

ORANGE COUNTY  
CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING  
Tuesday, November 5, 2024  
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Location:**

**County Administration South (CAS) Building  
Conference Center  
425 West Santa Ana Blvd. Room 104/106  
Santa Ana, CA 92701-4599  
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**Virtual Meeting Option\*:**

**Zoom Meeting Link: [Click here for meeting link](#)  
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## MINUTES

### Board Members

Judson Brown, City of Santa Ana  
LaVal Brewer, South County Outreach  
Dr. Kelly Bruno-Nelson, CalOptima Health  
Andrew Crowe, Scholarship Prep  
Nichole Gideon, Individual [Secretary]  
Becks Heyhoe-Khalil, OC United Way  
Sandra Lozeau, City of Anaheim  
Melanie McQueen, PATH  
Nishtha Mohendra, Families Forward  
Robert “Santa Bob” Morse, Individual

Talesha Payne, Individual  
Jason Phillips, Individual  
Dawn Price, Friendship Shelter  
Maricela Rios-Faust, Human Options  
Ami Rowland, Covenant House California  
George Searcy, Individual  
Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, Individual [Vice Chair]  
Tim Shaw, Individual [Chair]  
Christina Weckerly Ramirez, Health Care Agency

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Coordination during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday (excluding holidays).

**Call to Order** – Tim Shaw, Chair

Chair Tim Shaw called the meeting to order at 3:09 p.m.

**Board Member Roll Call** – Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, Vice Chair

Present: Judson Brown, LaVal Brewer, Andrew Crowe, Becks Heyhoe-Khalil, Melanie McQueen, Nishtha Mohendra, Robert “Santa Bob” Morse, Jason Phillips, Dawn Price, Maricela Rios-Faust, George Searcy, Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, Tim Shaw, and Christina Weckerly Ramirez.

Absent Excused: Dr. Kelly Bruno-Nelson, Nichole Gideon, Sandra Lozeau, Talesha Payne, and Ami Rowland.

Becks Heyhoe-Khalil arrived during Public Comments.

**Public Comments:** Members of the public may address the CoC Board on items listed within this agenda or matters not appearing on the agenda so long as the subject matter is within the jurisdiction of the CoC Board. Members of the public may address the CoC Board with public comments on agenda items in the business calendar after the agenda item presentation. Comments will be limited to three minutes. If there are more than five public speakers, this time will be reduced to two minutes.

To address the CoC Board, members of the public who are attending in person are to complete a Request to Address the CoC Board form prior to the beginning of each agenda item and submit it to CoC Board staff. Staff will call your name in the order received.

Members of the public, including those listening in via the virtual meeting option, may also submit public comment by emailing [CareCoordination@ocgov.com](mailto:CareCoordination@ocgov.com). All comments submitted via email at least 24 hours before the start of the CoC Board meeting will be distributed to the CoC Board members for their consideration and all comments submitted prior to the meeting will be added to the administrative records of the meeting. Please include “CoC Board Meeting Comment” in the email subject line.

- John H. provided public comment via email in advance of the CoC Board meeting. John H. shared concern with the people experiencing homelessness in Orange County. John H. shared gratefulness for the Office of Care Coordination and other resources to help end homelessness. John H. shared concern with the money provided to shelters and outreach organizations that do not or unable to deal with the ‘real cause (addiction estimated at 75%) for so many that live on the streets’. John H. estimated 90% of the addicts on the street do not seek help from what the county offers so, they avoid confrontation from anyone such as police, outreach workers, etc. and then an estimated 75% of the people that do access shelter, have either an addiction problem and or a mental illness. John H. stated there is no substance testing required at any of the shelters, which means there is no way to really help the “addict/alcoholics” and are enabling these people who really need consequences to hopefully change their behavior, their path. John H. shared that Orange County spends over 1 billion dollars a year on the homeless crisis and half of the money is spent enabling the people suffering from addiction. John H. shared personal experiences of witnessing substance use concerns in public locations. John H. shared hope for the discussion about drug testing at shelters and on the streets where there is reasonable suspicion to swab a person who looks intoxicated. John H. stated the problem is not being helped by waiting for the person on drugs or alcohol to ask for help or prolong their 'bottom' by allowing those with an addiction to not have consequences. John H. explained that the current method

of helping the addicts on the streets, or in shelters, is like giving an adult child that lives at home money and the freedom to come and go as they please, when deep down, they are using, and a blind eye is turned to what is really going on. John H. suggested to help the “addicts” by testing, implementing consequences, such as 3-6 months on a 'Work Farm' along with detoxification and a 12-step program, mandatory with a second offense possibly a 6 month to a year 'Work Farm Program'. John H. asked that this be a topic to discuss and hopefully educate people about how to help an “addict/alcoholic”.

**Board Member Comments:** Members of the CoC Board may provide comments on matters not appearing on the agenda so long as the subject matter is within the jurisdiction of the CoC Board.

- No Board Member Comments.

## **BUSINESS CALENDAR**

### **1. Continuum of Care Builds (CoCBuils) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) – Sarah Jones, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination**

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. The submission deadline for the CoCBuils NOFO is November 21, 2024, at 9:00 p.m. PDT. The Orange County CoC is eligible to apply for \$7,500,000 during the CoCBuils NOFO.

#### **Recommended Actions:**

- a. Approve Jamboree Housing Corporation’s permanent supportive housing project proposal called Costa Mesa Senior submitted in response to the CoCBuils Projects Request for Proposals (RFP), for inclusion in the Orange County CoC CoCBuils NOFO Application to the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), as recommended by the CoCBuils NOFO ad hoc.
- b. Approve CoC Board Chair and Officers' letter of support for application submission of the CoCBuils NOFO.

Robert “Santa Bob” Morse motioned to approve recommendation a and b. Becks Heyhoe-Khalil seconded the motion. Judson Brown, LaVal Brewer, Andrew Crowe, Becks Heyhoe-Khalil, Melanie McQueen, Robert “Santa Bob” Morse, Jason Phillips, Dawn Price, Maricela Rios-Faust, Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, Tim Shaw, and Christina Weckerly Ramirez voted yes. Nishtha Mohendra and George Searcy recused themselves during discussion and abstained from voting. The motion passed.

#### **Public Comments:**

- Alan Achterberg thanked everyone for the fast turnaround for the project application and shared their experience of 30 years in housing development. As feedback to solicit further participation, Alan Achterberg suggested that information on the projects be readily available.
- Tish Kelly with Jamboree Housing provided context on some of the requirements for the City of Costa Mesa such as wanting to see a mixed-income development. Tish Kelley explained that some of the units have Project-Based Vouchers (PBV) which allow for the lower AMI, while the other 60% AMI units would need additional subsidies to revise affordability levels. Tish Kelly shared that CoCBuils funding request is not the last piece of financing for the project and Jamboree Housing will continue to apply to other opportunities. The current deal is 9%, there is uncertainty of the tie breaker for now, and Jamboree is seeking 3-5 from the City of Costa

Mesa. Regarding the MHSA units, Tish Kelley shared that they believed the number was 11 units and stated that follow up can be provided.

CoC Board Member Discussion:

- Judson Brown inquired as to why 34 of the units were set at 60% annual median income (AMI) and asked whether the AMI can be decreased to ensure affordability levels for all units. Judson Brown asked whether it is a 9% or 4% deal, what are the tie breakers, and the amount being sought from the City of Costa Mesa. Judson Brown suggested that the 60% AMI units should try to be decreased when working with the City of Costa Mesa.
- Christina Weckerly Ramirez noted the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funding and asked how many MHSA beds the development would have.

Nishtha Mohendra motioned to adjourn the special meeting. George Searcy seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous consent. Special meeting adjourned.

**2. Next Meeting:** Wednesday, November 20, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.