the proposed changes to the CES Policies and Procedures, including the public feedback period from September 12, 2023, through September 27, 2023. Public feedback was received during public listening session and in writing. The proposed changes to the CES Policies and Procedures were presented and approved at the Policy, Procedures and Standards (PPS) Committee on Tuesday, October 10, 2023.

Committee Discussion:

- Mark Lee stated that as a member of the ad hoc, there were some questions and concerns regarding the draft of the CES Policies and Procedures and asked if those questions could be resolved before the CoC Board meeting.
- Tianna Terry stated that as someone who works closely in CES, she would like information and suggestions on what can be done to address concerns the pending concerns.

Public Comments:

- Sharon Wie echoed Mark Lee's comments and shared concerns on the revised CES Policies and Procedures. Sharon Wie also voiced her perspective on Interval House's membership on the DV Committee.
- Ruben Ramirez inquired on how to contact someone directly.

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