



# SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

## REGULAR MEETING COMMISSION TO END HOMELESSNESS

Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 1:00 P.M.

**County Conference Center**  
Room 104/106  
425 West Santa Ana Boulevard, Santa Ana, CA 92701

**Vicente Sarmiento, Chair**  
*Supervisor, Second District*

**Janet Nguyen**  
*Supervisor, First District*  
**Jason Ivins**  
*Orange County Sheriff-Coroner Representative*  
**Adam Hawley**  
*Chief of Police Representative*  
**Jim Vanderpool**  
*North Service Planning Area Representative*  
**Debra Rose**  
*South Service Planning Area Representative*  
**Cecilia Bustamante-Pixa**  
*Hospital Representative*  
**Kelly Bruno-Nelson**  
*Medi-Cal Managed Care Health Plan Representative*  
**Susan Parks**  
*Philanthropic Leader Representative*  
**Paul Wyatt**  
*At-Large Representative*  
**Robert Morse**  
*Continuum of Care Board Representative*

**Jack Toan, Vice Chair**  
*Business Representative*  
**Todd Spitzer**  
*Orange County District Attorney*  
**Sean deMetropolis**  
*Municipal Fire Department Representative*  
**Monique Davis**  
*Business Representative*  
**Lisa Kim**  
*Central Service Planning Area Representative*  
**Gina Cunningham**  
*Affordable Housing Development Representative*  
**Richard Afable**  
*Behavioral Health Representative*  
**Benjamin Hurst**  
*Faith-Based Community Representative*  
**Milo Peinemann**  
*At-Large Representative*  
**Maricela Rios-Faust**  
*Continuum of Care Board Representative*

ATTENDANCE: Commissioners Afable, Bruno-Nelson, Bustamante-Pixa, Cunningham, Davis, Hawley, Hurst, Ivins, Kim, Morse, Nguyen, Parks, Peinemann, Rios-Faust, Rose, Sarmiento, Spitzer and Wyatt

ABSENT: Commissioners deMetropolis, Toan and Vanderpool

PRESENT: COMMISSION DIRECTOR Doug Becht, Director of Care Coordination  
CLERK OF THE COMMISSION Valerie Sanchez, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board

Call to Order

**CHAIRMAN SARMIENTO CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 1:02 P.M.**

Pledge of Allegiance

**COMMISSIONER NGUYEN LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Roll Call

**CLERK CALLED THE ROLL AND CONFIRMED QUORUM.**

## **SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

NONE

### **COMMISSION MEMBERS COMMENTS**

Chair Sarmiento – Welcomed First District Supervisor Janet Nguyen to the Commission; updated the Commission on the Weather Activated Rooms for Families (WARM) Program which runs through the end of April.

Commissioner Ivins – Announced that Captain Christine Berryman of OC Sheriff's Behavioral Health Bureau will be presenting at the National Alliance to End Homelessness on Thursday February 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 a.m. in Los Angeles during a spotlight session with Doug Becht on creating strategic partnerships with the criminal legal system to reduce unsheltered homelessness.

Commissioner Rios-Faust – Shared that the Continuum of Care (CoC) Board is monitoring updates from the Federal Administration and reviewing their potential impacts. There is a lack of guidance around recent Executive Orders related to Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding, and if funding is eliminated, there is no other source of funding to continue the HUD-funded programs.

Commissioner Nguyen – Expressed appreciation for the WARM Program and noted previous cold weather shelters operations where families were required to leave the armories hours early in the morning before their children could be dropped off at school which demonstrated the need for families to have a more stable environment.

Commissioner Parks – Thanked Chair Sarmiento for participating in OC United Way's State of Homelessness Address on January 29<sup>th</sup> which also included Supervisor Foley, Tim Shaw, Nicole Gideon and Doug Becht; video of the event is on the United Way YouTube channel; the event was well attended with over 400 people online and 200 people have watched it since; also mentioned that February 11<sup>th</sup> was 2-1-1 Day and OC United Way hosted another successful event to mark the occasion.

Commissioner Morse – Commended the 2-1-1 Day event and WARM Program and reported 40 people were hosted by Lighthouse Church of the Nazarene in Costa Mesa during an inclement weather event.

Commissioner Wyatt – Shared that starting March 4<sup>th</sup> there is a certificate program for shared housing to source affordable housing more quickly available in the Bay Area and worth exploring if a similar program could work in Orange County.

Commissioner Bruno-Nelson – CalOptima Health has a current Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) currently open through the HHIP (Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program) focusing on system change grants and equity grants for non-profits with annual budgets of less than \$5 Million, the NOFO will be open until March 5<sup>th</sup>.

# **SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES**

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Office of Care Coordination Update
  - a. Board of Supervisors Actions
    - i. Small-Scale Housing Unit Report
    - ii. Commission to End Homelessness Bylaws Revision
  - b. OC Same Day Solutions Fair
  - c. Homeless Prevention and Stabilization Pilot Program

**Commission Director Doug Becht updated the Commission on the Board of Supervisors action to receive and file the Small-Scale Housing Unit Report and the pending action to approve the Bylaw amendments on February 25<sup>th</sup>; the Office of Care Coordination will be hosting the OC Same-Day Solutions Fair, modeled after the event in San Diego, on Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at the Second Baptist Church at 4300 Westminster Ave in Santa Ana, the event will be co-hosted by the City of Garden Grove and City of Santa Ana and will include legal and document assistance, healthcare, housing assistance and workforce development; and update on the Homeless Prevention and Stabilization Pilot Program which has screened 1200 families, of which 197 were eligible and 69 enrolled in the program that offers case management, direct financial assistance and stabilization payments for up to one year.**

2. 2025 Homeless Survey

**City Net is working to incorporate the feedback received during the Joint Special Meeting of the Orange County CoC Board and the Commission in January; the survey will be conducted in March and after survey data review and analysis is completed, the Office of Care Coordination will schedule another Special Joint Meeting of the CoC Board and Commission to review the results.**

3. Commissioner Spotlight – Commissioner Gina Cunningham, HomeAid Orange County

**Commissioner Cunningham, executive director of HomeAid Orange County (HomeAid OC), highlighted the work HomeAid OC does in conjunction with various organizations to provide housing resources for individuals and families experiencing homelessness or at-risk of homelessness including projects such as the HomeAid Family CareCenter in Orange, Village of Hope in Tustin, Yale Navigation Center in Santa Ana, and Robyne’s Landing in Huntington Beach.**

## **PRESENTATIONS**

4. Federal Legislative Update presented by Peter DeMarco, Director of Legislative Affairs, County Executive Office and Ben Goldeen, Federal Advocacy Director, Townsend Public Affairs, Inc.

## SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

Presentation provided information on the impacts to federal funding resulting from various executive orders, the confirmation of Scott Turner as HUD Secretary, HUD layoffs and the HUD "Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) Task Force"

On the motion of Commissioner Spitzer, seconded by Commissioner Morse, the Commission directed the Chair to convey to the full Board of Supervisors at their next meeting, the Commission's serious concern regarding jeopardy to federal funding, including HUD funding, used in the work of the County to address homelessness, including upstream and downstream impacts to the System of Care, and what position, if any, the County of Orange (County) should take to continue the work and goals of the Commission.

5. Orange County District Attorney (DA) Homeless Outreach and Recidivism Reduction Efforts presented by Todd Spitzer, Orange County DA, Suzie Price, Sr. Assistant DA and Tamika Williams, Assistant DA

Presentation provided information on achieving justice through intervention and programs like Stepping Up Initiative/OC Cares, collaborative courts including Mental Health Courts, Recovery Court/Opportunity Courts, Assisted Intervention Court, Drug Court/DUI Court, Veterans Treatment Court and Homeless Outreach Court and the resulting reduction in recidivism among participants in these collaborative courts.

### ACTION ITEMS

6. Nominate and appoint the 2025 Chair and Vice Chair to the Commission to End Homelessness

On the motion of Commissioner Peinemann, seconded by Commissioner Davis, the Commission nominated and approved the appointment of Commissioner Sarmiento as Chair of the Commission and Commissioner Cunningham as Vice Chair of the Commission.

7. Approve Commission to End Homelessness minutes from the December 11, 2024, regular meeting.  
On the motion of Commissioner Afable, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, the Commission approved as recommended.
8. Approve Orange County Continuum of Care and the Commission to End Homeless minutes from the January 16, 2025, joint special meeting  
On the motion of Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Bruno-Nelson, the Commission approved as recommended.

ADJOURNED: 3:18 P.M.

NEXT MEETING: April 16, 2025, 1:00 P.M.

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Valerie Sanchez, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board  
Clerk of the Commission

*Signature on File*  
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Supervisor Vicente Sarmiento  
Chair



# Commission to **END HOMELESSNESS**

*Office of Care Coordination*

## REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2025

# DISCUSSION – ITEM #1

## OFFICE OF CARE COORDINATION UPDATE

### Board of Supervisors Actions

- Small-Scale Housing Unit Report
  - In December 2024, the Commission approved the recommendation to submit the Small-Scale Housing Unit Report to the Board of Supervisors for policy consideration.
  - The Small-Scale Housing Unit Report was received and filed at the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors on January 28, 2025.
- Commission to End Homelessness Bylaws Revision
  - In December 2024, the Commission approved revisions to the Commission to End Homelessness Bylaws to make changes to the name, mission, purpose and function, membership, and duties of members, as recommended by the Bylaw Ad Hoc to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.
  - The Commission to End Homelessness Bylaws Revisions are agendaized for the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors on February 25, 2025.

# DISCUSSION – ITEM #1

## OFFICE OF CARE COORDINATION UPDATE

### OC Same Day Solutions Fair

The Office of Care Coordination has been engaging County departments, local jurisdictions and non-profits to coordinate the OC Same Day Solutions Fair which will provide support and assistance in a convenient, accessible manner by bringing multiple resources together in one location.

This collaborative effort is aimed at providing immediate on-site support to individuals experiencing homelessness by offering a range of services such as legal and document assistance, healthcare, housing resources, and workforce development. Furthermore, this event bridges connections to long-term solutions such as case management, rehabilitation services, and legal avenues for resolving outstanding issues.

- **Date**

Thursday, March 27, 2025

- **Location**

Second Baptist Church

4300 Westminster Ave, Santa Ana

# DISCUSSION – ITEM #1

## OFFICE OF CARE COORDINATION UPDATE

### Homeless Prevention and Stabilization Pilot Program

The goal of the Homeless Prevention and Stabilization Pilot (HPSP) Program is to assist households who are at risk of experiencing homelessness achieve housing stability by providing financial assistance to pay rental arrears, past due utility bills, and forward rent and/or utility bills based on financial need, and stabilization payments.

#### Program Components:

- Case Management – Focus on stabilizing household through care coordination intended to help participants navigate and address barriers to housing, connections to supportive services, and leveraging and utilization of CalAIM services.
- Direct Financial Assistance – Rental arrears, past due utility bills, and forward rent and/or utility bills based on need, paid directly to landlord and/or utility company.
- Stabilization Payments – Reoccurring financial payment of \$400 directly to the participant for up to 12 months.



# DISCUSSION – ITEM #1

## OFFICE OF CARE COORDINATION UPDATE

### Homeless Prevention and Stabilization Pilot Program

- As of February 10, 2025, more than 1,200 households have been pre-screened for eligibility.
- Of those, 197 households have passed pre-screening eligibility.
- Of those, 69 households have been enrolled in the HPSP Program.
- 26 households from Districts 2 and 3 are receiving stabilization payments.
- Outreach is still ongoing and households at risk of homelessness who are interested in participating in the HPSP Program should contact 2-1-1 for more information.

# DISCUSSION – ITEM #2

## 2025 HOMELESS SURVEY

### 2025 Homeless Survey

The aim of the 2025 Homeless Survey is to explore the complex issues facing people who are experiencing homelessness for the first time in the past 12 months. The survey will focus on this subpopulation to help better understand the causations of homelessness and identify areas for improvement.

- The Continuum of Care Board and the Commission to End Homelessness provided their feedback on the draft 2025 Homeless Survey during the Joint Special Meeting in January 2025.
- The Lived Experience Advisory Board gave their thoughts on the narrative and survey questions during the meeting in January 2025.
- The Office of Care Coordination has been working closely with City Net to consolidate the feedback and incorporate the suggestions provided by all groups into the survey.

# DISCUSSION – ITEM #2

## 2025 HOMELESS SURVEY

### Timeline

The 2025 Homeless Survey is on track for the timeline below:

- February
  - CoC Board and Commission Update
  - Communication with Cities
- March
  - Conduct Survey
- April/May
  - Survey Review & Analysis

### Survey Components

- Opening Script
- Homelessness Status
- Demographic Information
- Household Composition
- Prior Housing Situation
- Past Personal Experiences
- Income
- Community Supports and Services/Navigating the System of Care
- Newly Homeless Experience
- Disabling Conditions

# DISCUSSION – ITEM #2

## 2025 HOMELESS SURVEY

### 2025 Homeless Survey

Identified potential areas for donations/survey support.

- Gift Cards
  - \$5 gift cards will be provided as incentives for those experiencing unsheltered homelessness who participate in the survey.
- Pairs of Socks
  - In past experiences, those experiencing unsheltered homelessness have been willing to accept a pair of socks.
- Snack Packs
  - An assortment of different snacks pieced together will be supplied as a “Snack Pack” for each unsheltered individual encountered during the survey – even those who choose not to participate in the survey. Donations can include assembly items such as Ziploc bags, as well as snack items like granola bars, applesauce, etc.

\*If interested in providing donations, please connect with Matt Bates [matt@citynet.org](mailto:matt@citynet.org)

# DISCUSSION – ITEM #3

## COMMISSIONER SPOTLIGHT

### Commissioner Spotlight

- Gina Cunningham, HomeAid Orange County



**Building a future without  
homelessness**

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**Gina Cunningham**  
*Executive Director*

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# Past Project Highlights



## Family CareCenter

**Located:** City of Orange

**Home to:** Families experiencing homelessness

**Opened:** 2017



## Village of Hope

**Located:** City of Tustin

**Home to:** Families

**Opened:** 2008



## Yale Navigation Center

**City:** Santa Ana

**Home to:** Homeless Individuals

**Opened:** 2021



## Robyne's Landing

**Located:** City of Huntington Beach

**Home to:** Teens

**Opened:** 2024

# FX Residences



**Units:** 16

**Type:** Permanent Supportive Housing

**Population Served:** Individual adults experiencing chronic homelessness

**City:** Santa Ana

**Dedicated in December 2024**





# La Veta Village



**Units:** 6

**Type:** Affordable Housing

**Population Served:** Families and Seniors

**City:** Orange

Estimated completion Summer 2025



# PRESENTATION – ITEM #4

## FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

### Legislative Update

An update of the current Federal legislation presented by:

- Peter DeMarco – Director of Legislative Affairs, County Executive Office
- Ben Goldeen – Federal Advocacy Director, Townsend Public Affairs, Inc.

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**Orange County Commission to  
End Homelessness**

**Federal Legislative Update**

**February 19, 2025**

# Presentation Overview



Administrative Actions



Legislative Actions



Resources

# Administrative Action

## BACKGROUND

Campaign promises included a ban of encampments and deregulatory actions, campaign did not include many specifics.

First-term budget proposals eliminated CDBG and HOME programs. Proposals were not enacted.

Voices in the administration are calling for changes to the Housing First model and to focus on treatment.

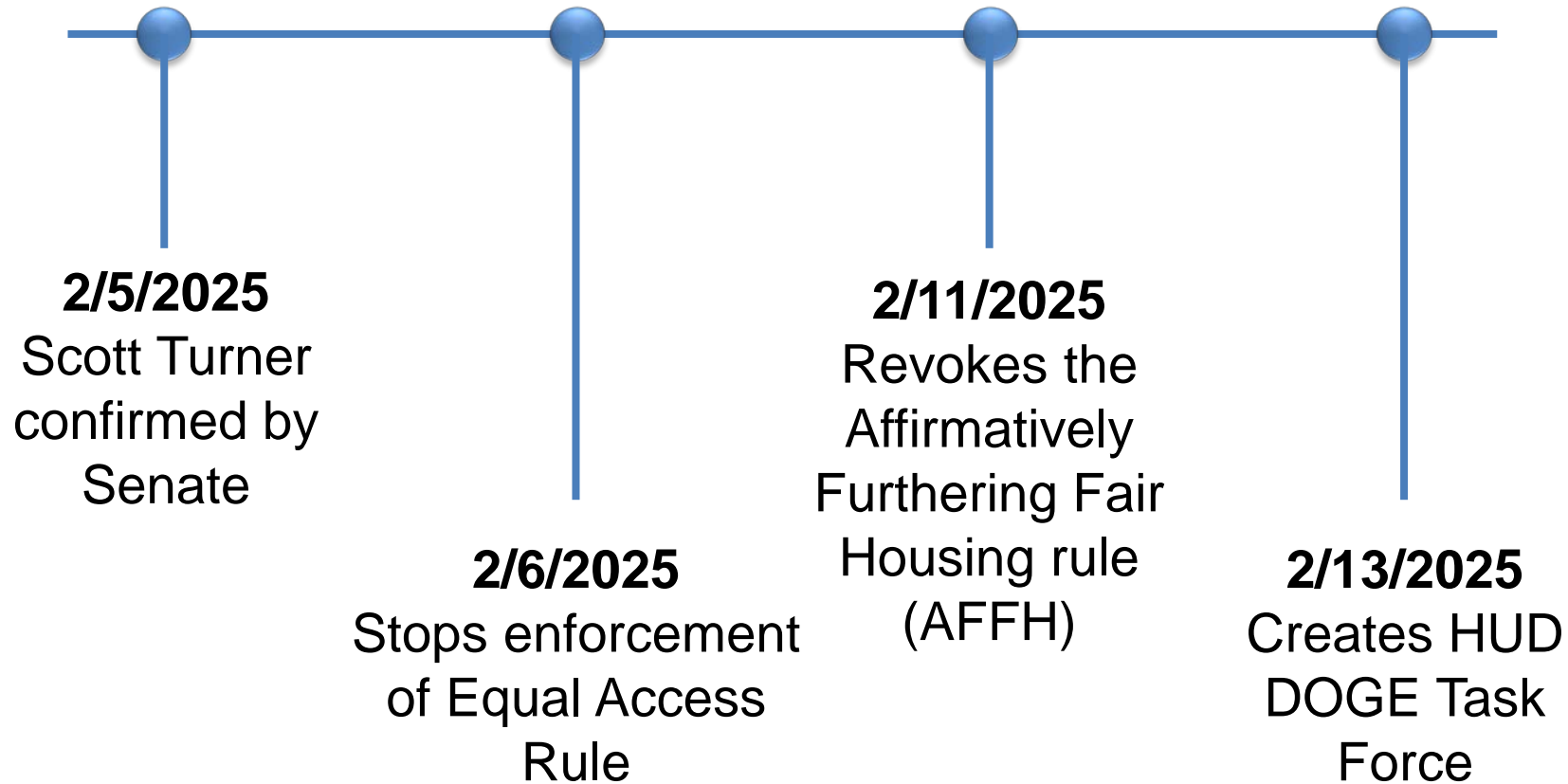
# Administrative Action – Executive Orders

- 1/20/2025** Hiring Freeze
- 1/20/2025** Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing
- 1/20/2025** Defending Women From Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government
- 1/20/2025** Protecting the American People Against Invasion
- 2/11/2025** Implementing the President’s “Department of Government Efficiency Workforce Optimization Initiative”






# Administrative Action – HUD Secretary

## *Scott Turner Confirmed as HUD Secretary*



# Administrative Action

## *Department of Government Efficiency*

-  HUD “DOGE” Task Force
-  HUD Layoffs
-  FY24 Continuum of Care  
Funding Disbursement  
Delay



# Legislative Action

## *Annual Appropriations*

**FY  
2025**

March 14 funding deadline to fund programs through September 30, 2025

**FY  
2026**

Legislation to fund federal programs beyond September 30

# Legislative Action – Budget Reconciliation



- Legislation to extend and reform 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, fund immigration enforcement, boost defense spending, and make changes to federal energy policy
- The latest House budget framework calls for \$4.5 trillion for taxes and \$1.5 trillion in spending cuts

# Legislative Action

## BUDGET RECONCILIATION

There is bipartisan support to increase the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC), but the \$4.5 trillion allocated for tax cuts would likely not facilitate an expansion of LIHTC.

To achieve \$1.5 trillion in spending cuts changes to Medicaid (Medi-Cal), SNAP (CalFresh), and other social safety net programs are under discussion.

# Resources



Executive actions  
page on  
*WhiteHouse.gov*



*The Hamilton Project*  
federal expenditures  
tracker



National housing and  
homelessness  
organizations



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# PRESENTATION – ITEM #5

## HOMELESS OUTREACH AND RECIDIVISM REDUCTION EFFORTS

### Homeless Outreach and Recidivism Reduction Efforts

Orange County District Attorney's Homeless Outreach and Recidivism Reduction Efforts presented by:

- Todd Spitzer – Orange County District Attorney (DA)
- Suzie Price – Sr. Assistant DA
- Tamika Williams – Assistant DA



# Achieving Justice Through Intervention

## *The Role of Orange County's Prosecutors*

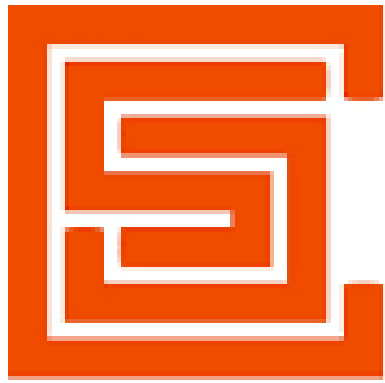


# Stepping Up Initiative/OC Cares

- ❖ The national “Stepping Up Initiative” was launched in May 2015 “to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in U.S. Jails.”
- ❖ Orange County was selected in 2016 along with 49 other county/regional teams to attend a National Summit in Washington, DC. Then-Supervisor Todd Spitzer and then-Sheriff Hutchens led the OC delegation. The Stepping Up Initiative served as the basis for Orange County’s “OC Cares” 5-Year Strategic Plan.
- ❖ OC Cares is designed to link the various systems of care in OC (behavioral health, healthcare, housing, benefits and support services and community correction) to provide full care coordination and services for justice-involved individuals.







# SAFETY+JUSTICE CHALLENGE

Supported by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation

Launched by the MacArthur Foundation in 2015, the Safety + Justice Challenge (SJC) aims to change the way America thinks about and uses jails. The Foundation invests in local criminal justice systems across the nation to improve public safety, eliminate racial and ethnic disparities, promote stronger healthier communities and reduce the financial costs associated with incarceration.

- In 2021, OCDA received an SJC technical grant to assist with the development of our F.I.R.S.T Point Pre-filing program. We are only one of 17 SJC sites across the nation.
- In 2024, OCDA was asked to share with this national audience the innovative work we are doing here in Orange County to reduce recidivism and enhance public safety.

# Collaborative Courts

- **Mental Health Courts**
  - **Whatever It Takes Court - WIT**
    - Homeless/at risk of homelessness
    - High-risk of recidivism and high need as defined by probation with dual diagnosis
  - **Recovery Court/Opportunity Court**
    - Housed individuals with high to medium risk and dual diagnosis
  - **Assisted Intervention Court**
    - Lower criminal sophistication including many first-time offenders, higher need
    - Mental health is eligible. Substance use disorders are not.
    - Experiencing homelessness
- **Drug Court/DUI Court**
  - MOU authority. Every courthouse hosts Drug Court and DUI Court
- **Veterans' Treatment Court**
  - Statutory authority PC 1170.9 determines eligibility
- **Homelessness Outreach Court**
  - Participants are experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness and have committed low-level quality-of-life crimes



# MENTAL HEALTH COURTS

- **Whatever It Takes Court**
  - Homeless/at risk of homelessness
  - High risk (of recidivism)/high need as defined by probation, with dual diagnosis.
- **Recovery Court/Opportunity Court**
  - Mixture of high to medium risk and dual diagnosis.
  - They are not experiencing homelessness. They have housing.
  - No armed PO so can't have crimes that require high control for PO safety concerns.
- **Assisted Intervention Court**
  - Lower criminal sophistication (many first-time offenders), higher need.
  - Substance use disorders excluded. Mental health only.
  - Experiencing homelessness.



# DRUG COURTS

- In every courthouse.
- Eligibility:
  - High or medium risk for recidivism
  - Substance disorder that meets medical necessity
  - 18 years old or older
  - Orange County resident
  - Criminal conduct is substantially caused by substance abuse disorder/addiction
  - Misdemeanor or felony offense punishable pursuant to PC 1170(h) which are non-strike and probation eligible





# DUI COURTS

- DUI court in every courthouse.
- Eligibility:
  - 18 years old or older
  - Orange County resident
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> DUI (1<sup>st</sup> time is eligible but not common)  
VC 23152 only
  - Felony 4<sup>th</sup> time.
  - If Defendant has two pending DUIs which would result in a 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> DUI they will be allowed in the program but with more jail time or some other condition.

# Veterans Treatment Court

## Eligibility

- Current or former member of the US Military
- 18 years or older and Orange County resident,
- Probation eligible
- May be suffering from sexual trauma, TBI, PTSD, substance and/or mental health disorder stemming from their military service and allegedly committed the crime because of this disorder or trauma. Certain charges are excluded.

After eligibility and suitability are determined, a treatment plan is created to determine level of care needed (detox, residential, housing, etc.)

- Majority have Substance Use disorders, many have a dual diagnosis requiring a higher level of care.
- The VA staffs the court with Veteran Justice Outreach members (VJOs) and a peer support specialist. HCA healthcare clinicians also provide case management
- The court is trauma- informed, designed to build “recovery capital” in various areas including MH/substance abuse, peer support, family reunification and parenting, etc.



# Homeless Outreach Courts

- Low-level quality-of-life crimes for those who are experiencing homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- Eligibility:
  - 18 or older, Orange County resident
  - Low-level infractions and misdemeanors ( i.e. open container, drunk in public, trespass on railroads) or infractions ( i.e. camping), Post-conviction misdemeanors, fines pending
  - Provider managed (recommendations on graduation)





An aerial photograph showing a large, dense encampment of homeless people. Numerous colorful tents in shades of blue, red, orange, and white are pitched on a paved surface. People are scattered throughout the site, some standing, some sitting, and some riding bicycles. The scene is crowded and lacks formal structure.

# Homeless Outreach Courts

- **Goal:** to address the underlying issues in a participant's life and set them up for success and self-sufficiency by removing barriers.
- **Success markers:**
  - Physical/Behavioral/Mental Health,
  - Increased Income,
  - Legal,
  - Life Skills,
  - Housing,
  - and Documentation
- Before 2019, OCDA did not provide resources to this court. Today, we have a dedicated DDA working with the Public Defender, the Court and various service providers to ensure success of the participants.
- Referrals come from service providers, the Public Defender, law enforcement and other DDAs.
- The service providers determine and manage a care plan individualized to meet the need of each participant. Once goals are met and barriers removed, these providers recommend graduation—dismissal of charges/ permanent stay of fines and fees. The attorneys review and make recommendations to the court.



# Homeless Outreach Courts

- We currently have **17** service providers including PATH, Friendship Shelter, Casa Teresa, Illumination Foundation, American Family Housing, Salvation Army, Mercy Housing, City Net, Q.ME, Project Coffee Cup, iHope, Costa Mesa Network for Homeless Solutions, Peer Voices, Conservation Corps, America Works, Orange County Rescue and HIS-House OC.





## OCDA F.I.R.S.T. Point Program

- ❖ In April 2022, OCDA launched Orange County's first of its kind pre-filing diversion program, F.I.R.S.T. Point, which stands for Focused Intervention Route to Services and Treatment
- ❖ Partnership with the Orange County Sheriff's Department (OCSD), Seal Beach and Irvine Police Departments, the Orange County Health Care Agency (HCA) and Social Services Agency (SSA).





## County of Orange's 2025 Vision

- ❖ Adopted by Board of Supervisors in 2019.
- ❖ Countywide initiative designed to link the county criminal justice system and its systems of care to provide justice-involved individuals with the services they need to become self-determined, facilitate re-entry into society, and decrease recidivism.
- ❖ Built on 5 “pillars” centered around the Sequential Intercept Model to address overarching goals, F.I.R.S.T Point is incorporated in the first pillar — **PREVENTION**.
- ❖ One of the goals of the Prevention pillar is to keep individuals from being involved in or returning to the criminal justice system.
- ❖ Through F.I.R.S.T Point, OCDA's helps stabilize individuals before they get too far in the criminal justice system.

## Collaborative Courts Recidivism 2018-2020

- 74% of all graduates were not rearrested and 89% of graduates were not convicted of a new offense within three years after graduation





## Collaborative Courts Recidivism 2018-2020

- Drug Court
  - 181 Graduates
    - 20 graduates (11%) arrested in first year
    - 2 had new convictions
- DUI Court
  - 443 Graduates
    - 24 graduates (5%) arrested in first year
    - 3 had new convictions



## Collaborative Courts Recidivism 2018-2020

- Mental Health Courts – Assisted Intervention, Opportunity, Recovery and WIT Court
  - 94 Graduates
    - 18 graduates (19%) arrested in first year
    - 4 had new convictions
- Military Programs – Military Diversion and Veterans Treatment Court
  - 209 Graduates
    - 9 graduates (4%) arrested in first year
    - 3 had new convictions





# PROPOSITION 36



# PROPOSITION 36

The Office of Care Coordination began attending Prop 36 court on January 31, 2025.

Through collaborative work with the Courts, 42 individuals are actively being tracked to identify any episodes of homelessness.

Resources regarding homeless services are being offered and contact information for staff at the Office of Care Coordination.

# DATA



- 30 out of the 42 individuals have identified previous and/or history of experiencing homelessness.
- 17 individuals have prior history of enrollment into emergency shelter programs.
- 15 individuals have engaged with OCC staff during court hearings.
- Five (5) consent forms have been signed for the Care Plus Program.
- Three (3) individuals have identified interest in going into shelter upon their release.

# ACTION – ITEM #6

## CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR APPOINTMENTS

### Chair and Vice Chair Appointments

- Nominate and appoint the 2025 Chair and Vice Chair to the Commission to End Homelessness.

# ACTION – ITEM #7

## MEETING MINUTES

### Commission to End Homelessness Meeting Minutes

- Approve Commission to End Homelessness minutes from the December 11, 2024, regular meeting.

## ACTION – ITEM #8

### MEETING MINUTES

#### **Joint Special Meeting of the Commission to End Homelessness Meeting Minutes**

- Approve Orange County Continuum of Care Board and the Commission to End Homelessness minutes from the January 16, 2025, joint special meeting.



# UPCOMING MEETINGS

## Commission to End Homelessness Meetings

- The next regular meeting is April 16, 2025.

April						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			