

Orange County Continuum of Care
Policies, Procedures and Standards Committee
Governance Charter

At the meeting dated October 23, 2019, the Continuum of Care (CoC) Board approved the creation of the Policies, Procedures and Standards Committee. The Policies, Procedures and Standards Committee was created to continuously review and advise the CoC Board on items related to the governing and committee structures, operational guidelines, decision-making protocols, appointment processes and other matters related to policies, procedures and standards related to the conduct and operation of the Orange County CoC and the CoC Board. This includes designating and assigning tasks to workgroups and ad hoc groups to improve project performance, assessments, and policies.

1. Name

The technical name is the Policies, Procedures and Standards Committee hereinafter referred to as the “PPS Committee”.

2. Purpose

The PPS Committee will function as an advisory group to the CoC Board and align its efforts to those of the Orange County CoC Board Vision. This committee aligns with the intent of ensuring that the CoC has clearly documented policies and standards for process review, policy formation, assessment of current policies and procedures and formation and conduct of committees in the service of the CoC, Coordinated Entry System (CES) and Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). The PPS Committee will support with creating a clear structure for policy development and subsequent revisions, monitoring and vetting work done through committees, work groups and ad hoc groups will create efficiencies and improve the amount of work that the CoC Board can accomplish.

3. Responsibilities

The PPS Committee is responsible for the following functions:

- a. Recommending any committees, workgroups and ad hoc groups necessary for the proper and efficient functioning of the Orange County CoC and recommending dissolving any committees, workgroups and ad hoc groups, if they are determined to be unnecessary for the proper and efficient functioning of the Orange County CoC.
- b. Vetting all proposed policies arising from committees/workgroups to ensure adherence to the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Notices and regulations, and evidence-based practices. The PPS Committee will then determine whether proposed policies and standards will be referred for additional input, recommended to the CoC Board for adoption through a consent item, or head for further conversation and vote by the full CoC Board.
- c. Establishing a clear standard for the level of care that agencies should provide by program type. This level of care and service delivery will support a minimum threshold and consistent practices across the CoC.

- d. Working with the CoC Collaborative Applicant (County of Orange) to update the CoC Board Governance Charter annually, which will include all procedures and policies needed to comply with HUD mandates and HEARTH Act regulations.
- e. Committing to advancing equity in the Orange County CoC, specifically addressing populations who have been most disproportionately impacted by homelessness, to ensure all people in Orange County experiencing homelessness and those at-risk will have equitable access to navigation, housing, and supportive services in ways that ensure equitable outcomes including overall well-being and long-term housing stability.

4. Recommendations

Matters referred to the PPS Committee by the CoC Committees or working groups shall be placed on the calendar for consideration and action at the first meeting of the PPS Committee after such reference. If there is an issue of importance to the PPS Committee, the PPS Committee may submit recommendations to the CoC Board for their consideration in coordination with the Collaborative applicant. The CoC Board may adopt, amend, or reject the recommendations of the PPS Committee

5. Chair and Vice Chair

The PPS Committee shall be chaired by a CoC Board Member appointed by the CoC Board, ensuring continuity and alignment with the CoC Board. The Chair will serve for the duration of their CoC Board term. The Chair may appoint a Vice Chair to support with the PPS Committee functions and assist with planning, facilitation, and coordination of the PPS Committee meetings. The Vice Chair must be selected from the PPS Committee membership as detailed below. The Vice Chair term will mirror the Chair's CoC Board term.

6. Membership

The PPS Committee membership shall be comprised of the PPS Committee Chair and chairs of any ongoing CoC Committees, as well as no fewer than one and no more than two at large Board members. Should a CoC Committee Chair be unable to participate as a member, a representative from their CoC Committee may be appointed as a PPS Committee member. Appointed CoC Committee representatives must be CoC General Members. At large members shall be nominated by the CoC Board annually upon completion of the CoC Board Officer elections. The PPS Committee Chair and Vice Chair and members, shall remain on the PPS Committee so long as they hold their seat on the CoC Board or Chair of any CoC Committees. Appointed CoC Committee representatives shall remain on the PPS Committee for the duration of their CoC Committee Chair's term. At large member terms will mirror their CoC Board term.

The PPS Committee is open to the CoC General membership and CoC-funded agencies for active and ongoing participation as the matters for consideration and action impact policies, procedures, and standards for the CoC.

7. Meeting Schedule

The PPS Committee shall meet on an as-needed basis but no less than every other month and meetings will be open to the public except as otherwise determined by the PPS Committee. Any

person who attends a meeting may be asked by the PPS Chair to leave if the person is disruptive; if a conflict of interest applies; or if an agenda business item(s) is deemed by the PPS Chair to be of such nature that it involves only Orange County CoC closed session business.

8. Voting and Quorum

A quorum is necessary to conduct business and make recommendations. A quorum shall be constituted by the presence of a majority of more than 50% of the appointed members of the PPS Committee.

A majority vote of those members present and voting is required to take any action. Each member shall be entitled to one vote; no proxy votes will be accepted.

9. Conflict of Interest

Membership of the PPS Committee shall abstain from voting on any issue in which they may be personally vested to avoid a conflict of interest in accordance with County, State and Federal laws, regulations and ordinances and shall refrain from engaging in any behavior that conflicts with the best interest of CoC.