

ORANGE COUNTY
CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD
Wednesday, January 22, 2025
2:00 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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MINUTES

Board Members

LaVal Brewer, South County Outreach
Judson Brown, City of Santa Ana
Dr. Kelly Bruno-Nelson, CalOptima Health
Andrew Crowe, Scholarship Prep
Nichole Gideon, Individual [Secretary]
Shakoya Green Long, Thomas House Family Shelter
Becks Heyhoe-Khalil, OC United Way
Marisol Johnson, Dayle McIntosh Center
Sandra Lozeau, City of Anaheim
Sammie MarTínez, Individual
Melanie McQueen, PATH

Dr. Tiffany Mitchell, Orangewood Foundation
Nishtha Mohendra, Families Forward
Robert “Santa Bob” Morse, Individual
Talesha Payne, Individual
Jason Phillips, Individual
Dawn Price, Friendship Shelter
Maricela Rios-Faust, Human Options
George Searcy, Individual
Tim Shaw, Individual [Chair]
Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, Individual [Vice Chair]

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Call to Order – Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, Vice Chair

Vice Chair Dr. Shauntina Sorrells called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

Board Member Roll Call – Nichole Gideon, Secretary

Present: Judson Brown, Andrew Crowe, Nichole Gideon, Shakoya Green Long, Marisol Johnson, Sandra Lozeau, Sammie MarTínez, Melanie McQueen, Dr. Tiffany Mitchell, Nishtha Mohendra, Robert “Santa Bob” Morse, Jason Phillips, Dawn Price, Maricela Rios-Faust, George Searcy, and Dr. Shauntina Sorrells.

Absent Excused: LaVal Brewer and Tim Shaw, and Becks Heyhoe-Khalil.

Absent: Dr. Kelly Bruno-Nelson and Talesha Payne.

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.

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- No Public Comments

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 Update – Sarah Jones, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination

On Friday, January 17, 2025, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released the first of two award announcements. The initial award is for \$3.6 billion in FY 2024 CoC Competition Awards to approximately 7,000 local homeless housing and service programs across the United States and its territories. The Office of Care Coordination will provide additional information to the CoC Board once the second FY 2024 CoC award announcement is released.

2. Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP) Recommendations – Sarah Jones, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination

At the end of Fiscal Year 2023-2024, the Office of Care Coordination as the Administrative Entity for the

Orange County CoC identified unspent HHAP-CoC Round 1 funds as a contracted provider did not fully spend the allocated HHAP-CoC funds by the end of their contract term. The budget modification as detailed in the Recommended Action and the programming of the HHAP-CoC Round 1 unspent funds is being recommended to support the current HHAP-CoC funded Contracts for Rapid Rehousing Services with Covenant House California, Families Forward and PATH.

Recommended Action a: Approve the following recommendations for the programming of HHAP funding allocated to the Orange County CoC:

- 1) Authorize the Office of Care Coordination to submit a HHAP-CoC Round 1 budget modification to the California Interagency Council on Homelessness to reallocate \$190,000.00 in unspent funding from the Landlord Incentives and \$105,303.54 in unspent funding from Outreach & Coordination eligible use categories to the Rental Assistance and Rapid Rehousing eligible use category, for a total of \$295,303.54.
- 2) Authorize the Office of Care Coordination to renew the current HHAP-CoC funded contracts for Rapid Rehousing Services for a two-year term, from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2027, utilizing HHAP-CoC Rounds 1, 3, 4 and 5 funds under the Rental Assistance and Rapid Rehousing eligible use category and HHAP-CoC Round 4 Rental Assistance and Rapid Rehousing Youth Set-Aside eligible use category.
 - (1) Rapid Rehousing Services for Transitional Age Youth (TAY) with Covenant House California for \$380,040
 - (2) Rapid Rehousing Services for Individuals with People Assisting the Homeless (PATH) for \$1,067,143.42
 - (3) Rapid Rehousing Services for Families with Families Forward for \$846,185.29

Sandra Lozeau motioned to approve recommended action a. Robert “Santa Bob” Morse seconded the motion. Judson Brown, Andrew Crowe, Nichole Gideon, Shakoya Green Long, Marisol Johnson, Sandra Lozeau, Sammie MarTínez, Dr. Tiffany Mitchell, Robert “Santa Bob” Morse, Jason Phillips, Dawn Price, Maricela Rios-Faust, George Searcy, and Dr. Shauntina Sorrells voted yes. Melanie McQueen and Nishtha Mohendra recused themselves during discussion and abstained from voting. The motion passed.

CoC Board Member Discussion:

- Sandra Lozeau provided context for new members regarding the unspent funds for HHAP funding.
- Judson Brown asked if Recommended Action a went through the HHAP ad hoc.
- Dawn Price asked for further clarification and asked if the continuing services were initial recommendations of the HHAP ad hoc.

3. 2025 CoC Board Appointments – Sarah Jones, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination

The Orange County CoC Board and its committees are chaired by members of the CoC Board to ensure the sustained vision and support of CoC Board initiatives. Sarah Jones provided an overview of the available CoC Board Officer positions and representatives, as well as a roles and responsibilities.

Recommended Action a: Elect CoC Board Officers for the upcoming term:

- Robert “Santa Bob” Morse motioned to nominate Dr. Shauntina Sorrells to the position of CoC Board Chair. Dawn Price seconded the motion. Dr. Shauntina Sorrells accepted the nomination. The motion passed unanimously.

- Dr. Shauntina Sorrells motioned to nominate Nishtha Mohendra to the position of CoC Board Vice Chair. Maricela Rios-Faust seconded the motion. Nishtha Mohendra accepted the nomination. The motion passed unanimously.
- Dawn Price motioned to nominate Nichole Gideon to the position of CoC Board Secretary. Nishtha Mohendra seconded the motion. Nichole Gideon accepted the nomination. The motion passed unanimously.

Recommended Action b: Appoint CoC Committee Chairs to fill current vacancies:

- Nishtha Mohendra motioned to nominate Maricela Rios-Faust to the position of Chair the Domestic Violence Committee. Melanie McQueen seconded the motion. Maricela Rios-Faust accepted the nomination. Judson Brown, Andrew Crowe, Shakoya Green Long, Marisol Johnson, Sandra Lozeau, Melanie McQueen, Dr. Tiffany Mitchell, Nishtha Mohendra, Robert “Santa Bob” Morse, Jason Phillips, Dawn Price, Maricela Rios-Faust, George Searcy, and Dr. Shauntina Sorrells voted yes. Nichole Gideon and Sammie MarTínez abstained. The motion passed.
- Substitute Motion b.1: Sammie MarTínez self-nominated for the position of Chair the Domestic Violence Committee. Jason Philips seconded the motion. Sammie accepted the nomination. The main motion passed; therefore, the substitute motion was not voted on.
- Nishtha Mohendra motioned to nominate Melanie McQueen to the position of Chair the Service Provider Forum. Dawn Price seconded the motion. Melanie McQueen accepted the nomination. The motion passed unanimously.
- Nishtha Mohendra motioned to nominate Judson Brown to the position of Chair of the Housing Opportunities Committee. Melanie McQueen seconded the motion. Judson Brown accepted the nomination. The motion passed unanimously.
- Dr. Shauntina Sorrells motioned to nominate Dr. Tiffany Mitchell to the position of Chair of the Transitional Aged Youth Collaborative Committee. Nishtha Mohendra seconded the motion. Dr. Tiffany Mitchell accepted the nomination. The motion passed unanimously.

Recommended Action c: Appoint a CoC Board member to the Policies, Procedures and Standards (PPS) Committee as an at-large member.

Maricela Rios-Faust motioned to nominate Dawn Price to the position of at large member of the PPS Committee. Nishtha Mohendra seconded the motion. Dawn Price accepted the nomination. The motion passed unanimously.

CoC Board Member Discussion:

- Maricela Rios-Faust provided background on their experience as it relates to domestic violence.
- Sammie MarTínez provided background on their experience as it relates to domestic violence.
- Andrew Crowe asked if the Domestic Violence Committee has a vice chair.
- Secretary Nichole Gideon shared their experience as the seat with lived experience of homelessness and stated that it is amazing to get involved in the system processes and would encourage anyone to sit on the Committee, and then sit on a Chair position. Secretary Nichole Gideon shared that they would love to see more individuals with lived experience to sit and learn and would encourage it.

4. PPS Committee Recommendation – Sarah Jones, CoC Manager, and Daniel Garcia, Coordinated Entry System (CES) Administrator, 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, 2024, through October 9, 2024. On October 15,

2024, the updated CES Pre-Assessment and Survivor Assessment tools were presented to the Domestic Violence Committee for review and feedback.

Due to quorum not being reached at the October 2024 Domestic Violence Committee meeting, the Office of Care Coordination committed to review feedback and bring proposed revisions to each assessment tool to the next Domestic Violence Committee meeting. At the December 17, 2024, Domestic Violence Committee meeting, the revised CES Pre-Assessment tool (Attachment A) and CES Survivor Assessment tool (Attachment C) were reviewed and approved.

The PPS Committee reviewed the tools at the January 14, 2025, meeting, asking clarifying questions regarding the assessment and how it relates to survivors of human trafficking and requesting a disclaimer be added to the CES Pre-Assessment tool and Survivor Assessment tool noting emergency shelter stays would not impact someone's eligibility for CES for Survivors. The PPS Committee approved the revised tools, and the Office of Coordination committed to incorporating feedback into the tools. The CoC Board is being asked to approve the revised CES Pre-Assessment and Survivor Assessment tools, as recommended by the PPS Committee and the Domestic Violence Committee.

Recommended Action a: Approve the revised CES Pre-Assessment Screening and CES Survivor Assessment tools for approval by the CoC Board, as recommended by the PPS Committee and Domestic Violence Committee.

George Searcy motioned to approve recommended action a. Andrew Crowe seconded the motion. Judson Brown, Andrew Crowe, Nichole Gideon, Shakoya Green Long, Marisol Johnson, Sandra Lozeau, Sammie MarTínez, Melanie McQueen, Dr. Tiffany Mitchell, Nishtha Mohendra, Robert "Santa Bob" Morse, Dawn Price, Maricela Rios-Faust, George Searcy, and Dr. Shauntina Sorrells voted yes. Jason Phillips stepped out of the room and did not vote. The motion passed.

CoC Board Member Discussion:

- Maricela Rios-Faust thanked staff as there was a lot of feedback and rich discussion from the Domestic Violence Committee.
- Robert "Santa Bob" Morse asked for question 1 of the eligibility question as to why "human trafficking" was not listed.
- Marisol Johnson asked if there can be a review of the wording regarding disabilities to ensure updated terminology is being utilized.

5. CoC Strategic Plan Update – Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, Vice Chair

Vice Chair Dr. Shauntina Sorrells provided an update on the CoC Strategic Plan on behalf of Chair Tim Shaw.

CoC Board Member Discussion:

- Sandra Lozeau asked if there was a scheduled time for the potential working session.
- Secretary Nichole Gideon asked for the timeline of when presentations would go to Committees and working groups.
- Judson Brown asked if the presentation will be consistent for all Committees and if Committees would be able to revise the language of the strategies.

6. Orange County Homelessness Updates – Sarah Jones, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination and Felicia Boehringer, CoC Administrator, Office of Care Coordination

- a. System of Care Updates – Sarah Jones provided the following System of Care Update:

- The state is committed to addressing homelessness, continuing to allocate \$100 million in General Fund grants for Encampment Resolution. However, future funding will be tied to stronger accountability measures. Local governments must comply with Housing Element requirements and adopt encampment policies aligned with state guidelines to qualify for funding. Priority will be given to areas with Pro-Housing Designations. Funding will be directed to local governments that show proactive efforts and progress in addressing homelessness.
 - The state will monitor local governments' reports through the Homeless Data Integration System (HDIS) and require progress on HHAP activities before releasing additional funds, taking corrective action when necessary. The state will partner with select local governments to review their housing and homelessness programs, identifying best practices and growth opportunities to drive continued local progress.
 - California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) will hold regional convenings to strengthen data reporting, improve the creation and implementation of regional MOUs, and challenge regions to meet their homelessness reduction goals. These convenings aim to enhance coordination and progress across HHAP regions in addressing homelessness. The Housing and Homelessness Accountability, Results, and Partnership Unit will review HHAP Rounds 5 and 6 regional MOUs to ensure local governments fulfill their regional and coordinated homelessness commitments.
 - To explore the complex issues facing people who are experiencing homelessness for the first time in the past 12 months, the Office of Care Coordination will be focusing the 2025 Homeless Survey on this subpopulation to help better understand the causations of homelessness and identify areas for improvement. The County of Orange (County) has been working closely with City Net to formulate the survey questions and designing the survey implementation methodology.
 - The County facilitated a joint special meeting of the Commission to End Homelessness and the Orange County CoC Board on Thursday, January 16, 2025, to present the 2025 Homeless Survey for discussion and feedback. Collaboration with the Commission to End Homelessness and the Orange County CoC Board in addressing homelessness is essential, and committee and commission members provided valuable feedback during a successful joint meeting—the first of its kind.
 - The Office of Care Coordination attended the Homeless Court Pop-Up Resource Fair in Chula Vista to learn more about how San Diego County is providing resources and assistance to people experiencing homelessness who are criminal justice involved. The Office of Care Coordination is currently working to align resources in Orange County to host a similar event.
- b. CoC Updates – Felicia Boehringer provided the following CoC Updates:
- The Orange County CoC's 2025 Sheltered Point In Time (PIT) Count will be taking place the night of Monday, January 27, 2025. Orange County United Way's 211OC will be facilitating training for agencies that are required to submit data as part of the Sheltered PIT Count and Housing Inventory Count (HIC).
 - The Orange County CoC's 2025 Sheltered Point In Time (PIT) Count will be taking place the night of Monday, January 27, 2025. On, January 22, 2025, Orange County United Way's 211OC (211OC), as the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Lead Agency, facilitated a training for agencies that are required to submit data as part of the Sheltered PIT Count and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) is holding the PIT and HIC training this morning and materials from the training will be posted on the Orange County HMIS website for reference.
 - On January 13, 2025, HUD announced the release of the FY2024 YHDP NOFO. The Office of Care Coordination, as the Collaborative Applicant, will be working closely with the CoC Board as well as our Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Collaborative Committee and other local partners on the planning and completion of the YHDP NOFO application for the Orange County CoC. The YHDP application is due on April 17, 2025.

- The Annual Homelessness Assessment Report (AHAR) is a Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) report to the U.S. Congress that provides nationwide estimates of homelessness, including information about the demographic characteristics of homeless persons, service use patterns, and the capacity to house homeless persons. The 2024 AHAR: Part 1 outlines the key findings of the Point-In-Time (PIT) count and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) conducted in January 2024. Review the report here: [2024 AHAR: Part 1 – PIT Estimates of Homelessness in the U.S.](#)
- The Office of Care Coordination will provide CoC Board members with updates regarding upcoming CoC activities. Calendar Year 2025 Quarter 1 and early Quarter 2 activities were highlighted in the PowerPoint.

CoC Board Member Discussion:

- Secretary Nichole Gideon asked for clarification regarding the Governor’s budget.
- Nishtha Mohendra asked for detail on the feedback received at the joint special meeting of the Commission to End Homelessness and the Orange County CoC Board.
- Andrew Crowe shared some feedback received at the joint special meeting of the Commission to End Homelessness and the Orange County CoC Board, including feedback on the length of the 2025 Homeless Survey and user fatigue. Andrew Crowe would like to have another joint meeting after the data of the survey has been finalized.
- Melanie McQueen emphasized on the importance and consideration of after care and the immediate offer of services for the 2025 Homeless Survey.
- Maricela Rios-Faust suggested to review both the 2025 Homeless Survey and 2023 Homeless Survey data to identify any trends.
- Vice Chair Dr. Shauntina Sorrells shared that the 2025 Homeless Survey is asking a lot and there are not resources to assist the people. Vice Chair Dr. Shauntina Sorrells noted that HMIS can track homelessness of the first time. Vice Chair Dr. Shauntina Sorrells asked if there are strategies to reach populations such as Transitional Age Youth (TAY) and Families and whether City Net is connected to agencies serving those populations. Vice Chair Dr. Shauntina Sorrells emphasized that a youth action board is what is holding the community back from YHDP funding and emphasized the need for funding a youth action board.
- Nishtha Mohendra noted that the goal of the 2025 Homeless Survey is to distinguish first homelessness and shared that most people that will be approached have not been homelessness for the first time.
- Sandra Lozeau asked if there was any information on the allocation of HHAP round 6. Sandra Lozeau shared that the City of Anaheim is interested in collaborating for the YHDP application as Anaheim has been awarded with a state grant for youth homelessness, there is housing coming onboard for TAY, and Anaheim has a youth commission.

Maricela Rios-Faust motioned to adjourn the meeting. Andrew Crowe seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous consent. Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

7. Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 26, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.