



**Lived Experience Advisory
Committee Meeting
September 4, 2024**

Welcome!



Welcome and Meeting Overview

Agenda

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

Public Comments

Lived Experience Advisory Committee 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.

Orange County Service Provider Forum
LEAC Presentation Update
Nichole Gideon, Chair

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Orange County Service Provider Forum Presentation Update

- Nichole and Santa Bob, as representatives of the LEAC, presented at the Service Provider Forum meeting on August 15, 2024, at the Clifton C. Miller Community Center in Tustin and provided:
 - ❖ Overview of the LEAC
 - ❖ Participation of LEAC members in CoC and partner initiatives
 - ❖ Update on member recruitment
 - ❖ Announcement about LEAC public meetings
 - ❖ Process for submitting a request to present at upcoming LEAC meetings
- Expressed desire to further collaborate with service providers and community partners
- Provided invitation to come to LEAC for ideas and solutions

**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

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FY 2024 and FY 2025 CoC Program NOFO Competition

NOFO Release

- HUD released the FY 2024 and FY 2025 CoC NOFO Competition (FY24/25 NOFO) on Wednesday, July 31, 2024.
- **For the first time, HUD is issuing a 2-year CoC Program NOFO** as authorized by the consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024.

Funding Available Nationwide:

- CoC Program – \$3,524,000,000
- Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus – \$52,000,000
- Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) – \$188,000,000
- A portion of funds will be available for CoC Renewal Projects and CoC Bonus Projects.

Funding Available to the Orange County CoC:

- Estimated Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) – \$32,801,133
- CoC Bonus – \$3,936,136
- DV Bonus – \$3,623,391
- CoC Planning – \$1,500,000

Application Due Date: October 30, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. PDT

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FY 2024 and FY 2025 CoC NOFO

- The timeline below details the local dates for the Orange County CoC activities, including submittal of new projects proposal and renewal project application submittals, as well as HUD deadlines.

DATE	ACTIVITY
August 12, 2024	Release of FY2024 CoC Renewal Project Application
August 22, 2024	Release of FY2024 RFP for CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Projects
August 29, 2024	CoC Renewal Project Applications due by 5:00 p.m.
September 12, 2024	Proposals for FY 2024 CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Projects due by 5:00 p.m.
September 30, 2024	All project applications must be submitted to CoC (per HUD 30 days before deadline).
October 15, 2024	Agencies notified in writing of inclusion of project acceptance, rejection, reduction and/or ranking by the Orange County CoC (per HUD 15 days before deadline).
October 28, 2024	Consolidated Application posted on website for community review (per HUD 2 days before application submission).
October 30, 2024	CoC NOFO Submission Deadline of 5:00 p.m. PDT, per HUD guidelines

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Lived Experience Support Letter

- Similar to the FY2023 CoC Program NOFO, the FY2024 and FY2025 CoC Program NOFO calls for CoCs to submit a Lived Experience Support Letter with the Consolidated Application.
- The letter must be signed by either
 1. At least three members involved in a working group (e.g., advisory committee, subcommittee) comprised of individuals with lived experience, or
 2. An authorized representative of the working group (e.g., a working chair) along with evidence that the person is authorized to represent the group, or
 3. Individual letters signed by three individuals who are involved on different committees
- The letter must also demonstrate support of the priorities for serving individuals and families experiencing homelessness with severe service needs in the Orange County CoC.
- Members of the LEAC are being asked to approve and sign the Letter of Support for the FY2024 and FY2025 CoC NOFO Consolidated Application (**Attachment A**)
- Letters can be signed using pseudonyms to protect privacy, as desired.

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Recommended Action

- 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.

LEAC Member Recruitment

**Felicia Boehringer, CoC Administrator,
Office of Care Coordination**

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LEAC Member Recruitment

- On behalf of the LEAC membership, the Office of Care Coordination is facilitating the recruitment and selection process for three (3) committee members:
 - ❖ **North SPA Representative:** Individual with current or past experience of homelessness within the North SPA
 - ❖ **Central SPA Representative:** Individual with current or past experience of homelessness within the Central SPA
 - ❖ **South SPA Representative:** Individual with current or past experience of homelessness within the South SPA
- Interested individuals were invited to submit an Interest Form to the Office of Care Coordination by Friday, August 23, 2024, noting that recruitment could continue on a rolling basis until the positions are filled.

More information on the LEAC or recruitment process is included on the [LEAC Recruitment webpage](#)

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LEAC Member Recruitment

- **LEAC Nominating Ad Hoc Members:** Nichole Gideon, Robert “Santa Bob” Morse, Elizabeth Flores and Deborah Kraft

Date*	Activity
July 12	LEAC Nominating Ad Hoc Meeting
July 25	LEAC Nominating Ad Hoc Meeting
August 2 – August 23	Recruitment Period
September 2 – September 20	Ad hoc to review interest forms, reach out to candidates for “meet and greet” phone calls, and meet to finalize selected members
October 2	LEAC Meeting: Selected members attend to get a feel for the meeting
Week of October 7	Confirm selected members are interested in serving
November 6	LEAC Meeting: First meeting with new members

*Dates are subject to change

**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

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CES Policies and Procedures Discussion

- The goal of the CES is to effectively connect individuals and families experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness to appropriate services and housing interventions to address and end homelessness in Orange County
- CES is required to incorporate all programs funded through the CoC Program and the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program. Other services, shelter and housing program receiving funding other than CoC and ESG funding may voluntarily participate in CES.
- While the goal is to incorporate as many homeless service programs as possible, including supportive services, shelter and housing, into CES, not all supportive service, shelter or housing programs participate in CES.
- The CES Policies and Procedures cover referrals for all resources available through CES, including:
 - ❖ all CoC- and ESG-funded programs, including survivor dedicated resources
 - ❖ local and state funded programs required to participate in CES
 - ❖ any resources that voluntarily participate in CES
- The CoC Board is responsible for reviewing and approving updates to the [CES Policies and Procedures](#)

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CES Policies and Procedures Discussion

- The LEAC is being asked to review and discuss two sections of the current policy, highlighted by an LEAC member as potentially needing revisions and/or strategies for better implementation.
- The below policy seeks to keep CES participants update on the prioritization list (or Community Queue) and states that participants will be made inactive in CES after 90 days of non-engagement.
 - ❖ *Participants remain enrolled in CES until the participant is permanently housed, opts out of participating in CES, or becomes inactive. Participants will be made inactive in CES when exited from access point services or after 90 days of non-engagement with access points or HMIS participating agencies as documented in HMIS or the comparable database for victim service providers. Participants are removed from the prioritization list for shelter referrals available through CES when exited from CES or after 7 days of non-engagement with an access point or HMIS participating agencies as documented in HMIS. Participants are removed from the prioritization list for services and housing opportunities when exited from CES or after 90 days of non-engagement with access points or HMIS participating agencies as documented in HMIS (pg. 15).*

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CES Policies and Procedures Discussion

- The CES Policies and Procedures also references HUD’s [Homeless Definition Final Rule](#) for guidance on use of self-certification and third-party verification as documentation of homelessness. (pg. 2)
- The Homeless Definition Final Rule states:
 - ❖ Third-party documentation, where it is available, is the preferable documentation of homeless status . The final rule provides that, whenever possible, third-party documentation of the criteria used to establish an individual or family as homeless should be obtained.
 - ❖ The exception to this is for recipients that provide emergency assistance, including emergency shelters that provide a bed for one night, and victim service providers. The recordkeeping requirements in the final rule reflect this requirement and exception.

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Discussion

- Do the current policies flag any potential concerns or challenges?
- Are there ideas or strategies for improving/supporting the implementation of the listed policies?
- What training or collaboration might be helpful to ensure an efficient, trauma-informed process for individuals and families in CES who are working to become document-ready?



CoC Updates

**Felicia Boehringer, CoC Administrator,
Office of Care Coordination**

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Youth Homelessness Demonstrate Program (YHDP) Round 8 Application Update

- The Office of Care Coordination in collaboration with the Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Collaborative Committee Chair, and Orange County United Way worked to complete the YHDP application.
- The YHDP Application was submitted on Tuesday August 27, 2024, prior to the deadline of Thursday, August 29, 2024.
- The Office of Care Coordination, on behalf of the Orange County CoC, would like to thank Orange County United Way, the TAY Collaborative Committee, CoC Board and other local partners for the collaboration involved in completing the YHDP Round 8 application.



Due Date for Application:
August 29, 2024



Available funding amount
\$72,000,000



Expected to award 20
communities



Grant Terms

HUD will award
projects for an initial
term of 24-30
months.

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CoCBuils NOFO

- The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is making approximately \$175 million in funding available through the CoCBuils NOFO – a first-of-its-kind funding for new construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation of permanent supportive housing (PSH).
- Through one-time awards under the CoC program, the CoCBuils NOFO will enable communities to develop new units of rental housing with supportive services for people experiencing homelessness.
- CoCBuils grant terms may be two, three, four, or five years. Projects selected for conditional award must be able to:
 - a. provide proof of site control (24 CFR 578.25) prior to execution of the grant agreement; and
 - b. execute the grant agreement with HUD no later than September 1, 2025
- Review the CoCBuils NOFO in more detail on [HUD's website](#).
- Information on the Orange County CoC's local competition process can be found on the [CoCBuils NOFO webpage](#).
- The submission deadline for the CoCBuils NOFO is **November 21, 2024, at 9:00 p.m. PDT.**

2022 Annual Homelessness Assessment Report (AHAR) Part 2

- In August 2024, HUD released the 2022 AHAR: Part 2, which compiles data from local administrative data collected by homeless services and reported to HUD to provide a national estimate of people who utilized shelter programs at some point during the Federal FY, October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022. The 2022 AHAR Part 2 can be referenced [here](#).
- [Abt Global](#) highlighted key data points:
 - ❖ **Over 1.3 million people experienced homelessness in sheltered settings during 2022, a 14-percent increase over the previous year.** Part 2 reflects only national estimates of sheltered homelessness, so recent spikes in unsheltered homelessness across the country are not included in this 14 percent rise.
 - ❖ **The number of family households experiencing homelessness increased by nearly 20 percent between 2021 and 2022, outpacing increases in homelessness among adult-only households (13%).** Sheltered family homelessness increased while family poverty fell by 4 percent during the same period.

2022 Annual Homelessness Assessment Report (AHAR) Part 2

- ❖ **The number of older adults experiencing chronic homelessness continued to rise:**
Approximately 10,000 more people over the age of 64 experienced sheltered homelessness in 2022, compared to 2021. The number of older adults who have a disability and have been homeless for long periods of time has increased by 83 percent since 2019 (which is the new baseline for comparison).
- ❖ **The large disparity in the number people of color experiencing homelessness persists**
 - People identifying as **Black, African, or African American accounted for 39 percent of people experiencing sheltered homelessness, despite representing only 13 percent** of the overall U.S. population.
 - Historically the Hispanic or Latina/e/o population has been under-represented among people experiencing sheltered homelessness, but that trend has reversed as the number of Hispanic people experiencing homelessness rose. In 2022, the Hispanic or Latina/e/o population accounted for 23 percent of people experiencing sheltered homelessness, up from 16 percent in 2019.

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Training Opportunities

HUD's Equal Access Rule

The Office of Care Coordination will be hosting a training on the Equal Access Rule established by HUD. Through this training, service providers will learn how to effectively implement HUD's Equal Access Rule.

- **Date:** Monday, September 9, 2024
- **Time:** 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- **Meeting Link:**
<https://zoom.us/j/97023300938?pwd=9RDCxdd5Sc4H43k2opOb2mgP5jVBIj.1>
- **Meeting ID:** 970 2330 0938
- **Passcode:** coc2024

Social Services Agency (SSA) Overview Presentation

The Orange County SSA will provide an overview on public benefits such as CalFresh, Medi-Cal and Health Care Programs, and more.

- **Date:** Thursday, September 12, 2024
- **Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- **Meeting Link:**
<https://zoom.us/j/99144429205?pwd=abDxPx824H8BqW4oc3aQWwqq7Ogh32.1>
- **Meeting ID:** 991 4442 9205
- **Passcode:** 515606

If you have questions or difficulty accessing the trainings on Zoom, please email the Office of Care Coordination and CareCoordination@ocgov.com

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Upcoming Meetings

- **Veterans Committee:** Thursday, September 19, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
 - ❖ Location: Orange County United Way, 18012 Mitchell S, Irvine, CA 92614
- **Transitional Aged Youth Collaborative Committee Special Meeting:** Friday, September 20, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 - ❖ Location: Orangewood Foundation, 1575 17th Street, Santa Ana, CA 92705
- **CoC Board Meeting:** Wednesday, September 25, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 - ❖ Location: County Administration South (CAS) Building County Conference Center Rooms 104/106, 425 W. Santa Ana Blvd, Santa Ana, CA 92701

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Remember to Keep your Individual and Agency General Membership Updated!

- The CoC Governance Charter identifies that each Individual Member and Agency that is a General Member of the CoC will be allowed one vote for the CoC Board election.
- The CoC Governance Charter states that a CoC Board member must be CoC General Member, either as an organization or individual. There is still time to become a CoC General Member if you are interested in applying for the CoC Board.
- You can view the [CoC General Membership](#) roster on the [CoC General Membership webpage](#)
- If you or your organization is not a General Member and wants to become one, please inform the Office of Care Coordination of your interest and fill out the [application](#).
- If your agency needs to update your authorized representatives for your agency, please submit an updated [application](#) to the Office of Care Coordination.

Please contact the Office of Care Coordination with any questions at

CareCoordination@ocgov.com or 714-834-5000

Next Meeting:

October 2, 2024, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.,
location to be determined

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