

INTEREST FORM: PART ONE

CoC General Member Information

Name:	Grant A. Murray
If you represent a specific organization in Orange County, please list your organization & role:	Moving Forward Psychological Institute - Executive Assistant
Pronouns (for example: she/her, he/him, they/them, xe/hir):	he/him

What qualities, skills, and experience do you bring that would help the CoC Board to further its work in ending homelessness and furthering equity and inclusion?

Foremost, I have an intrinsic drive to further equity via ending homelessness. I have my M.S. in Education Technology and have worked with homeless students before. More currently, I work for a CBO that did street outreach where I currently supervise a team of 4 housing navigators and a couple interns doing housing navigation, housing deposits, and housing tenancy and sustainability as part of the CalAIM initiative with a contract with CalOptima. We still serve as an access point to the community queue. I'm quick to learn and have had a lot of experiencing managing large projects. I have experience using HMIS including enrolling, maintenance, and having a performance audit. I have direct outreach experience.

What qualities or characteristics do you bring to a collaborative environment?

I will start by listening. I think an underrated aspect of collaboration is onboarding, getting to speed, and then continuing to listen and accept the contributions of the collaborative members. I bring Socratic methodologies that allow me and the people I work with to be more efficient, solve deep questions, and be more creative.

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While having a conflict of interest does not make you ineligible to serve on the CoC Board, it helps CoC staff for record keeping purposes. Do you have any current conflicts of interest or previous ties to any agency that is a recipient or sub-recipient of CoC funding in the Orange County CoC? Examples of conflicts might include: Current or former staff, Board member, volunteer or client/participant at a CoC-funded agency, etc. For further information on what constitutes a conflict of interest, please click [here](#). For a current list of CoC-funded agencies, please click [here](#).

I'm not sure

If yes or not sure, please describe the potential conflict(s) of interest:

I work for Moving Forward Psychological Institute which has a contract interest in the placement of MediCal members in housing via the CalAIM initiative and regularly works with the populations experiencing homelessness.

We want to make sure that people who are elected to the Board have the support from their employer, agency, or group they represent (if applicable) to fully participate in the CoC Board. If applicable: is your employer, agency, or the group you represent aware that you plan to run for a CoC Board seat?

Yes

If applicable: does your employer understand the full commitment that you are making to the CoC Board, including time commitments to meetings, potential time away from work, and responsibilities you'll hold?

Yes

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The CoC Board aims to accomplish the following goals: Permanently House Those Experiencing Homelessness
Ensure an Efficient, Dignified System Promote an Equitable, Just System Drive System-Wide Engagement and
Collaboration Strengthen Regional Leadership and Accountability Smartly Allocate Funds to Match the Greatest
Needs Which of these goals resonate with you most, and where would you like to contribute to accomplishing these
goals?

I believe that how a society treats their least privileged is the standard by which society should be judged. The issue of homelessness is a blight on a society that strives for egalitarianism. Housing equity is a step toward a more just system, and a step I am very passionate about, but provision of a dignified and just system is the greater vision to which those other goals serve. I would be a voice like other CoC Board members toward that shared vision of equitability, but my contributions would more likely be in composition, project management, and system building.

Please discuss one (1) significant challenge to addressing homelessness in Orange County. If you could wave a magic wand to address this challenge, what would your solution be?

If I could wave a magic wand, NIMBYism would be gone. Right now there simply isn't enough housing in the county, much less affordable housing. There also needs to be several more systems in place to avert housing crises such as rental assistance, shelter (and other) options for those on the very long community queue wait. I would probably spend my time working to expand the efforts of the Homekey Plus programs as well as explore creative solutions like those programs that might be able to benefit the county.

Are you able to commit to attending at least 75% of CoC Board meetings each year? The CoC Board meets monthly, currently every fourth Wednesday from 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., though that time is subject to change. **Yes**

Are you able to commit to serving on at least one CoC committee, working group, or ad-hoc committee, and to attend at least 75% of that committee, working group, or ad-hoc's meetings? This is usually 1-2 hours per month, though, depending on the group you choose to participate in, the time commitment could be higher. **Yes**

Do you currently live or work in Orange County? Please select all that apply. **I live in Orange County,**
I work in Orange County

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Have you experienced homelessness? **No**

If you answered “yes” to the question above, please check all of the following that apply and that you feel comfortable disclosing.

What is your race and/or ethnicity?

White

Are you 2SLGBTQQIA+ (2-spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer, questioning, intersex, asexual/aromantic, +)? Please check all of the following that apply and that you feel comfortable disclosing.

No, I'm not 2SLGBTQQIA+

Do any of the following identities or experiences apply to you?

I have a disability or disabling condition (could be any type of disability including mental, physical, etc.)

Please select all of the entities or areas with which you have a personal or professional background or experience.

**Education field / McKinney-Vento liaison,
Behavioral health field,
Faith-based organization or community,
Homeless system programs: Street Outreach,
Homeless system programs: Rapid Rehousing,
Homeless system programs: Permanent Supportive Housing**
