



# A G E N D A

## REGULAR MEETING COMMISSION TO END HOMELESSNESS

Wednesday, October 18, 2023, 1:00 P.M.

County Conference Center  
Room 104/106

425 West Santa Ana Boulevard, Santa Ana, CA 92701

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### COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP

Vicente Sarmiento, Second District Supervisor

Monique Davis, Business Representative

Don Wagner, Third District Supervisor, Chair

Jack Toan, Business Representative

Jim Vanderpool, North Service Planning Area Representative

Jason Ivins, Orange County Sheriff's Department Representative

Vacant, Central Service Planning Area Representative

Todd Spitzer, Orange County District Attorney

Debra Rose, South Service Planning Area Representative

George Searcy, Affordable Housing Development Representative

Sue Parks, Philanthropic Representative

Richard Afable, Behavioral Health Representative, Vice Chair

Vacant, Chief of Police

Paul Wyatt, At Large Member

Sean deMetropolis, Municipal Fire Department Representative

Milo Peinemann, At Large Member

Christy Cornwall, Hospital Representative

Maricela Rios-Faust, Continuum of Care Board Representative

Vacant, Faith-Based Community Representative

Robert Morse, Continuum of Care Board Representative

### Commission Director

Doug Becht, Director of Care Coordination

### Clerk of the Commission

Valerie Sanchez, Chief Deputy Clerk

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All supporting documentation is available for public review online at:  
<https://ceo.ocgov.com/care-coordination/commission-end-homelessness>  
and with Clerk of the Board of Supervisors located in the County Administration North Building,  
400 West Civic Center Drive, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Santa Ana, California 92701  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday

# **A G E N D A**

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Office of Care Coordination Update
  - a. Membership Updates
  - b. Cold Weather Emergency Shelter Ad Hoc

## **PRESENTATION**

2. 2023 Homeless Survey Presentation

## **ACTION ITEMS**

3. Approve the 2023 Homeless Survey for submission to the Board of Supervisors.
4. Approve Commission to End Homelessness minutes from August 16, 2023, regular meeting.
5. Membership Recommendations
  - a. Approve recommendations for appointment of the following candidates to serve on the Commission to End Homelessness seat as detailed below to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.
    - i. Adam Hawley, Chief of Police for the City of Brea as the Chief of Police Representative for a two-year term.
    - ii. Gina Cunningham, Executive Director for HomeAid Orange County as the Affordable Housing Development Industry Representative for a two-year term.
    - iii. James Vanderpool, City Manager for Anaheim as the North Service Planning Area Representative for a two-year term.
    - iv. Benjamin Hurst, Director of Operations for The Salvation Army as the Faith-Based Community Representative for the balance of the two-year term ending August 8, 2024.
    - v. Milo Peinemann, Executive Director for American Family Housing as the At-Large Member for a two-year term.
  - b. Approve the launch of recruitment process and utilize the existing Membership Ad Hoc Committee to evaluate and make recommendation for appointment to the Medi-Cal Managed Care Health Plan Representative and the Central Service Planning Area Representative to the Commission to End Homelessness to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.
6. Establish an Ad Hoc to evaluate alternative housing solutions including, studying, defining, and identifying potential applications for Tiny Homes.

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## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

*At this time members of the public may address the Commission on any matter not on the agenda but within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission.*

## **COMMISSION MEMBERS COMMENTS**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** December 13, 2023, 1:00 P.M.

Agenda Item #4  
Minutes of the  
August 16, 2023  
Regular Meeting



## SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING COMMISSION TO END HOMELESSNESS

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Debra Rose, South Service Planning Area	Richard Afable, Behavioral Health Representative, Vice Chair
Sue Parks, Philanthropic Representative	Paul Wyatt, At Large Member
Robert Dunn, Chief of Police Representative	Milo Peinemann, At Large Member
Sean DeMetropolis, Municipal Fire Department Rep	Todd Spitzer, District Attorney
Christy Cornwall, Hospital Representative	Maricela Rios-Faust, Continuum of Care Board Representative
Vacant, Faith-based Community Representative	Robert Morse, Continuum of Care Board Representative

ATTENDANCE: Commissioners Afable, Cornwall, Dunn, DeMetropolis, Morse, Parks, Peinemann, Rios-Faust, Ridge, Rose, Sarmiento, Searcy, Spitzer, Wagner and Wyatt

ABSENT: Commissioners Davis, Ivins, Toan and Vanderpool

PRESENT: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Doug Becht, Director of Care Coordination  
CLERK OF THE COMMISSION Valerie Sanchez, Chief Deputy Clerk

Call to Order

**CHAIRMAN WAGNER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 1:00 P.M.**

Pledge of Allegiance

**COMMISSIONER MORSE LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Roll Call

**THE CLERK CALLED THE ROLL AND CONFIRMED QUORUM WAS MET**

# SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Office of Care Coordination Update
  - a. Membership Updates
  - b. 2023 Homeless Survey
  
- (a) COMMISSION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BECHT PROVIDED AN UPDATE ON THE COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP, INCLUDING WELCOMING KRISTINE RIDGE AS THE CENTRAL SERVICE PLANNING AREA REPRESENTATIVE AND THE RECRUITMENT TO FILL VACANT AND EXPIRING SEATS THAT WILL CLOSE AUGUST 31. THE MEMBERSHIP AD HOC COMMITTEE WILL REVIEW APPLICTAIONS RECEIVED AND BRING BACK RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMISSION AT THE OCTOBER MEETING.
- (b) THE 2023 HOMELESS SURVEY DATA IS CURRENTLY BEING FINALIZED AND THE OFFICE OF CARE COORDINATION IS COMPILING A REPORT WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE COMMISSON AT THE OCTOBER MEETING.

## PRESENTATIONS

2. California Statewide Study of People Experiencing Homelessness Presentation by Tiana Moore, Ph.D, Policy Director, Benioff Homelessness and Housing Initiative, University of California San Francisco

DR. MOORE PROVIDED AN IN-DEPTH PRESENTATION OF THE STUDY'S FINDINGS INCLUDING DATA ON WHO EXPERIENCES HOMELESSNESS IN CALIFORNIA, THE PATHWAYS TO HOMELESSNESS, EXPERIENCES DURING HOMELESSNESS, BARRIERS AND FACILITATORS OF RETURNS TO HOUSING, POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS AND IMPACT.

## ACTION ITEMS

3. Approve Commission to End Homelessness minutes from the June 21, 2023 regular meeting  
**ON THE MOTION BY COMMISSIONER AFABLE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SARMIENTO, AND COMMISSIONER RIDGE ABSTAINING, THE COMMISSION APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 21, 2023 REGULAR MEETING.**
  
4. Approve Cold Weather Emergency Shelter Ad Hoc Recommendations
  - a. Commission to End Homelessness to send a formal letter to Mayors of all 34 cities in Orange County to explore options for Cold Weather Emergency Shelter programs in their cities
  - b. Examine County, Cities and contracted street outreach providers' policies and procedures related to extreme weather event preparation and response, beyond cold weather, and create a set of recommended policies and procedures to incorporate best practices and alignment with the Homeless Service Pillars

**ON THE MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DUNN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SEARCY, THE COMMISSION APPROVED ITEM AS RECOMMENDED.**

## SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

5. Approve recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to update the Commission to End Homelessness Bylaws to incorporate a voting member seat for a Medi-Cal Managed Care Health Plan representative.

**ON THE MOTION OF COMMISSIONER SPITZER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DUNN, THE COMMISSION APPROVED ITEM AS RECOMMENDED WITH DIRECTION TO STAFF TO CONSULT WITH COUNTY COUNSEL FIRST AS TO ANY POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.**

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gina Cunningham - Oral re: HomeAid Orange County owns a shelter for families experiencing homelessness in the City of Orange which is operated by Mercy House called the Family Care Center ; the shelter currently faces potential closure by the end of the year due to shrinking revenue base; asks the Commission to consider families experiencing homelessness in the discussion.

Carrie Buck – Oral re: Executive Director of Family Solutions Collaborative; focus on families; the Conditions of Children in Orange County report was released and identified areas of priority, including physical fitness and nutrition, behavioral health, chronic absenteeism, child welfare, preventable youth deaths and housing; housing improves all of those other priority areas; with stable and secure housing children can attend school regularly, do better in school, have access to meals; funding is shrinking to continue providing services to families.

Madelynn Hirneise – Oral re: CEO of Families Forward; State of family homelessness and harsh trends being seen; COVID-19 funding is going away and the need is higher than it was at peak of pandemic; family homelessness is growing; need to increase the flow through shelter into housing opportunities

### COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

**ADJOURNED:** 3:12 P.M.

**NEXT MEETING:** October 18, 2023, 1:00 P.M.

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*SUPERVISOR DON WAGNER*  
*Chair*

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*Valerie Sanchez, Chief Deputy Clerk*  
*Clerk of the Commission*

Agenda Item #5  
Membership  
Recommendations



## Commission to End Homelessness

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Action Item #5 Staff Report

**Subject:** Membership Recommendations

### **Recommended Actions:**

- a. Approve recommendations for appointment of the following candidates to serve on the Commission to End Homeless seats as detailed below to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.
  - i. Adam Hawley, Chief of Police for the City of Brea as the Chief of Police Representative for a two-year term.
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  - v. Milo Peinemann, Executive Director for American Family Housing as the At-Large Member for a two-year term.
- b. Approve the launch of recruitment process and utilize the existing Membership Ad Hoc Committee to evaluate and make recommendations for appointments to the Medi-Cal Managed Care Health Plan Representative and the Central Service Planning Area Representative to the Commission to End Homelessness to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.

### **Background Information:**

#### Vacant and Expiring Recruitment Process

The Commission to End Homelessness (Commission) Bylaws detail the membership composition and appointment process in Article II. As such the Commission shall establish a Membership Ad Hoc Committee to recruit, evaluate, and make recommendations for appointments to the Commission to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors (Board) for final approval. When evaluating Commission members for the Board's consideration and approval, the Membership Ad Hoc Committee should consider and evaluate an executive level individual that is highly regarded in his or her respective field and community due to his or her knowledge, expertise, achievements, leadership and commitment to address homelessness in Orange County.

On June 21, 2023, the Commission approved the appointment of a Membership Ad Hoc Committee to support the membership recruitment process and approved the launch of a recruitment process for the appointment to fill vacant and expiring seats to the Commission to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for final approval. The following seats were including the recruitment process:

- Chief of Police Representative.
- Affordable Housing Development Industry Representative
- North Service Planning Area Representative
- Faith-Based Community Representative
- At-Large Member

Per the Commission Bylaws, the North Service Planning Area Representative is an individual that has served or currently serves as a City Manager or an elected official. The North Service Planning Area includes the following cities: Anaheim, Brea, Buena Park, Cypress, Fullerton, La Habra, La Palma, Los Alamitos., Orange, Placentia, Stanton, Villa Park and Yorba Linda.

The Office of Care Coordination launched the Membership Recruitment process on July 1, 2023, and established a deadline of August 31, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. for interested candidates to submit their applications and resume for consideration by the Membership Ad Hoc Committee. The received applications and resumes were shared with the Membership Ad Hoc Committee for review and consideration.

In September 2023, the Membership Ad Hoc Committee met to discuss the candidates and unanimously recommended the following candidates to be presented to the Commission for appointment to serve:

- Adam Hawley, Chief of Police for the City of Brea as the Chief of Police Representative for a two-year term.
- Gina Cunningham, Executive Director for HomeAid Orange County as the Affordable Housing Development Industry Representative for a two-year term.
- James Vanderpool, City Manager for Anaheim as the North Service Planning Area Representative for a two-year term.
- Benjamin Hurst, Director of Operations for The Salvation Army as the Faith-Based Community Representative for the balance of the two-year term ending August 8, 2024.
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Chief of Police Adam Hawley was appointed as Chief of Police for the City of Bra, effective May 1, 2021. Chief Hawley is a 26-year veteran of the Brea Police Department. Prior to taking on his current role as Chief, Hawley served as Acting Chief of Police, Captain of the Investigative Services Division overseeing Crime and Fraud Investigations, Property and Evidence, and Records. Hawley's law enforcement career began as a Cadet with the Brea Police Department in 1995. He rose steadily through the ranks of Police Officer, Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Captain. During his time with the department, Hawley served in a variety of assignments, including Field Training Officer, Detective and Professional Standards Lieutenant. Chief of Police Hawley holds

a bachelor's and a master's degrees in criminal justice and is a graduate of California P.O.S.T Command College.

Ms. Gina Cunningham began her career at HomeAid Orange County (HomeAid) in early 1997 with the desire to help the underserved individuals in our community, united with a decade of experience in administrative operations. Ms. Cunningham was hired by the founding director of HomeAid as the executive assistant, and through hard work and dedication, quickly rose to be HomeAid's Chief Development Officer. Through growth over the next two decades, in October of 2019, Ms. Cunningham was enthusiastically chosen to lead HomeAid as the Executive Director. HomeAid's mission is to help people experiencing or at risk of homelessness build new lives through construction, community engagement, and education.

Mr. James Vanderpool has served as Anaheim's city manager since September 2020. As the city manager, Mr. Vanderpool is responsible for the daily operations of one of California's largest cities. Mr. Vanderpool previously served as the city manager for the City of Buena Park from 2012 to 2020 and was with Anaheim's neighboring city for 25 years. Mr. Vanderpool holds a Bachelor's in Public Administration from Purdue University and a Master's in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix.

Mr. Benjamin Hurst is the Director of Operations for The Salvation Army – Orange County since 2022. In his role, Mr. Hurst has established the world's first Salvation Army Center for Applied Research and Innovation (CARI), a social sciences research center focused on ending chronic homelessness. Mr. Hurst has secured local philanthropic funding for CARI research and operations; led the design of the "Life Transformation Program", an innovative new medical detox and substance use disorder residential recovery program designed specifically for the homeless population. Mr. Hurst continues to provide leadership and program development of the Center of Hope campus in Anaheim. Mr. Hurst is currently working on his Doctorate of Social Work at the University of Southern California and is expected to graduate December 2023.

Mr. Milo Peinemann serves as the Chief Executive Officer for American Family Housing, an affordable and supportive housing developer agency since October 2017. Mr. Peinemann has more than 20 years of experience in housing and services for people experiencing homelessness and bring an in-depth understanding of homeless services and housing policy and development, including real estate lending and investment, and asset management of supportive housing. As Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Peinemann's role is to drive the organization to fulfill its mission, overseeing all aspects of operations including development, finance, real estate, and program design and management. Mr. Peinemann holds a Bachelor of Arts in history and English from the University of California, Berkley and a Master's in Planning from the University of Southern California.

By approving Recommended Action 1, the Commission will be able to recommend the appointments of the candidates as detailed in the recommended actions to the Commission and be submitted to the Board for final approval. Upon approval from the Commission, the Office of Care Coordination will work to agendize this item for the Board approval with a timeline of seating the recommended candidates on the Commission in advance of the December 13, 2023, meeting.

## Recruitment Process for Vacant Seats

On October 12, 2023, the Board will be considering approving the recommended revision to the Bylaws for the Commission to add a voting member seat for a Medi-Cal Managed Care Health Plan representative. With the increased role and funding that Medi-Cal Managed Care Health Plans are providing to address homelessness, including through the California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal and Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program, the Commission believes that this seat will enrich the stakeholder composition of the Commission. The proposed revision to the Bylaws increases the voting seats from 18 to 19 and makes no changes to the non-voting seats. If approved by the Board, the Office of Care Coordination is recommending the Commission approve the launch of the recruitment to fill the newly created seat.

The Central Service Planning Area Representative Kristine Ridge has resigned from her role as City Manager for the City of Santa Ana and from from the Commission effective October 9, 2023, and the seat will be vacant. Per the Commission Bylaw, the recruitment process will focus on making an appointment to fill a vacancy left by a member before the expiration of the term to fill the remaining term. The term for the Central Service Planning Area Representative ends on August 8, 2024.

By approving Recommended Action b, the Commission will be able to recruit candidates to fill the vacant seats to have representation of diverse countywide leadership. If approved, the Office of Care Coordination will follow the following recruitment process timeline.

- October 23, 2023, to November 24, 2023 – Membership Recruitment open.
- November 27, 2023, to December 12, 2023 – Candidate applications to be reviewed by Membership Ad Hoc Committee.
- December 13, 2023 – Commission to approve candidate appointments recommended by the Membership Ad Hoc.
- January 2024 – Board of Supervisors to approve appointments of candidates to the vacant and expiring seats to the Commission.
- February 2024 – Appointed candidates to the Commission will participate in his or her first meeting of the Commission.