

ORANGE COUNTY
CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
Thursday, July 15, 2021
4 p.m. – 5p.m.

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Board Members

Jeanne Awrey, OC Dept. of Education
Matt Bates, City Net
Judson Brown, City of Santa Ana
Natalie Bui, Veteran Affairs CRRC
Donald Dermit, The Rock Church
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 – Becks Heyhoe, Secretary

Present: Jeanne Awrey, Judson Brown, Natalie Bui, Donald Dermit, Becks Heyhoe, Tim Houchen, Patti Long, Albert Ramirez, Maricela Rios-Faust, Soledad Rivera, George Searcy, Tim Shaw, and Christina Weckerly-Ramirez.

Absent Excused: Matt Bates and Dawn Price

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.

- Callie Rutter commented on the Emergency Housing Vouchers noting her excitement about the vouchers and advocated for housing those with the greatest needs first.

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. Emergency Housing Vouchers – Jason Austin, Director, Office of Care Coordination, and Zulima Lundy, CoC Manager

- a. Chair Tim Shaw provided a summary on the efforts by the Office of Care Coordination, as the CoC Administrative Entity, and the four Public Housing Agencies to draft and finalize the Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) that are being presented to the CoC Board for approval. Zulima Lundy shared an overview of the MOUs with the four Public Housing Agencies in Orange County for the Emergency Housing Vouchers provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Additional details regarding the implementation of the Emergency Housing Vouchers and related housing search assistance and supportive services will be presented at future CoC Board meetings. The presentation materials can be found on the CoC Board website: <https://www.ochealthinfo.com/sites/hca/files/import/data/files/118896.pdf>
- b. Recommended Action: Approve the Emergency Housing Voucher MOU between the Office of Care Coordination, as the CoC Administrative Entity, and the Orange County Housing Authority.

Tim Houchen motioned to approve the recommended action. Vice Chair Maricela Rios-Faust seconded the motion. Becks Heyhoe, Patti Long, Albert Ramirez, and Maricela Rios-Faust abstained. Jeanne Awrey, Judson Brown, Natalie Bui, Donald Dermit, Tim Houchen, Soledad Rivera, George Searcy, Tim Shaw, and Christina Weckerly-Ramirez voted yes. The motion passed.

Public Comments: Ugochi Nicholson, from the Public Law Center, thanked the CoC Board and the Public Housing Authorities for their continued work on the Emergency Housing Voucher program. Ugochi Nicholson shared concerns, asked for clarity on several items within the MOUs, and noted that she would send her comment in writing as well. Ugochi Nicholson appreciated the opportunity to provide feedback and comments on the MOUs.

- c. Recommended Action: Approve the Emergency Housing Voucher MOU between the Office of Care Coordination, as the CoC Administrative Entity, and the Santa Ana Housing Authority.

Soledad Rivera motioned to approve the recommended action. Donald Dermit seconded the motion. Judson Brown, Becks Heyhoe, Patti Long, and Albert Ramirez abstained. Jeanne Awrey, Natalie Bui, Donald Dermit, Tim Houchen, Maricela Rios-Faust, Soledad Rivera, George Searcy, Tim Shaw, and Christina Weckerly-Ramirez voted yes. The motion passed.

- d. Recommended Action: Approve the Emergency Housing Voucher MOU between the Office of Care Coordination, as the CoC Administrative Entity, and the Anaheim Housing Authority.

Donald Dermit motioned to approve the recommended action. Natalie Bui seconded the motion. Becks Heyhoe, Patti Long, and Albert Ramirez abstained. Jeanne Awrey, Judson Brown, Natalie Bui,

Donald Dermit, Tim Houchen, Maricela Rios-Faust, George Searcy, Tim Shaw, and Christina Weckerly-Ramirez voted yes. The motion passed.

- e. Recommended Action: Approve the Emergency Housing Voucher MOU between the Office of Care Coordination, as the CoC Administrative Entity, and the Garden Grove Housing Authority.

Tim Houchen motioned to approve the recommended action. Vice Chair Maricela Rios-Faust seconded the motion. Becks Heyhoe, Patti Long, and Albert Ramirez abstained. Jeanne Awrey, Judson Brown, Natalie Bui, Donald Dermit, Tim Houchen, Maricela Rios-Faust, George Searcy, Tim Shaw, and Christina Weckerly-Ramirez voted yes. The motion passed.

CoC Board Member Comments: Christina Weckerly-Ramirez and Becks Heyhoe noted a few discrepancies and areas that required further clarification within the MOU for the Garden Grove Housing Authority and recommended areas with additional follow up. The Office of Care Coordination agreed to review the MOU and provide clarifications at the next meeting.

Public Comments: Callie Rutter commented on the prices of rental properties around Orange County, inquired about timeline for the Emergency Housing Vouchers and expressed a concern over finding apartments at this time.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:52 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 28, 2021, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.