

ORANGE COUNTY  
CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD  
Wednesday, May 26, 2021  
2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

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## 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 Dermitt, 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 2:01 p.m.

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

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

Judson Brown was excused from the meeting during Business Calendar Agenda Item 6 and did not vote on Business Calendar Agenda Items 6 to 9.

Jeanne Awrey was excused from the meeting during Business Calendar Agenda Item 8 and did not vote on Business Calendar Agenda Items 8 and 9.

**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.

- Shianne Meyers had several inquiries about qualifications for homeless service programs and housing assistance programs.
- Callie Rutter shared concerns about the upcoming end of the eviction moratorium and noted that the development of new permanent supportive housing programs is not occurring as quickly to keep up with the growing population of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness.
- Terry Raines asked about the difference between the Commission to End Homelessness and the CoC Board meetings and mentioned that having two separate entities seems like a duplication of efforts.

### **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 April 28, 2021.**

Tim Houchen motioned to approve the item on the Consent Calendar. George Searcy 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**

- 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.
- COVID-19 Vaccination Efforts** – The OCC is working with the Incident Management Team, Public Health Services and two Federally Qualified Health Centers on COVID-19 vaccination efforts. To date a total of 840 vaccines have been administered at shelter sites. The OCC is working with the Public Health Services to develop a plan to vaccinate the unsheltered homeless population.
- Governor’s 2021 May Budget Revision on Homelessness** – The Governor’s 2021 May Budget Revision includes an additional \$4.7 billion reflecting a comprehensive approach to addressing homelessness.

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

- Alternative Shelter Placement Update** – The OCC is utilizing additional state funding sources to continue provision of Alternative Shelter Placement services through June 30, 2021.
- Lived Experience Advisory Committee** – The Lived Experience Advisory Committee application period closed on May 15, 2021. Twelve applications were received. Applications for the Transitional Aged Youth seat will remain open until the seat is filled.

- c. **2022 HMIS Data Standards** – The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has released the FY 2022 Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Data Standards. The link for the HMIS Data Standards can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3oyBdEh>
- d. **Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP)** – HUD released a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for FY 2019 and FY 2020 for YHDP. Approximately \$145 million in funding will be made available to support up to 50 participating communities.
- e. **Department of Education Allocation for Students Experiencing Homelessness** – The California Department of Education (CDE) is set to receive approximately \$99 million distributed in two cycles with the first cycle to be released in July 2021. CDE will release the funding on a per student formula directly to the Local Agencies of Education.

**3. Presentation on the 2021 Housing Inventory Count (HIC) and Point in Time (PIT) Count** – Zulima Lundy, CoC Manager and Erin DeRycke, 2-1-1 Orange County

- a. The HIC and the Sheltered PIT Count are submitted to HUD on an annual basis and are completed during a single night during the last ten days of January. The Sheltered PIT was conducted on January 25, 2021, and reflects the number of people staying in emergency shelter and transitional housing projects. The HIC reflects the beds available in Orange County that target people experiencing homelessness. To view the full Sheltered PIT and HIC Count, visit <http://ochmis.org/>.

**4. Policies, Procedures and Standards (PPS) Committee Recommendations** – Zulima Lundy, CoC Manager and Maricela Rios-Faust, Vice Chair

- a. **CoC Board Nominations:** Zulima Lundy provided the background on the CoC Board Nomination process.

Recommended Actions:

- 4a. Establish a Nominating Committee to review CoC Board membership and election process.
- 4b. Extend term of expiring CoC Board seats until January 2022 to allow for election process.

Donald Dermit motioned to approve the recommended actions 4a and 4b. Becks Heyhoe seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

- b. **HMIS Access and Minimum Participation Policy:** Zulima Lundy provided background and an overview of the HMIS Access and Minimum Participation Policy. Vice Chair Maricela Rios-Faust thanked the ad hoc and PPS Committee for their contributions and support in development of the policy.

Recommended Action:

- 4c. Approve the HMIS Access and Minimum Participation Requirements Policy.

Dawn Price motioned to approve the recommended action 4c. Natalie Bui seconded the motion. Jeanne Awrey, Donald Dermit, and Soledad Rivera abstained. Judson Brown and Tim Houchen voted No. The motion passed.

CoC Board Member Comments:

- Christina Weckerly-Ramirez would like to see a matrix or rubric that supports the HMIS Access Workgroup with determining eligibility for access to HMIS.
- Judson Brown suggested that the CoC Board Chairs and staff consider addressing legal service organizations’ concerns about the HMIS Access policy.

Public Comments:

- Paul Kaiser stated that service providers and the County of Orange have been misclassifying his record of homelessness in HMIS.
- Callie Rutter stated that client data is misinterpreted by service providers in HMIS as they are not medical professionals. Callie Rutter advocated for giving clients in HMIS access to their own records.

Modified Recommended Action:

4d. Establish a schedule and review process for the HMIS Policies and Procedures and report back to the CoC board regarding findings related to changes in access to services for clients following the implementation of new policies.

Vice Chair Maricela Rios-Faust motioned to approve the recommendation. Christina Weckerly-Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

- 5. Coordinated Entry System Committee Chair Appointment** – Zulima Lundy, CoC Manager and Tim Shaw, Chair
- a. Patti Long resigned from Chair of the Coordinated Entry System (CES) Committee as Mercy House is supporting the operations of the Individual Component of CES.

Recommended Action: Appoint Natalie Bui as the Chair of the Coordinated Entry System Committee.

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

- 6. Emergency Housing Vouchers** – Doug Becht, Director of Operations and Zulima Lundy, CoC Manager
- a. Zulima Lundy shared an overview of the Emergency Housing Vouchers.

Recommended Action: Authorize the County of Orange Office of Care Coordination as the Administrative Entity of the Orange County Continuum of Care to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding negotiations with the four Orange County Public Housing Agencies for the Emergency Housing Vouchers provided by HUD.

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

- 7. Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) Ad Hoc Recommendation** – Zulima Lundy, CoC Manager
- a. After the LSA presentation during the April CoC Board meeting, the CoC Board Chair suggested the data be explored to determine how the information can create a system improvement or actionable items.

Recommended Action: Establish an Ad Hoc to review the Orange County CoC LSA. The Ad Hoc will present findings and recommendations to the PPS Committee.

Donald Dermit motioned to approve the recommended action. Dawn seconded the motion. Christina Weckerly-Ramirez was absent excused. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Becks Heyhoe and Donald Dermit expressed an interest in serving on the LSA Ad Hoc.

**8. Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Funding Recommendation – Zulima Lundy, CoC Manager**

- a. The COVID-19 pandemic impacted the City of Laguna Beach’s plans and budgets for capital improvements and program operations. Funding will support the increased capital improvement and program costs that the City of Laguna Beach experienced as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Recommended Action: Approve the use of up to \$66,000 in HHAP funding to support capital improvement and program costs for the City of Laguna Beach’s contract.

Beck Heyhoe motioned to approve the recommended action. Tim Houchen seconded the motion. George Searcy was absent excused. Dawn Price abstained. Matt Bates, Natalie Bui, Donald Dermit, Becks Heyhoe, Tim Houchen, Patti Long, Albert Ramirez, Vice Chair Maricela Rios-Faust, Soledad Rivera, Chair Tim Shaw, and Christina Weckerly-Ramirez voted yes. The motion passed.

**9. FY2021 CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) – Zulima Lundy, CoC Manager**

- a. The annual CoC NOFA Competition is anticipated to be released by HUD in Mid-June to July 2021.

Recommended Action: Establish an Ad Hoc for the FY 2021 CoC NOFO Competition.

Soledad Rivera motioned to approve the recommendation. Natalie Bui seconded the recommendation. Matt Bates, and Albert Ramirez were absent. Natalie Bui, Donald Dermit, Becks Heyhoe, Tim Houchen, Patti Long, Dawn Price, Vice Chair Maricela Rios-Faust, Soledad Rivera, George Searcy, Chair Tim Shaw, and Christina Weckerly-Ramirez voted yes. The motion passed.

George Searcy expressed an interest in serving in the FY 2021 CoC NOFO Competition.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 4:35 pm.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, June 23, 2021, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.