



**Continuum of Care Board
Candidate Meet and Greet
November 18, 2024**

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Meeting Overview

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What is the CoC Program?

- Established by the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 ([HEARTH Act](#)) amended the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
- The CoC Program is designed to:
 - ❖ Promote **communitywide commitment** to the goal of ending homelessness
 - ❖ Provide **funding** for efforts by nonprofit providers, and state and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused to homeless individuals, families, and communities by homelessness
 - ❖ Promote **access to and effect utilization of mainstream programs** by individuals and families experiencing homelessness
 - ❖ Optimize **self-sufficiency** among individuals and families experiencing homelessness.



Learn more about the CoC Program [here](#)

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What is the CoC Board?

- The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires all CoCs to have a CoC Board.
- The CoC Board is the collective of individuals designated to provide oversight and governance on behalf of the CoC.
- The CoC Board **must be representative of the relevant organizations and of projects serving homeless populations and subpopulations** within the CoC's geographic area.
- The CoC Board **must also include at least one person who is currently experiencing or has experienced homelessness.**

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CoC Board Member Expectations

- CoC Board members are expected to:
 - ❖ Serve a **two-year term** on the CoC Board.
 - ❖ Consistently attend **CoC Board meetings**. All CoC Board members must attend at least seventy-five percent (75%) of meetings each year and not be absent for three (3) consecutive meetings in order to remain in good standing.
 - ❖ Be **CoC voting General Members** who demonstrate a high level of ethical behavior; working knowledge of and compassion about addressing homelessness and furthering equity and inclusion within the CoC Board and across the CoC's work; and leadership and collaborative spirit in the best interest of the Orange County CoC.
 - ❖ Conduct hands-on work of creating and facilitating **the committees, ad hoc and working groups of the Orange County CoC**, including supporting the CoC Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).
 - ❖ All CoC Board members must participate in at least one (1) committee, working group, or ad-hoc, and attend at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the committee meeting(s) they commit to.
 - ❖ **Approve Orange County CoC policies, procedures and standards** as recommended by CoC Committees.

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CoC Board Seat Availability

- The CoC Board is recruiting **seven (7) to eleven (11) members** for the current election process.
- It is important to the Orange County CoC to ensure that the CoC Board is **diverse** and **representative** of the people in our community who tend to experience homelessness.
- The Orange County CoC Board values experience in the field of homelessness and recognizes that there are many ways that people gain relevant experience, including through internships, volunteer work, lived experience of homelessness, and community involvement beyond paid positions related to homelessness.
- Each year, the CoC Board establishes a CoC Nominating Ad Hoc to support the annual CoC Governance Charter review and CoC Board nomination and selection process.
- The CoC Nominating Ad Hoc is recommending the CoC Board candidates being presented today to proceed for voting by the CoC General Membership

CoC Board Candidate Introductions

Each candidate will be given up to three minutes to introduce themselves.

Liza Avetikova

Candidate Interest Form

Dr. Kelly Bruno Nelson Candidate Interest Form

Shakoya Green Long Candidate Interest Form

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Marisol Johnson

[Candidate Interest Form](#)

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Sandy Lozeau

[Candidate Interest Form](#)

Sammie Martínez

[Candidate Interest Form](#)

Melanie McQueen Candidate Interest Form

Dr. Tiffany Mitchell Candidate Interest Form

Robert “SantaBob” Morse

[Candidate Interest Form](#)

Grant A. Murray

Candidate Interest Form

Judson Brown

[Candidate Interest Form](#)

Jason Phillips

Candidate Interest Form

Sammy Rae Silva

[Candidate Interest Form](#)

Maricela Rios-Faust Candidate Interest Form

Dr. Kara Sandoval

[Candidate Interest Form](#)

Payal Sawhney

Candidate Interest Form

Dr. Apphia-Yaya Schramenko Candidate Interest Form

Kylee Simonton

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Christina Weckerly Ramirez Candidate Interest Form

David Wetzel

[Candidate Interest Form](#)

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Guide for Voting

- Voting will occur online via SurveyMonkey.
- Voting will be live for the CoC General Membership beginning **today, November 18, 2024, at 3:30 p.m.**
- To confirm if you are a CoC General Member, please review the current [CoC General Membership roster](#).
- Visit the Office of Care Coordination's [CoC Board Nomination and Election webpage](#) for a link to the online voting survey.
- The voting survey will also be shared with the CoC email distribution list following this meeting.
- The last day to vote is **Wednesday, November 27, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.**

The Office of Care Coordination on behalf of the Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC) is facilitating the CoC Board Nomination and Election process. The Orange County CoC Board is charged with responsibilities and authorities on behalf of the General Members of the Orange County CoC. The Orange County CoC is comprised of a governing board that represents the stakeholder groups that align with the community's priorities and the identities, background, and experiences of key partners, including people with lived experience of homelessness, in the community.

The CoC Board looks to provide a well-balanced perspective from multiple sectors to best lead the response to homelessness in Orange County. Through the CoC Board Nomination and Election process, the Orange County CoC is looking to recruit seven (7) to eleven (11) members.

The Orange County CoC Governance Charter identifies that each CoC General Member (one representative from each agency or individual) will be allowed one-vote for each of the CoC Board seat to be filled during this election. Please review the CoC General Membership Roster to confirm the authorized representative that will be voting on behalf of your agency. If your authorized representative is unavailable to vote, one alternate member listed in the roster may vote on the behalf of the agency.

* 1. CoC General Member Information

Name *	<input type="text"/>
Agency (if applicable)	<input type="text"/>
Email Address *	<input type="text"/>
Phone Number *	<input type="text"/>

* 2. Are you the Authorized CoC Representative of your Agency? Please remember only one authorized representative may vote from each agency.

- Yes
- No
- I am voting as a registered Individual CoC Member

Note: The online voting survey has three (3) questions. Please be mindful that one (1) question will ask for multiple boxes to be checked.

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DATE*	TIMELINE ACTIVITY
October 29, 2024	Nomination period opens
November 5, 2024	Nomination period closes
November 13, 2024	Candidate Interest Forms are due New and Updated CoC General Membership Forms due
November 15, 2024	CoC Nominating Ad Hoc to recommend candidates for selection by the CoC General Membership
November 18, 2024	Virtual Candidate Meet and Greet Voting period opens at 3:30 p.m.
November 27, 2024	Voting period closes at 5:00 p.m.
December 6, 2024	CoC Nominating Ad Hoc to finalize election results Candidates notified of CoC Board Election results
December 18, 2024	CoC Board Meeting: Selected candidates are presented to the CoC Board for ratification
January 2025	CoC Board seating takes place. Outgoing CoC Board and Board staff will provide training and orientation for incoming CoC Board



*Dates are subject to change

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Questions?



If you have additional questions regarding this process, please reach out to the Office of Care Coordination at CareCoordination@ocgov.com.

