



**Orange County Continuum of Care
Board Meeting
October 25, 2023**

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Key Activities and Events

- Economics of Affordability webinar (November 8)
- Mental Health and Homelessness, three-part web series (November 9, 16, 30)
- *Table Talk* discussion events in Mission Viejo, Orange, and Newport Beach (November 13, 14, 15)
- Social media materials available online at socialpresskit.com/u2eh



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Consent Calendar

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1. Approve CoC Board Special Meeting Minutes from September 11, 2023
2. Agencies and Jurisdictions Approved for Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Access
 - a. Receive and file list of agencies and jurisdictions approved for HMIS access from July 22, 2023, through October 20, 2023.

Business Calendar

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Maricela Rios-Faust, Chief Executive Officer,
Human Options and Domestic Violence
Committee Chair; and
Julia Moreno, Residential Case Manager
Supervisor, Human Options

Business Calendar – Item #1

Domestic Violence Committee Update

- On Tuesday, October 17, 2023, the Office of Care Coordination in partnership with the Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC) hosted the first meeting of the Domestic Violence Committee meeting as a webinar.
- The Domestic Violence Committee agenda was comprised of:
 - Introduction of the Domestic Violence Committee membership
 - Overview of the following:
 - ❖ 2022 Point In Time data related to domestic violence subpopulation
 - ❖ CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) as it relates to addressing the needs of domestic violence survivors
 - ❖ Domestic Violence Committee Charter and CoC Board Leadership Vision
 - ❖ Proposed changes to the Coordinated Entry System (CES) Policies and Procedures

**Policies, Procedures and Standards (PPS)
Committee**

Sarah Jones, CoC Manager,
Office of Care Coordination and
Becks Heyhoe, Vice Chair and PPS
Committee Chair

Business Calendar – Item #2

PPS Committee Update

- At the September 12, 2023, meeting, the PPS Committee approved the amended recommended action to affirm the current Agency Access Policy as detailed in the HMIS Policies and Procedures and directed staff to create a method for direct referrals for the Shelter Bed Reservation System or to create law enforcement access to Shelter Bed Reservation System outside of HMIS.
- The HMIS Policies and Procedures notes that law enforcement agencies receiving funding that requires HMIS participation will be given data entry access only.
- To support ongoing Law Enforcement access to County shelter beds the Office of Care Coordination previously established allocated set aside beds for law enforcement at both the Yale Navigation Center and Bridges at Kramer Place.

Coordinated Entry System (CES) Policies and Procedures

Background and Overview

- In **July 2021**, CES partnered with victim service providers in Orange County to facilitate referrals for survivors to the Emergency Housing Voucher program.
- In **September 2022**, the CoC Board approved the Office of Care Coordination, as the CES Lead, to apply for a Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus Project through the FY2022 CoC Program NOFO to develop a robust component of CES for DV survivors.
- In **March 2023**, the CoC Program Awards announced the successful application for the expansion and award of funds for CES for DV Survivors beginning **July 1, 2023**.
- From **May to August 2023**, the Office of Care Coordination contracted with Homebase, a national technical assistance provider in the field of housing and homelessness, and worked with a DV Survivor Stakeholder ad hoc and facilitated listening sessions with survivors to draft CES policies and procedures for DV survivors.

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CES Policies and Procedures

Survivor Feedback Received

- The key findings and recommendations received from survivors during listening sessions facilitated by Homebase are listed below.
 1. The system is not responsive to the urgency of the survivor's situation.
 2. Staff at homeless service providers (excluding victim service provider agencies) did not treat survivors with sensitivity.
 3. Victim service providers delivered quick, empathetic care and services.
 4. Survivors should be connected with a victim service provider as quickly as possible.
 5. More training is needed for staff, system leaders, funders, and law enforcement on trauma-informed care, cultural humility, motivational interviewing, and empathy when working with survivors.

CES Policies and Procedures

Review and Approval Process

- The public feedback period for the revised draft of the CES Policies and Procedures occurred from **September 12, 2023, through September 27, 2023**. Public feedback was received during public listening session and in writing.
 - ❖ During the public feedback period, the Office of Care Coordination hosted two public listening sessions via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, in the evening, and Monday, September 18, 2023, during business hours.
- The proposed changes to the CES Policies and Procedures were presented and approved at the PPS Committee on Tuesday, October 10, 2023.

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CES Policies and Procedures Recommended Changes Timeline

Date	Activity
June 16, 2023	Phase 1: Survivor Stakeholder Ad Hoc Meeting #1
June 23, 2023	Phase 1: Survivor Stakeholder Ad Hoc Meeting #2
June 30, 2023	Phase 1: Survivor Stakeholder Ad Hoc Meeting #3
July 5, 2023	CES Steering Committee Meeting (roll-out)
July 7, 2023	Phase 2: Survivor Stakeholder Ad Hoc Meeting #1
July 21, 2023	Phase 2: Survivor Stakeholder Ad Hoc Meeting #2
July 28, 2023	Phase 2: Survivor Stakeholder Ad Hoc Meeting #3
August 4, 2023	Phase 2: Survivor Stakeholder Ad Hoc Meeting #4
August 11, 2023	Phase 2: Survivor Stakeholder Ad Hoc Meeting #5
August 17, 2023	Lived Experience Feedback Session #1
August 22, 2023	Lived Experience Feedback Session #2
August 25, 2023	Phase 2: Survivor Stakeholder Ad Hoc Meeting #6
September 6, 2023	CES Steering Committee Meeting (policy recommendation)
September 13, 2023	Public Feedback Period Begins
September 13, 2023	Public Listening Session #1
September 18, 2023	Public Listening Session #2
September 27, 2023	Public Feedback Period Ends
October 10, 2023	CoC Policies, Procedures and Standards Committee Meeting
October 25, 2023	CoC Board Meeting

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CES Policies and Procedures

Recommended Changes

- CES for Survivors
 - ❖ Incorporate CES for Survivors into the CES Policies and Procedures, including the key components of CES: access, assessment, prioritization and referral.
- Assessment Updates
 - ❖ Adopt the use of the following CES assessments (see Attachment D): Pre-Assessment Screening, Shelter Assessment, Housing Assessment, Survivor Assessment, Stepping Up Assessment, Moving On Assessment and Prevention Assessment.
- Establish a Disaster Prioritization Policy
 - ❖ Add a policy for prioritizing resources in the event of a local, state or national disaster.
- Adopt Clarifying Language
 - ❖ Clarify language related to expanding resources available through CES, definitions and regulations, roles and responsibilities, the use of case conferencing, and exits from CES.

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Recommended Action

- b. Approve revised CES Policy and Procedures including CES for Domestic Violence Survivors, assessment updates, a disaster prioritization policy and clarifying language, as recommended by the PPS Committee.

**2023 CoC Nominating Committee
Recommendation and Update**

Dawn Price, Chair; Becks Heyhoe, Vice Chair;
Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, Secretary; Sarah Jones,
CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination and
CoC Nominating Committee Membership

Business Calendar – Item #3

CoC Nominating Committee

- Each year, the Orange County CoC Board establishes a CoC Nominating Committee to support the annual review of the Orange County CoC Governance Charter (Charter) and facilitate the CoC Board selection process for the CoC Board seats expiring in December.
- As part of this year’s CoC Board nomination and selection review process, the Office of Care Coordination and CoC Board leadership partnered with a technical assistance provider through the California Interagency Council on Homelessness Racial Equity Action Lab (CA REAL).
- The goal of the technical assistance partnership is to act on the recommendations from the C4 Innovations’ Racial Equity Assessment of the Orange County CoC and increase diversity and representation within the CoC Board.

Grand Challenge

- Ensure and promote an equitable, just CoC system where diverse and representative groups (including but not limited to people with lived experience of homelessness) have authentic decision-making power.

Goal

- In advance of October 25, 2023, CoC Board meeting, conduct outreach and recruitment to bring more diverse, representative people (especially people with lived experience who are Black and/or Indigenous/Native American/Alaska Native) to the table to:
 - ❖ Review and update the CoC Board composition, nomination and selection process detailed in the CoC Governance Charter by October 13, 2023
 - ❖ Review and update the CoC Board nomination & election process, by early November 2023

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CoC Nominating Committee

August
2023

- Identified goal to recruit diverse and representative CoC Nominating Committee to review the Charter and facilitate CoC Board nominating and selection process
- Developed timeline of activities and outreach strategy to build diverse co-creators in the work

September
2023

- Communication sent via CoC listserv, CoC Board membership, and local partners to potential CoC Nominating Committee members and interest in CoC Board membership
- Intentionally selected nine (9) CoC Nominating Committee members, including two (2) CoC Board members

October
2023

- One (1) 2-hour onboarding session for the CoC Nominating Committee
- Three (3) additional 2-hour sessions to determine recommended Charter changes
- Reached consensus on final drafted Charter changes to be presented to the CoC Board

CoC Governance Charter: Recommended Revisions

- The CoC Nominating Committee had robust discussion regarding the need for ensuring that the CoC Board selection process is equitable and accessible.
- **Section V.B.2 – Section V.B.4** of the Charter was reviewed in detail, and the CoC Nominating Committee is recommending the proposed redlines as detailed in **Attachment A**.

Section V.B.2 CoC Board Composition

- Changed total number of CoC Board seats from 19 to an odd number between 17 and 21.
- Removed minimum number of years of experience required for CoC Board membership and officer eligibility.
- Removed designated seats and replaced this section with minimum number of people who have specified identities, experiences, and backgrounds.
- At least 30% of the CoC Board must have current or past lived experience of homelessness. As a part of this, the Lived Experience Advisory Committee (LEAC) will be able to elect one person with lived experience from the LEAC to represent them on the CoC Board.

CoC Governance Charter: Recommended Revisions

Section V.B.2 CoC Board Composition (cont.)

- Minimum number of people with specific identities/experiences, including people who are Black, Indigenous or Native American, People of Color (BIPOC), and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, and Asexual (LGBTQIA+), disabled, neurodivergent, and/or older adults.
- Minimum number of people who have military service experience or military service family experience.
- Minimum number of survivors of domestic violence (DV).
- Required personal or professional connections to key partners and systems without prescribing someone as a designated seat for partners or systems.
- The nominating and selection process will include a tool that tallies votes and ensures representation from each of these desired identities, experiences, and backgrounds.

CoC Governance Charter: Recommended Revisions

Section V.B.3 CoC Board Selection Process

- Renaming of the Nominating Committee to Nominating Ad Hoc
- Removed language regarding the “inaugural board”.
- Revised language around the Nominating Committee’s composition and process.
- Updated the nominating and selection timeline.

CoC Governance Charter: Recommended Revisions

Section V.B.4 CoC Board Qualifications

- Added language around commitment to end homelessness using best practices and ensuring compensation for people with lived experience.
- Updated language to reflect CoC Board composition changes.
- Clarified language for phrases that were unspecific.
- Specified connections to other parts of the Charter (e.g., requirement to comply with Conflict of Interest and recusal processes).
- Specified commitment to furthering equity and inclusion.
- Added requirement to participate in ad hocs, working group or committees.
- Added requirement to attend at least 75% of committee meetings

CoC Governance Charter: Recommended Revisions

- The CoC Board is being asked to review and take action on the recommended items related to the revisions of the Charter.
- Changes to the Charter include an awareness that reaching the goal CoC Board composition – representative of desired identities, experiences, and backgrounds – may not happen in one CoC Board election cycle.
- If approved, the recommended changes will be implemented for this year's CoC nomination and selection process, with guiding principles and benchmarks for building a more representative CoC Board membership by **January 2025**.

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CoC Board Candidate Selection

- The new proposed process for selecting CoC Board candidates will include prioritizing individuals who
 1. Are representative of the desired CoC Board composition
 2. Have the highest amount of votes
- The CA REAL technical assistance provider will support with developing a tool with the CoC Nominating Committee for prioritizing selected candidates, grounded in examples from other CoCs

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CoC Board Candidate Selection

- To view video from CA REAL technical assistance coach, Aubrey Sitler, explaining use of the voting tool for the CoC Board election, please visit this link: [Click here](#) (Password: 41p?Fj+5)

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Next Steps

- There are seven (7) CoC Board members whose term will expire on December 31, 2023. There are also two (2) vacant seats.
- As a next step, the CoC Nominating Committee will work with the Office of Care Coordination and CA REAL technical assistance provider to develop a Candidate Interest Form and prepare to open the nomination period.
- The current CoC Board members whose terms are not expiring will likely be asked to complete a similar form, to support with identifying current representation of various experiences and identities on the CoC Board.
- The Office of Care Coordination will communicate to the CoC Board, CoC General Membership, and members of the public regarding next steps related to the nomination and selection process

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Next Steps

October/November

- Nominating Committee outreaches to potential CoC Board candidates.
- Nominating Committee will interview eligible CoC Board candidates who meet criteria.

November/December

- Candidates who moved forward based on their interview are presented to the CoC General Membership for voting/election.

December

- CoC Board ratifies slate of elected candidates by the CoC General membership.

January

- CoC Board seating takes place.
- Outgoing CoC Board and Board staff will provide training and orientation for incoming CoC Board.

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Recommended Action

- a. Approve the recommended changes to the CoC Board composition, nominating and selection process detailed in the Orange County CoC Governance Charter, as recommended by the CoC Nominating Committee.

Funding Recommendations

**Sarah Jones, CoC Manager,
Office of Care Coordination**

Business Calendar – Item #4

Funding Recommendations for Rapid Rehousing Services

- On July 12, 2022, the Orange County CoC Board approved the Rapid Rehousing (RRH) Services recommendations to designate service providers to provide RRH services utilizing Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round 1 and/or Round 3 funding.
- The primary goal of Rapid Rehousing Service projects is to help individuals (adult only households), Transitional Age Youth (TAY) and families (households with at least one adult and one minor child) experiencing homelessness countywide obtain secure, permanent, affordable housing quickly, increase self-sufficiency, and achieve long-term housing stability.
- The Orange County CoC Board is being asked to approve the Rapid Rehousing Services funding recommendation for a new contract term of July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, in order to continue the operation of the Rapid Rehousing Services assisting individuals, TAY, and families quickly exit homelessness into permanent housing.

Business Calendar – Item #4

Funding Recommendations for Rapid Rehousing Services

- In addition to HHAP Round 1 and 3 funding allocated to the Orange County CoC, the Office of Care Coordination will utilize State Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) to fund the Rapid Rehousing Services and maximize funding sources. Additionally, the Rapid Rehousing Services contracts will leverage and utilize other federal, state and/or local funds to support the projects.
- Total funding recommendations to be approved by the CoC Board for Rapid Rehousing Services projects are detailed in the table below.

Agency	Population Focus	Contract Term	Funding Amount
Covenant House California	Transitional Aged Youth	July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025	\$79,207.67
Families Forward	Families	July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025	\$320,359.16
PATH	Individuals	July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025	\$79,207.66

Business Calendar – Item #4

Funding Recommendations for Emergency Shelter Operations and Services

- On August 24, 2022, the Orange County CoC Board approved the Emergency Shelter Operations and Services recommendations to designate service providers to provide Emergency Shelter Operations and Services HHAP Round 1 and/or Round 3 funding.
- The primary goal of Emergency Shelter Operations and Services project is to help persons experiencing homelessness in Orange County, including individuals, families, TAY, and survivors of domestic violence (DV).
- The Orange County CoC Board is being asked to approve the Emergency Shelter Operations Services funding recommendations for a new contract term of July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, in order to continue the operations of emergency shelter programs providing shelter stabilization and robust support services.
- In addition to HHAP Round 1 and 3 funding allocated to the Orange County CoC, the Office of Care Coordination will utilize State ESG to fund the Emergency Shelter Operations and Services with the goal of maximizing funding sources. Additionally, the Emergency Shelter Operations and Services contracts will also leverage and utilize other federal, state and/or local funds to support the projects.

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Funding Recommendations for Emergency Shelter Operations and Services

- Total funding recommendations to be approved by the CoC Board for Emergency Shelter Operations and Services projects are detailed in the table below.

Agency	Population Focus	Contract Term	Funding Amount
Covenant House California	Transitional Age Youth	July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025	\$261,599.88
Interval House	DV Survivors	July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025	\$125,000
Mercy House	Individuals	July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025	\$150,000
Friendship Shelter, Inc.	Individuals	July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025	\$175,000
Pathways of Hope	Families	July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025	\$225,000
Illumination Foundation	Families	July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025	\$225,000
Mercy House	Families	July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025	\$250,000
Family Assistance Ministries	Families	July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025	\$200,000

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Recommended Actions

- a. Approve the following funding recommendations for Rapid Rehousing Services:
 - i. Covenant House California for Rapid Rehousing Services for Transitional Aged Youth for the term of July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, for an amount not to exceed \$79,207.67 to be funded by State ESG.
 - ii. Families Forward for Rapid Rehousing Services for Families for the term of July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, for an amount not to exceed \$320,359.16 to be funded by HHAP- CoC Round 1 and 3 and State ESG.
 - iii. People Assisting the Homeless (PATH) for Rapid Rehousing Services for Individuals for the term of July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, for an amount not to exceed \$79,207.66 to be funded by State ESG.

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Recommended Actions

- b.** Approve the following funding recommendations for Emergency Shelter Operations and Services:
- i.** Covenant House California for Emergency Shelter Operations and Services for Transitional Aged Youth for the term of July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, for an amount not to exceed \$261,599.88 to be funded by HHAP-CoC Round 1 and 3 and State ESG.
 - ii.** Interval House for Emergency Shelter Operations and Services for Domestic Violence Survivors for the term of July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, for an amount not to exceed \$125,000 to be funded by HHAP-CoC Round 3 and State ESG.
 - iii.** Mercy House Living Centers (Mercy House) for Emergency Shelter Operations and Services for Individuals in the North Service Planning Area for the term of July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, for an amount not to exceed \$150,000 to be funded by HHAP-CoC Round 3 and State ESG.
 - iv.** Friendship Shelter, Inc. for Emergency Shelter Operations and Services for Individuals in the South Service Planning Area for the term of July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, for an amount not to exceed \$175,000 to be funded by HHAP-CoC Round 1 and State ESG.
 - v.** Pathways of Hope for Emergency Shelter Operations and Services for Families in the North Service Planning Area for the term of July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, for an amount not to exceed \$225,000 to be funded by HHAP-CoC Round 3 and State ESG.
 - vi.** Illumination Foundation for Emergency Shelter Operations and Services for Families in the North and Central Service Planning Areas for the term of July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, for an amount not to exceed \$225,000 to be funded by HHAP-CoC Round 1 and 3 and State ESG.
 - vii.** Mercy House for Emergency Shelter Operations and Services for Families in the Central Service Planning Area for the term of July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, for an amount not to exceed \$250,000 to be funded by HHAP-CoC Round 3 and State ESG.
 - viii.** Family Assistance Ministries for Emergency Shelter Operations and Services for Families in the South Service Planning Area for the term of July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, for an amount not to exceed \$200,000 to be funded by HHAP-CoC Round 1 and State ESG.

**2024 Orange County Point In Time (PIT)
Count**

Sarah Jones, CoC Manager,
Office of Care Coordination and
Molly Schaner, Census Supervisor, City Net



EVERYONE
COUNTS
2024 Point In Time

What is a Point In Time Count?

A National Movement. Everyone Counts OC is part of a national effort to better understand homelessness. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires all 400+ Continuum of Care jurisdictions across the nation to complete a biennial unsheltered count and an annual sheltered count of all individuals experiencing homelessness in the community at a single “point in time”.



Why do a Point In Time Count?

Everyone Counts OC is an opportunity to collect current information on homelessness in our community, including:

- Number of people experiencing homelessness in Orange County
- Where homeless neighbors are located
- Robust demographic information
- Subpopulation information on groups such as Veterans, TAY, and Families.



The Data is Useful

The survey data helps the Orange County CoC and the County of Orange respond more effectively to homelessness in Orange County.

With the collected data, the homeless service system can:

- Accurately assess the demographics and locations of those in need
- Make informed decisions on housing and shelter interventions (where, what types, and how many)
- Collaborate more closely—from coordinating street outreach and engagement to partnering on case management to shelter operation to housing and supportive services
- Advocate for state and federal dollars to fund interventions



Who is Involved?

- **County of Orange** – including County Executive Office, Health Care Agency, Social Services Agency, OC Community Resources, OC Parks, OC Public Works, OC Information & Technology, OC Sheriff's Department
- **City Net** – lead agency for unsheltered count
- **OC United Way (211OC)** – HMIS lead agency for sheltered count
- **Hub for Urban Initiatives** – HUD methodology and survey tool design
- **Orange County CoC**



Collaborative Effort

- **City and County government**
 - County of Orange
 - Local Law Enforcement
 - All 34 cities
- **Elected Officials**
 - Board of Supervisors
 - Mayors and City Council members
 - State and federal representatives
- **Homeless Service Providers**

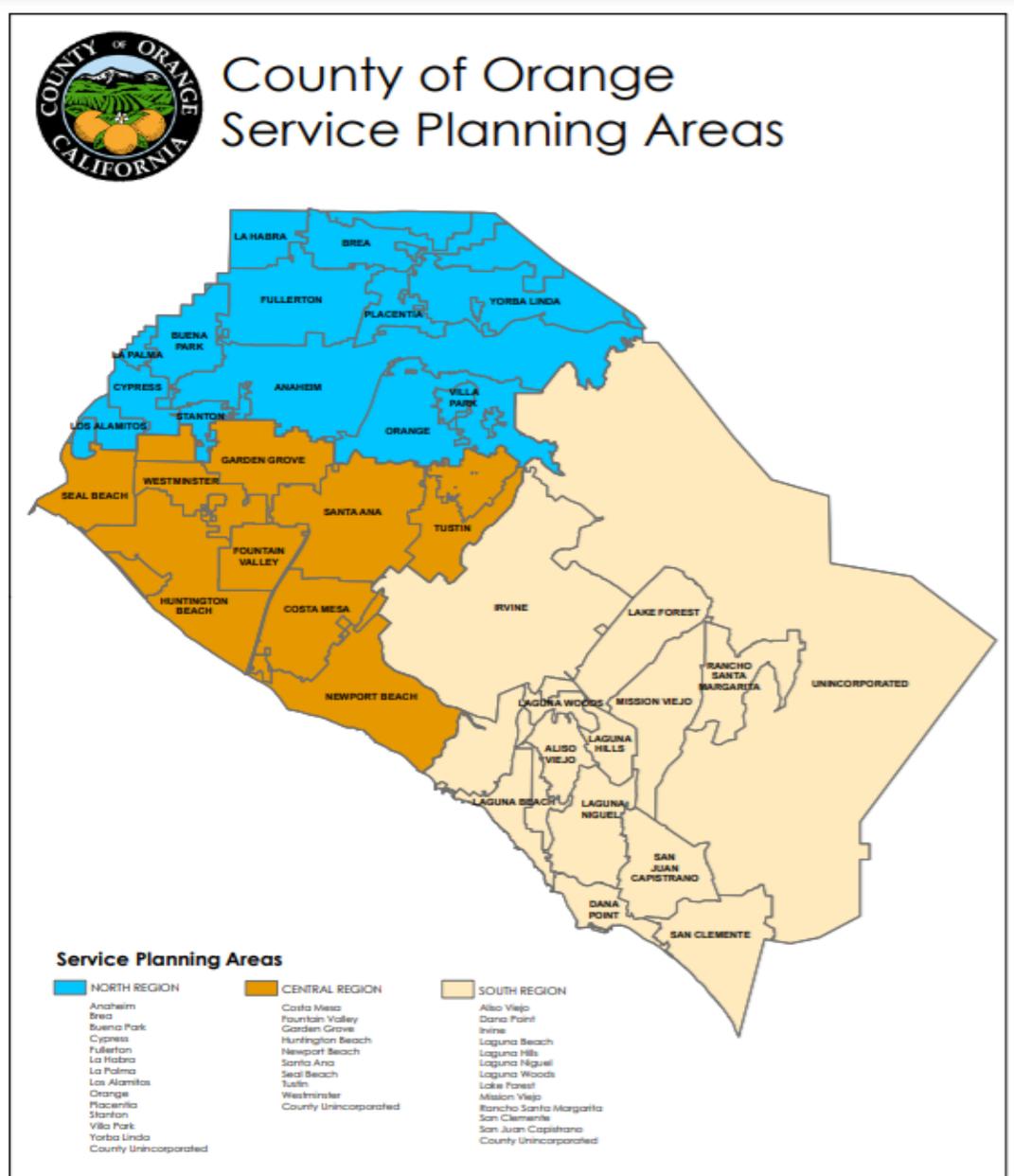


Sheltered and Unsheltered Count

- **Sheltered Count:** sunset on Monday, January 22, 2024, to sunrise on Tuesday, January 23, 2024
- **Unsheltered Count:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024, to Thursday, January 25, 2024
 - Survey-based count, goal is to survey all people experiencing unsheltered homelessness
 - Volunteer surveyors visit pre-identified “hotspots” where people experiencing homelessness are expected to gather
 - Surveyors deployed from local deployment centers to all 34 cities, plus unincorporated areas (~400 maps in all)
 - Access centers for Families and Transitional Age Youth



Two Proposed Deployment Centers Per Service Planning Area (SPA)



Everyone Counts OC Dates*

Central Service Planning Area	North Service Planning Area	South Service Planning Area
Tuesday, Jan 23, 2024	Wednesday, Jan 24, 2024	Thursday, Jan 25, 2024

** Dates of each SPA count are still being finalized*



Planning for the 2024 PIT Count

- The Office of Care Coordination and City Net has convened a 2024 PIT Count Planning Ad Hoc, representative
 - CoC Board members
 - Faith community
 - Local jurisdictions
 - Law enforcement
 - People with lived experience
 - Health care and behavioral health field
 - Service providers focusing on special populations



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HMIS Data Request

Becks Heyhoe, Executive Director of United to End Homelessness, Orange County United Way, Vice Chair and PPS Committee Chair; and

Eric Richardson, Associate Director for Housing, Volunteers of America, and Veterans Committee Chair

Business Calendar – Item #6

Orange County United Way HMIS Data Request

- The Orange County HMIS Policies and Procedures state that “requests for regional or sub-regional data, including data for Academic Research Purposes, must be reviewed and approved by the CoC Board prior to the data being released if the request has not been pre-approved according to the Data Request Matrix below:”

Data Request Criteria	HMIS Participating Agency		Entity Does not Participate in HMIS		CoC Board Sub-Committee/Work Group		CES Administrators ¹	
	Approved	Needs Approval	Approved	Needs Approval	Approved	Needs Approval	Approved	Needs Approval
Aggregate system level data	X			X	X		X	
Program Descriptor data ²		X		X	X		X	
Client-level data ³		X		X		X		X
Ongoing data requests	X			X		X	X	
For use as research		X		X	X			X
For media release		X		X		X		X
For other public use		X		X		X		X

- Orange County’s United Way (Orange County United Way) completed a data request form for the CoC Board’s consideration, in preparation for the Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week and related events.

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Veteran Data

- As part of Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, Orange County's United Way is hosting the first State of Veterans Homelessness Event on November 3, 2023, and requesting data to be presented publicly at this event.
- The data will detail the current state of veteran homelessness in Orange County and will be used to highlight areas of community success in addressing veteran homelessness.
- Orange County's United Way has previously hosted two Annual State of Homelessness events for the last two years, and this is the first year of doing a specific focus on veteran homelessness. The event will feature speakers from the County of Orange, the Orange County CoC, the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Orange County Veterans and Military Family Collaborative.
- The data requested is largely for the period of January 1, 2022, through November 1, 2023, and requested as snapshot as of November 1, 2023.
- Some of the data requested has previously been presented at CoC Board and Committee meetings, namely the Housing Opportunity Committee and the Veterans Committee.

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Veteran Data

The following information is being requested from the Orange County Veteran Registry:

1. Number of veteran households experiencing homelessness in Orange County per calendar year, 2022 and 2023.
2. Number of veteran households that positively and permanently resolved their housing crisis per calendar year, 2022 and (primarily looking for exits to permanent housing)
 - a. Number of veteran households that resolved their homelessness by:
 - i. Moving into Project-Based Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) per calendar year, 2022 and 2023.
 - ii. Utilizing a tenant-based Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) voucher per calendar year, 2022 and 2023.

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Veteran Data

The following information is being requested from the Orange County Veteran Registry, as a snapshot of Veteran homelessness on November 1, 2023:

1. Number of veterans are currently on the Veteran Registry.
2. Number of veterans on the Veteran Registry per Service Planning Area (SPA).
3. Age breakdown of veterans On the Veteran Registry, per HMIS data standards.
4. Veteran Household composition: Individual (adult-only household), families (households with at least one adult and one minor child)
5. Number of veterans experiencing sheltered homelessness and number of veterans expiring unsheltered homelessness
6. Number of veterans experiencing chronic homelessness.
7. Length of homelessness reported by veterans, broken down by the following categories:
 - a. Less than one year
 - b. One to two years
 - c. Three to nine years
 - d. 10 years or longer
8. Number of veterans who reported having a disabling condition.
9. Number of veterans who reported having a mental health condition.

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Veteran Data

The following information is being requested to share the results of a targeted outreach initiative to veterans experiencing unsheltered homelessness in Orange County being led by the Orange County CoC's Veteran Committee:

1. Results of the targeted outreach to veteran subpopulations - families, veteran head of household who is age 62 and older, and veterans who have experienced homelessness for more than ten (10) years.
 - a. Number of permanently housed veteran households per subpopulation.
 - b. Number of veteran households who are currently sheltered per subpopulation.
 - c. Number of veteran households removed from the Veteran Registry as a result of the targeted outreach.
 - d. Number of veteran households who engaged with case workers as part of the targeted outreach.

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Coordinated Entry System Data

As part of the Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, Orange County's United Way is also requesting a snapshot update of the Individual Coordinated Entry System (ICES) and Family Coordinated Entry System (FCES) data dashboards as of November 1, 2023.

The ICES and FCES data to be pulled Nov 1, 2023, includes the following data points:

1. Active Households in CES Project
2. Number of Households without Assessments
3. Number of Households Assessed, not on Community Queue
4. Number of Households on the Community Queue
5. Number of Households Pending (matched)
6. Number of Households Active in CES, Removed from Community Queue
7. Number of Households Enrolled in Housing Project, Pending Permanent Housing

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Recommended Actions

- a. Approve Orange County's United Way's HMIS data request for the period of January 1, 2022, through November 1, 2023, to be used at the State of Veterans Homelessness Event, a public presentation, in November 2023.
- b. Approve Orange County's United Way's HMIS data request for Coordinated Entry System data on November 1, 2023, to be used for public presentation as part of the Orange County's United Way's Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week in November 2023.

Orange County Homelessness Updates

Zulima Lundy, Director of Operations,
and Sarah Jones, CoC Manager,
Office of Care Coordination

System of Care Update

Zulima Lundy, Director of Operations,
Office of Care Coordination

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Commission to End Homelessness Update

- The Orange County Commission to End Homelessness met on Wednesday, October 28, 2023, and approved the 2023 Homeless Survey for submission to the Board of Supervisors.
- The Commission to End Homelessness approved recommendations for appointment of the following candidates to serve on the Commission to End Homelessness:
 - ❖ Adam Hawley, Chief of Police for the City of Brea as the Chief of Police Representative
 - ❖ Gina Cunningham, Executive Director for HomeAid Orange County as the Affordable Housing Development Industry Representative
 - ❖ James Vanderpool, City Manager for Anaheim as the North Service Planning Area Representative
 - ❖ Benjamin Hurst, Director of Operations for The Salvation Army as the Faith-Based Community Representative
 - ❖ Milo Peinemann, Executive Director for American Family Housing as an At-Large Member
- The Commission to End Homelessness also approved to launch a recruitment process for vacant seats and approval of an ad hoc to evaluate alternative housing solutions like Tiny Homes.

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Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round 5

- On September 29, 2023, the State of California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency (BSCH) announced the release of HHAP Round 5 funding.
- Eligible Activities include:
 - ❖ Delivery of Permanent housing and Innovative Housing Solutions such as acquisition of land or building, maintenance and renovation of land to be used as permanent housing.
 - ❖ Rapid rehousing, including rental subsidies and incentives to landlords, such as security deposits and holding fees.
 - ❖ Prevention and Shelter Diversion such as homelessness prevention through rental assistance and problem-solving and diversion support programs.
 - ❖ Operating Subsidies - Permanent Housing including operating costs for programs such as Homekey and operating costs for new or existing residential care facilities.
 - ❖ Operating Subsidies - Interim Housing including subsidies that support ongoing operation and availability of existing interim housing
 - ❖ Street outreach to assist persons experiencing homelessness to access permanent housing and services.
 - ❖ Services coordination, which may include access to workforce, education, and training programs, or other services needed to promote housing stability in supportive housing.
- Application due date – March 27, 2024

Continuum of Care Update
Sarah Jones, CoC Manager,
Office of Care Coordination

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FY 2023 CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

NOFO Release: The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released the CoC NOFO Competition on Wednesday, July 5, 2023.

Funding Available Nationwide:

- CoC Program – \$2,662,000,000
- Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus – \$52,000,000
- Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) – \$80,000,000
- A portion of funds will be available for CoC Renewal Projects and CoC Bonus Projects.

Funding Available to the Orange County CoC (CA-602):

- Estimated Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) – \$30,555,374
- CoC Bonus – \$2,138,876
- DV Bonus – \$2,076,061
- CoC Planning – \$1,500,000

Application Due Date: September 28, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. (EST)

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CoC Consolidated Application and Priority Listing

- On Wednesday, September 27, 2023, the Office of Care Coordination posted a final version of the Consolidated Application and Project Priority Listing E-Snaps document on the FY 2023 CoC Program NOFO webpage:
 - ❖ [FY 2023 Orange County CoC Consolidated Application](#) (final application)
 - ❖ [FY 2023 Orange County CoC Project Priority Listing: E-Snaps Document](#) (final application)
- On Wednesday, September 27, 2023, the Orange County CoC submitted the final FY 2023 Orange County CoC Consolidated Application and Project Priority Listing to HUD.

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Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) Funding

- On September 20, 2023, HUD announced the award of \$60 million to 16 communities under the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP).
- This funding will help the awarded communities in the development and implementation of a coordinated community approach to preventing and ending youth homelessness through a wide range of housing programs including rapid rehousing, permanent supportive housing, transitional housing, and host homes.
- Though the Orange County CoC was not awarded YHDP funding, the CoC plans to continue applying for future opportunities to serve more youth experiencing homelessness.

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FY 2024 HMIS Data Standards Updates

- HUD has released updates to the [Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2024 Homeless Management Information System \(HMIS\) Data Standards](#), which includes the updates to the Coordinated Entry System data collection requirements announced on [July 10, 2023](#).
- The FY 2024 HMIS Data Standards provide the requirements for the programming and use of all HMIS and comparable database systems and went into effect **October 1, 2023**.
- HUD and their partners received feedback and insight from people with lived experience of homelessness who helped make important updates to the HMIS data standards. Among those changes are updates to how race, ethnicity, and gender data will be collected.
- The FY 2024 HMIS Data Standards resources to help CoCs, HMIS Leads, HMIS Vendors, and HMIS End Users to effectively implement these changes are now available on the [HUD Exchange](#).

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National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate (NSPIRE) Updates

- On May 10, 2023, HUD published updates to the standards that it will use to assess whether housing meets minimum quality standards and may be assisted with HUD funds. These standards are known as the NSPIRE.
- On September 18, 2023, HUD published Federal Register Notice: Economic Growth Regulatory Relief and Consumer Protection Act: Implementation of National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate (NSPIRE); Extension of Compliance Date.
- **This notice extends the compliance date for HUD’s NSPIRE final rule** for Community Planning and Development (CPD) programs, HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Housing Trust Fund (HTF), Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA), ESG and CoC programs **until October 1, 2024.**
- HUD is allowing jurisdictions, participants, and grantees additional time to incorporate HUD's NSPIRE standards specific to their own programs and the flexibility to transition to NSPIRE under their own timelines.

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Public Housing Authority Universal Application

- CES partnered with the four (4) public housing authorities in Orange County, Anaheim Housing Authority, Garden Grove Housing Authority, Orange County Housing Authority and Santa Ana Housing Authority, to create a Public Housing Authority Universal Application for applicants matched through CES to tenant-based or project-based housing opportunities.
- Over 300 CES partners participated in the two training and listening sessions hosted by CES and the public housing authorities in August 2023.
- Implementation of the Public Housing Authority Universal Application began on October 1, 2023 and will be used for tenant-based or project-based housing opportunities.

Next Meeting:
Wednesday, November 15, 2023,
from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

