

ORANGE COUNTY  
CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD  
Wednesday, June 23, 2021  
2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

**Webinar:**  
<https://ocgov.webex.com/ocgov/j.php?MTID=m27923e86076d2aac0433668233a5d1bc>

**Dial by Phone:**  
**+1 (213) 306-3065**

**Access Code:**  
**133 590 8669**

## MINUTES

### 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

Meeting called to order at 2:05 p.m.

### Board Member Roll Call – Becks Heyhoe, Secretary

Present: Matt Bates, Natalie Bui, Donald Dermit, Becks Heyhoe, Tim Houchen, Patti Long, Albert Ramirez, Soledad Rivera, George Searcy, Tim Shaw, and Christina Weckerly-Ramirez.

Absent Excused: Jeanne Awrey, Judson Brown, Dawn Price, and Maricela Rios-Faust.

**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.

No public comments.

### **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.*

#### **1. Approve Continuum of Care Board Meeting Minutes from May 26, 2021.**

Becks Heyhoe motioned to approve the item on the Consent Calendar. Natalie Bui seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

### **BUSINESS CALENDAR**

#### **1. Orange County System of Care Update – Jason Austin, Director, Office of Care Coordination**

- a. **Project Roomkey** – The Office of Care Coordination (OCC) continues to operate Project Roomkey for individuals experiencing homelessness who are COVID-19 sick or symptomatic. Referrals into the Project Roomkey are made by the Public Health Services, hospitals, shelters, street outreach teams, and law enforcement. The current total capacity to serve is 150 individuals.
- b. **COVID-19 Vaccination Efforts** – The OCC is working with the Public Health Services and two Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) on COVID-19 vaccination efforts for people experiencing homelessness. The FQHCs are Families Together of Orange County in Tustin and Share Our Selves in Costa Mesa.

#### **2. Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC) Update – Zulima Lundy, CoC Manager**

- a. **Alternative Shelter Placement Update** – The OCC is utilizing additional state funding sources to continue provision of Alternative Shelter Placement services through June 30, 2021. Approximately 24,599 alternative shelter nights have been provided since the program was implemented.
- b. **Lived Experience Advisory Committee** – The candidates of the Lived Experience Advisory Committee participated in a first, introductory meeting to review the goals and purpose of the committee. The OCC has contacted all candidates to confirm their continued interest in participating in the Lived Experience Advisory Committee.
- c. **Ad Hoc and Working Group Updates**
  - i. **Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) Ad Hoc:** The CoC Board has appointed the ad hoc to analyze the 2020 LSA data, identify trends and areas of improvement, and present findings and recommendations to the CoC Board. The CoC is seeking volunteers to serve on the ad hoc.
  - ii. **CoC Nominating Committee:** The CoC Nominating Committee will assist with reviewing the membership and selection process sections of the CoC Board Governance Charter and begin the recruitment process for the 2021 expiring seats of the CoC Board.

#### **3. Presentation from the Families Solutions Collaborative – Nikki Buckstead, Executive Director, Family Solutions Collaborative**

- a. The Family Solutions Collaborative is comprised of 23 family service organizations in Orange County working to prevent, divert, and house homeless families in a prompt and coordinated effort. Nikki

Buckstead presented on the leadership vision of the Family Solutions Collaborative. View the full presentation on slide 10 to 24 on the meeting presentation:

<https://www.ochealthinfo.com/sites/hca/files/2021-07/June%202021%20CoC%20Meeting%20Presentation%20-%20Final%206.25%20Combined.pdf>

#### **4. CoC Board Meeting Schedule Recommendations – Zulima Lundy, CoC Manager**

- a. The recommendation to hold a CoC Board meeting in July 2021 would allow the CoC Board to approve any necessary recommendations for the upcoming FY 2021 CoC NOFO. The recommendation to move the scheduled September 2021 CoC Board meeting is due to the conflict with the National Alliance on Ending Homelessness Conference.

Recommended Action: Schedule a CoC Board meeting on July 28, 2021, and reschedule the September CoC Board meeting for September 15 or 29, 2021.

George Searcy motioned to approve the recommended action. Tim Houchen seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

#### **5. HMIS Access and Minimum Participation Policy Update – Zulima Lundy, CoC Manager**

- a. Zulima Lundy shared an overview of the HMIS Access and Minimum Participation Policy implementation. The HMIS Application has been developed and is available at the OC HMIS webpage – <https://www.cognitofrms.com/211OC/HMISAccessApplication>. The OCC and 2-1-1 Orange County have outreached to current HMIS participating agencies who need to complete an application and those who have previously expressed an interest in participating in HMIS.

Donald Dermit and Soledad Rivera expressed interest in serving on the HMIS Access Working Group.

- b. Modified Recommended Action: Appoint Albert Ramirez, Nishtha Mohendra and Analisa Andrus to the HMIS Access Working Group to support the implementation of the policy. Authorize the addition of two members at the discretion of the Policies, Procedures and Standards Committee Chair.

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

#### **6. FY2021 CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity Process Update – Zulima Lundy, CoC Manager**

- a. Each year the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) releases a competitive NOFO that requires CoCs to evaluate project performance, funding priorities, establish policies for reallocation and program priority list, and submit a consolidated application. The annual CoC NOFO Competition is anticipated to be released by HUD in July 2021. The OCC will be releasing the Agency Administrative Review and Letter of Intent shortly after the release of the CoC NOFO on BidSync. The CoC NOFO Ad Hoc will be meeting in early July to evaluate project performance, funding priorities, establish policies for reallocation and program priority list.

#### **7. Emergency Housing Vouchers – Doug Becht, Director of Operations and Zulima Lundy, CoC Manager**

- a. Zulima Lundy shared an overview of the Emergency Housing Vouchers
- b. The OCC has been meeting collectively and individually with the four Public Housing Agencies in Orange County to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Emergency Housing

Vouchers provided by HUD. The next step is to schedule a special meeting of the CoC Board in early July 2021 to approve the MOUs with the Orange County Public Housing Agencies for the use of the Emergency Housing Vouchers.

Public Comments:

- David Gillanders advocated for developing system flow within the System of Care. David supports moving occupants from Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) to an EHV opportunity to develop a flow within PSH.
- Pat Davis is excited to see the new funding coming into Orange County and is happy with the decisions developed by the team within the OCC.

Chair Tim Shaw and George Searcy closed the meeting in in honor of the memory of Jean Wegener, the former Chief Executive Officer at Serving People In Need (SPIN).

**Meeting Adjourned:** 3:21 p.m.

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