

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING COMMISSION TO END HOMELESSNESS

Wednesday, June 19, 2024, 1:00 P.M.

County Conference Center Room 104/106 425 West Santa Ana Boulevard, Santa Ana, CA 92701

> Vicente Sarmiento, Chair Supervisor, Second District

Donald P. Wagner Supervisor, Third District **Jason Ivins** Orange County Sheriff-Coroner Representative Adam Hawley Chief of Police Representative Jim Vanderpool North Service Planning Area Representative **Debra Rose** South Service Planning Area Representative Vacant Hospital Representative Kelly Bruno-Nelson Medi-Cal Managed Care Health Plan Representative **Susan Parks** Philanthropic Leader Representative **Paul Wyatt** At-Large Representative **Robert Morse** Continuum of Care Board Representative

Jack Toan, Vice Chair **Business Representative Todd Spitzer** Orange County District Attorney Sean deMetropolis Municipal Fire Department Representative **Monique Davis Business Representative** Lisa Kim Central Service Planning Area Representative **Gina Cunningham** Affordable Housing Development Representative **Richard Afable** Behavioral Health Representative **Benjamin Hurst** Faith-Based Community Representative **Milo Peinemann** At-Large Representative **Maricela Rios-Faust** Continuum of Care Board Representative

- ATTENDANCE: Commissioners Bruno-Nelson, Cunningham, Davis, deMetropolis, Hawley, Hurst, Ivins, Kim, Morse, Parks, Peinemann, Rios-Faust, Rose, Sarmiento, Price (for Spitzer), Toan and Wyatt
- ABSENT: Commissioners Afable, Vanderpool and Wagner
- PRESENT: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLERK OF THE COMMISSION

Doug Becht, Director of Care Coordination Valerie Sanchez, Chief Deputy Clerk

Call to Order

CHAIRMAN SARMIENTO CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 1:03 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance COMMISSIONER TOAN LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Roll Call

THE CLERK CALLED THE ROLL AND CONFIRMED QUORUM WAS MET

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 1. Office of Care Coordination Update
 - a. <u>Tiny Homes Ad Hoc</u>
 - b. <u>Homeless Prevention & Stabilization Pilot Program (HPSP)</u>

THE TINY HOMES AD HOC IS WRAPPING UP SITE VISITS AND INTERVIEWS WITH DEVELOPERS, OPERATORS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND WILL REPORT FINDINGS AT THE AUGUST COMMISSION MEETING; THE HPSP RFP EVALUATION PANEL SELECTED ORANGE COUNTY UNITED WAY AS OPERATOR WITH UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA IRVINE TO COORDINATE AND COLLABORATE ON FIRST PHASE EVALUATION STUDY MEASURING EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROGRAM

2. <u>Cold Weather Emergency Shelter Ad Hoc Recommendations</u>

THE COLD WEATHER EMERGENCY SHELTER AD HOC RECOMMENDS RECOGNIZING ALL INCLEMENT WEATHER PATTERNS AND PLANNING AHEAD OF INCLEMENT WEATHER IN HIGH-RISK AREAS BEFORE THE WEATHER TURNS, COMMUNICATING WITH EACH INDIVIDUAL CITY IN ADDITION TO CONSIDERING THE PARTNERSHIPS IN EACH SPA, AND LEVERAGING EXISTING SHELTER LOCATIONS DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER; THE AD HOC FURTHER RECOMMENDS UTILIZING PARTNERSHIPS TO EXPAND SHARED RESPONSIBILITY BETWEEN COUNTY AND CITIES, WORKING COLLABORATIVELY TO LOWER CHALLENGES, EXPLORING THE USE OF OTHER MODELS SUCH AS MOTEL ROOMS, DEVELOPING BEST PRACTICES FOR OPERATIONS OF EMERGENCY SHELTER SITES AND REVIEWING CASE STUDIES OF INCLEMENT WEATHER RESPONSE OPERATIONS

PRESENTATIONS

- 3. <u>2024 Point in Time County Summary Doug Becht, Director of Care Coordination</u> PRESENTATION PROVIDED AN OVERVIEW OF THE 2024 POINT IN TIME COUNT DATA INCLUDING TRENDS AND COMPARISON TO PREVIOUS COUNTS AND RELATED STATISTICS WITH RESPECT TO UNSHELTERED AND SHELTERED INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN ORANGE COUNTY
- 4. <u>Homeless Death Review Committee: Report on 2022 Homeless Deaths Kelly Estrada, Assistant</u> <u>Chief Deputy Coroner</u> **PRESENTATION OF REPORT COLLECTING AND ANALYZING DATA RELATING TO DEATH'S OF PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS (PEH) SHOWING THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PEH DEATHS BETWEEN 2009 AND 2022 AND SUMMARIZING THE DEMOGRAPHICS AND CAUSES OF DEATH AND DEMONSTRATED A LINK BETWEEN FENTANYL POISIONING/OVERDOSE AND THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PEH DEATHS**

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

ACTION ITEMS

- 5. <u>Membership Recommendation</u>
 - a. <u>Membership Update</u>
 - b. <u>Approve the recommendation for appointment of the following candidate to serve on the</u> <u>Commission to End Homelessness as detailed below to the Board of Supervisors for final</u> <u>approval.</u>
 - i. <u>Cecilia Bustamante Pixa, Senior Director of Community Health Orange County at</u> <u>Providence St. Joseph Hospital, as the Hospital Representative for the balance of the</u> two-year term ending December 5, 2024.

ON THE MOTION OF COMMISSIONER WYATT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BRUNO-NELSON, THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED

- 6. <u>Establish an Ad Hoc to review and evaluate the Commission to End Homelessness Bylaws.</u> ON THE MOTION OF COMMISSIONER CUNNINGHAM, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BRUNO-NELSON, THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED
- Approve revised Commission to End Homelessness 2024 Meeting Schedule Calendar to amend the October meeting date from October 16, 2024 to October 2, 2024.
 ON THE MOTION OF COMMISSIONER PARKS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS, THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED
- 8. <u>Approve Commission to End Homelessness minutes from the April 17, 2024 regular meeting</u> ON THE MOTION OF COMMISSIONER BRUNO-NELSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CUNNINGHAM, THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 17, 2024 REGULAR MEETING.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Bruno-Nelson – Since the last Commission meeting in April, CalOptima approved and distributed \$25 Million for transitional housing including family recuperative care. On Friday, June 21, CalOptima Health is hosting a Naloxone distribution event for any non-profit organizations.

ADJOURNED: 3:05 P.M.

NEXT MEETING: August 21, 2024, 1:00 P.M.

Signature on File

Supervisor Vicente Sarmiento Chair

Signature on File

Valerie Sanchez, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board Clerk of the Commission



Commission to **END HOMELESSNESS**

Office of Care Coordination

REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2024

DISCUSSION – ITEM #I OFFICE OF CARE COORDINATION UPDATE

Tiny Homes Ad Hoc Membership

- Vicente Sarmiento, Chair and Supervisor, Second District
- Gina Cunningham, Affordable Housing Development Representative
- Robert Morse, Continuum of Care Board Representative
- Kelly Bruno-Nelson, Medi-Cal Managed Care Health Plan Representative
- Milo Peinemann, At-Large Representative
- Monique Davis, Business Representative

DISCUSSION – ITEM #I OFFICE OF CARE COORDINATION UPDATE

Tiny Homes Ad Hoc

The purpose of Tiny Home Ad Hoc is to evaluate alternative housing solutions including studying, defining, and identifying potential applications for Tiny Homes.

- The Ad Hoc continued tiny home tours with both developers and operators.
 - Life Ark El Monte
 - Continest Long Beach
 - City Net Baldwin Park
 - Simon Builders Anaheim
 - LIM Living Anaheim
 - City of Torrance Torrance
- 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 to the full Commission at the August meeting.

DISCUSSION – ITEM #I OFFICE OF CARE COORDINATION UPDATE

Homeless Prevention and Stabilization Pilot Program

The goal of the 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 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.
- Orange County United Way met UCI to discuss the study of the Program and how they will coordinate and collaborate through the study design, implementation and evaluation process.

Cold Weather Emergency Shelter Ad Hoc Membership

- Vicente Sarmiento, Chair and Supervisor, Second District
- James Vanderpool, City Manager for Anaheim North Service Planning Area Representative
- Debra Rose, City Manager for Lake Forest South Service Planning Area Representative
- Lisa Kim, City Manager for Garden Grove Central Service Planning Area Representative
- Jason Ivins, Captain OC Sheriff's Department Representative
- Adam Hawley, Chief of Police for Brea Chief of Police Representative

Cold Weather Emergency Shelter Ad Hoc

The purpose of the Cold Weather Shelter Ad Hoc is to evaluate various models of design and operation and bring recommendations back to the full commission.

The Ad Hoc met on May 8, 2024, to review the challenges and opportunities learned in the 2023/2024 season and discuss recommendations for the upcoming season.

Cold Weather Emergency Shelter Ad Hoc

- The Ad Hoc recommends recognizing the need for a response for various inclement weather patterns and not only cold weather.
- The Ad Hoc recommends proactive planning ahead of inclement weather to encourage those who are in high-risk areas to be placed into shelter before the weather turns.
- The Ad Hoc recommends communicating with each individual city directly while also considering the functionality, efforts and partnerships of each SPA.
- The Ad Hoc recommends leveraging a shelter network by considering set aside beds at existing locations for times of inclement weather.

Cold Weather Emergency Shelter Ad Hoc

- The Ad Hoc recommends utilizing and expanding partnerships to address the shared responsibility between the County and cities.
- The County should be prepared to work collaboratively, including committing to lowering challenges with partnerships, by revisiting conditions in contracts/agreements.
- The Ad Hoc recommends the County and cities explore the use of motel rooms as a potential model.
- The Ad Hoc recommends developing a reference of Best Practices surrounding inclement weather operations.
- The Ad Hoc recommends reviewing a case study of Anaheim's most recent inclement weather operations.

PRESENTATION – ITEM #3 2024 POINT IN TIME COUNT

Orange County 2024 Point in Time Count Summary

A review of the 2024 Point in Time Count presented by Doug Becht, Director, Care Coordination.

ORANGE COUNTY 2024 POINT IN TIME COUNT SUMMARY





2024 marks the third PIT Count conducted



Aligns with National best practices 1,251

Highest number of volunteers in PIT history



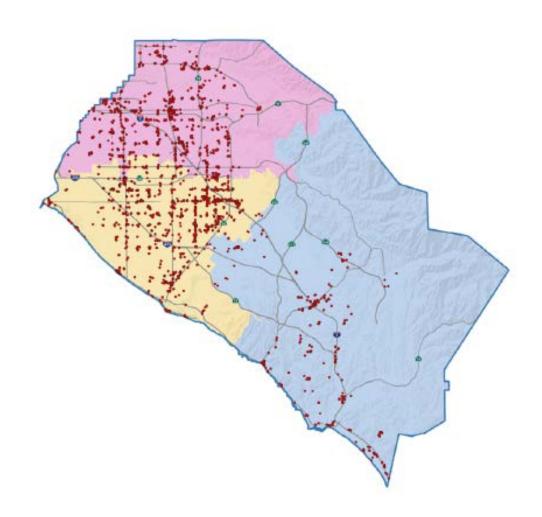
METHODOLOGY



COUNTYWIDE DATA









GROWTH TRENDS

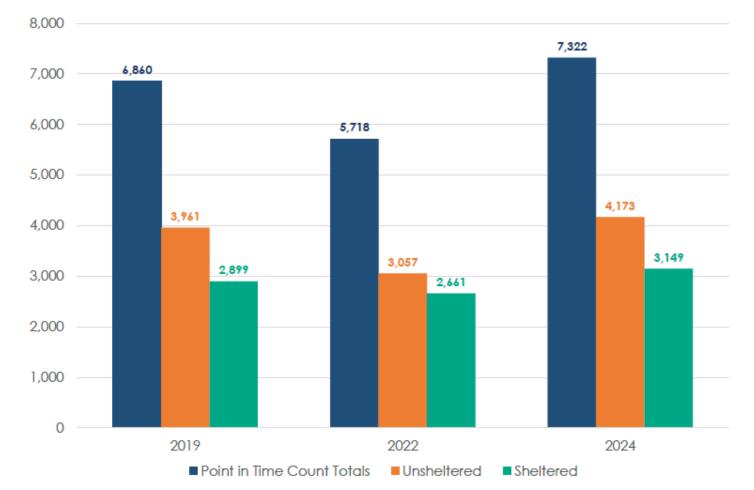
GROWTH TRENDS OF CALIFORNIA HOMELESS POPULATION





COMPARISON OF 2019, 2022 & 2024 POINT IN TIME COUNT

TOTAL COMPARISON OF 2019, 2022 & 2024 POINT IN TIME COUNT



328 VETERANS

Persons who served in the U.S. Armed Forces, National Guard or Reserves

TRANSITIONAL AGED YOUTH

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Persons ages 18 to 24

869 SENIORS

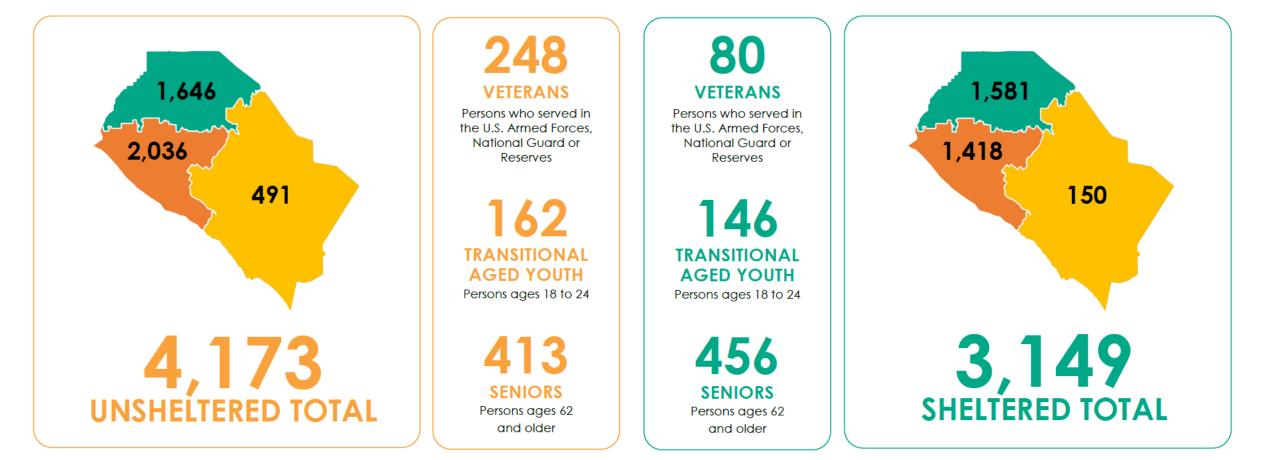
Persons ages 62 and older



COUNTYWIDE SUBPOPULATIONS DATA



UNSHELTERED AND SHELTERED COUNT





HOUSEHOLD STATUS

2024 HOUSEHOLD STATUS

Population	Description	ption Unsheltered (3,803) Sheltered (2 Households Househo		Total (6,259) Households
Individuals	Households with only adults 18 and older	3,747 Households 3,993 Persons	2,159 households 2,195 Persons	5,906 Households 6,188 Persons
Families	Households with	56 Families	291 Families	347 Families
	at least one adult	180 persons in	948 persons in	1128 persons in
	18 and older and	households:	households:	households:
	one child 17 or	81 Adults	362 Adults	443 Adults
	younger	99 Children	586 Children	685 Children
Unaccompanied			6 households and	6 households and
Minors			6 persons	6 persons

Descriptions:

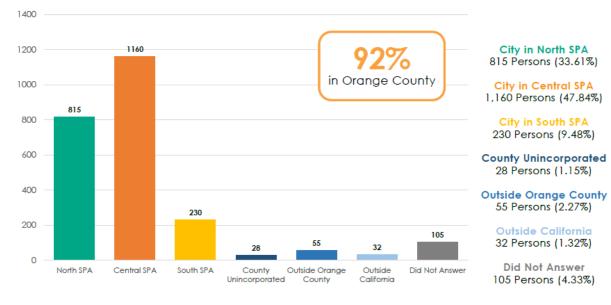
Individuals: Households with only adults 18 and older.

Families: Households with at least one adult 18 and older and one child 17 or younger.

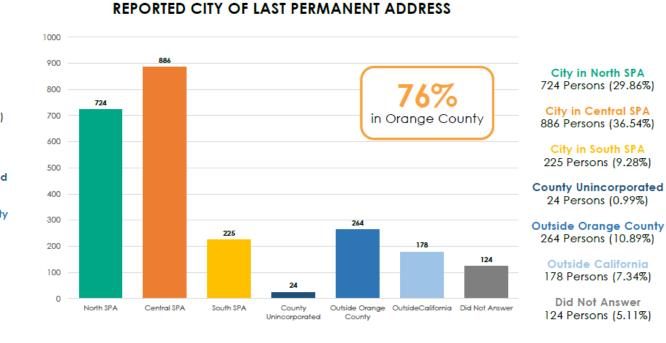
Unaccompanied Minors: 17 years and younger not accompanied by an adult.



COMMUNITY TIES: UNSHELTERED ADULTS



REPORTED CITY WHERE MOST SPENT TIME WHILE HOMELESS



Notes: This data is based off the 2,425 unsheltered Adults surveyed.



COMMUNITIES TIES: UNSHELTERED ADULTS



Have family in Orange County



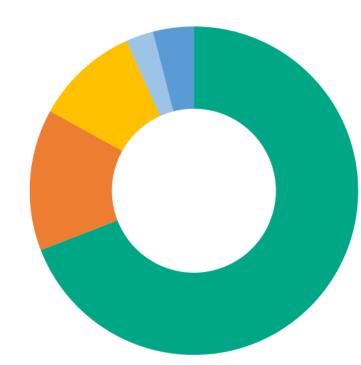
Experiencing homelessness for the first time in the past 12 months



Currently working or have ever worked in Orange County



Attending or have attended school in Orange County



CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Unemployed 1,676 Persons, 69.11%

Full-Time, Part Time, Seasonally Employed 338 Persons, 13.94%

Retired, Disabled 248 Persons, 10.23%

Other 66 Persons, 2.72%

Did Not Answer 97 Persons, 4.00%

Notes: This data is based off the 2,425 unsheltered Adults surveyed.



COMPARISON OF 2019, 2022 & 2024 POINT IN TIME COUNT

UNSHELTERED COMPARISON OF 2019, 2022 & 2024 POINT IN TIME COUNT -SUBPOPULATIONS & DISABLING CONDITIONS

Subpopulations &	2019 Unsheltered	2022 Unsheltered	2024 Unsheltered
Disabling Conditions	3,714 Adults	2,936 Adults	4,074 Adults
Chronic Homelessness	52.02%	55.07%	38.44 %
	1,932 Adults	1,617 Adults	1,566 Adults
Substance Use Disorder	33.74%	41.45%	49.85 %
	1,253 Adults	1,217 Adults	2,031 Adults
Physical Disability	31.18%	32.19%	31.42%
	1,158 Adults	945 Adults	1,280 Adults
Serious Mental Illness	26.82%	29.53%	30.68 %
	996 Adults	867 Adults	1,250 Adults
Developmental Disability	14.03%	14.27%	17.43 %
	521 Adults	419 Adults	710 Adults
Domestic Violence	9.50%	9.84%	10.01%
	353 Adults	289 Adults	408 Adults
HIV/AIDS	1.80%	1.77%	2.26 %
	67 Adults	52 Adults	92 Adults

Notes:

Data only includes adults 18 and older. Some adults may identify with more than one subpopulation and/or report more than one disabling condition.



COMPARISON OF 2019, 2022 & 2024 POINT IN TIME COUNT

SHELTERED COMPARISON OF 2019, 2022 & 2024 POINT IN TIME COUNT -SUBPOPULATIONS & DISABLING CONDITIONS

Subpopulations &	2019 Sheltered	2022 Sheltered	2024 Sheltered
Disabling Conditions	2,166 Adults	2,060 Adults	2,557 Adults
Chronic Homelessness	26.27 %	38.40%	34.30%
	569 Adults	791 Adults	877 Adults
Substance Use Disorder	26.64 %	20.19 %	23.46%
	577 Adults	416 Adults	600 Adults
Physical Disability	14.82%	24.85%	29.88 %
	321 Adults	512 Adults	764 Adults
Serious Mental Illness	31.21%	28.06 %	35.31%
	676 Adults	578 Adults	903 Adults
Developmental Disability	4.85 %	1.89%	0.20%
	105 Adults	39 Adults	5 Adults
Domestic Violence	8.54%	10.97%	10.40%
	185 Adults	226 Adults	266 Adults
HIV/AIDS	1.80%	3.74%	6.84%
	39 Adults	77 Adults	175 Adults

Notes:

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SERVICE PLANNING AREA COMPARISON



 North Service Planning Area

 2,765 ↓ 2,419 ↑ 3,227

 2019 -12.51%
 2022 33.40%
 2024

Central Service Planning Area 3,332 ↓ 2,714 ↑ 3,454 2019 -18.55% 2022 27.27% 2024





South Service Planning Area 763 ↓ 585 ↑ 641

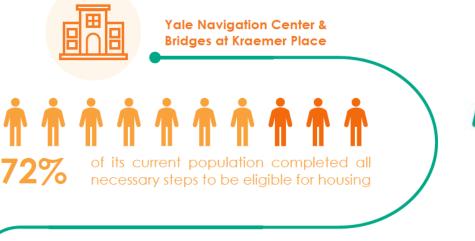
 763
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 585
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 641

 2019
 -23.33%
 2022
 9.57%
 2024



SHELTER-TO-HOUSING

Homeless shelters in the County provide more than just beds for persons experiencing homelessness. Shelters are considered a gateway to housing and provide a variety of services to support people experiencing sheltered homelessness to obtain and sustain housing. On April 4, 2024, the County conducted a "point-intime" snapshot of the County's two shelters, Yale Navigation Center and Bridges at Kraemer Place, in an effort to understand the current state of the shelter-to-housing pipeline. The results were astonishing and spoke to the need to increase housing in the county for those experiencing homelessness.



Housing

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PRESENTATION – ITEM #4 HOMELESS DEATH REVIEW COMMITTEE

Homeless Death Review Committee

A review of the report on 2022 Orange County homeless deaths, presented by Kelly Estrada, Assistant Chief Deputy Coroner.

Homeless Death Review Committee:

Report on 2022 Homeless Deaths

> ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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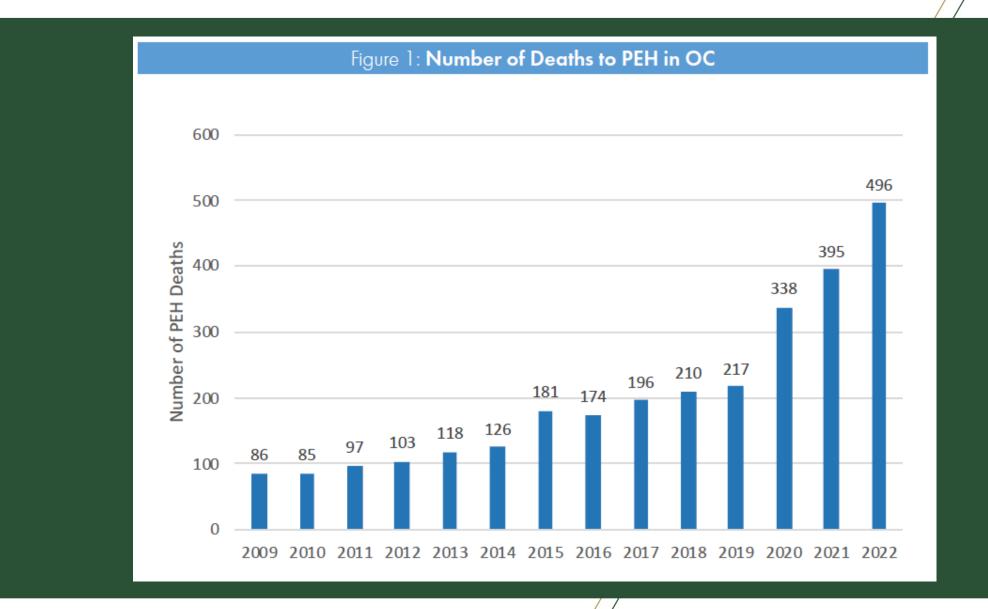
Background on Homeless Death Review



- Created by Sheriff Barnes in January 2022 to analyze Orange County's homeless deaths.
- Committee includes representatives from county agencies, city police departments, medical personnel, and non-profits who serve the homeless population.
- First report was on 2021 homeless deaths.
- In 2023 legislation was passed authorizing ability to share confidential information.

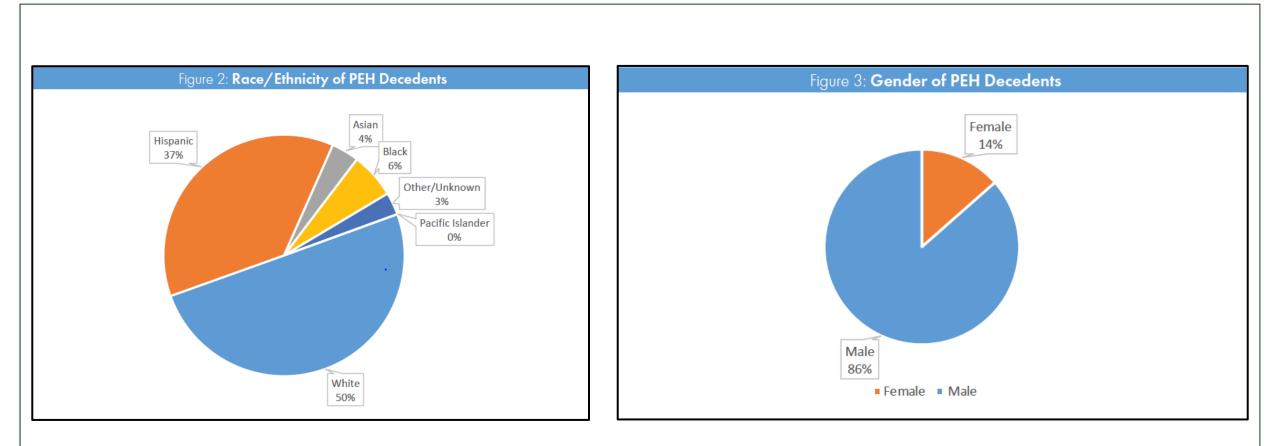
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PEH Deaths in Orange County 2009-2022

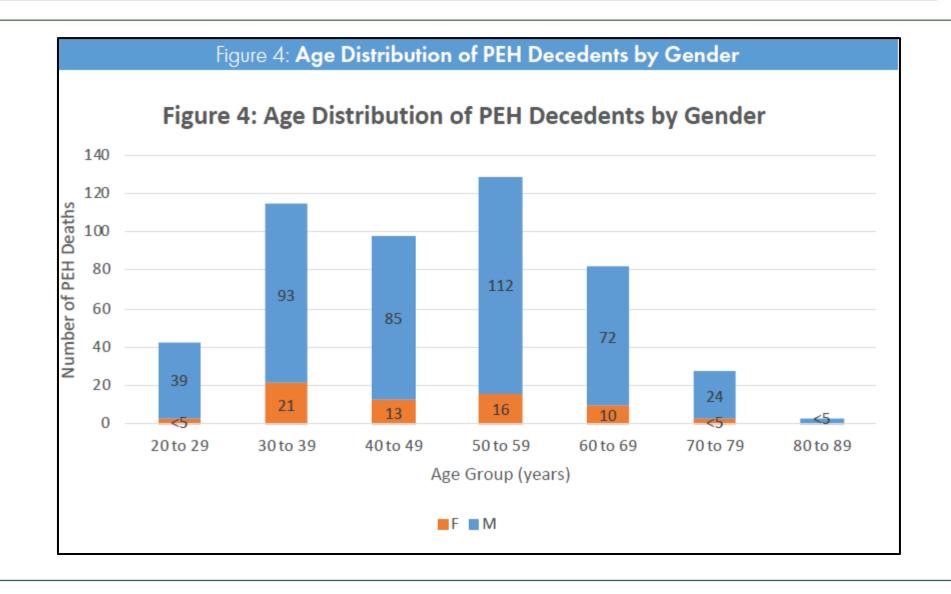


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Demographics of PEH Deaths



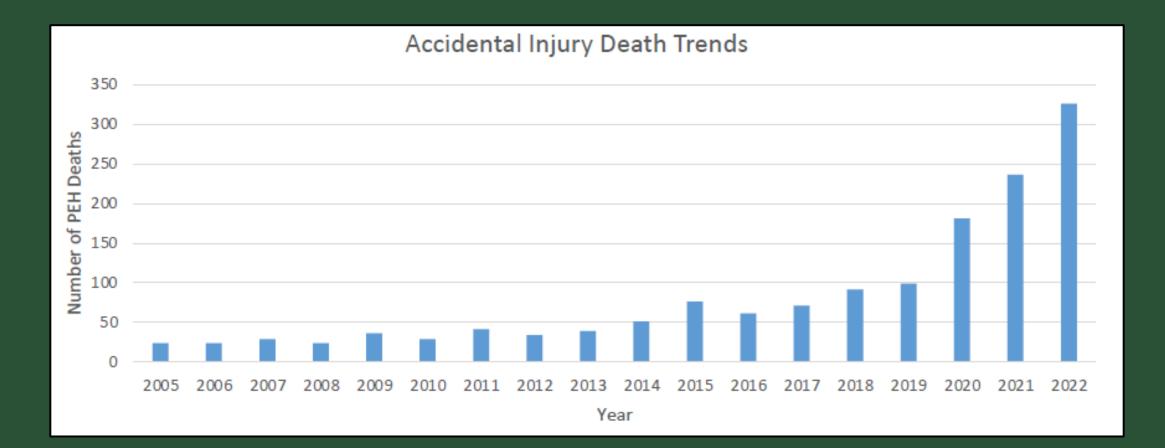
Age of PEH Deaths



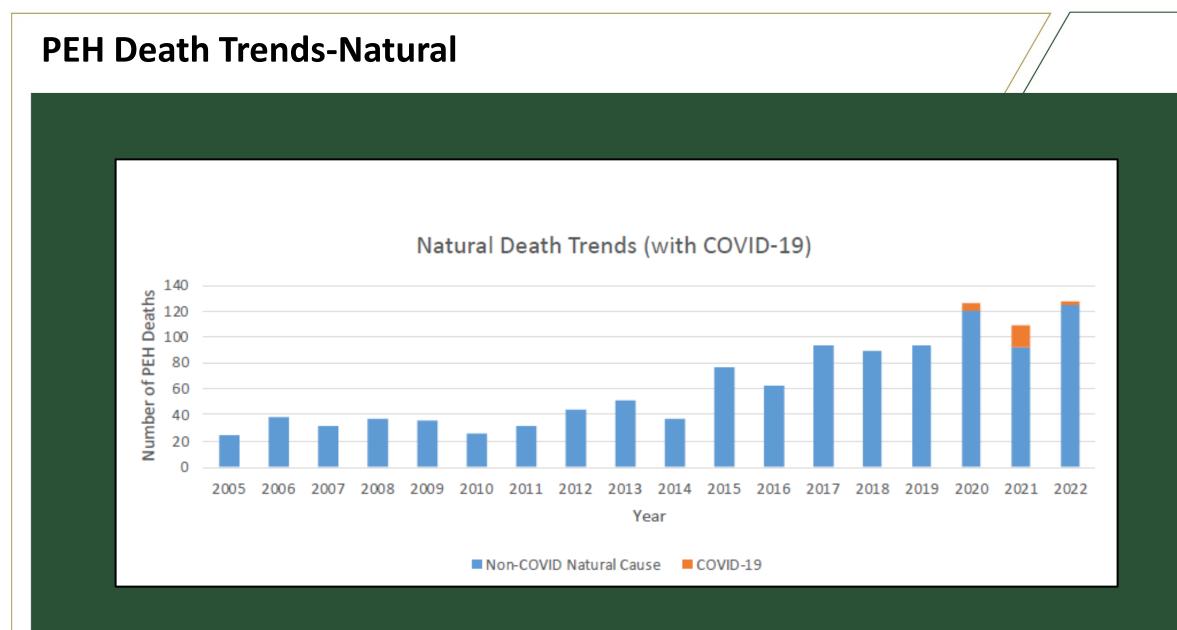
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Table 1: Manner of Death to PEH (2018 to 2022)										
Homeless Deaths	2018		2019 202		20	2021		2022		
Manner of Death	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Accident	91	43%	99	46%	181	54%	235	59%	324	65%
Homicide	12	6%	6	3%	7	2%	11	3%	8	2%
Natural	89	42%	94	43%	126	37%	109	28%	128	26%
COVID-19					6	2%	17	4%	5	1%
Suicide	15	7%	14	7%	15	4%	22	6%	19	4%
Undetermined/ Pending*	3	1%	4	2%	3	1%	1	0%	14	3%
Total	210	100%	217	100%	338	100%	395	100%	496	100%

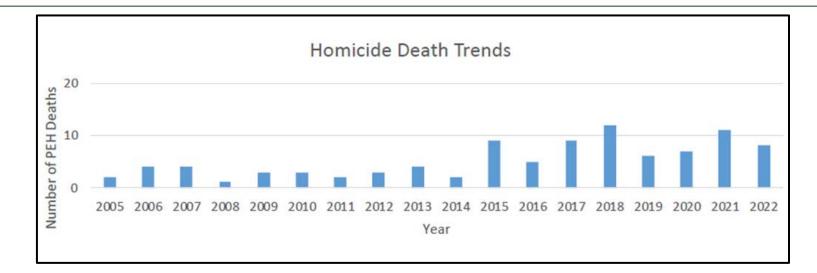
PEH Death Trends-Accidental

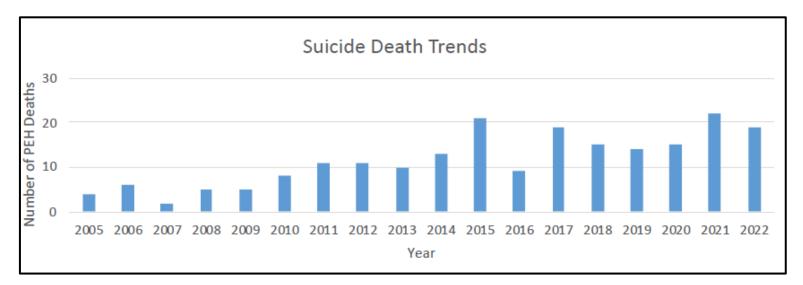


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PEH Death Trends-Homicide and Suicide





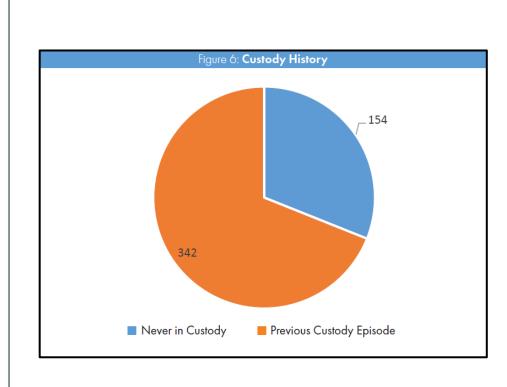
Causes of Death for PEH

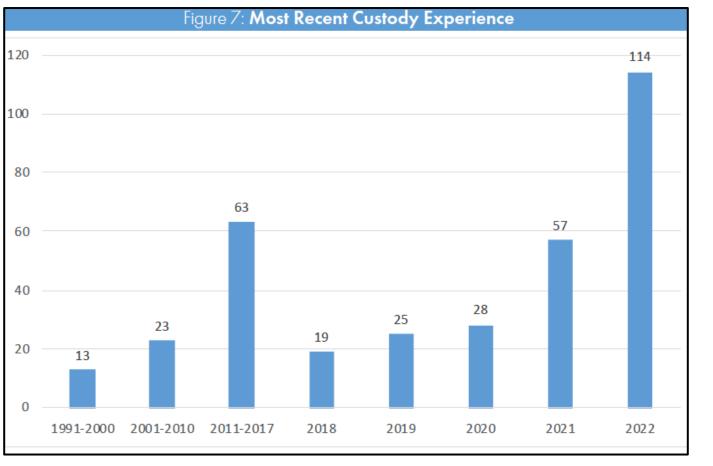
Table 2: Top 5 Leading Causes of Death in Orange County (2022)	%PEH Deaths
Accidents (unintentional injuries)	65%
Diseases of the heart	14%
Intentional self-harm (suicide)	4%
Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	3%
Assault (homicide)	<2%

Table 3: Accidental (Unintentional Injury) Cause Group Detail	Homeless	%Homeless Deaths
Poisoning/Overdose with Fentanyl	209	42.1%
Poisoning/Overdose (Non-Fentanyl)	64	12.9%
Pedestrian Traffic	32	6.5%
Motor Vehicle Traffic	5	1.0%
Falls	<5	<1.0%
Pedal Cyclist Traffic	<5	<1.0%
Drowning	5	1.0%
Other/Unknown/Ill-Defined	<5	<1.0%
Total	324	65.3%

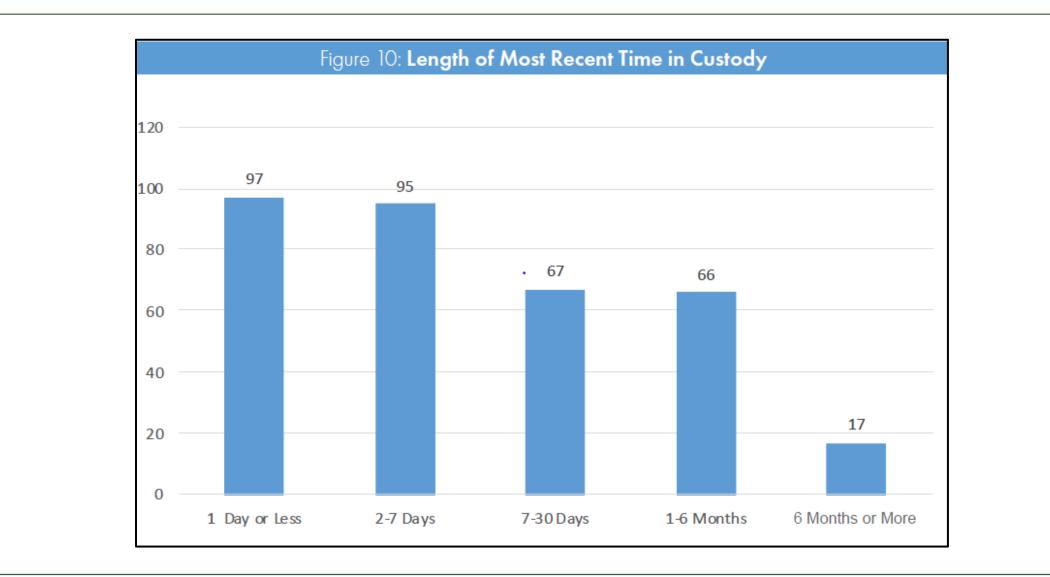
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PEH History in Custody

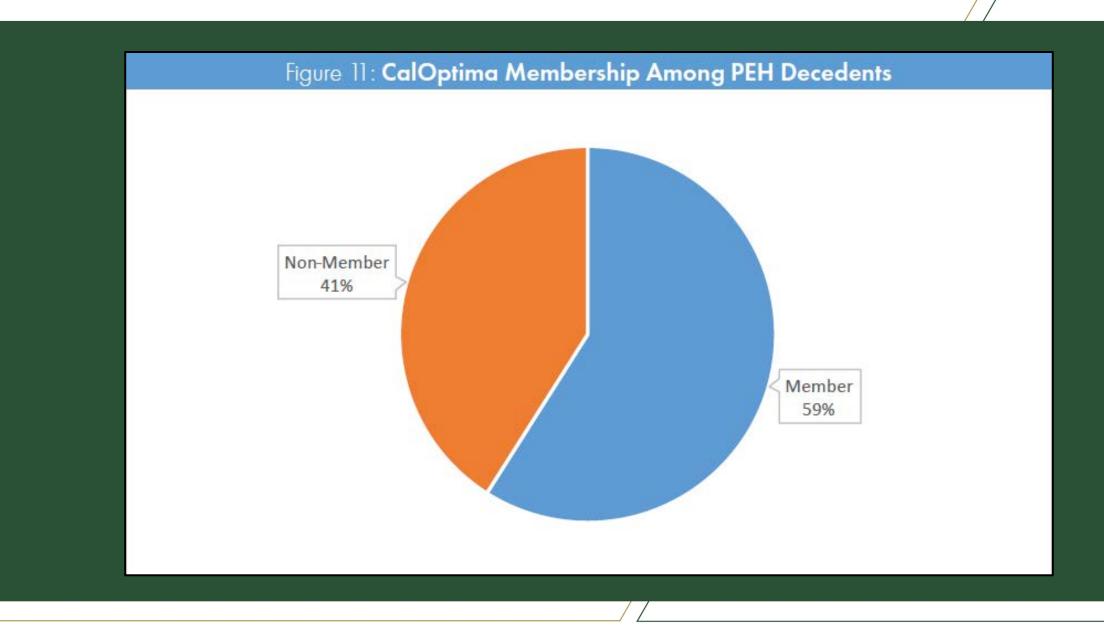




PEH History in Custody (cont.)



PEH CalOptima Membership



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Orange County Sheriff's Department

Questions and Feedback



ACTION – ITEM #5 MEMBERSHIP RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation for Appointment

- On April 19, 2024, the Commission to End Homelessness approved the launch of a recruitment process that utilized the existing Membership Ad Hoc to evaluate and make a recommendation for appointment of the Hospital Representative.
- Membership Recruitment was open from April 22, 2024, to May 24, 2024.
- A total of 3 applications for the Commission to End Homelessness Hospital Representative were received by the Office of Care Coordination and reviewed by the Membership Ad Hoc.
- The Membership Ad Hoc met on June 7, 2024, to discuss the applicants and make recommendations for appointment to the Commission to End Homelessness.
- If the recommended action is approved, the goal is to have the newly appointed member attend the Commission to End Homelessness meeting on August 21, 2024.

ACTION – ITEM #5 MEMBERSHIP RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation for Appointment

- Approve recommendations for appointment of the following candidate to serve on the Commission to End Homelessness seat as detailed below to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.
 - Cecilia Bustamante Pixa, Senior Director of Community Health Orange County at Providence St. Joseph Hospital, as Hospital Representative for the balance of the two-year term ending December 5, 2024.

ACTION – ITEM #6 BYLAW AD HOC RECOMMENDATION

Bylaw Ad Hoc Recommendation

Establish an Ad Hoc to review and evaluate the Commission to End Homelessness Bylaws.

ACTION – ITEM #7 REVISED MEETING CALENDAR

Revised Commission to End Homelessness Meeting Calendar Recommendation

 Approve revised Commission to End Homelessness 2024 Meeting Schedule Calendar to amend the October meeting date from October 16, 2024, to October 2, 2024.

ACTION – ITEM #8 APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

Commission to End Homelessness Meeting Minutes

Approve Commission to End Homelessness minutes from April 17, 2024, regular meeting.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Commission to End Homelessness Meetings

The next regular meeting is August 21, 2024.

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