



**Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC)
Domestic Violence (DV) Committee
October 15, 2024**

Meeting Agenda

1. Domestic Violence Awareness Month – Maricela Rios Faust, Chair
2. Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Updates – Maricela Rios Faust, Chair
3. Coordinated Entry System (CES) for Survivors Assessment Recommendation – Sarah Jones, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination
 - a. Approve revised CES Pre-Assessment Screening and CES Survivor Assessment Tools.
4. Domestic Violence Committee Vision Setting – Sarah Jones, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination and Maricela Rios-Faust, Chair
 - a. Continued discussion related to goals and vision for the Domestic Violence Committee.
5. CoC Updates – Sarah Jones, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 17, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at The Village at 17th Street Large Community Room located at 1505 17th St, Santa Ana, CA 92705

Public Comments

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Recommended Action

1. Approve the DV Committee Meeting Special Meeting Minutes from August 27, 2024.

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Domestic Violence Awareness Month
Maricela Rios-Faust, Chair

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OCTOBER IS
**DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE**
AWARENESS MONTH

Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Updates
Maricela Rios-Faust, Chair

**Coordinated Entry System (CES) for
Survivors Assessment Recommendation**

Sarah Jones, CoC Manager,
Office of Care Coordination

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CES for Survivors Assessment Changes

- The Office of Care Coordination, as the CES Lead, received feedback from several CES partners and the CES Administrators recommending updates to the CES Pre-Assessment and Survivor Assessment Tools.
- Recommended edits included adding eligibility requirements to the Pre-Assessment Tool and adding additional assessment and accessibility questions to the Survivor Assessment Tool.
- At the **September 4, 2024**, CES Steering Committee, the Office of Care Coordination presented and received feedback on proposed edits to both tools.
- The Office of Care Coordination held a public feedback period from **September 26, 2024 – October 9, 2024**, requesting written feedback be sent via email to CoordinatedEntry@ocgov.com
- The invitation to provide feedback was sent via the CES and CoC email distribution lists, the CoC Board membership, as well as to members of the following CoC committees: Policies, Procedures and Standards (PPS), Domestic Violence (DV) and Lived Experience Advisory.

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Feedback Received

Pre-Assessment Screening Tool

- Specify that Survivor CES assessments are currently utilized for DV specific Joint Transitional Housing/Rapid Rehousing (TH/RRH) and CoC funded RRH and Permanent Supportive Housing PSH programs only, to avoid frustration and challenges in linking survivors to appropriate resources when receiving referrals from 2-1-1 and/or housing providers.
- Match the Survivors Eligibility on the Pre-Assessment Screening to be the same as the Survivor Assessment Tool to lessen the confusion on repeat questions (if this is needed).
- Add a statement to say that if a survivor is needing crisis support or emergency shelter resources that calling the 24 hour DV hotlines is the best option.

Survivor Assessment Tool

- Section 3: Consider adding the number of adults in household as well as the minor children in order to get the total household size (as well as options for client doesn't know/refused)
- Consider if there are other Data Quality elements required for annual performance reporting to HUD (ie. gender, race/ethnicity, etc.) that could be added to the assessment

Updated Pre-Assessment Screening

Please see **Item 3. Attachment A** for redlined version, and **Item 3. Attachment B** for clean version.

Tenant Self - Assessment

Some people are being forced by others to trade sex in exchange for money, shelter, or other items. Is this something **that is** happening to you?

Yes No Client refused Client doesn't know Data not collected

If yes, offer help calling one of the 24 hour Domestic Violence hotlines below:

Human Options (877)854-3594 Laura's House (866)498-1511
Interval House (714)891-8121 Radiant Futures (877)531-5522

Some people are being forced by others to trade work in exchange for shelter or other items. Is this something **that is** happening to you?

Yes No Client refused Client doesn't know Data not collected

If yes, offer help calling one of the 24 hour Domestic Violence hotlines below:

Human Options (877)854-3594 Laura's House (866)498-1511
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CES for Survivors Eligibility

CES for Survivors is a program that provides potential temporary and/or permanent housing resources to the most vulnerable survivors who are fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Any information shared will be deidentified and only shared with consent.

1. Are you fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (as defined by HUD, see definition on page 3)? Yes No

If YES, continue to the next question.

2. Do you have no other safe place to stay? Yes No

If YES, continue to the next question.

3. Do you have any resources to obtain a safe place to stay? Yes No

If No, you are eligible to be enrolled in CES for Survivors and can be referred to a partnering victim service provider.

For responses to the eligibility questions that did not move forward, please end the assessment and provide a warm hand-off to another CES partnering agency.

This program is only for temporary/permanent housing. If the survivor is interested in getting resources for emergency shelter or other crisis support resources, offer help calling one of the 24 hour Domestic Violence hotlines referenced above.

CES Victim Service Provider Partners include:

WISEPlace Human Options Interval House
(714) 542-3577 ext 200 (877) 854-3594 (714) 891-8121 ext 300

Is there anything else you would like to share about your safety at home or the place where you're currently staying?

SURVIVOR ASSESSMENT TOOL

This tool will help determine risk and prioritize resources to the most vulnerable survivors. When used for prioritization, information shared in this assessment tool will be de-identified and only shared with consent.

1 SURVIVOR INFORMATION

FULL NAME: _____ UNIQUE ID: _____

VICTIM SERVICE PROVIDER INFORMATION

STAFF NAME: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

AGENCY NAME: _____ EMAIL: _____

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT

Y / N ~~Is survivor~~ Are you fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking as defined by HUD?

If YES, continue to the next question.

Y / N ~~Does survivor~~ Do you not have any other safe residence have no other safe place to stay?

If YES, continue to the next question.

Y / N ~~Does survivor~~ Do you lack the have any resources to obtain other safe permanent housing a safe place to stay?

If NO, continue to the Tenant Self-Assessment section.

If all eligibility questions are "Y", please complete the assessment below. For responses to the eligibility questions that did not move forward, please end the assessment and provide a warm hand-off to another CES partnering agency.

2 TENANT SELF - ASSESSMENT

	1	2	3	SCORE
Current Housing Situation	Stably housed	Unstable/Temporary housing	Homeless or currently in a shelter-based program	
Other Barriers	0-1 additional barriers	2 additional barriers	3 or more additional barriers	
Support System	Substantial support system	Moderate support system	Low/non-existent support system	
TOTAL				

Description of other barriers and extenuating circumstances that make this referral a high priority per the staff's professional recommendation: _____

ASSESSMENT COMPLETED BY: _____ ASSESSMENT DATE: _____

ASSESSMENT TYPE: Phone Virtual In-Person

Updated Survivor Assessment Tool

3 CLIENT INTAKE

Age 18-24 yrs old 25-54 yrs old 55-61 yrs old 62+ yrs Client doesn't know Client refused

Gender Woman Non-Binary Questioning Culturally Specific Identity Client Refused
 Man Transgender Different Identity Client doesn't know Data Not Collected

Race/Ethnicity

American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous Black, African American, or African American Middle Eastern or North African Client doesn't know
 Asian or Asian American Hispanic/Latin/e/o Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander Client Refused
 White Data Not Collected

Social Security Number (optional) - -

Veteran

Have you or anyone in your household served in the United States Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard) or ever called into active duty as a member of the National Guard or as a Reservist? No Yes Client doesn't know Client refused

Does your household include any minor children? Yes No Client doesn't know Client Refused

Is anyone in the household currently pregnant? Yes No Client doesn't know Client Refused

Are you in the process of reunifying with any minor children? Yes No
 If YES, how many? _____

Total Number of minor children (17 or younger) in household? _____

Total Household Size (Including yourself, how many people are in your household?) _____

PRIOR LIVING SITUATION

Type of Residence 3.917A (Type of living arrangement on the night before entering this project)

HOMELESS SITUATION

- Place not meant for human habitation (e.g., a vehicle, an abandoned building, bus/train/subway station/airport or anywhere outside)
 Emergency shelter, including hotel or motel paid for with emergency shelter voucher, or RHY-funded Host Home shelter
 Safe Haven

INSTITUTIONAL SITUATION

- Foster care home or foster care group home Long-term care facility or nursing home
 Hospital or other residential non-psychiatric medical facility Psychiatric hospital or other psychiatric facility
 Jail, prison or juvenile detention facility Substance abuse treatment facility or detox center

TRANSITIONAL & PERMANENT HOUSING SITUATION

- Residential project or halfway house with no homeless criteria Rental by client, with RRH or equivalent subsidy
 Hotel or motel paid for without emergency shelter voucher Rental by client, with HCV voucher (tenant or project based)
 Transitional housing for homeless persons (including Homeless Youth) Rental by client in a public housing unit
 Host Home (non-crisis) Rental by client, no ongoing housing subsidy
 Staying or living in a friend's room, apartment, or house Rental by client, with other ongoing housing subsidy
 Staying or living in a family member's room, apartment, or house Owned by client, with ongoing housing subsidy
 Rental by client, with GPD TIP subsidy Owned by client, no ongoing housing subsidy
 Rental by client, with VASH housing subsidy Client doesn't know
 Permanent housing (other than RRH) for formerly homeless persons Client refused
 Data not collected

Please see **Item 3. Attachment C** for redlined version, and **Item 3. Attachment D** for clean version.

Updated Survivor Assessment Tool

4 HOUSING INTERESTS

Of the housing opportunities the household is eligible for, which of the following housing types is the household interested in?

Transitional Housing-Rapid Re-Housing (TH-RRH) provides transitional housing operated by a victim service provider agency and/or time-limited rental assistance paired with time-limited supportive services. There is no minimum income requirement for participating in TH-RRH. The goal of TH-RRH is to increase or maintain income to be able to keep paying rent after the rental assistance ends. *This is the only survivor specific housing resource available through CES.*

Transitional Housing-Rapid Re-Housing Yes No

Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) provides time-limited rental assistance paired with time-limited supportive services. There is no minimum income requirement for participating in RRH. The goal of RRH is to increase or maintain income to be able to keep paying rent after the rental assistance ends.

Rapid Re-Housing Yes No

Other Permanent Housing (OPH) includes ongoing rental assistance with tenant paying 30% of their income towards housing. This housing assistance comes with limited to no supportive services.

Other Permanent Housing Yes No

Permanent Supportive Housing provides ongoing rental assistance with intensive ongoing supportive services. Participation in supportive services is voluntary. Household experiencing chronic homelessness are primarily prioritized for PSH.

Permanent Supportive Housing Yes No

Is there anything else we should know about you or your needs? _____

ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS

If you, or anyone in your household, have a disability, you may need accessible housing. This may mean you need ramps or wider entrances, space for medical equipment or a wheelchair, or special light switches, electrical outlets, and other fixtures.

These questions are about some common needs. If you have needs not covered by these questions, please list them at the end of the assessment.

1. Do you require a mobility accessible unit due to a physical disability? Yes No

2. Do you require a sensory accessible unit due to loss of hearing or sight? Yes No

3. Do you require some accommodations but not all the features of an accessible unit? Yes No

Please indicate your needs below:

a. no stairs Yes No

b. grab bars Yes No

c. seat in tub or shower Yes No

d. other Yes No If other, please specify _____

4. Is there anything else about you or your accessibility needs that we should know?

Please submit the completed assessment information to this form to <https://forms.office.com/g/4hXx6LwLfB>.

Please email coordinatedentry@ocgov.com with any questions.

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Proposed Timeline for Review and Approval

- **September 4, 2024:** CES Steering Committee
- **September 26, 2024 – October 9, 2024:** Public Feedback Period
- **October 15, 2024:** DV Committee
- **November 6, 2024:** Lived Experience Advisory Committee (tentatively)
- **November 12, 2024:** PPS Committee
- **November 20 or December 18, 2024:** CoC Board for final review and approval

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Recommended Action

- a. Approve revised CES Pre-Assessment Screening and CES Survivor Assessment Tools.

**Domestic Violence Committee
Vision Setting**

Sarah Jones, CoC Manager,
Office of Care Coordination and
Maricela Rios-Faust, Chair

Domestic Violence Committee Vision Setting

- At the August 27, 2024, meeting, the committee began a discussion related to the purpose, goals and vision for the Domestic Violence Committee.
- Some themes highlighted:
 - ❖ Recommendations for resource allocation
 - ❖ Advocacy for system change, centering survivors' needs
 - ❖ Ideas for service integration
 - ❖ Space for learning about work of other community partners serving survivors

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Domestic Violence Committee Vision Setting: Continued Discussion

- Building off the previous discussion, what purpose and role do you see the Domestic Violence Committee having in addressing needs of survivors in Orange County?
- What does the committee seek to prioritize in 2025?



CoC Updates

**Sarah Jones, CoC Manager,
Office of Care Coordination**

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FY2024 and FY2025 CoC Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (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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DV Bonus Funding: Selected Project

- On Wednesday, October 9, 2024, the Orange County CoC Board approved the CoC Project Priority Listing, including all renewal, consolidated, expansion and new projects, to be included in the Orange County CoC's FY2024 and FY2025 CoC Program NOFO Application as recommended by the CoC NOFO Ad Hoc.
- The following new project was included, to be funded with DV Bonus funding.

Human Options: DV Bonus RRH Project

- Rapid Rehousing (RRH)
- Funding Source: DV Bonus
- Requested Funding Amount: \$1,358,595*
- Provide trauma-informed supportive services, including access to mental health therapists, legal advocates, and no-cost healthcare.
- Will serve 30 households
- Will leverage funding to providing RRH to two (2) additional households and will leverage medical and mental health services through a partnership with Healing to You

* Final funding amounts subject to change within approved funding priorities and maximum funding eligibility.

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FY2024 CoC Program NOFO Timeline and Next Steps

DATE	ACTIVITY
August 12, 2024	Release of the FY2024 CoC Renewal Projects Application
August 22, 2024	Release of FY2024 RFP for CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Projects
August 29, 2024	FY2024 CoC Renewal Project Applications due by 5:00 p.m. PDT
September 12, 2024	CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Project Applications due at 5:00 p.m. PDT
September 30, 2024	Project Applications are required to be submitted to the CoC no later than 30 days before the application deadline.
October 9, 2024	CoC Board Special Meeting to approve final CoC Project Priority Listing and selection of projects for CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Funding
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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Continuum of Care Builds (CoCBuils) NOFO

- 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](#).
- The Orange County CoC is **eligible to apply for a maximum of \$7,500,000**
- The submission deadline for the CoCBuils NOFO is **November 21, 2024, at 9:00 p.m. PDT.**

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CoCBuils NOFO

- On September 12, 2024, the County of Orange on behalf of the Orange County CoC made available the FY2024 Request for Proposals for CoCBuils Projects on the [CoCBuils webpage](#).
- Project proposals for the RFP for CoCBuils Projects were due to the Office of Care Coordination on Friday, October 4, 2024.
- The CoCBuils NOFO Ad Hoc has convened in order to begin reviewing and scoring project proposal applications based on the approved CoCBuils NOFO Scoring Criteria.

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CoC Board Nomination and Election

- The Office of Care Coordination as the Collaborative Applicant of the Orange County CoC is facilitating the annual CoC Board Nomination and Election process.
- The CoC Board is charged with responsibilities and authorities on behalf of the General Members of the Orange CoC.
- The CoC Nominating Ad Hoc has convened and begun the process of reviewing and updating the noted sections of the CoC Board Governance Charter and will support with facilitating the 2024 CoC Board nomination and election process.
- The current timeline outlined in the CoC Board Governance Charter is as follows:
 - ❖ **September/October** – Nominating Ad Hoc convenes to review and update sections of the Charter that pertain to the CoC Board composition, selection process, and qualifications
 - ❖ **October/November** – Nominating Ad Hoc outreaches to potential CoC Board candidates. The Nominating Ad Hoc will interview eligible CoC Board candidates who meet criteria.
 - ❖ **November/December** – Candidates who moved forward based on their interview are presented to the CoC General Membership for voting/election.
 - ❖ **December** – CoC Board ratifies slate of elected candidates by the CoC General membership.
 - ❖ **January** – CoC Board seating takes place. Outgoing CoC Board and Board staff will provide training and orientation for incoming CoC Board.

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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

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Upcoming Meetings

- **Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) Collaborative Committee Special Meeting:** Friday, November 1, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 - ❖ Location: Orangewood Foundation, 1575 17th Street, Santa Ana, CA 92705
- **Lived Experience Advisory Committee:** Wednesday, November 6, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
 - ❖ Location: County Administration South (CAS) County Conference Center Room 104/106, 425 West Santa Ana Blvd, Santa Ana, CA 92701
- **CES Steering Committee:** Wednesday, November 6, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 - ❖ Location: OC Housing Authority, 1501 E St Andrew Pl, Santa Ana, CA 92705
- **Policies, Procedures and Standards (PPS) Committee:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024, from 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 - ❖ Location: CAS Multipurpose Rooms 103/105, 601 N Ross St, Santa Ana, CA 92701

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The Office of Care Coordination is Hiring!

- The Office of Care Coordination is seeking qualified applicants for the position of **Special Projects Specialist (Staff Specialist)**.
- This recruitment will close on **Monday, October 21, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. PDT**.
- The Special Project Specialist provides primary support to the Grants and Programs Analyst; provides administrative, fiscal, contractual, and system levels support to the Office of Care Coordination to successfully develop and implement programming funded through federal, state and local grant sources; and works on special projects in support of the Office of Care Coordination.
- Please review the job listing and apply for the position at the [Job Posting Link](#).
- If you have any questions pertaining to this recruitment, please contact Aniko Ruha at Aniko.Ruha@ocgov.com or (714) 834-7370.

Please assist us in sharing this employment opportunity with others!

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The Office of Care Coordination is Hiring!

- The Office of Care Coordination is currently recruiting to fill **two (2) Staff Specialist – Extra Help positions** to support with CoC and CES projects and initiatives being led by the Office of Care Coordination.
- Please note, Extra Help or temporary/seasonal positions are estimated to last six months up to one year.
- The Staff Specialist – Extra Help positions' responsibilities and job duties include, but are not limited to the following:
 - Analyzing, organizing and presenting data through various reporting tools.
 - Knowledge and understanding of the CoC, its structure and policies and procedures.
 - Knowledge and experience using the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).
 - Knowledge and understanding of the CES.
- If you have any questions pertaining to this recruitment or if you are interested in the employment opportunity, please contact or submit your resume to Aida Lomeli at aida.lomeli@ocgov.com.

Please assist us in sharing this employment opportunity with others!

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Location: The Village at 17th Street

Address: 1505 17th Street,

Santa Ana, CA 92705

CoC Board and CoC Committee Materials can be found
on the CoC webpage located at:

<https://ceo.ocgov.com/continuum-care>

For other inquiries, please contact the Office of Care
Coordination at CareCoordination@ocgov.com

