

ORANGE COUNTY  
CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD  
Wednesday, April 23, 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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## AGENDA

**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

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Nishtha Mohendra, Families Forward [Vice Chair]  
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  
Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, Individual [Chair]

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**Call to Order** – Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, Chair

**Board Member Roll Call** – Nichole Gideon, Secretary

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**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.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

1. Approve CoC Board Meeting Minutes from March 26, 2025.
2. Receive and file list of agencies and jurisdictions approved for Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Access from February 22, 2025, through April 17, 2025.

**BUSINESS CALENDAR**

1. **Good News Story: Families Forward Rapid Rehousing for Families Program** – Rosalinda Bermudez, Director of Data and Compliance, Families Forward
2. **CoC Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)** –Sarah Jones, CoC Manager, and Felicia Boehringer, CoC Administrator, Office of Care Coordination
  - a. Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 CoC Program funding award announcement
  - b. FY 2024 and FY 2025 CoC Program NOFO updates
3. **University of Chicago’s Revised HMIS Data Request and Memorandum of Understanding** – Erin DeRycke, Director, Data Analytics, 2-1-1- Orange County (211OC), Orange County United Way; Bruce D. Meyer, McCormick Foundation Professor, University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy; and Angela J. Wyse, Assistant Professor of Economics, Dartmouth College
  - a. Approve University of Chicago’s revised HMIS data request for the period of May 1, 2018, through April 30, 2025, for a one-time export of data to be used for two research projects to increase understanding of homelessness and evictions in Orange County.
  - b. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the U.S. Census Bureau and Orange County United Way for the purposes of the University of Chicago’s HMIS data request.

4. **CoC Strategic Plan Updates** – Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, Chair
5. **Orange County Homelessness Updates** – Doug Becht, Director, and Sarah Jones, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination
  - a. System of Care Update
  - b. CoC Update
6. **HMIS Lead Update** – Erin DeRycke, Director, Data Analytics, 211OC, Orange County United Way
7. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, May 28, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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## MINUTES

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**Call to Order** – Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, Chair

Chair Dr. Shauntina Sorrells called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

**Board Member Roll Call** – Nishtha Mohendra, Vice Chair

Present: Judson Brown, Dr. Kelly Bruno-Nelson, Andrew Crowe, Shakoya Green Long, Becks Heyhoe-Khalil, Marisol Johnson, Dr. Tiffany Mitchell, Nishtha Mohendra, Robert “Santa Bob” Morse, Talesha Payne, Jason Phillips, Dawn Price, Maricela Rios-Faust, George Searcy, Tim Shaw, and Dr. Shauntina Sorrells.

Absent Excused: LaVal Brewer, Nichole Gideon, Sandra Lozeau, Sammie Martínez, and Melanie McQueen.

Maricela Rios-Faust arrived during Business Calendar Item 1.

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- No public comments.

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- Judson Brown read the names of people who have passed away without fixed abode in January 2025.
- Becks Heyhoe-Khalil congratulated two CoC Board Members, Nichole Gideon and Melanie McQueen, who were awarded Women of Distinction awards.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**1. Approve CoC Board Meeting Minutes from February 26, 2025.**

Talesha Payne motioned to approve item 1 on the Consent Calendar. Robert “Santa Bob” Morse seconded the motion. Judson Brown, Dr. Kelly Bruno-Nelson, Andrew Crowe, Shakoya Green Long, Marisol Johnson, Dr. Tiffany Mitchell, Nishtha Mohendra, Robert “Santa Bob” Morse, Talesha Payne, Jason Phillips, Maricela Rios-Faust, George Searcy, and Dr. Shauntina Sorrells voted yes. Becks Heyhoe-Khalil, Dawn Price, and Tim Shaw abstained. The motion passed.

## **BUSINESS CALENDAR**

### **1. CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) – Zulima Lundy, Director of Operations; Sarah Jones, CoC Manager; and Felicia Boehringer, CoC Administrator, Office of Care Coordination**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) formerly released an annual CoC Program NOFO that allowed CoCs nationwide to apply for competitive funding. In 2024, for the first time, HUD issued a two-year CoC Program NOFO as authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024. In preparation for the release FY 2025 CoC Program NOFO competition, the Office of Care Coordination as the Collaborative Applicant for the Orange County CoC is seeking approval from the CoC Board to appoint the recommended FY 2025 CoC Program NOFO Ad Hoc.

Recommended Action b: Appoint Andrew Crowe, Shakoya Green Long, Sandra Lozeau, Jason Mercado and Larry Smith to the FY 2025 CoC Program NOFO Ad Hoc.

Dawn Price motioned to approve Recommended Action b. Tim Shaw seconded the motion. Judson Brown, Dr. Kelly Bruno-Nelson, Shakoya Green Long, Becks Heyhoe-Khalil, Marisol Johnson, Dr. Tiffany Mitchell, Nishtha Mohendra, Robert “Santa Bob” Morse, Talesha Payne, Jason Phillips, Dawn Price, Maricela Rios-Faust, George Searcy, Tim Shaw, and Dr. Shauntina Sorrells voted yes. Andrew Crowe abstained. The motion passed.

#### Public Comments:

- David Wetzel asked the CoC Board to review the CoC Program NOFO scoring criteria and proposed two recommendations: 1) go past the passive approach and 2) the scoring criteria should include historical performance of an agency to extend the evaluation period into a long-term analysis to strengthen and not stifle work.
- David Gillanders encouraged the CoC Board to process information from the new Federal Administration that are known to be happening instead of speculation as there is a potential to create anxiety. David Gillanders shared hope that the CoC Board focuses on what impacts the CoC Board as that also impacts CoC-funded agencies.

#### Board Member Discussion:

- Chair Dr. Shauntina Sorrells provided a summary of the CoC Program NOFO presentation, the option of presentations being provided to the CoC Program NOFO Ad Hoc and noted the importance of putting more time in the agenda to discuss the CoC Program NOFO processes ahead of time.
- Talesha Payne asked if there are organizations with projects in Tier 1 that are returning money regularly.
- Dawn Price asked for clarification on the CoC Program NOFO Renewal Scoring and Rating Criteria process and noted that there was typically not enough time in previous NOFO cycles for an in-depth review of NOFO processes. Dawn Price asked a clarifying question for the 2-year NOFO process.
- Vice Chair Nishtha Mohendra shared appreciation for the responses and agreed to Dawn Price’s point that there is a great amount of information getting discussed during the NOFO process. Vice Chair Nishtha Mohendra suggested including intentional time to reflect on the CoC Program NOFO Renewal Scoring and Rating Criteria that is brought forward to ensure everyone weighs in. Vice Chair Nishtha Mohendra commented that the FY 2025 CoC Program NOFO Ad Hoc will be crucial this year and looks forward to the ad hoc.
- Maricela Rios-Faust noted that in the February meeting of the CoC Board, there were conversations regarding Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program funding and inquired whether if this is a time to take a big step back to look at all the funding streams beyond the Coc Program NOFO to see how projects are prioritized for HHAP funding.

- Becks Heyhoe-Khalil asked a clarifying question on the NOFO process and inquired about Orange County Housing Authority's straddling project that may have lost funding.
- George Searcy brought up the termination of Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) program and commented that consequences will fall on the Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) and the system of care.
- Judson Brown suggested that the EHV program should be added as an item of discussion for a future CoC Board meeting and PHAs should be invited to comment.
- Tim Shaw shared having read how HUD eliminated two-thirds of technical assistance provider contracts and shared that there will be compounding effects of all the things going away.

**2. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Data Requests** – Erin DeRycke, Director, Data Analytics, 2-1-1 Orange County (211OC), Orange County United Way; Akunna Chilaka, Justin Soto and Leo Lara, University of California, Irvine (UCI) Students; and Sarah Jones, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination

In accordance with the [HMIS Policies and Procedures](#), data requests from entities not participating in HMIS are approved by the CoC Board prior to any data being released. Additionally, entities participating in HMIS must obtain approval from the CoC Board when utilizing data for research purposes, medial release and/or other public use. The following data requests came forward for the approval of the CoC Board: University of California, Irvine (UCI), the Office of Care Coordination, and Sisters of St. Joseph Orange County Justice Center.

During discussion of the UCI data request, Dr. Shauntina Sorrells motioned for a substitute motion. However, the substitute motion did not receive a second motion and was not voted on.

Recommended Action a: Approve UCI's HMIS data request for the period of April 1, 2018, to March 31, 2025, for the purposes of research being conducted and shared publicly, in partnership with Orange County United Way.

Talesha Payne motioned to approve Recommended Action a. Dawn Price seconded the motion. Judson Brown, Dr. Kelly Bruno-Nelson, Andrew Crowe Shakoya Green Long, Marisol Johnson, Dr. Tiffany Mitchell, Nishtha Mohendra, Robert "Santa Bob" Morse, Talesha Payne, Jason Phillips, Maricela Rios-Faust, George Searcy, and Tim Shaw voted yes. Becks Heyhoe-Khalil and Dawn Price abstained. Dr. Shauntina Sorrells voted no. The motion passed.

Amended Recommended Action b: Approve the Office of Care Coordination's HMIS data request for an ongoing monthly release of data, beginning with January 2024, for the purposes of creating and publishing a monthly snapshot of key data related to the engagement and changes within the Orange County CoC. The Office of Care Coordination will share the snapshot design to the CoC Board Officers for review and approval, and provide monthly updates thereafter.

Andrew Crowe motioned to approve the Amended Recommended Action b. Nishtha Mohendra seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Recommended Action c: Approve Sisters of St. Joseph Orange County Justice Center's HMIS one-time, aggregate data request as of the current date to be used for educational and advocacy purposes in support affordable housing development in the City of Orange.

Dawn Price motioned to approve Recommended Action c. Jason Phillips seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Discussion:

- Robert “Santa Bob” Morse inquired as to why the UCI reports and findings may be published in the OC HMIS or Orange County United Way website.
- Vice Chair Nishtha Mohendra inquired when the follow up presentation by Advance OC will be provided to the CoC Board following the HMIS data request approval. In regard to the UCI data request, Vice Chair Nishtha Mohendra noted that the gender data element brings a lens to paint a picture and inquired on ways to capture that information. Vice Chair Nishtha Mohendra reiterated the importance of being sensitive to information that is being shared publicly as the current federal administration may be screening information that is available online.
- Chair Dr. Shauntina Sorrells inquired as to why UCI did not request solely aggregate data for the cities of Anaheim or Newport Beach. Chair Dr. Shauntina Sorrells asked if there was a way to conduct the UCI research project without the gender or immigration status data elements.
- Regarding the UCI data request, Dawn Price noted that the gender data element could identify individuals in smaller cities. Dawn Price reminded the CoC Board that the recommended action for the Office of Care Coordination’s data request is to approve the data request.
- Andrew Crowe asked if the Office of Care Coordination’s data request has an end date. Andrew Crowe inquired if the Office of Care Coordination snapshot document will have passive engagement. Andrew Crowe asked if politicians are involved in the Sisters of St. Joseph Orange County Justice Center’s data request.
- Tim Shaw inquired on the previous direction for data requests from the Collaborative Applicant or HMIS Lead not needing to go forward to the CoC Board for approval. Tim Shaw suggested that the Office of Care Coordination snapshot document be presented during the CoC Board officers and stated that the document is an opportunity for organizations to develop their own communication tool regarding the information to post on their own websites.
- Becks Heyhoe-Khalil asked if the Office of Care Coordination snapshot document will be for the CoC or for the County. Becks Heyhoe-Khalil inquired whether the Office of Care Coordination snapshot document will have a tutorial, explanations, or a glossary for the information. Becks Heyhoe-Khalil asked if the Office of Care Coordination snapshot document can live both on the HMIS site as well as the Office of Care Coordination’s webpage.
- Maricela Rios-Faust noted that HMIS data does not encompass some subpopulations and that would be excluded from the Office of Care Coordination snapshot document and offered to talk offline to discuss how those populations get included. Maricela Rios-Faust asked for clarification on the Office of Care Coordination snapshot document and why it would not be a report that goes out on behalf of the CoC.
- Marisol Johnson noted that HMIS is missing groups, specifically people with disabilities. Marisol Johnson shared about wanting a preview of how the Office of Care Coordination snapshot document will be presented.

**3. Orange County Housing Process Presentation – Doug Becht, Director, Office of Care Coordination**

Doug Becht, the Director of the Office of Care Coordination, provided a presentation on Orange County housing process including background information as to what prompted the review of the Coordinated Entry System (CES) and the housing process, the workflow of housing projects, and a recap of the findings from the Office of Care Coordination.

Board Member Discussion:

- Talesha Payne inquired if other CES policies were reviewed regarding multiple matches. Talesha Payne commented that a connection can be made to other communities who are using multiple matches in the CES process.



- Dawn Price shared the personal experience of when a client who is the second match does not get that housing opportunity and stated that this practice is not trauma informed.
- Chair Dr. Shauntina Sorrells noted that there is a CES Steering Committee and shared the importance of bringing the topic back to the CES Steering Committee.
- Andrew Crowe encouraged uniformity and regulations while also reframing from talking about universalities.
- Becks Heyhoe-Khalil inquired as to whether the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) were part of housing process conversations and asked a clarifying question regarding veteran data.
- Judson Brown asked if the presentation will be provided to the PHAs and developers. Judson Brown stated that the Santa Ana Housing Authority gave up on the belief that CES was going to find a solution and created their own solution, by serving providers with notices to cure if units remain unoccupied.

**4. University of Chicago's Revised HMIS Data Request and Memorandum of Understanding** – Erin DeRycke, Director, Data Analytics, 211OC, Orange County United Way; Bruce D. Meyer, McCormick Foundation Professor, University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy; and Angela J. Wyse, Assistant Professor of Economics, Dartmouth College; and Sarah Jones, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination

Due to time restrictions, Business Calendar Item 5 was presented before Business Calendar Item 4. Due to time restrictions, Business Calendar Item 4 was not presented.

**5. Housing for Health Orange County (HHOC) HMIS Data Integration Request** – Erin DeRycke, Director, Data Analytics, 211OC, Orange County United Way; Chris Ticknor, Chief Transformation Officer, Orange County United Way; Heather Dion, Chief Administrative Officer, Housing for Health Orange County; and Sarah Jones, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination

Due to time restrictions, Business Calendar Item 5 was presented before Business Calendar Item 4.

On October 1, 2024, 2-1-1 Orange County (211OC), as the HMIS Lead and on behalf of the Orange County CoC, received a data integration request from HHOC. The data integration request is for automated data transfer from HHOC's case management software, Lightning Step, into HMIS every 24 hours using the existing tool developed by Orange County United Way, which was first introduced during the review and approval of the Orangewood data integration request at the May 22, 2024, CoC Board meeting. HHOC noted that the purpose of the request is to reduce data entry into multiple software platforms for HHOC Service Providers.

Recommended Action a: Approve data integration request from HHOC's to import identified data elements into HMIS every 24 hours, beginning April 1, 2025.

Andrew Crowe motioned to approve Recommended Action a. Tim Shaw seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**6. CoC Strategic Plan Updates** – Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, Chair

Due to time restrictions, Business Calendar Item 6 was not presented.

**7. Orange County Homelessness Updates** – Doug Becht, Director, and Felicia Boehringer, CoC Administrator, Office of Care Coordination

Due to time restrictions, Business Calendar Item 7 was not presented.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

**8. Next Meeting:** Wednesday, April 23, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Date:** April 23, 2025

**Recommended Action:**

- a. Receive and file list of agencies and jurisdictions approved for Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Access from February 22, 2025, through April 17, 2025.

**Background and Analysis**

On June 23, 2021, the Orange County CoC Board approved the recommendation to appoint membership to a HMIS Access Working Group to support the implementation of the updated HMIS Access and Minimum Participation Policy. The HMIS Access Working Group meets monthly with the HMIS Lead and the Office of Care Coordination to review HMIS Access Applications and has continued to refine the process for facilitating equitable review of applications received.

At the May 25, 2022, meeting of the CoC Board, the CoC Board membership requested that the agencies and jurisdictions approved for HMIS access be reported to the CoC Board on a recurring basis. The following agencies and jurisdictions have been approved for HMIS access by the HMIS Access Working Group from February 22, 2025, through April 17, 2025:

- Mindful Living Center (CalAIM/ CalOptima Provider)
- Veterans Affairs (VA) Long Beach Homeless Outreach and Community Resource and Referral Center (CRRC)

The Office of Care Coordination, in partnership with the HMIS Lead and the HMIS Access Working Group, will continue providing quarterly updates to the CoC Board to report on new agencies approved for HMIS access.

**Date:** April 23, 2025

**Subject:** Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

### Background and Analysis

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) formerly released an annual NOFO that allowed CoCs nationwide to apply for competitive funding. In 2024, for the first time, HUD issued a two-year CoC Program NOFO as authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024. CoCs were only required to submit one CoC Consolidated Application that will be applicable for FY 2024 and FY 2025 funds, along with the FY 2024 CoC Priority Listing. As stated in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 and FY 2025 CoC Program NOFO, Collaborative Applicants will be required to submit a FY 2025 Priority Listing in 2025, and applications for any projects created through the reallocation of eligible CoC renewal funding. Projects that are awarded FY 2024 funds may be eligible for award of FY 2025 funds using their FY 2024 application submission and are not required to apply for renewal for FY 2025 funds. Locally, however, the Orange County CoC must still evaluate performance for all CoC projects eligible for renewal on an annual basis.

On Friday, January 17, 2025, HUD announced nearly \$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. As a result of HUD extending application deadlines for disaster impacted areas, the January 17, 2025, award was the first of two FY 2024 CoC award announcements. In the first award announcement, HUD awarded \$34,589,770 to Orange County's CoC Program for FY 2024. The award encompassed Tier 1 of the Orange County CoC application: 21 renewal housing projects, including two (2) joint transitional and rapid rehousing (Joint TH-RRH) projects, one (1) rapid rehousing (RRH) project, 18 permanent supportive housing (PSH) projects; two (2) system support projects, including one (1) Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) project and one (1) Coordinated Entry System (CES) project; and the CoC Planning grant, which provides key infrastructure and support for the Orange County CoC. On March 28, 2025, HUD announced over \$53.1 million in the second award of FY 2024 CoC program awards. The states included in the second round of awards were Florida, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas.

During the March 26, 2025, meeting of the CoC Board, the Office of Care Coordination provided an update on the FY 2024 CoC Program NOFO, and the CoC Board requested to understand the potential implications to the Orange County CoC should the Tier 2 projects not be awarded. At the time, because the second FY 2024 NOFO award was pending, the Office of Care Coordination committed to follow up with an update as appropriate. Following the second FY 2024 CoC Program funding award announcement, the Office of Care Coordination as the Collaborative Applicant for the Orange County CoC concluded that HUD did not award funding for projects listed in Tier 2 of the Orange County CoC Application. The Office of Care Coordination extended an invitation to the three (3) agencies whose renewal projects were impacted – Friendship Shelter, Inc. (Friendship Shelter), Orange County Housing Authority (OCHA), and Serving People In Need (SPIN) – to create a one-page project analysis document on potential implications of the reduced funding to be shared at the April 25, 2025, meeting of the CoC Board.

For review and discussion, Friendship Shelter’s analysis of the Friendship Shelter Rapid Re-Housing project is included in **Attachment A**, OCHA’s analysis of the #3 Consolidated Continuum of Care TRA Renewal project is included in **Attachment B**, and SPIN’s analysis of the CoC Rapid Rehousing project is included in **Attachment C**.

#### **Attachments**

Attachment A – Friendship Shelter Rapid Re-Housing Project Analysis

Attachment B – OCHA #3 Consolidated Continuum of Care TRA Renewal Project Analysis

Attachment C – SPIN CoC Rapid Rehousing Project Analysis

## Item 2. Attachment A

As submitted by Friendship Shelter, Inc.

### Project Analysis

Friendship Shelter, Inc.

**Grant Name:** Friendship Shelter Rapid Re-Housing

**Grant Term:** 9/1/24 – 8/31/25

**# of Households to Be Served:** 25

**Household type:** Adult only households

**Special populations targeted:** none

**Households currently being served:** 15

**Impacts to current households being served:** Currently 14 of the 15 households are housed. 10 are dependent on the RRH subsidy and do not have the income to sustain placement independently. 1 is matched to a voucher. 1 is relocating by August. 2 have the income potential to end the subsidy and remain housed. Additionally, Friendship Shelter has 1.4 FTE that will be let go at the end of the term.

**Ramp Down Plan and Timeline:** We anticipate fully spending down the grant by the end of term. We do not anticipate enrolling any new participants. Friendship Shelter does not have any independent funds that we can use to sustain housing past the grant expiration. We will work with the 10 households on a transition plan; without an alternative subsidy (such as voucher) they will likely return to homelessness. We will work with each household to refer to shelter or other resources as available – or other housing as possible.

## Item 2. Attachment B

As submitted by Orange County Housing Authority

### Project Analysis

Orange County Housing Authority (OCHA)

Grant Name: #3 Consolidated Continuum of Care TRA 2023 Renewal Project

Grant Term: 9/1/2025 through 8/31/2026

# of Households to Be Served: 115

Household type: 78% (98 households) are single households. 13% (16 households) have minors. 9% (12 households) are two person households without a minor child.

Special populations targeted: Homeless and formerly homeless where the head of household is a person with a disability.

Households currently being served: 126

Impacts to current households being served: OCHA's #3 Consolidated Continuum of Care TRA 2023 Renewal Project grant application was for a renewal amount of \$3,249,601 and OCHA was awarded \$1,030,227 a reduction of \$2,219,374. OCHA's four (4) other grants received a combined \$1,473,396 increase over last year. This results in a decrease of total Continuum of Care grant funding of \$745,978. OCHA anticipates this will impact approximately 43 currently assisted household members.

Ramp Down Plan and Timeline: OCHA averages 36 households a year who leave the program through various reasons:

- Program violations
- Voluntarily – no longer needs assistance
- Deceased

Based on our historical average, OCHA expects that we will have approximately seven (7) households who will not be able to be moved to other grants and will not leave the program through one of the reasons above. We anticipate needing to move these seven (7) by April 1, 2026.

OCHA has a preference in our Administrative Plan to move graduated CoC participants to our Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program. OCHA has not had funding to be able to support this transition. We anticipate our 2025 HCV funding to support a small growth in the program, enough to potentially support seven (7) CoC participants who are ready to graduate from the CoC program.

In the event OCHA does not have the funding in the HCV program to support these seven (7) CoC participants, OCHA will evaluate implementing cost savings measures, such as limiting search times and reducing flexible compliance timelines. These flexibilities allow vulnerable populations more opportunity to retain housing, however, tightening our compliance timelines will ensure those households that comply with their obligations are able to continue to be served.

## Item 2. Attachment C

As submitted by Serving People in Need

### Project Analysis

#### Serving People In Need (SPIN)

Grant Term: 12/01/2025 – 11/30/2026

#### **# of Households to Be Served:**

Traditionally we have served approximately 50 families per year with a target of 35 families in process at any given time. In 2024 we moved 49 families into housing. We assisted 103 adults and 120 children for a total of 223 individuals. We also fielded roughly 2,800 calls and inquiries as an open access point for the coordinated entry system.

#### **Household type:**

We serve families with minor children

#### **Special populations targeted:**

We target families with minor children. While we do not target other specific populations, our client base in 2024 included Asian or Asian American, Black, African American or African, Hispanic, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, and six other minority populations. It also included individuals with mental health disorders, alcohol use disorder, chronic health conditions, physical disabilities and developmental disabilities. We also supported victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking and human trafficking.

#### **Households currently being served:**

During the first quarter of 2025 we served 23 families comprised of approximately 75 individuals including adults and children.

#### **Impacts to current households being served:**

We are working to minimize the impact to current families served, although we must remain cautious about expenditures to conserve capital in anticipation of a roughly \$685,000 gap in our upcoming 2026 budget.

#### **Ramp Down Plan and Timeline:**

We are assessing the anticipated impact and working on our planned response. We will try to revise our program to take advantage of private funding and historically reliable grants. The 2026 HUD funding would have constituted roughly 40% of our total budget, and a much greater percentage of our variable funding used for housing assistance. There is a strong likelihood that the number of families served will decline dramatically in 2026, perhaps as much as 75%. This would reduce the number of families served to somewhere between 10-15 if we cannot access additional funding sources. We will also consider whether we remain an open access point for the FCES. In 2024 we fielded roughly 2800 inquiries through online forms and phone calls staffing three dedicated FTEs.



**Date:** April 23, 2025

**Subject:** University of Chicago's Revised Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Data Request and Memorandum of Understanding

### Recommended Actions

- a. Approve University of Chicago's revised HMIS data request for the period of May 1, 2018, through April 30, 2025, for a one-time export of data to be used for two research projects to increase understanding of homelessness and evictions in Orange County.
- b. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the U.S. Census Bureau and Orange County United Way for the purposes of the University of Chicago's HMIS data request.

### Background and Analysis

In accordance with the [HMIS Policies and Procedures](#), data requests from entities not participating in HMIS are approved by the Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC) Board (CoC Board) prior to any data being released. Once approved, data requests are carried out by Orange County United Way, 2-1-1 Orange County (211OC) as the HMIS Lead for the Orange County CoC. On October 30, 2024, 211OC, received a data request from University of Chicago on behalf of the Orange County CoC. According to the University of Chicago, this data will be used for research and analysis as part of their [Comprehensive Income Dataset \(CID\) Project](#) to increase understanding of homelessness in the Orange County CoC. The University of Chicago is proposing to incorporate HMIS records into the U.S. Census Bureau's (Census Bureau) secure data linkage infrastructure, permitting researchers to link HMIS clients to administrative data on taxes, safety net programs, and decennial Censuses. Administrative data contain information on individual histories (for up to 40 years) of earnings and the receipt of a dozen government programs (e.g., SNAP, HUD housing assistance, SSI, VA service-connected disability assistance), as well as mortality. Similar analyses have been conducted using HMIS data from Los Angeles, Houston and Chicago, and the University of Chicago is in the process of expanding agreements to other localities.

The revised request includes client-level data for all clients active in any project in HMIS for an updated time frame of May 1, 2018, through April 30, 2025, who had an active HMIS Client Consent Form recorded in HMIS as of the end of the reporting period. The following elements are included in the HMIS data request.

#### Data Elements Included in Request:

- 2.01 Organization Information
- 2.02 Project Information
- 3.01 Name
- 3.02 Social Security Number
- 3.03 Date of Birth
- 3.04 Race and Ethnicity
- 3.06 Gender
- 3.07 Veteran Status
- 3.08 Disabling Condition

- 3.10 Project Start Date
- 3.11 Project Exit Date
- 3.12 Destination
- 3.15 Relationship to Head of Household
- 3.20 Housing Move In Date
- 3.917 Prior Living Situation
- 4.02 Income And Sources
- 4.03 Non-Cash Benefits
- 4.04 Health Insurance
- 4.05 Physical Disability
- 4.06 Developmental Disability
- 4.07 Chronic Health Condition
- 4.08 HIV/AIDS
- 4.09 Mental Health Disorder
- 4.10 Substance Use Disorder
- 4.11 Domestic Violence
- 4.12 Current Living Situation
- 4.20 Coordinated Entry Event
- V1 Veteran's Information
- 5.06 Enrollment Identifier
- 5.07 User Identifier (added and last updated)
- 5.08 Personal Identifier
- 5.09 Household Identifier
- Custom field – Have you or someone in your family ever been legally evicted?
- Custom field – How many legal evictions?
- Custom field – Employment Status

At the December 18, 2024, meeting, the CoC Board reviewed the University of Chicago's HMIS data request and approved an amended recommended action. The amended action included preparing the data request and draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that involves all three parties – the Orange County CoC, U.S. Census Bureau and the University of Chicago – with the inclusion of workflow and client data elements to be removed, and inclusion of checks and balances that will be verified before data is sent to the University of Chicago. The approved amended recommended action also stipulated that, upon completion of the data analysis and final report, the final report will be shared with the Orange County CoC, and a certification of data disposal and verification will be provided.

Following the December 18, 2024, meeting, 211OC followed up with the University of Chicago to prepare for the return of the data request to the CoC Board. 211OC received a draft MOU from the Census Bureau, which includes a list of research projects that would utilize the requested HMIS data. 211OC and the Office of Care Coordination, as the Collaborative Applicant, have been reviewing the MOU and sharing questions and revisions with the University of Chicago for consideration aimed at addressing the feedback and concerns of the CoC Board as expressed. Through ongoing communication, the University of Chicago is addressing questions related to the MOU as well as those raised during the CoC Board meeting. In reviewing the MOU, 211OC and the Office of Care Coordination noted it may be beneficial for the Policies, Procedures and Standards (PPS) Committee to further review and provide feedback on the proposed research projects before the HMIS data request is presented to the CoC Board. Because the PPS Committee was unable to reach quorum for the regular meeting in March 2025, the Office of Care Coordination recommended

returning to the CoC Board with an update from the University of Chicago on steps taken to address the CoC Board's requests and concerns. The item was scheduled to be discussed at the March 26, 2025, CoC Board meeting, but the item was postponed. Since that meeting, the following revisions were made to the MOU.

- Attachments C and D were originally included in the MOU to allow the CoC to potentially participate in future projects that have yet to be identified. From feedback at the December 18, 2024, meeting, the CoC Board did not want data to be available for any projects beyond what is currently being reviewed for approval, so attachments C and D were removed from the MOU, as well as any wording referencing these attachments.
- The original MOU included several other projects that the data would be used for to allow the Census Bureau to improve their internal processes, analysis, and data collection. The Census Bureau agreed to remove additional projects included in the original MOU but added an Eviction Research project which is now included in Attachment B of the MOU.

The MOU between the Census Bureau and Orange County United Way is included as **Attachment A** for review and approval by the CoC Board. Specific sections of the MOU are being highlighted for the CoC Board's awareness:

- The two (2) research projects being proposed by the Census Bureau are outlined in Attachment B. The first research project listed is the one initially proposed by the University of Chicago.
- Section 3, Terms and Conditions, includes terms that the Census Bureau agrees to follow, including the following:
  - All data provided the Census Bureau remains confidential.
  - The Census Bureau may grant access to confidential data to individuals who are employed by private or public organizations or agencies and who have expertise or specialized knowledge that will contribute to Census Bureau projects or activities. The University of Chicago is not specifically named in the MOU.
  - Only Census Bureau staff and Special Sworn Status (SSS) researchers participating in the projects will have access to the data, and access will be limited to the minimum number of individuals necessary.
  - Data provided by the Orange County CoC will be deleted upon completion of the projects outlined in Attachment B of the MOU.

The CoC Board is being asked to review and approve the MOU between the Census Bureau, Orange County United Way and the University of Chicago's and the revised HMIS data request for the period of May 1, 2018, through April 30, 2025, for a one-time export of data to be used for two research projects to increase understanding of homelessness and evictions in Orange County.

## **Attachment**

Attachment A – U.S. Census Bureau Memorandum of Understanding

DATA SHARING AGREEMENT  
THROUGH WHICH  
THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU IS ACQUIRING  
HOMELESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM ADMINISTRATIVE DATA  
FROM THE ORANGE COUNTY UNITED WAY

Agreement No. [Census fills]

**1. PARTIES AND PURPOSE**

This Data Sharing Agreement establishes an understanding between the U.S. Census Bureau (Census Bureau) and the Orange County United Way for the acquisition of Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) data.

**2. AUTHORITY**

The authority for the Census Bureau to enter into this Agreement is 13 U.S.C. § 6, which permits the Census Bureau to access, by purchase or otherwise, information to assist the Census Bureau in the performance of duties under Title 13, United States Code.

The authority for Orange County United Way to share HMIS data is Elizabeth Andrade.

**3. TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

Pursuant to this Agreement, Orange County, hereinafter referred to as “the data provider” will transfer to the Census Bureau HMIS administrative records, hereinafter referred to as “the program data” and as described in Attachment A of this Agreement. All data that the data provider agrees to provide the Census Bureau remains confidential. To the extent provided by law, confidentiality of this data will be maintained under Title 13 U.S.C, Section 9, and the Privacy Act. Title 13 U.S.C., Section 23(c) authorizes the Census Bureau to grant access to confidential data to individuals who are employed by private or public organizations or agencies and who have expertise or specialized knowledge that will contribute to Census Bureau projects or activities. Such persons, however, must be sworn to observe the limitations of 13 U.S.C. § 9. To the extent provided by law, only Census Bureau staff and Special Sworn Status (SSS) researchers participating in the projects will have access to the data. Access shall be limited to the minimum number of individuals necessary. Any data, records, or other information shared through this Agreement are protected from unauthorized disclosure and shall be used solely for statistical purposes and not for program or administrative enforcement. When the Census Bureau publicly releases information related to this research, it may not be disclosed in individually identifiable form that permits the identification of any individual respondents, businesses, organizations, or institutions, and results will meet Census Bureau disclosure avoidance guidelines. The Census Bureau will link the program data to census data, survey data and administrative records data. To the extent provided by law, the Census Bureau will recognize the data provider as the owner of the original data in the form that it is delivered to the Census Bureau, prior to its integration with confidential Census data. The Census Bureau will use the linked data for research and operations to improve data collection and record linkage methods for surveys and decennial censuses. The Census

### Item 3. Attachment A

Bureau will also utilize the program data to provide new and improved estimates of population characteristics related to program participation and evictions.

a. The data provider agrees:

- i. To transfer the program data to the Census Bureau via secure File Transfer Protocol (FTP) for the months/years May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2025. The data to be transferred is described in Attachment A, and data will be sent by May 31, 2025.
- ii. To provide adequate documentation and support of transferred files for the Census Bureau to be able to interpret the data for the uses permitted in this Agreement; including a record layout, record count, record length and data dictionary or variable definitions.
- iii. To allow the Census Bureau to use its record linking processes to assign, where possible, person and address identifiers to each record in the program data. Record linkage identifiers may not contain any program data or direct identifiers.
- iv. To allow the Census Bureau staff and SSS researchers to use the program data at the Processing Sites listed in Section 4 of this Agreement for the projects listed in Attachment B.

b. The Census Bureau agrees:

- i. To the extent provided by law, to grant access to the program data only to Census Bureau staff and SSS researchers at the Processing Sites listed in Section 4 of this Agreement and only for the projects listed in Attachment B.
- ii. That all information provided by the data provider is being provided on an as-is basis and data provider makes no representations or warranties regarding the data.
- iii. To delete all data provided by the Orange County CoC through this agreement from all sources once the projects outlined in Attachment B have been completed.

#### 4. CONTACTS

The parties mutually agree that the Census Bureau will appoint a designated "Custodian" of the files, who will in a representative capacity, comply with all of the designated provisions of this Agreement on behalf of the Census Bureau; including observance of all conditions of use, and for the establishment and maintenance of security arrangements, as specified in the Agreement to prevent unauthorized use. The parties mutually agree that the following locations are designated for data processing, analysis, and storage within the Census Network:

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Sites:               Bowie Computer Center or Other Approved Census Computer Centers  
                      Suitland Federal Center  
                      Federal Statistical Research Data Centers  
                      Census Approved Cloud Services

The parties mutually agree that the following named individuals will be designated as points of contact for the Agreement on behalf of the program agency and the Census Bureau, respectively:

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The parties agree that if there is a change regarding the information in this section, the party making the change will notify the other party in writing of such change.

## **5. DURATION OF AGREEMENT, AMENDMENTS, AND MODIFICATIONS**

This Agreement is effective on the date on which it is signed by both parties. The Agreement shall terminate five (5) years following the date on which it becomes effective. If, at the end of five (5) years, the parties wish to continue the relationship, they must execute a new agreement.

The parties shall review this Agreement at least once every three (3) years, or whenever a Federal statute is enacted that materially affects the substance of the Agreement, in order to determine whether it should be revised, renewed or canceled. The review will be conducted by the Census Bureau's Assistant Director for Economic Programs and the data provider.

Notwithstanding all other provisions of this Agreement, the Parties agree that:

- a. This Agreement may be amended at any time by written mutual consent of both parties.
- b. Either party may terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party.

To the extent permitted by federal law, the original program data received from the data provider will be retained by the Census Bureau after receipt for a maximum of two (2) years, unless the data provider establishes a different timetable as clarified, when necessary, in Section 3. Terms and Conditions. Any revisions to the data retention timetable after the execution of this Agreement will be stated in writing in an amendment to this Agreement. The original data will be expunged from Census Bureau systems, so long as such expungement is not inconsistent with federal records retention law.

The dissemination and use of publicly-released reports, articles, and other products derived in whole or in part from the data will not be discontinued due to the expiration or termination of this Agreement. Furthermore, the use of de-identified program records with linkage identifiers and data linked to other data as part of the projects described in Attachment B will not be discontinued due to expiration or termination of this Agreement.

To promote organizational transparency, and in support of data discovery for current and future research projects, the U.S. Census Bureau posts non-sensitive data documentation to public-facing websites. This documentation, such as a record layout or data dictionary, can include file descriptions, variable lists, variable labels and valid values for each variable.

## **6. RESOLUTION OF DISAGREEMENTS**

Should disagreement arise on the interpretation of the provisions of this Agreement, or amendments and/or revisions thereto, that cannot be resolved at the operating level, the area(s) of disagreement shall be stated in writing by each party and presented to the other party for consideration. If agreement on interpretation is not reached within thirty (30) days, the parties shall forward the written presentation of the disagreement to respective higher officials for appropriate resolution.

Under the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App. 3, a review of this Agreement may be conducted at any time. The Inspector General of the Department of Commerce, or any of his or her duly authorized representatives, must be sworn in under 13 U.S.C. Section 23(c), and shall have access to any pertinent books, documents, papers and records of the parties to this Agreement, whether written, printed, recorded, produced, or reproduced by any mechanical, magnetic or other process or medium, in order to make audits, inspections, excerpts, transcripts, or other examinations as authorized by law.

The Census Bureau will promptly consider and adjudicate, in accordance with Federal law, claims which may arise for damages of any nature arising out of a Census Bureau act under this Agreement. Such adjudication will be pursued under the Federal Tort Claims Act, 28 U.S.C. Section 2671 et seq., the Federal Employees Compensation Act, 5 U.S.C. Section 8101 et seq., or such other legal authority as may be pertinent. The U.S. Department of Justice shall determine the appropriate venues for any litigation arising under this Agreement.

## **7. CONFIDENTIALITY**

### **A. IT Security**

The Census Bureau will comply with all federal laws applicable to the privacy or security of data received pursuant to this Agreement. As a federal agency, the Census Bureau is not subject to state/tribal laws, however the Census Bureau will comply with the requirements of applicable state/tribal laws to the extent that they do not conflict with the Census Bureau's requirements under federal law.

The Census Bureau assumes an obligation to keep all data received from other federal, state and tribal organizations, agencies and commercial entities in confidence, and to use the data for statistical purposes only in accordance with the provisions of Title 13, United States Code. Upon receipt, all data acquired as a result of this Agreement will be treated as if they have, at a minimum, protection at the appropriate risk level in accordance with the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) 200 "Minimum Security Requirements for Federal Information and Information Systems" and Special Publication 800-60 Vol 1 Rev.1 "Guide for Mapping Types of Information and Information Systems to Security Categories". Electronic transmission of requested information must be done in accordance with FIPS 140-3 "Security Requirements for Cryptographic Modules" encryption requirements.

The Census Bureau complies with all current NIST standards and publications in accordance with Title III of the E-Government Act of 2002 (PL 107-347). All systems are fully assessed against NIST Special Publication 800-53 Rev.5 "Security



and Privacy Controls for Information Systems and Organizations,” as well as Special Publication 800-37 Rev.1 “Guide for Applying the Risk Management Framework to Federal Information Systems: A Security Life Cycle Approach”. The Census Bureau IT Security Program is reviewed annually by the Department of Commerce Office of the CIO as well as the Department of Commerce Office of Inspector General as part of the oversight responsibilities.

All information and information systems are categorized in accordance with NIST FIPS 199 “*Standards for Security Categorization of Federal Information and Information Systems*” and NIST Special Publication 800-60 Rev.1. Security controls and subsequent assessments are to be completed based on the final categorization.

Census Bureau identifies, assesses, and authorizes use based on the published FedRAMP results and an assessment of any Census Bureau (customer provided) controls implemented to protect the infrastructure and data. This is in accordance with the FedRAMP Authorization Act. Census Bureau reports to Department of Commerce on a quarterly basis under Federal Information Security Modernization Act (FISMA).

The Census Bureau maintains a policy regarding the reporting of, and response to losses of protected data in accordance with OMB Memorandum M-17-12, “Preparing for and Responding to a Breach of Personally Identifiable Information (PII)”. Known or suspected losses of protected data are to be reported within one (1) hour of its discovery to the Census Cybersecurity Center (C3) who will report, as required, to the United States Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA).

Once the Census Bureau becomes aware of a known breach of MDHHS SNAP and TANF data, the Census Bureau will contact the identified contacts in Section 4. Contacts, of this Agreement, to discuss the actions and potential remedies regarding the incident.

#### **B. Disclosure Avoidance Review of Statistical Products**

Title 13, Section 9 of the United States Code (U.S.C.) requires the Census Bureau to keep confidential the information collected from the public under the authority of Title 13. Section 214 of Title 13, U.S.C., and Sections 3551, 3559 and 3571 of Title 18, U.S.C., provide for the imposition of penalties of up to five years in prison and/or up to \$250,000.00 in fines for wrongful disclosure of confidential census information.

The confidentiality protections of Title 13 will apply to any data provided to the Census Bureau under the auspices of this Agreement. These protections will also apply to any statistical product that may be developed as part of the work described by this Agreement that is derived from data protected under Title 13, including, but not limited to, tabulations, extracts, or statistical analyses. Statistical products protected under Title 13 are prohibited from public access or release to the party(ies) of this Agreement until they have undergone disclosure avoidance review by the Census Bureau’s Disclosure Review Board (DRB).

Disclosure avoidance is the process for protecting the confidentiality of data, as required under Title 13 U.S.C. A disclosure of data occurs when someone can use

published statistical information to identify an individual or establishment who has provided confidential information. Should the Census Bureau's DRB determine that a statistical product does or reasonably could result in such disclosure, then the statistical product will be modified prior to approval for public access or release to the party(ies) of this Agreement. The Census Bureau uses disclosure avoidance procedures to modify or remove the characteristics that put confidential information at risk for disclosure. The techniques used by the Census Bureau to protect confidentiality in statistical products vary, depending on the type of data disclosure methods are defined by the Census Bureau.

Statistical products that cannot be publicly released may still be analyzed by the party(ies) of this Agreement within the Federal Statistical Research Data Centers (FSRDCs) by individuals who have Special Sworn Status (SSS); the results of such analyses must still go through a disclosure avoidance process prior to being publicly released.

## 8. APPROVALS

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## **Attachment A: Data Elements**

### **1. Data Requirements**

#### **HMIS Data:**

2.01 Organization Information  
2.02 Project Information  
3.01 Name  
3.02 Social Security Number  
3.03 Date of Birth  
3.04 Race and Ethnicity  
3.06 Gender  
3.07 Veteran Status  
3.08 Disabling Condition  
3.10 Project Start Date  
3.11 Project Exit Date  
3.12 Destination  
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## **Attachment B: Description of Approved Research Projects**

### **1. Examining Income, Safety Net Engagement, and Pathways to and From Homelessness**

This project aims to improve understanding of the long-term economic circumstances and housing trajectories of people who have experienced homelessness through rigorous quantitative analysis of linked data. The project will link HMIS client records with state and federal administrative data on tax records and government assistance programs (e.g., HUD housing assistance, SSI, VA benefits), enabling analysis of individual histories spanning up to 40 years to provide new insights into pathways into and out of homelessness. Specific analyses will include:

- Examine long-term patterns of formal income, employment, and safety net program participation before, during, and after periods of homelessness
- Analyze migration across geographic areas and transitions between homelessness, conventional housing, and institutional settings
- Study differences in economic outcomes and program participation by demographic characteristics to inform efforts to address disparities
- Evaluate the effectiveness of connections to mainstream benefit programs like SSI, and other safety net resources

The research aims to inform policy and practice by identifying opportunities to strengthen connections to mainstream benefits and services; understanding patterns of formal employment and barriers to labor market participation; evaluating the completeness of homeless population counts and characteristics data; and examining disparities in outcomes across demographic groups.

Results will be shared through reports to participating CoCs, academic publications, and presentations to stakeholders in government, research, and service provider communities. All research outputs will undergo Census Bureau disclosure review to protect confidentiality.

### **2. Evictions Research**

The majority of poor renting families in America spend over half of their income on housing costs, and eviction is transforming their lives. Yet little is known about the prevalence, causes, and consequences of housing insecurity. This project intends to learn about and create new products documenting the demographic and socioeconomic characteristics of the evicted population, as well as outcomes associated with eviction.