

ORANGE COUNTY  
CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING  
Wednesday, September 14, 2022  
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Location:**  
**County Administration South (CAS) Building**  
**Conference Center**  
**425 West Santa Ana Blvd. Room 104/106**  
**Santa Ana, CA 92701-4599**  
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## MINUTES

### Board Members

Matt Bates, City Net [Secretary]  
Judson Brown, City of Santa Ana  
Nikki Buckstead, Family Solutions Collaborative  
Donald Dermit, The Rock Church  
Becks Heyhoe, OC United Way [Vice Chair]  
Tim Houchen, Hope4Restoration  
Patti Long, Mercy House  
Nishtha Mohendra, Families Forward  
Dawn Price, Friendship Shelter

Eric Richardson, Volunteers of America  
Maricela Rios-Faust, Human Options [Chair]  
Soledad Rivera, Families Together of OC  
Elida Sanchez, OC Department of Education  
Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, Orangewood Foundation  
George Searcy, Jamboree Housing  
Tim Shaw, Individual  
Christina Weckerly Ramirez, Health Care Agency

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**Call to Order** – Maricela Rios-Faust, Chair

Chair Maricela Rios-Faust called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

**Board Member Roll Call** – Becks Heyhoe, Vice Chair

Present: Judson Brown, Donald Dermit, Becks Heyhoe, Nishtha Mohendra, Dawn Price, Maricela Rios-Faust, Soledad Rivera, Elida Sanchez, Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, George Searcy, and Christina Weckerly Ramirez.

Absent Excused: Matt Bates, Nikki Buckstead, Patti Long, Eric Richardson, and Tim Shaw.

Absent: Tim Houchen.

**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 complete a Request to Address the CoC Board form prior to the beginning of each agenda item and submit it to CoC Board staff. Staff will call your name in the order received.

Members of the public may also submit public comment by emailing [CareCoordination@ochca.com](mailto:CareCoordination@ochca.com). All comments submitted via email at least 60 minutes before the start of the CoC Board meeting will be distributed to the CoC Board members for their consideration and all comments will be added to the administrative records of the meeting. Please include "CoC Board Meeting Comment" in the email subject line.

- Paul Hyek provided information on a certificate and offered to provide a demonstration for the next meeting. Additionally, Paul Hyek provided updates on Bridges at Kraemer Place.

**Board Member Comments:** Members of the CoC Board may provide comments on matters not appearing on the agenda so long as the subject matter is within the jurisdiction of the CoC Board.

- No Board Member 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.*

*No Consent Calendar Items.*

### **BUSINESS CALENDAR**

1. **FY2022 CoC Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)** – Zulima Lundy, Director of Operations, Office of Care Coordination

The Orange County CoC is eligible to apply for an estimated amount of \$1,497,148 in CoC Bonus Funding and an estimated \$1,984,683 in DV Bonus funding. As approved by the CoC Board on August 24, 2022, the County of Orange as the Coordinated Entry System (CES) Lead is recommended to submit a Supportive Services Only (SSO) – CES project to be funded by the DV Bonus in an amount not to exceed \$250,000. Thus, the DV Bonus funding available for new projects is approximately \$1,734,683. Project applications for the CoC NOFO were due on Wednesday, August 31, 2022. Renewal projects were reviewed by the CoC NOFO Ad Hoc, while the CoC Bonus, Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus and Reallocation project proposals were reviewed by the Review Panels comprised of non-conflicted members including representation of the Lived Experience Advisory Committee.

The members of the CoC Bonus and Reallocation Review Panel reviewed the two proposals independently based on the scoring criteria as outlined in the Request for Proposal (RFP) and approved by the CoC Board. The Review Panel recommended both projects proposed by Friendship Shelters and PATH for inclusion in the Orange County CoC Program Collaborative Application. The members of the DV Bonus Review Panel

reviewed one proposal based on the scoring criteria as outlined in the RFP and approved by the CoC Board. The RFP Review Panel also recommended the project for inclusion in the Orange County CoC Program Collaborative Application. At the same time, the CoC NOFO Ad Hoc and the Office of Care Coordination, as the CoC Collaborative Applicant developed an updated FY2022 CoC Project Ranking and Tiering Policy. By utilizing this project ranking and tiering policy, all renewal, transition, and new projects were able to be scored and ranked, as noted in the agenda attachments.

CoC Board Member Comments:

- Dr. Shauntina Sorrells inquired whether any projects in the CoC Project Priority Listing provided services to Transitional Aged Youth (TAY).

Public Comments:

- Robert Morse encouraged the approval of the CoC Bonus and Reallocation proposals.
- Sara Behmerwohld provided additional information on Human Options' renewal project application, noting grant approval from United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) the day that the local CoC renewal application was due; highlighting their application does not have the Project Performance aspect due to being a new project that is just beginning operations. Sara Behmerwohld shared that the domestic violence (DV) population is underrepresented, and that Human Options has had 41 years of service brings confidence in executing the work.

Recommended Actions:

- a. Approve the selection of the proposals submitted in response to the CoC Bonus, Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus and Reallocation Request for Proposals (RFP) as recommended by the two Review Panel – one for CoC Bonus and Reallocation proposals and one for DV Bonus proposals – for inclusion in the Orange County CoC Program NOFO collaborative application.
  - i. Friendship Shelter, Inc's. rapid rehousing project proposal called Friendship Shelter Rapid Rehousing Project in the amount of \$362,312 as part of the CoC Bonus.
  - ii. People Assisting the Homeless' (PATH) rapid rehousing project proposal called PATH Rapid Rehousing in the amount of \$1,134,727 as part of the CoC Bonus.
  - iii. Human Options' Joint Transitional Housing and Permanent Housing – Rapid Rehousing project proposal called DV Housing First Collaborative Project in the amount of \$1,225,433 as part of the DV Bonus.
- b. Approve the CoC Project Ranking and Tiering policy as recommended by the CoC NOFO Ad Hoc.
- c. Approve the CoC Project Priority Listing, including all renewal, transition, and new projects to be included in the Orange County CoC's FY 2022 CoC Program NOFO application as recommended by the CoC NOFO Ad Hoc.

George Searcy motioned to approve the recommended action a.i. Donald Dermit seconded the motion. Judson Brown, Donald Dermit, Becks Heyhoe, Nishtha Mohendra, Maricela Rios-Faust, Soledad Rivera, Elida Sanchez, Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, George Searcy, and Christina Weckerly Ramirez voted yes. Dawn Price abstained. Motion passed.

Soledad Rivera motioned to approve the recommended action a.ii. Donald Dermit seconded the motion. Judson Brown, Donald Dermit, Becks Heyhoe, Nishtha Mohendra, Dawn Price, Maricela Rios-Faust, Soledad Rivera, Elida Sanchez, Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, George Searcy, and Christina Weckerly Ramirez voted yes. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Shauntina Sorrells motioned to approve the recommended action a.iii. Donald Dermit seconded the motion. Judson Brown, Donald Dermit, Becks Heyhoe, Nishtha Mohendra, Dawn Price, Soledad Rivera,

Elida Sanchez, Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, George Searcy, and Christina Weckerly Ramirez voted yes. Maricela Rios-Faust abstained. Motion passed.

Donald Dermit motioned to approve the recommended action b. Dr. Shauntina Sorrells seconded the motion. Judson Brown, Donald Dermit, Becks Heyhoe, Nishtha Mohendra, Dawn Price, Maricela Rios-Faust, Soledad Rivera, Elida Sanchez, Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, George Searcy, and Christina Weckerly Ramirez voted yes. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Shauntina Sorrells motioned to approve the recommended action c. Soledad Rivera seconded the motion. Judson Brown, Donald Dermit, Becks Heyhoe, Soledad Rivera, Elida Sanchez, Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, George Searcy, and Christina Weckerly Ramirez voted yes. Nishtha Mohendra, Dawn Price, and Maricela Rios-Faust abstained. Motion passed.

2. **CoC Special Notice of Funding Opportunity to Address Unsheltered Homelessness (CoC Special NOFO)** – Zulima Lundy, Director of Operations, Office of Care Coordination

HUD is making approximately \$322 million in funding available through a CoC Supplemental to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness Notice of Funding Opportunity (CoC Special NOFO). Funding will be utilized to support communities in developing plans to address rural and unsheltered homelessness, particularly in communities with very high levels of unsheltered homelessness. The County of Orange as the Collaborative Applicant met with the CoC Special NOFO Ad Hoc to discuss and review the recommended scoring and rating criteria and funding priorities, which was concurred by the CoC Special NOFO Ad Hoc to rate and rank the CoC Special NOFO Project Proposals. In addition to discussing the scoring criteria, the Ad Hoc discussed the recommended funding priorities for the CoC Special NOFO. The CoC Special NOFO Ad Hoc concluded that the funding priorities should be in two tiers, with the Tier One focusing on permanent housing projects (rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing) and the Tier Two focusing on programs with more support.

On August 16, 2022, HUD released Notice PIH 2022-24: Stability Voucher Program. This funding opportunity for Public Housing Authorities has been designed to assist communities in their continued efforts to address homelessness. HUD will make 4,000 vouchers available to assist individuals and families who are: Homeless, At-risk of homelessness, fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking, and Veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meets one of the proceeding criteria.

CoC Board Member Comments:

- George Searcy asked a question regarding the PowerPoint slide recommendations, which included a typo. Additionally, George Searcy suggested that the recommended action should be revised for clarity.
- Judson Brown inquired on the Special NOFO proposals and how they will leverage housing stability vouchers.
- Dawn Price commented that her understanding of the process is to come back to the proposals with information on the housing stability vouchers.
- Christina Weckerly Ramirez shared that there is need of commitment of funding for the vouchers.
- Vice Chair Becks Heyhoe commented that the goal is that top proposals would be able to pair and leverage the housing stability vouchers.

Public Comments:

- Paul Hyek shared his experiences with the voucher process, and the processing of obtaining housing, and information on their housing complex.

Amended Recommended Action: Approve the CoC Special NOFO funding priorities as recommended by the CoC Special NOFO Ad Hoc and direct CoC staff to ensure grant applications are leveraging housing stability vouchers.

Dawn Price motioned to approve the amended recommended action. Judson Brown seconded the motion. Judson Brown, Donald Dermit, Becks Heyhoe, Nishtha Mohendra, Dawn Price, Maricela Rios-Faust, Soledad Rivera, Elida Sanchez, Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, George Searcy, and Christina Weckerly Ramirez voted yes. Motion passed unanimously.

3. **Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Data Request** – Zulima Lundy, Director of Operations, Office of Care Coordination; Erin DeRycke, 2-1-1 Orange County

On July 5, 2022, The Mark, USA submitted a data request to 2-1-1 Orange County (211OC), HMIS Lead, requesting data for the period of July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2022, to assist in the evaluation of the family homeless response system on a system-level and family-level outcomes. The Mark, USA will analyze data from HMIS to understand how families are being supported and served through the Family Solutions Collaborative (FSC). The HMIS data will provide critical information about how the family system is performing and identify areas for improvement.

CoC Board Member Comments:

- Christina Weckerly Ramirez inquired whether the data request would include client identifier information.

Public Comments:

- Mike Anderson encouraged the approval of the data request as stated in the recommended action because the data will be helpful for the evaluation of the family homeless response system.

Recommended Action: Approve The Mark, USA and Family Solutions Collaborative’s HMIS data request for the period of July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2022, to assist in the evaluation of the family homeless response system on a system-level and family-level outcomes.

Nishtha Mohendra motioned to approve the recommended action. George Searcy seconded the motion. Judson Brown, Donald Dermit, Becks Heyhoe, Nishtha Mohendra, Dawn Price, Maricela Rios-Faust, Soledad Rivera, Elida Sanchez, Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, George Searcy, and Christina Weckerly Ramirez voted yes. Motion passed unanimously.

4. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, September 28, 2022, from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.