

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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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 [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

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

Board Member Roll Call – Nichole Gideon, Secretary

Present: LaVal Brewer, Andrew Crowe, Nichole Gideon, Becks Heyhoe-Khalil, Sandra Lozeau, Sammie MarTínez, Melanie McQueen, Dr. Tiffany Mitchell, Nishtha Mohendra, Robert “Santa Bob” Morse, Jason Phillips, Dawn Price, Tim Shaw, and Dr. Shauntina Sorrells.

Absent Excused: Judson Brown, Dr. Kelly Bruno-Nelson, Shakoya Green Long, Marisol Johnson, Maricela Rios-Faust, and George Searcy.

Absent: Talesha Payne

Tim Shaw arrived during Public Comments. Andrew Crowe left during Business Calendar Item 6 and did not vote on Business Calendar Item 3. Nichole Gideon left during Business Calendar 3 and did not vote on Business Calendar Item 3.

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. Members of the public utilizing interpreter services will be given double the amount of time to provide public comment.

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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.

- Tim Shaw read the names of people who have passed away without fixed abode in February 2025. Tim Shaw also read the names of the cities that the people passed away in.
- Dawn Price shared about Help The Home which a giving day for homeless services organizations. The Help Them Home website can be reached at: <https://help-them-home-giving-day.ocnonprofitcentral.org/>. Dawn Price expressed that organizations need private money in this space now more than ever.
- Sandra Lozeau expressed a Happy Administrative Professionals Day and gave a shout out to all the people working in that field. Sandra Lozeau provided the following City of Anaheim updates; the financing for Tampico Hotel has been approved and escrow will be closed in May 2025; the Tampico

Hotel will provide 30 units for Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) and City of Anaheim will partner with Orangewood Foundation and Covenant House California; and Studio 6 is now called Azure Apartments which will be opening in September 2025 and will provide 87 units.

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.**

Nishtha Mohendra motioned to approve items 1 and 2 on the Consent Calendar. Robert “Santa Bob” Morse seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Discussion:

- Sammie MarTínez inquired on the list of agencies and jurisdictions approved for HMIS Access and the accountability of HMIS Access agencies of follow up with participants.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

1. **Good News Story: Families Forward Rapid Rehousing for Families Program** – Rosalinda Bermudez, Director of Data and Compliance, Families Forward

Rosalinda Bermudez shared information and a good news story regarding Families Forward’s rapid re-housing for families program.

2. **CoC Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)** – Sarah Jones, CoC Manager, and Felicia Boehringer, CoC Administrator, Office of Care Coordination

On Friday, January 17, 2025, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (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. 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. Following the second FY 2024 CoC Program funding award announcement on March 28, 2025, 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.

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 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.

Board Member Discussion:

- Melanie McQueen asked for clarification on the overall increase in funding.
- Becks Heyhoe-Khalil inquired on the ramp down and timelines for the three (3) agencies whose renewal projects were impacted and asked for clarification on the impact for Serving People In Need (SPIN).

3. 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

On October 30, 2024, 2-1-1 Orange County (211OC), a key service of Orange County United Way, received a data request from University of Chicago on behalf of the Orange County CoC. The University of Chicago is proposing to incorporate HMIS records into the U.S. Census Bureau's secure data linkage infrastructure, permitting researchers to link HMIS clients to administrative data on taxes, safety net programs, and decennial Censuses. 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.

Angela J. Wyse shared that the goal of research is to provide public data and emphasized that profit is not made from the research. The Title 13 of the U.S. Code states that data cannot be used for program enforcement and can only be used for research. Additionally, the University of Chicago has conducted similar analyses using Census, American Community Survey (ACS), and HMIS data from Los Angeles, Houston, and Chicago.

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.

Dawn Price motioned to approve Recommended Actions a and b. LaVal Brewer seconded the motion. LaVal Brewer, Sandra Lozeau, Melanie McQueen, Robert "Santa Bob" Morse, Jason Phillips, Dawn Price, and Tim Shaw voted yes. Becks Heyhoe-Khalil and Dr. Tiffany Mitchell abstained. Sammie MarTínez, Nishtha Mohendra, and Dr. Shauntina Sorrells voted no. The motion passed.

Board Member Discussion:

- Sammie MarTínez asked if consent was ever asked of HMIS participants and inquired as to why it is easier for other people to access HMIS records rather than the participants themselves. Sammie MarTínez shared a personal story on the difficulties of trying to obtain HMIS records. Sammie MarTínez asked if the data request can be shared with everyone in HMIS to allow HMIS participants the possibility of revoking HMIS access if necessary. Sammie MarTínez made a suggestion that the 211OC should provide an audio record of how to request HMIS records as it may be beneficial for HMIS participants because "we don't know what we don't know".
- Robert "Santa Bob" Morse asked how much the data request will cost the 211OC team, inquired on the data request process and HMIS fees and asked if the University of Chicago will sell the data or be compensated for the research.
- Tim Shaw emphasized the importance of research due to the benefits. Tim Shaw shared a personal belief that it would be impossible to have everyone who is requesting HMIS data to also provide

compensation to HMIS. Tim Shaw asked about how data is being safe guarded at the U.S Census Bureau. Tim Shaw inquired about the additional CoCs who have already provided data for the research project. Tim Shaw agreed with similar comments on the grave concern of lawlessness of agencies which is an unfortunate concern that the CoC is unsure how to mitigate.

- Chair Dr. Shauntina Sorrells asked for clarification on the social security data element from the previous similar HMIS data requests. Chair Dr. Shauntina Sorrells asked about the impact of the administration on research, specifically on the U.S Census Bureau's side.
- Becks Heyhoe-Khalil asked about Item 3 Attachment B and whether it would include the second project that the data will be used for. Becks Heyhoe-Khalil asked how long the data will be retained for the second project, how long would the data be at the U.S Census Bureau before being deleted, and who drafted the initial Memorandum of Understanding. Becks Heyhoe-Khalil noted that there are concerns about the law not mattering anymore and shared that the research has its benefits, but there is a responsibility as a Board Member to the people that are being served.
- Dawn Price stated that there is a possibly to hurt the CoC more by this current stance as this is an opportunity to show that the Orange County is not different from Los Angeles, Chicago, etc. Dawn Price shared that the research project is an advantage to the Orange County CoC and noted that there is also vulnerability of the data being misused in the offices that have access to HMIS. Dawn Price stated that in the grand scheme of things, the research project advantages the CoC and there is a greater risk by not participating than participating.
- Sandra Lozeau noted that CalOptima Health already has similar data and if the data was wanted at the federal level, there can be other ways and angles to obtain the data regardless. Sandra Lozeau shared that the CoC currently does not have recent research data, and the research project will be important as the CoC will be going after different dollars and other lobbying attempts. Sandra Lozeau shared information about the previous University of California, Irvine (UCI) Livable Cities Lab 2022 study which found that affordable housing did not negatively impact property values but actually increased property values and decreased crime. Sandra Lozeau stated that the CoC should not miss out on other opportunities of research.

4. CoC Strategic Plan Updates – Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, Chair

Chair Dr. Shauntina Sorrells provided an update on the CoC Strategic Plan.

Board Member Discussion:

- Sandra Lozeau asked about the meeting logistics for the working session. Sandra Lozeau asked if the CoC Strategic Plan will be taken in a public setting.
- Tim Shaw suggested that the most current CoC Strategic Plan be sent out prior to the working session and shared insights on strategic abandonment, as well as neglectful abandonment. Tim Shaw expressed that there has been a lot of work in the last 5 years to get to this point and the current CoC Strategic Plan has distressing changes that were forced upon the CoC because of the current environment.
- Chair Dr. Shauntina Sorrells explained that the final CoC Strategic Plan will be brought to the CoC Board for a final vote.

5. Orange County Homelessness Updates – Doug Becht, Director, and Sarah Jones, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination

- a. System of Care Updates – Doug Becht provided the following System of Care Update:
 - The Orange County Housing and Community Development (OCHCD) released the 2025 Supportive Housing Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) which makes available up to \$12.05 million of Federal HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), HOME American Rescue Plan Program (HOME-ARP), Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), 15G Reserves and Housing Successor Agency (HSA) funds to

promote the acquisition, new construction, and acquisition/rehabilitation of Supportive Housing and will also provide up to 150 Housing Choice, Mainstream, and/or Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Project Based Vouchers (PBVs) for extremely low-income households who are experiencing homelessness. The full NOFA can be found on the OCHCD Website: <https://www.ochcd.org/housingdevelopment/developer/notice-funding-availability>

- The Office of Care Coordination engaged County departments, local jurisdictions and non-profits to coordinate the first ever OC Same Day Solutions Fair on March 27, 2025. Representatives from the OC Social Services Agency, OC Health Care Agency, OC Child Support Services, OC Public Defender, OC District Attorney, OC Community Resources, OC Probation, Department of Motor Vehicles, Revival Hair, Salvation Army, and more were in attendance. The Office of Care Coordination is working to hold another OC Same Day Solutions Fair in the coming months.
 - The 2025 Homeless Survey aimed to explore the complex issues facing people who are experiencing homelessness for the first time, including what services and programs they may have accessed or attempted to access in efforts to remain housed, and the challenges they have faced as a result of unsheltered homelessness. The findings of the survey will be used to support with future planning and program development, as well as decision-making efforts specific to homeless prevention. The Office of Care Coordination will be facilitating another Joint Special Meeting of the Commission to Address Homelessness and the Continuum of Care Board to discuss the findings.
 - In March 2024, Proposition 1, consisting of two main components – the BHSA (SB 326) and the Behavioral Health Infrastructure Bond Act (BHIBA) (AB 531), passed. Beginning in 2026 under the BHSA, 30% of each county's funding allocation must be used for housing interventions for Californians with the most significant behavioral health needs who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. o Half of that amount is prioritized for those experiencing chronic homelessness.
- b. CoC Updates – Sarah Jones provided the following CoC Updates:
- On July 22, 2024, HUD announced approximately \$175 million in funding will be made available through the CoCBuils NOFO – a first of its kind funding for new construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation of permanent supportive housing. On November 20, 2024, the Orange County CoC, in partnership with Jamboree Housing, submitted the final CoCBuils Application to HUD via Grants.gov. As of now, the CoCBuils NOFO HUD webpage is not available and there has been no public communication from HUD on the status of the grant opportunity. The Office of Care Coordination will provide additional communication should further updates be made available
 - A new report from Homebase provides steps for CoCs and homeless response system providers can manage uncertainty. “Managing uncertainty for CoCs and homeless services providers” covers processing new information as an organization, communicating with clients following trauma-informed principles, managing CoC grants, and adapting budgets.
 - At the February 26, 2025, meeting, the CoC Board approved the establishment of a Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program ad hoc to support the Office of Care Coordination with the planning and programming of HHAP Program Round 5 funds allocated to the Orange County CoC. The HHAP Program ad hoc’s responsibility is to assist the Office of Care Coordination in providing unbiased recommendations to the CoC Board regarding the programming of HHAP Round 5 funding. The Office of Care Coordination has worked with the CoC Board Officers to confirm the final ad hoc membership and has sent communication to those selected.
 - On Monday, February 24, 2025, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) announced the release of the HHAP Round 6 NOFA, making available \$760 million to strengthen regional housing solutions. The application deadline is August 29, 2025. The HHAP Round 6 NOFA includes notable changes.

- The HHAP Dashboard reflects the progress of grantees on their HHAP awards. Each jurisdiction must submit monthly reports that require them to self-report total obligations and expenditures against their HHAP awards. These reports are cumulative and represent all fiscal activity within each round of HHAP. The HHAP dashboard can be accessed at: <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/planning-andcommunity-development/housing-open-datatools/hhap-data-dashboard-and-downloads>
- HHAP Program Funding Updates include HHAP-CoC funding programmed for the upcoming Request for Proposals (RFP), HHAP-CoC funding programmed for Rapid Rehousing and Emergency Shelter Operations and Services renewal contracts is pending approval from the Orange County Board of Supervisors, and HHAP Ad Hoc to focus on recommendations for programming of HHAP Round 5 funding.
- The Office of Care Coordination has been providing CoC Board members with updates regarding upcoming CoC activities. Calendar Year 2025 Quarter 2 and the beginning of Quarter 3 activities are highlighted in the CoC Board Presentation.
- Upcoming meetings of the Orange County CoC can be viewed at: <https://ceo.ocgov.com/continuum-care>

Board Member Discussion:

- Becks Heyhoe-Khalil shared about wanting to see specific information such as unobligated funds, obligated funds, and expenditures on the youth set aside for HHAP to get an idea of where the CoC is at.
- Dr. Tiffany Mitchell inquired on the amount of funding that is going through the County of Orange for TAY specifically and asked if there are other funding buckets for those services. Dr. Tiffany Mitchell asked if that is data that can be provided on-hand when making decisions.
- Vice Chair Nishtha Mohendra expressed excitement for the HHAP Program ad hoc and suggested that the Office of Care Coordination provide a strategic lens on how to offset some of the households that are impacted by the CoC Program loss of funding.
- Tim Shaw noted that there has not been an update on the fiscal mapping and asked if there can be an update on where the fiscal mapping contracting process is at. Tim Shaw emphasized the importance of fiscal mapping because there needs to be a comprehensive fiscal mapping to inform ad hocs and to have a process for the ongoing assessment of where the dollars are coming in and where there are going.
- Secretary Nichole Gideon expressed excitement for the OC Same Day Solutions Fair turn out because of the accessibility of services all in one place. Secretary Nichole Gideon shared that each of the various resources can take a day to complete and a bus pass for each day, therefore, it is great that various resources were all in one place.

6. HMIS Lead Update – Erin DeRycke, Director, Data Analytics, 211OC, Orange County United Way

Erin DeRycke provided the following HMIS Lead updates; during the HMIS Leads webinar on April 16, 2025, there was an announcement that Gender and Sexual Orientation data elements will be retired October 1, 2025; The System Performance Measures (SPM) Report as required annually by HUD was submitted in April; the Data team has been working with 47 agencies and 200+ projects to finalize data for the 2025 Housing Inventory Count (HIC) and Sheltered Point in Time Count (PIT); the HIC and PIT reports as required by HUD does not currently have a due date set by HUD; CoC-funded projects were sent draft Project Performance scores to allow them an opportunity to review and correct their data prior to the upcoming CoC NOFO process; the CoC Dashboard is being transitioned to a new data visualization software called Quicksight, and will allow for the dashboard to be updated daily instead of quarterly which will provide timely data to the CoC, and will reduce workload for the Data team; and a Coordinated Entry Dashboard is also being developed in Quicksight which will provide the CoC a more comprehensive and standardized data on all components of the Coordinated Entry

System (families, individuals, veterans, transition aged youth) to allow for analysis and data-driven decision making.

Board Member Discussion:

- Vice Chair Nishtha Mohendra inquired if the dashboards can be part of the agenda packet or sent to the CoC Board.
- Becks Heyhoe-Khalil asked if HUD could access HMIS data and inquired if there was an update on the plan to bring the Coordinated Entry System Dashboard to the CoC Committees.
- Chair Dr. Shauntina Sorrells summarized the discussion and shared the request to have the dashboards be part of the consent calendar of the CoC Board agenda.

Becks Heyhoe-Khalil motioned to adjourn the meeting. Melanie McQueen seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous consent. Meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

7. Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 28, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.