

**ORANGE COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE
LIVED EXPERIENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, September 4, 2024

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Location:

**County Administration South (CAS)
Building Conference Center Room 104
425 W. Santa Ana Blvd., Santa Ana, CA 92701**

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Virtual Meeting Option*:

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Join by phone: +1 669 444 9171

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Committee Chair: Nichole Gideon, Individual

Committee Vice Chair: Paul Kaiser, Individual

Committee Members:

Reha Agar, Individual

Elizabeth Flores, Individual

Deborah Kraft, Individual

Miranda Mears, Individual

Robert "Santa Bob" Morse, Individual

Larry "Smitty" Smith, Individual

Vinny Zarrella, Individual

AGENDA

Welcome and Meeting Overview – Nichole Gideon, Chair

Public Comments – Members of the public may address the Lived Experience Advisory Committee (LEAC) 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 LEAC. Public 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 LEAC during the Public Comment period, members of the public are to complete a Request to Address the Committee form prior to the beginning of each agenda item and submit it to Continuum of Care (CoC) staff. Staff will call your name in the order received.

Members of the public may also submit public comment by emailing CareCoordination@ocgov.com. All comments submitted via email at least 24 hours before the start of the meeting will be distributed to the LEAC members, and all comments will be added to the administrative records of the meeting. Please include "LEAC Meeting Comment" in the email subject line.

LEAC Member Comments – Members of the LEAC may provide comments on matters not appearing on the agenda so long as the subject matter is within the jurisdiction of the LEAC. Comments will be limited to three minutes. If there are more than five members wishing to speak, this time will be reduced to two minutes.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

- 1. Orange County Service Provider Forum LEAC Presentation Update** – Nichole Gideon, Chair
- 2. Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 and FY 2025 CoC Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Letter of Support** – Felicia Boehringer, CoC Administrator, Office of Care Coordination
 - a. Approve the letter of support to be signed by the Lived Experience Advisory Committee membership and included in the Orange County CoC's FY 2024 and FY 2025 CoC Program NOFO Consolidated Application.
- 3. LEAC Member Recruitment** – Felicia Boehringer, CoC Administrator, Office of Care Coordination
 - a. Update on the LEAC Nominating Ad Hoc and recruitment of members to fill the current LEAC seat vacancies.
- 4. Orange County Coordinated Entry System (CES) Policies and Procedures Discussion** – Felicia Boehringer, CoC Administrator, Office of Care Coordination; Paul Kaiser, Vice Chair; and Nichole Gideon, Chair
 - a. Discuss policy stating that participants will be made inactive in CES after 90 days of non-engagement.
 - b. Discuss self-certification and third-party verification as documentation of homelessness.
- 5. CoC Updates** – Felicia Boehringer, CoC Administrator, Office of Care Coordination

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 2, 2024, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Location: TBD

Item 2. Attachment A

September 4, 2024

Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs
Community Planning and Development
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Washington DC, 20410

RE: Letter of Support for the Fiscal Year 2024 and Fiscal Year 2025 Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Opportunity

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to express the strong support for the application that the Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC) CA-602 is submitting to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 and FY 2025 CoC Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). The County of Orange, as the Collaborative Applicant for the Orange County CoC, and the CoC Board has integrated persons with lived experience of homelessness in the determination of Orange County CoC's local competition rating factors for the NOFO process. The CoC Board appointed two people with lived experience of homelessness to the FY2024 CoC NOFO Ad Hoc to support with determining the local Scoring and Rating Criteria, approving a funding reallocation decision, establishing priorities for the CoC Bonus, Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus and Reallocation projects, evaluate all CoC renewal project applications and confirm the final Project Priority Listing to be approved by the CoC Board.

The Orange County CoC has been working to implement and design new approaches to establish policies and garner increased funding to serve persons with severe service needs in the Orange County CoC. Together, the Orange County CoC and the Lived Experience Advisory Committee are working to make a measurable difference in the number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in the community and increasing access to housing and supportive services through the Coordinated Entry System for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness. The potential funding from the CoC Program NOFO gives the Orange County CoC and the Lived Experience Advisory Committee great hope that additional housing solutions can be made available to reduce the number of people experiencing homelessness with severe service needs, as well as support keeping people stably housed in permanent supportive housing. Projects funded through CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation funding will leverage housing and healthcare resources as well as implement tailored approaches to serving individuals and families with varying levels of vulnerability.

The Lived Experience Advisory Committee, which began meeting regularly in September 2021 as a committee under the CoC Board, exists to ensure that the voices and perspectives of individuals with current or past lived experience of homelessness are elevated in the decision-making process of the Orange County CoC. Members of the Lived Experience Advisory Committee have been further integrated as members in other initiatives of the Orange County CoC, such as the CoC Board; Policies, Procedures and Standards Committee; Domestic Violence Committee; Veterans Committee and FY2024 CoC NOFO Ad Hoc.

Attached are the signatures of the Lived Experience Advisory Committee membership certifying our qualifications as persons with current or past lived experience of homelessness and our commitment to help address and end homelessness in the Orange County CoC.

Sincerely,
Lived Experience Advisory Committee Membership
Orange County CoC

Persons with lived experience may sign with pseudonyms to protect their privacy.
