

ORANGE COUNTY  
CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD  
Wednesday, June 26, 2024  
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 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

Judson Brown, City of Santa Ana  
LaVal Brewer, South County Outreach  
Dr. Kelly Bruno-Nelson, CalOptima Health  
Andrew Crowe, Scholarship Prep  
Nichole Gideon, Individual [Secretary]  
Becks Heyhoe, OC United Way  
Sandra Lozeau, City of Anaheim  
Melanie McQueen, PATH  
Nishtha Mohendra, Families Forward  
Robert “Santa Bob” Morse, Individual

Talesha Payne, Jamboree Housing  
Jason Phillips, Individual  
Dawn Price, Friendship Shelter  
Maricela Rios-Faust, Human Options  
Ami Rowland, Covenant House California  
George Searcy, Individual  
Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, Individual [Vice Chair]  
Tim Shaw, Individual [Chair]  
Christina Weckerly Ramirez, Health Care Agency

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**Call to Order** – Tim Shaw, Chair

Chair Tim Shaw called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

**Board Member Roll Call** – Nichole Gideon, Secretary

Present: Judson Brown, Dr. Kelly Bruno-Nelson, Andrew Crowe, Nichole Gideon, Becks Heyhoe, Melanie McQueen, Nishtha Mohendra, Robert “Santa Bob” Morse, Dawn Price, Maricela Rios-Faust, Ami Rowland, George Searcy, Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, Tim Shaw, and Christina Weckerly Ramirez.

Absent Excused: LaVal Brewer, Sandra Lozeau, Frank Luna, Talesha Payne, and Jason Phillips.

Judson Brown left after Business Calendar Item 1. Dr. Shauntina Sorrells left during Business Calendar Item 4. Nichole Gideon left during Business Calendar Item 5.

**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.

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- No public comments.

**Board Member Comments:** 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.

- Robert “Santa Bob” Morse shared information regarding the average age of death for those housed was much older than people experiencing homelessness and stated that the gap should be addressed.
- Becks Heyhoe inquired on the follow up of the clarification on the “Subpopulations & Disabling Conditions” page of the 2024 Point In Time Count. Becks Heyhoe shared that Orange County United Way heard back regarding the Youth Homelessness System Improvement (YHSI) and unfortunately, Orange County was not awarded.
- Dr. Kelly Bruno Nelson shared information regarding Alianza Translatinx’s Orange County’s Inaugural Transgender, Gender Nonconforming, and Intersex (TGI) Survey report. The report can be found at: <https://www.alianzatranslatinx.org/highlights>
- Chair Tim Shaw thanked the Samueli Foundation and CalOptima Health for funding Alianza Translatinx’s Orange County’s Inaugural TGI Survey.
- Vice Chair Dr. Shauntina Sorrells asked if Alianza Translatinx can present at a future CoC Board meeting.
- Ami Rowland shared that planning for Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) has begun and in a future CoC Board meeting, there will be a resolution to vote the Youth Action Board under the Orange County CoC.

## 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 Meeting Minutes from May 22, 2024**

Melanie McQueen motioned to approve item 1 on the Consent Calendar. Maricela Rios-Faust seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

## BUSINESS CALENDAR

### **1. Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 CoC Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) – Sarah Jones, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination and Felicia Boehringer, CoC Administrator, Office of Care Coordination**

The upcoming FY2024 CoC Program NOFO is anticipated to be released the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in early Summer 2024. On June 11, 2024, the Office of Care Coordination, as the Collaborative Applicant for the Orange County CoC, released the FY2024 Agency Administrative Review for CoC-Funded Agencies in preparation for the FY 2024 CoC Program NOFO competition.

The FY2024 CoC NOFO Ad Hoc has met six times beginning in April 2024 to review the CoC Program NOFO application process; draft the proposed project performance measures, point allocations, and thresholds; review and refine the current Reallocation Strategy for CoC Renewal Projects; and discuss feedback received from the CoC-funded agencies on the proposed project performance measures at the CoC NOFO Renewal Meeting held on May 15, 2024. The FY2024 CoC Program NOFO Scoring and Rating Criteria was developed to support the evaluation of the FY2024 CoC Renewal Projects – including the project performance measures, thresholds and point allocations – and is being presented to the CoC Board for review and approval.

After further review of the current reallocation strategy and discussion with the FY2024 CoC NOFO Ad Hoc, there has been an identified need to provide additional clarifying language. The FY2024 CoC NOFO Ad Hoc provided recommendations to revise the reallocation strategy to note that it applies to projects that score less than 60 percent during two consecutive CoC NOFO funding cycles. Further, the FY2024 CoC NOFO Ad Hoc recommended clarifying that the reallocation strategy will be in effect starting when the second project performance score is provided to a CoC Renewal Project, in effort to promote an equitable evaluation and provide new projects sufficient time to ramp up. All projects that receive a project performance score of less than 60 percent will continue to receive technical assistance, as noted in the current reallocation strategy.

Recommended Action b: Approve the FY2024 CoC Program NOFO Scoring and Rating Criteria for Renewal Projects, including the project performance measures, thresholds and point allocations, as recommended by the CoC NOFO Ad Hoc.

Becks Heyhoe motioned to approve recommended action b. Andrew Crowe seconded the motion. Judson Brown, Dr. Kelly Bruno-Nelson, Andrew Crowe, Nichole Gideon, Becks Heyhoe, Melanie McQueen, Nishtha Mohendra, Robert “Santa Bob” Morse, Dawn Price, Maricela Rios-Faust, Ami Rowland, George Searcy, Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, Tim Shaw, and Christina Weckerly Ramirez voted yes. The motion passed.

Recommended Action c: Approve revised Reallocation Strategy for reallocating CoC Renewal Projects funding that have a project performance score of less than 60 percent during two consecutive CoC NOFO funding cycles, starting when the second project performance score is provided.

Becks Heyhoe motioned to approve recommended action c. Andrew Crowe seconded the motion. Judson Brown, Dr. Kelly Bruno-Nelson, Andrew Crowe, Nichole Gideon, Becks Heyhoe, Melanie McQueen, Robert

“Santa Bob” Morse, Ami Rowland, George Searcy, Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, Tim Shaw, and Christina Weckerly Ramirez voted yes. Nishtha Mohendra, Dawn Price, and Maricela Rios-Faust recused themselves before discussion and abstained from voting. The motion passed.

CoC Board Member Discussion:

- Becks Heyhoe asked questions regarding Attachment A, Attachment B, Referrals from CES measure, and Joint Transitional Housing and Permanent Housing-Rapid Rehousing Project Performance Measures and Thresholds.
- Vice Chair Dr. Shauntina Sorrells asked if only getting referrals from CES would create a wrong door approach.
- Andrew Crowe asked if there was known percentage globally regarding denials from Housing Providers measure.
- George Searcy inquired if the CoC NOFO Renewal Scoring and Rating Criteria is based on priorities for HUD and noted that some of the Scoring Criteria are threshold items that the CoC Board can establish.

**2. Advance OC’s Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Data Request** – Erin DeRycke, Director, Data Analytics, 2-1-1 Orange County (211OC), Orange County United Way; Katie Kalvoda, Founder and President, Advance OC; and Shelbie Knox, Grants and Evaluation Manager, Community Legal Aid SoCal

On May 14, 2024, 211OC, on behalf of the Orange County CoC, received a data request from Advance OC. This request includes client-level data for all adults active in any project in HMIS from October 1, 2014, through December 31, 2023. This data will be used for research and analysis on the legal outcomes of those experiencing homelessness in Orange County.

Recommended Action a: Approve Advance OC’s HMIS data request for the period of October 1, 2014, through December 31, 2023, for the purposes of research and analysis on the legal outcomes of people experiencing homelessness in Orange County.

Dawn Price motioned to approve recommended action a. Melanie McQueen seconded the motion.

After further discussion, Vice Chair Dr. Shauntina Sorrells acting as CoC Board Chair motioned to table the item. Dawn Price seconded the motion. Dr. Kelly Bruno-Nelson, Andrew Crowe, Nichole Gideon, Becks Heyhoe, Melanie McQueen, Nishtha Mohendra, Robert “Santa Bob” Morse, Dawn Price, Maricela Rios-Faust, Ami Rowland, George Searcy, Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, and Christina Weckerly Ramirez voted yes. Tim Shaw recused himself before discussion and abstained from voting. The amended motion passed.

CoC Board Member Discussion:

- Dawn Price shared having trouble understanding the need for the project address, as that may not be associated with the client address, rather it may be the agency office address. Dawn Price stated that it is a good idea to check in with County Counsel on the intent of the data request.
- George Searcy inquired on the ultimate goal and how it can be achieved using the data requested.
- Becks Heyhoe asked what the logic model is, how many other entities Advanced OC has approached asking for Personal Identifiable Information (PII) and asked what the benefit to the CoC is. Becks Heyhoe noted that nine years of HMIS data is a large volume of data.
- Christina Weckerly Ramirez asked if the data request contains all project types in HMIS.
- Dr. Kelly Bruno-Nelson shared the understanding that the indicators have been concluded in other research and clarified if the intent is to identify whether the information holds true in Orange County.

- Nishtha Mohendra clarified the importance of the data and asked what the role Advance OC is going to be in the research.
- Maricela Rios-Faust shared similar sentiments to other CoC Board member comments. Maricela Rios-Faust asked what the benefit to the CoC is, and asked if there is a limit for data requests regarding how many years of data can be requested.

**3. FY 2023 Longitudinal Systems Analysis Report** – Elizabeth Andrade, Executive Director and Erin DeRycke, Director, Data Analytics, 211OC, Orange County United Way

The Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA) report is produced from each CoC's HMIS and compiled to create the Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) report submitted to the United States Congress by the U.S. Congress by HUD. The AHAR is a national-level report that provides information about homeless service providers, people and households experiencing homelessness, and various characteristics of that population. It also informs strategic planning for federal, state, and local initiatives designed to prevent and end homelessness. The LSA includes Emergency Shelter, Safe Haven, Transitional Housing, Rapid Re-Housing, Permanent Supportive Housing, and Other Permanent Housing projects that are participating in HMIS during the reporting period, which is October 1st through September 30th.

The LSA report is submitted annually to HUD via the Homelessness Data Exchange (HDX) 2.0 and provides HUD and CoCs with critical information about how people experiencing homelessness use the homeless service system.

CoC Board Member Discussion:

- Becks Heyhoe express interest in the date of the next HMIS Data and Performance Management meeting. Becks Heyhoe asked if it was possible to filter through the LSA data for subpopulations.
- Dawn Price gave kudos for the work done, and shared appreciation for the recommendations in the “gold box” on what work should be focused on.

**4. 2024 Housing Inventory Count Presentation** – Elizabeth Andrade, Executive Director and Erin DeRycke, Director, Data Analytics, 211OC, Orange County United Way

The Housing Inventory Count (HIC) is a point-in-time inventory of housing programs within a CoC that provide beds and units dedicated to serve people experiencing homelessness, or for permanent housing projects, that serve people experiencing homelessness as defined by HUD.

211OC as the HMIS Lead, completed the HIC and Sheltered Point-in-Time Count (PIT), on January 22, 2024, and submitted required data to HUD by the May 10, 2024, deadline. To view the HIC Count, visit the following link: [2024 Housing Inventory Count Overview](#).

Public Comments:

- Marisol Johnson with Dayle McIntosh Center asked if there was any data collected for people with disabilities and if not, asked if the data included in the Point In Time Count survey moving forward.

CoC Board Member Discussion:

- Melanie McQueen asked if the emergency shelter year-round category is a new addition to 2024.
- Dawn Price asked if there are any vouchers in the HIC.
- Becks Heyhoe asked if all vouchers are in the HIC.

**5. Orange County Homelessness Updates** – Doug Becht, Director of Office of Care Coordination and Sarah Jones, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination

- a. System of Care Updates – Doug Becht provided the following System of Care Update:

- The purpose of Commission to End Homelessness' Tiny Homes Ad Hoc is to evaluate alternative housing solutions including studying, defining, and identifying potential applications for Tiny Homes. The Tiny Home Ad Hoc is wrapping up site visits and interviews with organizations involved in the tiny home industry to determine available options and understand the challenges and benefits of development and will report at the August meeting of the Commission to End Homelessness.
  - The goal of the Homelessness Prevention and Stabilization Pilot (HPSP) Program is to assist households who are at risk of experiencing homelessness achieve housing stability by providing financial assistance to pay rental arrears, past due utility bills, and forward rent and/or utility bills based, and stabilization payments. The expected program enrollment for households will be 12-months, based upon need and to be evaluated on a quarterly basis. The Request for Proposals (RFP) closed on April 11, 2024. The proposals were evaluated, and Orange County United Way was selected by an evaluation panel. The University of California Irvine (UCI) will conduct the first phase of an evaluation study to measure the Program's effectiveness in maintaining housing stability for individuals who are on the brink of homelessness.
- b. CoC Updates – Sarah Jones provided the following CoC Updates:
- June 6, 2024, HUD announced the award of \$51.1 million in its first ever Youth Homelessness Systems Improvement (YHSI) Grant to 38 Communities across 26 states. Though the Orange County CoC was not awarded YHSI funding, the Orange County CoC plans to continue applying for future opportunities to serve more youth experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness.
  - On June 6, 2024, HUD announced the release of the FY 2023 Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) NOFO. The Office of Care Coordination, as the Collaborative Applicant of the Orange County CoC, will work closely with the Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Collaborative Committee, Orange County United Way, youth-specific service providers, and local community partners to receive community feedback and submit the application on behalf of the Orange County CoC. The YHDP application is due on August 29, 2024.
  - The Office of Care Coordination provides regular updates on the calendar of activities for the Orange County CoC during the Quarter 3, highlighting activities and meetings.
  - Upcoming meetings:
    - Coordinated Entry System Steering Committee (IN PERSON): Wednesday, July 3, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
      - Location: 1501 E. St Andrew Pl., Santa Ana, CA 92705
    - Policies, Procedures and Standards Committee (IN PERSON): Tuesday, July 9, 2024, from 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
      - Location: County Administration South (CAS) Multipurpose Rooms 103/105, 601 N Ross St, Santa Ana, CA 92701
      - Meeting may be cancelled in place of a special meeting
    - Veterans Committee Special Meeting (IN PERSON): Thursday, July 11, 2024, from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
      - Location: Orange County United Way, 18012 Mitchell South, Irvine, CA 92614
    - Transitional Age Youth Collaborative Committee (IN PERSON): Friday, July 12, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
      - Location: Orangewood Foundation, 1575 17th St, Santa Ana, CA 92705
  - The Office of Care Coordination is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Continuum of Care Staff Specialist. This recruitment will close on Monday, July 1, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. (PDT). The Continuum of Care Staff Specialist will primarily be responsible for supporting the Office of Care of Coordination in expanding their support to people experiencing homelessness and other hard to

serve populations through the obligations as outlined in the CoC Planning Grant award. Please review the job listing and apply for the position at the [Job Posting Link](#).

- As key stakeholders in Orange County, the Office of Care Coordination invites you to share your recommendations on content you would like to see included for the upcoming Service Provider Forum meetings via SurveyMonkey at the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7C5CHP7>
- HUD is hosting a series of community conversations focused on successfully implementing the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and survivor-centered housing at the system, project, and human levels. Each conversation will feature a diverse panel of system leaders, project staff, and people with lived experiences from both the homelessness response and victim services worlds.
- Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program Round 6 has been included in the final budget deal of the FY2024-25 Governor's Budget. \$1 billion in one-time assistance will provide local governments funding to combat the homelessness crisis - tied to increased accountability measures.

CoC Board Member Discussion:

- Dr. Kelly Bruno-Nelson noted that there is a vast difference of the term tiny homes and shared that there is an opportunity for Orange County to determine the definition of the term. Dr. Kelly Bruno-Nelson stated that the Commission to End Homelessness' Tiny Home Ad Hoc report will give Orange County the opportunity to define and give characteristics to the term tiny homes.
- Becks Heyhoe announced that Orange County United Way will be running the Homelessness Prevention and Stabilization Pilot Program with partner agencies and shared the list of agencies.
- Nishtha Mohendra shared that she will be attending the National Alliance to End Homelessness conference in two weeks and encouraged others to share any sessions they are interested in getting more information on.

Maricela Rios-Faust motioned to adjourn the meeting. Becks Heyhoe seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous consent. Meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

**6. Next Meeting:** Wednesday, July 24, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.