

Minutes

Orange County Continuum of Care | Housing Opportunities Committee

Friday, April 9, 2021 10:00AM – 12:00PM

Location

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Agenda

1. **Call to Order (10 am)**
 - a. Chair Judson Brown called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.
2. **Additions / Deletions to Agenda**
 - a. None
3. **System Performance Measures (SPM) Overview** – Zulima Lundy, Continuum of Care (CoC) Manager and Erin DeRycke, 2-1-1 Orange County
 - a. The SPM is completed utilizing data from the local Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) annually by CoCs around the country. The reporting period for all SPM reports is October 1st to September 30th. There are seven (7) System Performance Measures. Erin DeRycke focused her presentation on the measures for Permanent Supportive Housing. The entire report link can be found here: <http://ochmis.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Final-SPM-Year-Over-Year-2015-2020-1.pdf>
4. **Housing Inventory Count (HIC) Discussion** – Zulima Lundy, CoC Manager
 - a. HUD requires CoCs to submit a HIC annually. Data trends from 2016 to 2020 were reviewed for emergency shelter, transitional housing, rapid rehousing, and permanent supportive housing. Data trends show a significant increase in emergency shelter beds (246%), a decrease in transitional housing beds (24%), a decrease in rapid rehousing beds (10%), and an increase in permanent supportive housing beds (8%).
5. **Housing Opportunities Committee Charter** – Zulima Lundy, CoC Manager
 - a. The Housing Opportunities Committee Charter is nearly completed. The Charter will be shared at the next Housing Opportunities Committee Meeting.
6. **Project-Based Housing Updates:**
 - a. **Project Homekey Update** – Julia Bidwell, OC Community Resources

- i. OC Community Resources (OCCR) released the Homekey Request for Information (RFI). The RFI is due April 30, 2021. OCCR anticipates a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) to be released in the amount of \$750 million from the State of California. OCCR hopes the funding will build further housing resources.
 - b. **OC Housing Trust** – Helen O’Sullivan, OC Housing Trust
 - i. The OC Housing Trust Board of Directors allocated half a million to long-term funding efforts to assist with gaps in funding. The OC Housing Trust has approximately \$1 million to support with project and lines of credit to support with short-term borrowing.
 - c. **MHSA and NPLH Update** – Lisa Row, Health Care Agency
 - i. No Place Like Home (NPLH): The NPLH Round 3 applications for seven projects were submitted. The County of Orange scored high on its applications. Hopefully five out of seven projects will be funded.
 - ii. MHSA updates: To date approximately 28 units for Casa Carranza have leased up. Lisa Row is working with the City of Anaheim to lease up 35 units in Buena Esperanza. Health Care Agency (HCA) is also working on the lease up of two other projects - Westminster Crossing with 20 units and Crosswalks in the City of Yorba Linda for a total of 93 units.
 - d. **PHA Project-Based Vouchers Updates and Projections** – Kerrin Cardwell, Anaheim Housing Authority (AHA); Marie Vu, OC Housing Authority (OCHA); Judson Brown, Santa Ana Housing Authority (SAHA)
 - i. OCHA has 21 units leased up with Salerno.
 - ii. SAHA is working with Jamboree Housing on the North Harbor Village Project.
 - iii. AHA has three projects that have either been leased up or will be leased up in the next several months.
- 7. Tenant-Based Housing Updates:**
- a. **Welcome Home OC Update and Information Gathering** – Becks Heyhoe, OC United Way
 - i. Welcome Home OC has housed 67 households. 66 households are in the queue for Welcome Home OC with a variety of vouchers. Welcome Home OC currently has 68 owners in the property network. Since the beginning of the program 256 households have been housed.
 - b. **Whole Person Care (WPC) Update and Information Gathering** – Sharon Boles, WPC
 - i. WPC will be transitioning to CalOptima beginning January 1, 2022. All housing programs and recuperative care programs will move with CalOptima too.
 - c. **PHA Special Purpose Vouchers Updates** – Kerrin Cardwell, Marie Vu, Judson Brown
 - i. AHA has 12 Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) referral vouchers open for issuance. AHA has 100 set-aside vouchers are in the pipeline and anticipates 100 more vouchers within the next calendar year.
 - ii. OCHA has 989 total allocations of VASH. The Family Unification Program has 28 vouchers available.
 - iii. SAHA has 280 VASH vouchers and 231 mainstream vouchers allocated.

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8. **Family Coordinated Entry System (CES)** – Katherine Rodriguez, Family Solutions Collaborative (FSC)
 - a. As of April 1, 2021, 314 families with minor children are in CES. 79 families are working with a provider for housing. FSC noted the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic as some families are concerned with pursuing rapid rehousing with the current uncertainty. Recent housing opportunities are providing longer term rapid rehousing and families are excited for the extra security.

Adjournment to:

Regular Meeting on Friday, June 11, 2021, from 10 am – 12pm