

# Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC) Domestic Violence (DV) Committee February 18, 2025

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#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 1. Approve the DV Committee Meeting Minutes from December 17, 2024
- 2. Approve the 2025 DV Committee Meeting Calendar.

#### **BUSINESS CALENDAR**

- 1. CoC Updates Felicia Boehringer, CoC Administrator, Office of Care Coordination
- 2. CoC Strategic Plan Sarah Jones, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination and Maricela Rios-Faust, Chair
  - a. Focused discussion related to CoC Strategic Plan.

Adjournment to: Regular meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. at The Village at 17<sup>th</sup> Street Large Community Room (1505 17th St, Santa Ana, CA 92705).

### **Public Comments**

DV Committee Member Comments

### **Consent Calendar**

### **Recommended Actions:**

- 1. Approve the DV Committee Meeting Minutes from December 17, 2024.
- 2. Approve the 2025 DV Committee Meeting Calendar.

### **Business Calendar**

### **CoC Updates**

### Felicia Boehringer, CoC Administrator, Office of Care Coordination

### **Federal Funding Updates**

- The Office of Care Coordination is continuing to stay up-to-date on the actions of the current administration and is sharing relevant information with CoC-funded agencies.
- An item related to the recent executive orders and their potential impacts to the funding of the Orange County CoC will be added to the agenda of the February 26, 2025, CoC Board meeting.
- Since updates are everchanging, the Office of Care Coordination encourages CoC General Members and organizations to stay updated by subscribing to distribution lists.
  - Subscribe to the <u>National Alliance to End Homelessness</u> newsletters and email updates
  - Sign up for Orange County CoC email updates

#### **Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month**

- February is *Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month*
- Organizations and individuals nationwide are coming together to highlight the need to educate young people about dating violence, teach healthy relationship skills and prevent the devastating cycle of abuse.
- Human Options has launched their annual #HEALTHYLOVE campaign and has outreached to the Orange County CoC offering trainings and presentations to educate more people about teen dating violence.
- To request a training or presentation for your agency, staff, and clients to learn about the roots of domestic violence or teen dating violence and how to recognize the warning signs and support victims and survivors, please email <u>preventioneducation@humanoptions.org</u>.
- Empower yourself with knowledge and education by registering for Human Options' <u>Webinar</u>: <u>Generational Cycle of Abuse on February 19<sup>th</sup></u>.
- Visit the <u>Human Options website</u> to download and share their Campaign Toolkit about the prevalence of teen dating violence and ways to integrate education and advocacy for the month.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

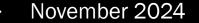
- Commission to End Homelessness: Wednesday, February 19, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.
  - Location: County Administration South (CAS) County Conference Center Rooms 104/106, 601 N Ross St, Santa Ana, CA 92701
- Housing Opportunities Committee: Tuesday, February 25, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.
  - Location: Orange County Housing Authority Conference Room A, 1501 E. St. Andrew Pl, 1st Floor, Santa Ana, CA 92705
- **CoC Board:** Wednesday, February 26, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.
  - Location: CAS County Conference Center Rooms 104/106, 601 N Ross St, Santa Ana, CA 92701

# CoC Strategic Plan Sarah Jones, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination and Maricela-Rios Faust, Chair

### **DV Committee Vision Setting and CoC Strategic Plan Analysis**

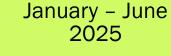
- On December 17, 2024, the DV Committee held a vision-setting discussion to reassess the committee's purpose, goals, and focus for the 2025 calendar year.
- Key feedback included:
  - Providing further CES access and service integration for survivors;
  - Collaborating with the Lived Experience Advisory Committee for the planning and facilitation of training on various topics;
  - Having space for DV Committee members to provide comments during each meeting on learnings and success related to meeting the needs of survivors in Orange County; and
  - Facilitating more system collaboration.
- The Orange County CoC Board established a CoC Leadership Vision Ad Hoc (Vision Ad Hoc) to work with consultant Aubrey Sitler of AC Strategies and the Office of Care Coordination to create a strategic plan framework for implementation of the CoC's vision.
- The Vision Ad Hoc recognized the importance of involving the CoC Board and Committees in the review and finalization of the Strategic Aims and Objectives of the CoC Strategic Plan (Strategic Plan).
- A timeline of Strategic Plan activities is included on the next slide.

### Strategic Plan Structure: Feedback & Implementation Timeline



December 2024

- Shared current Vision Ad Hoc vision for the Strategic Plan
- CoC Board & Committee Feedback
- CoC Board voted to adopt Strategic Aims & Objectives as overarching framework.
- This includes adopting the Strategies & Actions as drafts that may evolve in the first part of 2025.



- Finalize SMARTIE Goals
- Finalize Strategies & Actions
- Assign Strategy / Action Leads & Roles
- Determine implementation Timelines, and Metrics for success, and Progress Reporting process

- July 2025-End of Strategic Plan
- Implement Strategic
  Plan

# **5 Strategic Aims**

Reference Item 2. Attachment A for the CoC Strategic Plan.

<u>Strategic Aim 1:</u> Improve and expand the homelessness response system to permanently house people experiencing homelessness equitably, efficiently, and with dignity.

Strategic Aim 2: Collaborate with leaders, providers, and community members across service systems to align practices, coordinate resources, and better support people experiencing homelessness.

<u>Strategic Aim 3:</u> Engage in ongoing data collection, analysis, and evaluation to promote transparency and hold the CoC accountable for its role in ending homelessness.

Strategic Aim 4: Pursue and allocate funding to strategically address racial and social inequities and fill system gaps.

Strategic Aim 5: Manage and ensure effectiveness of the CoC's operations and structure.

### **DV Committee Vision Setting and CoC Strategic Plan Analysis**

- Following the DV Committee's December 17, 2024, meeting discussion and the CoC Board's approval of the Strategic Plan, the Office of Care Coordination took the DV Committee's feedback to identify correlations between the committee's vision and the proposed Strategic Plan.
- In the **memo for Item 2**, the Office of Care Coordination has outlined feedback aligned with the proposed Strategic Plan.
- While the Strategic Aims and Objectives are fixed as part of the framework for the Strategic Plan, the Strategies and Actions can be adjusted to reflect the feedback provided during the implementation planning process.

### **DV Committee Vision Setting and CoC Strategic Plan Analysis**

- There are two key overarching topics that were discussed within the DV Committee that encompass feedback on the entirety of the CoC Strategic Plan:
  - 1. Increased Survivor Focus/Influence within the CoC Strategic Plan
  - 2. Enhanced Cross-Committee Collaboration within the CoC
- Ideas for consideration under various Strategic Aims and Objectives are included in the memo, based on the DV Committee's vision-setting conversation.
- It is important to note that this analysis is intended to be a starting point for the DV Committee membership in the continued review and feedback on the Strategic Plan's Strategies and Actions.

### **Strategic Aim 1: Objective 1A.**

#### Strategic Aim 1: Improve and expand the homelessness response system to permanently house people experiencing homelessness equitably, efficiently and with dignity.

<u>Objective 1A</u>: Collaborate with Orange County homelessness service providers to embed evidence-based and best practice to improve clients' experiences in and outcomes from interacting with the system.

- Strategy: Provide training to CoC Board members and agency staff on proven methods and practices that focus on understanding the historical and systemic inequalities in housing and homeless services for marginalized groups to promote fair and equal outcomes for everyone.
- Strategy: Collaborate with direct service providers to create streamlined and trauma-informed documentation and processes.
- Strategy: Collaborate with direct service providers to implement a people-centered, holistic, trauma-informed, case management model standard.
- Strategy: Use data to develop and implement strategies to address systemic inequities.

Objective 1A. DV Committee Vision-Setting Ideas

- Improve Trauma-Informed trainings/practices.
- Improve trainings for Homelessness Prevention Strategies for Survivors & Victims
- Provide Financial Literacy Training
  for Survivors
- Integrate Survivor Needs into all support areas
- Increased Knowledge-Sharing
  across teams

### **Strategic Aim 1: Objective 1B.**

Objective 1B: Improve CoC Polices and Processes.

 Strategy: Improve Coordinated Entry System (CES) policies & processes to address racial and intersectional inequities and disparities in housing access and outcomes.

### **Strategic Aim 1: Objective 1C.**

<u>Objective 1C</u>: Collaborate with partners throughout Orange County that provide non-CoC housing resources and services.

• Strategy: Collaborate and coordinate efforts with Public Housing Authorities.

#### Objective 1B. DV Committee Vision-Setting Ideas

- Improve Survivor CES Matching
  Process
- Integrate Survivor Needs into all support areas
- Include Human Trafficking and Sexual Assault Definitions

Objective 1C. DV Committee Vision-Setting Ideas

• Provide Long-Term Housing Vouchers for Survivors

### **Strategic Aim 2: Objective 2A.**

Strategic Aim 2: Collaborate with leaders, provider, and community members across service systems to align practices, coordinate resources, and better support people experiencing homelessness.

<u>Objective 2A</u>: Strengthen partnerships with adjacent system & providers in Orange County.

• Strategy: Provide training opportunities to partners across systems on homelessness and the homeless system.

Objective 2A. DV Committee Vision-Setting Ideas

- Improve Trauma-Informed trainings/practices
- Improve trainings for Homelessness Prevention Strategies for Survivors & Victims
- Increased Survivor Advocacy within CoC

### **Strategic Aim 3: Objective 3A.**

Strategic Aim 3: Engage in ongoing data collection, analysis, and evaluation to promote transparency and hold the CoC accountable for its role in ending homelessness.

<u>Objective 3A</u>: Improve data collection and analysis processes to collect more accurate data on system inequities, embed expertise from people with lived experience, and ensure data collection is trauma-informed and equitable.

 Strategy: Develop and Implement data collection and analysis processes that seek to hear people's experience in the system, understand holistic system performance, and address gaps in equity/inequity data. Objective 3A. DV Committee Vision-Setting Ideas

• Improve DV Case Reporting

### **Strategic Aim 3: Objective 3B.**

Strategic Aim 3: Engage in ongoing data collection, analysis, and evaluation to promote transparency and hold the CoC accountable for its role in ending homelessness.

<u>Objective 3B</u>: Develop a method to analyze and publicly share project and system performance data to understand barriers to and promote progress toward implementing and equitable system in alignment with this plan.

- Strategy: Develop real-time homelessness system data dashboard that provide community-wide transparency, promote CoC accountability, and translate directly into actionable strategies
- Strategy: Utilize disaggregated quantitative data and qualitative data for continuous quality improvement and accountability

Objective 3B. DV Committee Vision-Setting Ideas

- Improve Survivor CES Matching Process
- Increased Survivor Advocacy within CoC
- Integrate Survivor Needs into all support areas

### **CoC Strategic Plan**

### Discussion

- What Strategic Aims or Objectives feel relevant to the work of the DV Committee?
- Are there any changes you would make to the drafted Strategies or Actions? Any additional Strategies or Actions you believe should be included that haven't been mentioned yet?

#### **Next Steps**

- Office of Care Coordination to compile feedback and notes from discussion
- Bring item back to May 20, 2025, DV Committee Meeting
- Prepare insights and feedback to be shared at future CoC Board meeting as implementation planning continues

# **Next Meeting:**

Tuesday, May 20, 2025, 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. The Village at 17th Street Large Community Room (1505 17th St, Santa Ana, CA 92705)



