



CONTINUUM OF CARE COMMITTEE MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

Lived Experience Advisory Committee Members

POSITIONS: Lived Experience Advisory Committee Members representing the following three (3) seats:

1. North Service Planning Area (SPA) Representative: Individual with current or past experience of homelessness in the North SPA
2. Central SPA Representative: Individual with current or past experience of homelessness in the Central SPA
3. South SPA Representative: Individual with current or past experience of homelessness in the South SPA

LOCATION: Meetings of the Lived Experience Advisory Committee will be held in-person, at centralized locations within Orange County.

SCHEDULE: Approximately 3-4 hours per month, inclusive of travel and preparation time for regular meetings, to be served within standard business hours, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, for a three-year term, with the opportunity to serve additional terms as desired. Please note, additional opportunities for increased participation may be available, which could include time dedicated to in-person or virtual meetings.

COMPENSATION: \$25 per hour (compensation to be initially provided in the form of Visa gift cards while plans to provide compensation in other forms is finalized).

SUMMARY:

The Lived Experience Advisory Committee (LEAC), established by the Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC) Board, is an advisory body to the Orange County CoC Board and exists to provide and include community-level feedback from individuals with current and/or past lived experience of homelessness in the CoC's efforts to address homelessness in Orange County.

The LEAC is intended to ensure that the voices and perspectives of individuals with current and/or past lived experience of homelessness are heard and considered in the decision-making process of the CoC Board. This includes, creating working relationships with individuals with current and/or past lived experience of homelessness on policies, procedures, and standards development for the Orange County CoC and input on improving the quality and types of services provided. The LEAC also provides a mechanism to share recommendations and feedback on the CoC and its programs and services. The LEAC is also called upon to collaborate with and support other CoC Committees for the purposes of evaluation and systems improvement.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

As part of the LEAC, you will:

- Assist in the assessment of Orange County's CoC and its ability to effectively support and respond to the needs of people experiencing homelessness.
- Inform changes in the practices, policies, and processes in the homeless service system that may

be creating barriers or challenges for people experiencing homelessness.

- Serve as a liaison between the LEAC and other local community partners and stakeholders, including community members with current and/or recent lived experience of homelessness.
- Ensure timely and consistent attendance at LEAC meetings.
- Actively participate in trainings and working meetings.
- Other duties as assigned.

LOCATION AND TRAVEL:

Meetings of the LEAC are transitioning to being held in-person, beginning September 2024, similar to CoC Board and other CoC Committee meetings. The Office of Care Coordination will provide support with transportation as needed.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- Current or past lived experience of homelessness in Orange County's North Service Planning Area (SPA), Central SPA or South SPA. For a map of the Orange County CoC's SPAs, please click [here](#).
- A willingness to self-identify as having an experience of homelessness.
- Ability to attend a majority of LEAC meetings monthly meetings each year, as well as communicate planned absences when needed.

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- A passion for advocacy work and centering on the experiences of those most impacted by homelessness to inform programs, policies, and practices within the Orange County CoC.
- A desire to work with various stakeholders of the Orange County CoC.
- Willingness to offer constructive feedback and recommendations on CoC-related programs, policies, and processes.
- A commitment to advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion in homeless service programs and processes.
- A commitment to teamwork and an ability to participate in a collaborative learning and working environment.
- An ability to engage with diverse opinions and perspectives.

HOW TO APPLY:

If you are interested in applying, please complete the LEAC Member Interest Form via SurveyMonkey at the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LEAC2024>. The Office of Care Coordination will prioritize Interest Forms received by Friday, August 23, 2024, but will connect with additional interested individuals on a rolling basis until the positions are filled. If you have any questions, please email the Office of Care Coordination at CareCoordination@ocgov.com with the subject line "LEAC Recruitment".

We value your expertise and hope that you will partner with us to create a more equitable system that ensures all those who are impacted by homelessness have a safe, stable place to live with opportunities and the support necessary to thrive.

Thank you!