



A G E N D A

REGULAR MEETING COMMISSION TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS

Wednesday, June 18, 2025, 1:00 P.M.

County Conference Center
Room 104/106

425 West Santa Ana Boulevard, Santa Ana, CA 92701

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400 West Civic Center Drive, 6th Floor, Santa Ana, California 92701
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday*

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on any matter not on the agenda but within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission.

COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Commission to Address Homelessness Update
 - a. Membership Ad Hoc
2. Office of Care Coordination Update
 - a. OC Outreach & Engagement
 - b. OC Same-Day Solutions Fair
 - c. 2025 Homeless Survey
 - d. Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round 6
3. Commissioner Spotlight – Benjamin Hurst, The Salvation Army

PRESENTATION

4. Weather Activated RoomS (WARM) for Families Program presented by Madelynn Hirneise, Chief Executive Officer, Families Forward
5. Homeless Death Review Committee: Report on 2023 Homeless Deaths presented by Kelly Estrada, Assistant Chief Deputy Coroner, Orange County Sheriff's Department

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6. State Legislative Update presented by Peter DeMarco, Director of Legislative Affairs, County Executive Office and Nicole Wordelman, Legislative Advocate, with Precision Advocacy

ACTION ITEM

7. Approve Commission to Address Homelessness minutes from the April 16, 2025, regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT REGULAR MEETING August 20, 2025, 1:00 P.M.

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SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING COMMISSION TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS

Wednesday, April 16, 2025, 1:00 P.M.

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

ABSENT: Commissioners Afable, Peinemann, Rose

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 1:05 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

VICE CHAIR CUNNINGHAM LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Roll Call

CLERK CALLED THE ROLL AND CONFIRMED QUORUM.

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ken Baer – Was looking at the current membership roster and noticed there is a vacancy for the Lived Experience Representative and would like to be considered for the seat; previously experienced homelessness in Orange County; has achieved a bachelor's degree from UCLA and has been focused on addressing homelessness and homeless service delivery; believes he can provide insightful contributions to the Commission.

COMMISSION MEMBERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Hurst – Recently learned his seat is coming up for renewal; provided insight into church partnerships and stated he believes churches are the unsung heroes in combating homelessness; thanked the Commission for the opportunity to serve and believes the right people are at the table and great things can happen in addressing homelessness.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Certificates of Recognition

Certificates were presented to Commissioners Sean DeMetropolis, Jack Toan, and Paul Wyatt upon the conclusion of their service to the Commission; the Commission extended their collective and profound gratitude for their contributions and insights in addressing homelessness.

2. Commission to Address Homelessness Update

a. Bylaw Revision Updates

Commission Director Doug Becht presented an update on the bylaw revisions, which were approved by the Board of Supervisors during the February 25, 2025, meeting.

b. Membership Ad Hoc

A new Membership Ad Hoc has been established to recruit members in accordance with the new bylaws; Commissioners provided insights and suggestions in the recruitment and application process.

c. 2024 Commission Ad Hocs

Commission Director Doug Becht recognized all the great work of the Ad Hoc Committees, and many have now closed as their work has been completed.

3. Office of Care Coordination Update

a. 2025 Orange County Supportive Housing NOFA

Orange County Community Resources (OCCR) released the 2025 Orange County Supportive Housing Notice of Funding Availability (2025 NOFA) which includes over \$12 million of Federal Home Investment Partnership American Rescue Act Plan Program (HOME-ARP) funds, Mental Health Services Act funds, and 150 housing choice, mainstream or VASH (Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing) project-based vouchers. OCCR incorporated in the 2025 NOFA that small-scale housing unit proposals will be considered, provided the criteria and the guiding principles of the Small-Scale Housing Unit Report are met.

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b. 2025 Homeless Survey

Office of Care Coordination, working with City Net, completed the 2025 Homeless Survey; 840 surveys were collected, and the Office of Care Coordination hopes to bring results of the 2025 Homeless Survey to the Commission this summer.

c. OC Same Day Solutions Fair

On March 27, 2025, the Office of Care Coordination hosted the first OC Same Day Solutions Fair at the Second Baptist Church in Santa Ana; representatives from various County agencies, state government agencies, non-profits, community organizations, vendors, and volunteers provided services and resources; the District Attorney and Public Defender assisted in dismissing charges and/or clearing warrants on minor offenses related to homelessness that can hinder the ability to obtain stable housing; each person on average received between two to three services; the Office of Care Coordination hopes to host another event, possibly in South County or North County; Chairman Sarmiento thanked Pastor Pitts for making his church available, not just for this event but for many community events and services.

4. Commissioner Spotlight – Commissioner Adam Hawley, Chief of Police, Brea

Commissioner Hawley highlighted the Hope Center, which was launched as a collaborative effort in which law enforcement entities throughout North Orange County provide meaningful homelessness outreach and engagement; eight out of twelve cities have onboarded to the Hope Center which include Stanton, Cypress, La Palma, Buena Park, Fullerton, La Habra, Placentia, and Brea; last year the Hope Center saw almost 8,000 calls and 4,500 client engagements; the Hope Center is currently funded through 2027.

PRESENTATIONS

5. Federal Legislative Update presented by Peter DeMarco, Director of Legislative Affairs, County Executive Office and Cori Takkinen, Townsend Public Affairs, Inc.

Presentation provided information on the impacts to federal funding resulting from various executive orders, including significant layoffs to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) made by the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE); a number of housing programs, grants and regulatory actions are being impacted; the Homelessness Fraud and Corruption Task Force (Task Force) was recently created by newly appointed U.S. Attorney Bill Essayli; the Task Force will investigate crimes related to the misappropriation of funding allocated towards the eradication of homelessness in the Central District of California, as well as fraud schemes involving the theft of private donations intended to support services for homeless populations.

ACTION ITEMS

6. Approve Commission to End Homelessness minutes from the February 19, 2025, regular meeting
On the motion of Commissioner Spitzer and seconded by Vice Chair Cunningham, the Commission approved the minutes as recommended.

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

ADJOURNED: 2:55 P.M.

NEXT MEETING: June 18, 2025, 1:00 P.M.

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

*Supervisor Vicente Sarmiento
Chair*

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