

ORANGE COUNTY
CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
Thursday, December 9, 2021
4 p.m. – 5 p.m.

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Becks Heyhoe, OC United Way [Secretary]
Tim Houchen, Hope4Restoration
Patti Long, Mercy House

Dawn Price, Friendship Shelter
Albert Ramirez, City of Anaheim
Maricela Rios-Faust, Human Options [Vice Chair]
Soledad Rivera, Families Together of OC
George Searcy, Jamboree Housing
Tim Shaw, Individual [Chair]
Christina Weckerly Ramirez, Health Care Agency

Call to Order – Tim Shaw, Chair

Chair Tim Shaw called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

Board Member Roll Call – Felicia Boehringer, Continuum of Care Administrator

Present: Matt Bates, Judson Brown, Donald Dermit, Tim Houchen, Patti Long, Dawn Price, Maricela Rios-Faust, George Searcy, Tim Shaw and Christina Weckerly-Ramirez.

Absent excused: Jeanne Awrey, Natalie Bui, Becks Heyhoe, Albert Ramirez, and Soledad Rivera.

Public Comments: Members of the public may address the Continuum of Care (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 CoC Board member discussion. Comments will be limited to three minutes. If there are more than five public speakers, this time will be reduced to two minutes.

To address the CoC Board, members of the public are to enter their name and agenda item number in the WebEx chat box to be placed in a queue. CoC Board staff will call your name in the order listed in the chat box.

- David Duran suggested that the CoC Board consider the recommendation for there to be oversight of service providers in Orange County. David Duran stated that there needs to be better policies and procedures in place regarding issues and disagreements occurring in shelters in Orange County.
- Pat Davis expressed gratitude for the development of housing solutions being discussed on the agenda and wondered how to inspire other communities to step up to convert motels into permanent housing developments. Pat Davis announced that the Longest Night Virtual Candlelight Vigil is coming up, and there will be a few different activities planned for that event.

CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters are approved by one motion unless pulled by a Board Member for discussion or separate action. The CoC Board requests that only pertinent information be discussed during this time.

- No Consent Calendar Items

BUSINESS CALENDAR

1. Project Homekey – Zulima Lundy, CoC Manager and Karen Betances, Shelter Manager

a. Update on Homekey Program Round 1

- The Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC) authorized the utilization of Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program Round 2 funding to provide the operating subsidies for Homekey Program Round 1 proposals to operate as interim housing before developing into permanent supportive housing. Zulima Lundy provided information about the awarded Homekey Round 1 projects:
 - Stanton Inn & Suites provides 70 units of non-congregate shelter to vulnerable individuals who are age 65 and older and/or having underlying health conditions that pose high risk for severe COVID-19 illness.
 - Tahiti Motel provides 57 units of non-congregate shelter to vulnerable individuals who are age 65 and older and/or having underlying health conditions that pose high risk for severe COVID-19 illness.
- Zulima Lundy provided updates on Homekey Program Round 1. Referrals into the Homekey Program ended on November 30, 2021. The Stanton Inn & Suites and Tahiti Motel Homekey program sites are scheduled to begin site rehabilitation and develop into permanent supportive housing options starting in Spring 2022, with interim housing operations ending on March 31, 2022. There is approximately \$6 million in HHAP Round 2 funding no longer needed for operating subsidies.
- Karen Betances reviewed the Homekey Program Round 1 Performance Metrics, including the number of participants enrolled, total number of participants served, program exit destinations, and enrollment in benefits.

b. Overview of Homekey Program Round 2 and Proposed Projects

- On September 2, 2021, the California Housing & Community Development (State HCD) announced the availability of approximately \$1.45 billion in Homekey Program Round 2 funding through the release of the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). Zulima Lundy provided information on the key items detailed in the NOFA, including requirements, matches, and important deadlines.
- The County of Orange, including OC Community Resources and Office of Care Coordination, has identified three Homekey Program Round 2 project proposals that will submit an application in advance of the January 31, 2022, deadline for the bonus award and geographic pools. Zulima Lundy reviewed the project proposals for Riviera Motel in Stanton, Motel 8 in Costa Mesa, and Huntington Beach Oasis in Huntington Beach.

- The Huntington Beach Oasis Project is proposed to operate as interim housing for a period of up to five years and will develop into Permanent Supportive Housing for individuals with low-income. This project will offer 62 units of Permanent Supportive Housing to individuals experiencing chronic homelessness. The Office of Care Coordination is recommending the use of \$1,250,000 in HHAP Round 2 funding allocated to the Orange County CoC to provide enough funding for up to three years of interim housing operations, along with additional funding identified by HCA, to make this a competitive and viable project application.
- c. Recommended Action: Approve the allocation \$1,250,000 in Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) Round 2 funding to the Huntington Beach Oasis, a Homekey Program Round 2 project application, if awarded by California Department of Housing & Community Development, during interim housing phase

Tim Houchen made a motion to approve the recommended action. Dawn Price seconded the motion. Matt Bates, Judson Brown, Donald Dermit, Tim Houchen, Dawn Price, Maricela Rios-Faust, Tim Shaw and Christina Weckerly-Ramirez voted yes. Patti Long and George Searcy abstained. The motion passed.

- Public Comment
 - David Duran emphasized the large amount of funding being used in comparison to the number of individuals projected to be served. David Duran expressed frustration in the need of more developments to support permanent supportive housing and noted that this is a great start.
 - Brooke Weitzman expressed that it is great to see the County of Orange investing in housing. Brooke Weitzman expressed concern that the CoC Board has not raised questions about the lack of services in the South Planning Area and urged for the CoC to push for a county-wide use of funds and to reconsider limitations places on participants, such as a curfew.

Motion to Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 15, 2021, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.