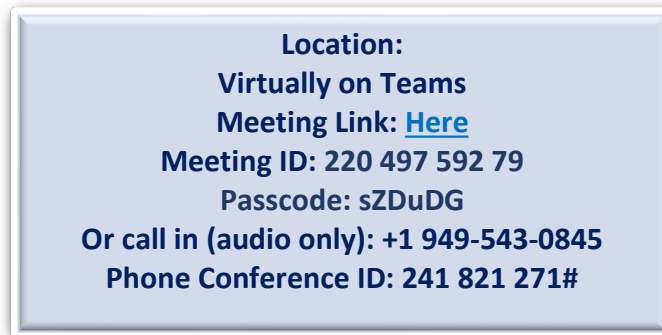


**ORANGE COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, November 28, 2023
2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.



Committee Chair: Maricela Rios-Faust, Human Options

Committee Members:

Jude Abusham, Student in Orange County
Brateil Aghasi, WISEPlace
Patience Biosah, Individual
Barbara Burke, Individual
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
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
Sharon Wie, Interval House

MINUTES

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

Sarah Jones provided background on the CES Policies and Procedures review and updating process. On October 25, 2023, proposed changes to the CES Policies and Procedures were presented to the CoC Board. The CoC Board received public comment related to the recommended action and voted to continue the agenda item regarding approval of the draft CES Policies and Procedures to allow time for the Office of Care Coordination to engage with VSP on additional feedback. Following the additional feedback provided by the Victim Service Providers (VSP), the Office of Care Coordination met with the VSP to receive further feedback and edits to the draft CES Policies and Procedures. The Office of Care Coordination worked to integrate the feedback and update the revised CES Policies and Procedures accordingly through each stage of the review and feedback process. The DV Committee reviewed the changes to the CES Policies and Procedures, specifically the inclusion of CES for Survivors and the Survivor Assessment Tool.

Committee Discussion:

- Sharon Wie thanked the Office of Care Coordination for incorporating additional feedback into the document. Sharon Wie emphasized that it would be helpful to have additional information on how the referral process for domestic violence survivors will work and shared that the DV Committee should be included in conversations regarding the referral process. Sharon Wie also noted that additional details that are still being worked out such as the written documentation on ensuring continuity of services for survivors.
- Mark Lee commented on the prioritization policy and stated that Interval house is the only shelter receiving Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds and that other domestic violence shelters would not be part of the prioritization. Mark Lee also suggested that the CES Policies and Procedures document be updated to revise Women’s Transitional Living Center (WTLC) to its new name Radiant Futures.
- Katherine Tan inquired on the assessment process for those in shelter and asked if individuals would have to complete a new assessment.
- Cynthia Thouvenel suggested that the assessment tools include information about health conditions and whether individuals need to be in isolation and cannot be placed in shelter due to health factors. Cynthia Thouvenel also suggested eliminating the phrase “mental health problem” in the assessments, as well as asking questions regarding criminal record to best identify housing placement.
- Wendy Seiden inquired on the applicability to Rapid Rehousing and Joint Transitional Housing/Permanent Housing - Rapid Rehousing (Joint TH/PH-RRH) and asked how often the CES Policies and Procedures are being reviewed.
- Barbara Burke inquired if the CES Policies and Procedures can come back to review in a few months after implementation.
- Nishtha Mohendra asked if the recommended action can include information regarding the ongoing review of the CES Policies and Procedures and assessment tools.

Recommended Action b: Approve the recommend changes to the CES Policies and Procedures for review and approval by the Policies, Procedures and Standards Committee.

An amended action was introduced by Chair Maricela Rios-Faust.

Amended Recommended Action: Recommend the CES Policies and Procedures with discussed revisions to move forward for review and approval by the Policies, Procedures and Standards Committee, with a commitment to include the DV Committee in annual review of CES Policies and Procedures.

Chair Maricela Rios-Faust motioned to approve the amended recommended action. Mark Lee seconded the motion. Maricela Rios-Faust, Jude Abusham, Brateil Aghasi, Patience Biosah, Barbara Burke, Mark Lee, Nishtha Mohendra, Wendy Seiden, Tianna Terry, Cynthia Thouvenel, Katherine Tan, and Sharon Wie voted yes. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

2. Orange County 2024 Point In Time Count Update – Sarah Jones, CoC Manager and Erin Kaufman, Community Resource Mobilization Manager, City Net

Erin Kaufman presented information on 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.

Committee Discussion:

- Wendy Seiden inquired on the times for the volunteer shifts.
- Chair Maricela Rios-Faust asked if the VSP can provide hotline cards to put them into the kits that are provided during the 2024 Point In Time Count.
- Barbara Burke inquired if the next meeting can be hosted online.
- Katherine Tan encouraged the Office of Care Coordination to read a report conducted by The National Center on Violence Against Women in the Black Community, also known as Ujima.

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