

**ORANGE COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, October 15, 2024  
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**Location:**  
The Village at 17th Street  
Large Community Room  
1505 17th St, Santa Ana, CA 92705

**Virtual Meeting Option\*:**  
**Zoom Meeting Link:** [Click here for meeting link](#)  
**Join by phone:** +16694449171,97975623556#  
**Webinar ID:** 979 7562 3556

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**Committee Chair:** Maricela Rios-Faust, Human Options

**Committee Members:**

- Jude Abusham, Student in Orange County
- Brateil Aghasi, WISEPlace
- Patience Biosah, Individual
- Barbara Burke, Individual
- Deborah Kraft, Lived Experience Advisory Committee, Orange County Family Violence Council's (OCFVC) Homelessness Domestic Violence (DV)-Sexual Assault (SA) Task Force, Housing is a Human Right OC (HHROC), Stronger Women United, DV Policy Advocate
- Mark Lee, Radiant Futures
- Nishtha Mohendra, Families Forward
- Lydia Nationalesta, City of Lake Forest
- Wendy Seiden, OCFVC Homelessness-DV-SA Task Force
- Tianna Terry, Friendship Shelter, Individual Coordinated Entry System (CES)
- Cynthia Thouvenel, Ohlone Tribe Non-Profit
- Katherine Tan, Individual
- Sharon Wie, Interval House

**MINUTES**

**Welcome and Introductions** – Maricela Rios-Faust, Chair

Present: Brateil Aghasi, Maricela Rios-Faust, Wendy Seiden, Katherine Tan, Tianna Terry, and Sharon Wie.

Absent Excused: Mark Lee and Nishtha Mohendra.

Absent: Jude Abusham, Patience Biosah, Barbara Burke, Deborah Kraft, Lydia Nationalesta, and Cynthia Thouvenel.

**Public Comments** – Members of the public may address the DV Committee 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 DV Committee. Public 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 DV Committee, members of the public are to complete a Request to Address the Committee form prior to the beginning of each agenda item and submit it to Continuum of Care (CoC) staff. Staff will call your name in the order received. Members of the public 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 meeting will be distributed to the DV Committee members, and all comments will be added to the administrative records of the meeting. Please include “Domestic Violence Committee Meeting Comment” in the email subject line.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

*\*Committee did not have quorum and minutes were not approved.*

### **BUSINESS CALENDAR**

1. **Domestic Violence Awareness Month** – Maricela Rios Faust, Chair

Chair Maricela Rios Faust provided information for Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

#### **Committee Discussion:**

- Sharon Wie shared information regarding statistics and encouraged everyone to wear purple for the Purple Thursday' campaign on October 17, 2024.

2. **Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Updates** – Maricela Rios Faust, Chair

Chair Maricela Rios Faust shared that through VAWA, there has been extensive work done to ensure that government agencies have VAWA information. Maricela Rios Faust noted that the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provided an update on their newly added gender and equity division at HUD and shared that policy changes will be going through the gender and equity division department for review.

3. **Coordinated Entry System (CES) for Survivors Assessment Recommendation** – Sarah Jones, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination

Sarah Jones provided background on the CES Pre-Assessment Screening and CES Survivor Assessment Tool recommendation. The public feedback period for the revised draft of the CES Pre-Assessment Screening and CES Survivor Assessment Tool occurred from September 26 through October 9, 2024.

Recommended Action a: Approve revised CES Pre-Assessment Screening and CES Survivor Assessment Tool.

The committee did not have quorum and recommended action was not voted on.

Committee Discussion:

- Wendy Seiden noted that there is reference to confidentiality but not mandated reporting and inquired as to how staff is trained on what is mandatory to report, and how is the information communicated to the survivor. Wendy Seiden suggested that mandated reporting information is included at the beginning of the script. Wendy Seiden shared concern for the pre-screening process.
- Sharon Wie provided insight on the training that Interval House undergoes as it relates to mandated reporting. Sharon Wie affirmed that Interval House ensures that survivors are not harmed or damaged during the process and noted that mandated reporting would be a great training option for the future. Sharon Wie shared that mandated reporter training comes after confidentiality training. For the assessments, Sharon Wie inquired as to why the verbiage is only limiting to physical abuse and noted that it does not include language on emotional or verbal abuses. Sharon Wie suggested that the language be broadened on the definition of how someone is hurting.
- Chair Maricela Rios Faust suggested adding clarification that information will only be shared when there is written consent and suggested broadening and sharing general information of good practices. Chair Maricela Rios Faust also noted that the more information that is placed on a form, the stronger possibility that the information gets lost. Chair Maricela Rios Faust summarized the feedback of adding the mandated reporter language earlier, adding in the written consent on the form for release of information, and potential trainings of mandated reporting and the implications of mandated reporting if not reported correctly.
- Tianna Terry shared a story of the possible impacts of mandated reporting processes and suggested ideas of a training or other ways to clarify the impacts.
- Katherine Tan also shared a story of the impacts of mandated reporting processes and shared that there is a need for training.

**4. Domestic Violence Committee Vision Setting** – Sarah Jones, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination and Maricela Rios-Faust, Chair

Due to time restrictions, Business Calendar Item #4 was not presented and will be continued at the next meeting.

**5. CoC Updates** – Sarah Jones, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination

Due to time restrictions, Business Calendar Item #5 was not presented and will be presented at the next meeting.

**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