

Housing Opportunities Committee

Meeting Date: February 10, 2023

Meeting Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Meeting Link:

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Minutes

1. **Call To Order** – Judson Brown and Grace Stepter, Committee Chairs
 - a. Chair Judson Brown called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. and shared the mission of the Housing Opportunities Committee.
2. **Additions / Deletions to Agenda**
 - a. None.
3. **Continuum of Care Updates** – Zulima Lundy, Office of Care Coordination
 - a. Zulima Lundy provided the following CoC updates:
 - **2023 Homeless Survey:** The Office of Care Coordination, in collaboration with the Commission to End Homelessness, will be implementing a 2023 Homeless Survey for individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness in Orange County. The 2023 Homeless Survey will seek to gather information that is not as easily captured during the biennial unsheltered Point In Time Count, to gain a better understanding of the challenges and barriers experienced by the population experiencing unsheltered homelessness.
 - **Orange County Cold Weather Emergency Shelter:** The Orange County Cold Weather Emergency Shelter is open and provides shelter for individuals experiencing homelessness at the Independence Park Gymnasium in Fullerton. The Orange Count Cold Weather Emergency Shelter flyer can be found at the following link: https://ceo.ocgov.com/sites/ceo/files/2023-02/OC%20Cold%20Weather%20Flyer%201.27.2023%20updated_0.pdf

- **Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness (Special NOFO) Funding Awarded:** On February 2, 2023, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced the award of nearly \$315 million to 46 cities and localities across 30 states through the Special NOFO. Though the Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC) was not awarded Special NOFO funding, the application process was beneficial as future projects were identified that can be beneficial to the Orange County CoC if other funding opportunities are released.
- **Housing Opportunities Committee Governance Charter Revision:** In mid-2022, the Office of Care Coordination and the CoC Committee Chairs met to discuss CoC Committee Governance Charter and provided feedback and recommendations for revisions. A notable recommendation incorporated into the governance charter is the added option for CoC Committee Chairs to appoint a Vice Chair to support with the committee's efforts. All committee governance charters were revised to include language that aligns with the CoC Board Leadership Vision and commitment to racial equity efforts as part of the Racial Equity Roadmap action planning implementation. The Governance Charters can be found listed on the CoC webpage at the link: <https://ceo.ocgov.com/continuum-care>
- **Homeless Point In Time Count Request For Proposals:** The Office of Care Coordination is seeking proposals from qualified organizations to provide Homeless Point In Time Count Professional Services. The primary goal of the Homeless Point In Time Count Professional Services is to assist the Office of Care Coordination in the planning, implementation, and reporting services for the Homeless Point In Time Count. For more information, visit the following link: [Homeless Point In Time Count Professional Services](#)

4. **2022 Housing Funding Strategy** – Julia Bidwell, OC Community Resources

Julia Bidwell provided background of the Housing Funding Strategy which was created in 2018 as a regional plan based on the 2017 Point in Time Count which identified the goal of developing 2,700 units of supportive housing by 2025 and the required financial resources to

achieve that goal. The 2022 Housing Funding Strategy Update is based on the 2022 Point In Time Count and provides a progress report on the regional efforts to produce the 2,700 units of supportive housing for 2025, a revised housing unit goal for 2029, and recommendations for an updated strategic approach. The 2022 Housing Funding Strategy identifies an updated goal of producing 2,396 units of supportive housing by 2029 to meet the current needs based on the 2022 Point In Time Count. Current projections estimate a funding gap of \$458 million in capital, \$495 million in operating subsidies for 2,396 units, and \$250 million in supportive services for 2,396 units. The 2022 Housing Funding Strategy includes recommendations of maximizing competitiveness for funding by aligning local, flexible resource commitments and dedicating additional funding and continuing to refine policies to maximize developers' ability to attract investors. The 2022 Housing Funding Strategy can be read at: <https://ceo.ocgov.com/sites/ceo/files/2023-03/Housing%20Funding%20Strategy%20-%202022%20Update.pdf>

5. **Affordable and Fair Housing Month – April 2023** – Lisa Varon, City of Irvine and Cesar Covarrubias, The Kennedy Commission

Lisa Varon and Cesar Covarrubias presented on Orange County Affordable and Fair Housing Month which will be a month of events to provide resources to residents and mobilize the housing community. Affordable and Fair Housing Month will be celebrated in April 2023 and has the goals of engaging a broad array of community members, showcasing Orange County's affordable housing policies, projects, programs, and collaborations, and host meaningful information sharing and learning opportunities. To participate for OC Affordable and Fair Housing Month, please complete the participation form at: <https://forms.gle/EFQCFhFbhkC82cso6>

6. **Eviction Diversion Baseline Report** – Sarah Middleton, Mission Up and Michelle Murphy, Orange County United Way

Sarah Middleton provided overview of the Eviction Diversion Baseline Report. The Eviction Diversion Baseline Report started with the Eviction Diversion Collaborative where there was discussion around leveraging data and best practice research to raise awareness about impact of evictions. The emphasis on eviction policy focus is critical because households who

experience an eviction have effects that are long-lasting, eviction is not equal opportunity and people of color and women are at higher risk for eviction than other groups, and as pandemic-related emergency funding ends and the eviction moratorium sunsets, eviction filings are rising and more people reporting receipt of an eviction notice. The report launch will take place at the Irvine City Hall on Friday, April 7, 2023, at 8:30 a.m.

7. **2023 Community Needs Assessment Outreach** – Curtis Gibbs, Community Action Partnership of Orange County

Community Action Partnership of Orange County (CAP OC) provides services to Orange County residents by addressing immediate needs and empowering the community. The Community Needs Assessment Survey will help CAP OC better understand the current needs of Orange County residents to better support the community with the services that are wanted and needed. The Community Needs Assessment Survey can be completed on Survey Monkey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2023CNA>

8. **Project-Based Housing Updates:**

a. OC Housing Finance Trust Update – Adam Eliason, Orange County Housing Finance Trust

- Adam Eliason shared that the Orange County Housing Finance Trust (OCHFT) has a new group of Trust Board members with a total of five new Trust Board members.
- The annual Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) was released at the end of January 2023, for housing compliant cities and provides for the availability of \$18,188,987.20 in Orange County. The initial deadline for applications is March 22, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. and the application can be found at <https://forms.gle/q51pkrqntXJwmdX7>
- The Second Round 2022 NOFA provides for the availability of \$7,137,205.60 for the Cities of Irvine and Yorba Linda.
- OCHFT funded \$33 million for the project Paseo Adelanto in the City of San Juan Capistrano with Jamboree Housing being the developer. The temporary buildings will be demolished to transform the site with a brand-new City Hall and 40 new units of permanent supportive housing.

- OCHFT received administrative grant funding from the Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG) for the Trust to complete an upgrade to the existing Trust website regarding mapping and project data of affordable housing developments in Orange County. OCHFT will be released a Request for Proposal (RFP) for mapping services and more detail will become available later.
- b. Project Homekey Update – Julia Bidwell, OC Community Resources; Nate Robbins, City of Costa Mesa and Grace Stepter, City of Anaheim
- Julia Bidwell from OC Community Resources shared that the last two projects from last round, Motel 6 in Costa Mesa, and Riviera Motel in Stanton, are currently under construction. Huntington Beach Oasis is currently operating as interim housing and will ultimately convert to permanent supportive housing. Project Homekey Round 3 NOFA will be coming out March 2023.
 - Nate Robbins shared that Motel 6 in Costa Mesa is projected for construction completion by October 2023, which will ultimately provide 30 Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) units. Additionally, Nate Robbins shared that the City of Costa Mesa awarded Families Forward for The Bungalows which will be an 8-unit complex.
 - Alma Huerta with the City of Anaheim shared that Anaheim Housing Authority (AHA) will open the wait list on March 1, 2023, and the AHA is currently working on getting flyers approved to spread the word. Local preference of Anaheim is not required.
- c. Project-Based Voucher Pipeline – Public Housing Authority Representatives
- Julia Bidwell provided Project-Based Voucher Pipeline update for Orange County Housing Authority (OCHA), outlined in the Exhibit A.
 - Alma Huerta provided Project-Based Voucher Pipeline update for AHA, outlined in the Exhibit A.
 - Chair Judson Brown provided updates for Santa Ana Housing Authority (SAHA), outlined in Exhibit A. Chair Judson Brown shared that Legacy Square will soon begin accepting applications.

- Chair Judson Brown shared the Project-Based Voucher Pipeline update on behalf of Garden Grove Housing Authority (GGHA), outlined in Exhibit A.

9. Tenant-Based Housing Updates:

a. Special Purpose Voucher Updates – Public Housing Authority Representatives

- Chair Judson Brown provided background on the special purpose vouchers; Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV), Mainstream Vouchers (MS5), VASH, Family Unification Program (FUP), and Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) vouchers. Chair Judson Brown provided an overview of the Orange County totals for the Special Purpose Voucher updates and shared that the hope is to add Stability Vouchers into the Special Purpose Vouchers allocations.

10. Funding, Program, and Policy Updates:

a. Orange County Housing Advocacy Collaborative Update – Michael Shepherd, Orange County United Way

- Michael Shepherd provided the update that the Orange County Housing Advocacy Collaborative is working on finalizing a work plan with emphasis on housing elements and implementation. If there are cities or communities on the horizon that would like to be added, Michael Shepherd would be the direct contact.

11. Coordinated Entry System (CES) Updates:

a. County-Wide Performance Metrics – Rebecca Ricketts, Office of Care Coordination

- There are currently 4,410 Active Individual Households enrolled in the CES Project. Of the households enrolled, 2,702 are on the Community Queue.
- There are currently 485 Active Family Households enrolled in the CES Project. Of the households enrolled, 246 are on the Community Queue.
- There are 276 veterans on the Veteran Registry as of January 6, 2023, and, in the last 12 months, 235 veterans have been housed in permanent, stable housing.

b. Sub-population focus: Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) – Mayra Vargas, Office of Care Coordination

- As of January 06, 2023, there are 235 TAY on the TAY Registry. Of the households on the TAY Registry, there are 132 TAY on the Community Queue. Of the TAY on the queue, most of the TAY are interested in Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV) with permanent supportive housing followed after. The average length of homelessness for TAY currently matched to a housing opportunity is 19 months (1.5 years).
- c. Family Solutions Collaborative Impact Report – Roxana Garcia, Family Solutions Collaborative
- Roxana Garcia shared the Family Solutions Collaborative (FSC) monthly snapshot report of Family Homelessness in Orange County, posted at [FSC 's Impact Report webpage](#). For the month of January 2023, there were 202 families in shelter, 258 unsheltered families, and 27 families in other living situations.

Public Comments:

- In response to the 2023 Homeless Survey, Maura Mikulec requested that those who work in the system reach out to the Board of Supervisors and explain that housing is what the people want as demonstrated in the CES presentation. Additionally, Maura Mikulec shared that the Telecare contracts are only contracted to provide services to 600 severe or at-risk of homelessness individuals which is a low number and referenced Care Court.

12. Next Meeting: Friday, April 7, 2023, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Exhibit A

a. Orange County Housing Authority

Project Name	City	PSH Units					Non-PSH	Total Units	Estimated Completion
		MHSA Units	NPLH Units	VASH PBV Units	PBV Units	Other PSH Restricted			
Casa Paloma	Midway City	24				24		48	10/2022
Ascent	Buena Park	28				29		57	11/2022
Riviera Motel	Stanton	9		10		1		20	03/2023
The Salvation Army Anaheim Center of Hope	Anaheim	16						16	04/2023
Motel 6	Costa Mesa			30		10		40	05/2023
Mountain View	Lake Forest	8						8	07/2023
Huntington Beach Senior Housing	Huntington Beach	21				12		33	09/2023
Villa St. Joseph	Orange	18						18	10/2023
Santa Angelina	Placentia	21						21	12/2023
Stanton Inn and Suites	Stanton	10				60		70	12/2023
Tahiti Motel	Stanton			10		49		59	12/2023

b. Anaheim Housing Authority

Project Name	City	PSH Units					Non-PSH	Total Units	Estimated Completion
		MHSA Units	NPLH Units	VASH PBV Units	PBV Units	Other PSH Restricted			
Finamore Place	Anaheim				20		82	102	12/2022
Center of Hope	Anaheim	20	34	16	50		2	72	06/2023
Miraflores	Anaheim	8			8		78	86	11/2023

* Updated 12-01-22

c. Santa Ana Housing Authority

Project Name	City	PSH Units					Non-PSH	Total Units	Estimated Completion
		MHSA Units	NPLH Units	VASH PBV Units	PBV Units	Other PSH Restricted			
Legacy Square	Santa Ana	25			8		59	92	02/2023

North Harbor Village	Santa Ana			34	55			89	05/2023
Westview House	Santa Ana				26		59	85	12/2023
FX Residences	Santa Ana				3	13		16	12/2023
Crossroads at Washington	Santa Ana				43		42	85	12/2023

d. Garden Grove Housing Authority

Project Name	City	PSH Units					Non-PSH	Total Units	Estimated Completion
		MHSA Units	NPLH Units	VASH PBV Units	PBV Units	Other PSH Restricted			
Stuart Drive Apartments	Garden Grove					8	2	10	PSH units completed 08/2022

Exhibit B

a. Orange County Housing Authority

Voucher Type	Allocation	Vouchers Searching	Leased
Mainstream Voucher (MS5)	201	14	158
Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV)	557	103	390
Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing Voucher (VASH – Tenant-Based)	853	107	773
Family Unification Program (FUP) Voucher	325	316	277

b. Anaheim Housing Authority

Voucher Type	Allocation	Vouchers Searching	Leased
Mainstream Voucher (MS5)	172	25	140
Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV)	278	43	185
Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing Voucher (VASH – Tenant-Based)	94	14	73

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c. Santa Ana Housing Authority

Voucher Type	Allocation	Vouchers Searching	Leased
Mainstream Voucher (MS5)	231	38	132
Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV)	89	27	76
Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing Voucher (VASH – Tenant-Based)	171	39	97
Foster Youth Independence (FYI) Voucher	70	5	47

d. Garden Grove Housing Authority

Voucher Type	Allocation	Vouchers Searching	Leased
Mainstream Voucher (MS5)	75	11	57

Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV)	117	14	96
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