

ORANGE COUNTY
CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD
Wednesday, November 15, 2023
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 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

Nichole Gideon, Individual
Eric Richardson, Volunteers of America
Nishtha Mohendra, Families Forward
Judson Brown, City of Santa Ana
Maricela Rios-Faust, Human Options
Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, Samueli Foundation
[Secretary]
Christina Weckerly Ramirez, Health Care Agency
Jason Phillips, Individual

Kelly Bruno-Nelson, CalOptima Health
Dawn Price, Friendship Shelter [Chair]
George Searcy, City of Irvine
Sandra Lozeau, City of Anaheim
Melanie McQueen, PATH
Robert “Santa Bob” Morse, Individual
Ami Rowland, Covenant House California
Becks Heyhoe, OC United Way [Vice Chair]
Tim Shaw, Individual

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Call to Order – Dawn Price, Chair

Chair Dawn Price called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

Board Member Roll Call – Becks Heyhoe, Vice Chair

Present: Eric Richardson, Maricela Rios-Faust, Christina Weckerly Ramirez, Jason Phillips, Kelly Bruno-Nelson, Dawn Price, Sandra Lozeau, Robert “Santa Bob” Morse, Ami Rowland, Becks Heyhoe, and Tim Shaw.

Absent Excused: Nichole Gideon, Nishtha Mohendra, Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, George Searcy, and Melanie McQueen.

Absent: Judson Brown

Christina Weckerly Ramirez during Business Calendar Item 1.

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 agenda item presentation. 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@ocgov.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.

- No public comments.

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.

- Eric Richardson provided an update on the 2023 Veterans Affairs (VA) Permanent Housing Conference and stated it was a positive experience, the VA representatives were interested in the Orange County CoC Board and the Veterans' Committee.
- Vice Chair Becks Heyhoe shared information on Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week and thanked the CoC Board for approving the data requests during the October 2023 CoC Board meeting. Vice Chair Becks Heyhoe also shared that a video featured the Lived Experience Advisory Committee (LEAC) had been made.
- Chair Dawn Price encouraged everyone to review the materials for Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week available on United to End Homelessness's website.
- Kelly Bruno-Nelson provided an update on CalOptima Health's Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program (HHIP) funding. Kelly Bruno-Nelson shared that round three of funding opportunity should be released in January 2024.

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 CoC Board Meeting Minutes from August 23, 2023**
- 2. Approve CoC Board Meeting Minutes from October 25, 2023**

Robert "Santa Bob" Morse motioned to approve the items on the Consent Calendar. Becks Heyhoe seconded the motion. Eric Richardson, Maricela Rios-Faust, Christina Weckerly Ramirez, Jason Phillips, Kelly Bruno-Nelson, Dawn Price, Sandra Lozeau, Robert "Santa Bob" Morse, Ami Rowland, and Becks Heyhoe voted yes. Tim Shaw abstained. The motion passed.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

- 1. 2023 Homeless Survey Presentation** – Doug Becht, Director, Office of Care Coordination

Doug Becht provided an overview of the 2023 Homeless Survey and a presentation on the results. The 2023 Homeless Survey presentation can be accessed at: [https://ceo.ocgov.com/sites/ceo/files/2023-10/2023%20Homeless%20Survey%20Presentation%20Full%20Deck 10.23.2023.pdf](https://ceo.ocgov.com/sites/ceo/files/2023-10/2023%20Homeless%20Survey%20Presentation%20Full%20Deck%2010.23.2023.pdf)

CoC Board Comments:

- Eric Richardson inquired on the data related to Storage of Personal Belongings. Eric Richardson also asked if the names of the people who completed the survey were noted for additional follow up and outreach.
- Tim Shaw asked about next steps for the recommendations go next and if there is room to create more specific recommendations.
- Kelly Bruno-Nelson commented that the number one discussed service was shelter and noted the percentage of people accessing shelter. Kelly Bruno-Nelson stated that shelters should be trauma informed and inquired as to how the trauma informed model is implemented in shelters.
- Vice Chair Becks Heyhoe asked when the 2023 Homeless Survey would go to the Board of Supervisors and noted the importance for the CoC Board to know this so they could attend the meeting. Vice Chair Becks Heyhoe inquired as how this information can be utilized to promote system change.
- Maricela Rios-Faust stated that the survey creates an opportunity to look at the homeless response system and work together with the Commission to End Homelessness. It also provides an opportunity to align the survey results with the strategic vision of the CoC Board. Maricela Rios-Faust noted that the data can help destigmatize and change beliefs as to why people are currently experiencing homelessness.
- Robert “Santa Bob” Morse thanked the CoC Board for their interest and questions.
- Chair Dawn Price shared that the 2023 Homeless Survey was presented to the Lived Experience Advisory Committee (LEAC). Chair Dawn Price encouraged that any effort regarding outreach should include the frontline staff and shared that survey results by city could be used to review and evaluate the different models of outreach that currently exist to provide recommendations for best practices.

2. 2023 CoC Nominating Committee Update – Sarah Jones, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination and CoC Nominating Committee Membership

Sarah Jones provided background on the CoC Board Nomination and Election process. The Office of Care Coordination as the Collaborative Applicant of the Orange County CoC is accepting CoC Board nominations from Wednesday, November 8, 2023, to Friday, November 17, 2023. The Orange County CoC is looking to recruit seven (7) to eleven (11) members for the current nomination and election process.

CoC Board Comments:

- Eric Richardson shared that the Candidate Interest Form had changed since it was first released and cautioned other individuals who may have started the Candidate Interest Form but not completed the form to revisit the entire document.
- Maricela-Rios Faust noted that it would be a good idea to send an email update regarding the Candidate Interest Form changes.

3. CoC Code of Conduct Ad Hoc Update – Sarah Jones, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination; Maricela Rios-Faust, CoC Board Member and Domestic Violence Committee Chair; Robert Morse, CoC Board and Lived Experience Advisory Committee Member; and Ami Rowland, CoC Board Member

At the September 11, 2023, special meeting, the CoC Board approved establishing an ad hoc to develop and recommend a code of conduct for the Orange County CoC Board meetings, considering the Brown Act and

other local policies. Ami Rowland shared information regarding the proposed values for the CoC Code of Conduct and Maricela Rios-Faust shared that one of the approaches is reviewing the Racial Equity Analysis completed by C4 Innovations and incorporate recommendations into the CoC Code of Conduct.

4. 2024 Orange County Point In Time Count Update – Sarah Jones, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination

The Point In Time (PIT) Count is a count and survey of people experiencing homelessness on a given night during the last ten days in January. The count provides vital information that helps the County of Orange and the Orange County CoC better understand homelessness in the community and guides the response to homelessness in Orange County. In 2024, the PIT sheltered count will occur on the night of January 22, 2024, and the PIT unsheltered count will begin on Tuesday, January 23 through Thursday, January 25, 2024.

CoC Board Comments:

- Vice Chair Becks Heyhoe inquired on Families and Transitional Age Youth focused efforts to best survey the populations.
- Eric Richardson inquired on the hours of the events and volunteering opportunities.

5. Orange County Homelessness Updates – Zulima Lundy, Director of Operations and Sarah Jones, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination

a. System of Care Update – Zulima Lundy provided the following System of Care Update:

- Zulima Lundy provided an update on the Commission to End Homelessness Recruitment. The Orange County’s Office of Care Coordination is seeking applications from Orange County residents to serve on the Commission to End Homelessness. Recruitment is being conducted to fill two vacant seats on the Commission to End Homelessness.

b. Continuum of Care Updates – Sarah Jones provided the following Continuum of Care Updates:

- On November 8, 2023, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced the release of the Youth Homelessness System Improvement (YHSI) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). Approximately \$50 million is available for grants that will focus on systemic change to either improve or create response systems for youth at risk of homelessness or experiencing homelessness by funding projects that create and build capacity for Youth Action Boards; establish regional committees on youth homelessness to direct efforts across multiple systems including education, justice, and child welfare; collect and use data on youth at risk of homelessness and youth experiencing homelessness; develop strong leaders within a community; and improve the coordination, communication, operation, and administration of homeless assistance projects to better serve youth, including prevention and diversion strategies. The YHSI NOFO application is due on February 15, 2024.
- On October 12, 2023, HUD announced the release of the FY 2023 Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities (Capital Advance) NOFO. Approximately \$106 million in funding is available through this NOFO. The Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities Program aims to expand the supply of integrated affordable housing by providing Capital Advance funding for the development of permanent supportive rental housing for very-low-income persons with disabilities who are 18 years of age or older and less than 62 years of age at entry. The application is due on February 12, 2024.
- On October 12, 2023, HUD announced the release of the FY 2023 Section 811 Project Rental Assistance for Persons with Disabilities NOFO. Approximately \$106 million in funding is available through this NOFO. The Section 811 Project Rental Assistance (811 PRA) program provides funding to state housing and other appropriate agencies for project-based rental operating assistance for extremely low-income persons with disabilities. The application is due on February 12, 2024.

CoC Board Comment:

- Chair Dawn Price asked if a Technical Assistance provider can assist with applying for the YHSI NOFO.

Becks Heyhoe motioned to adjourn the meeting. Sandra Lozeau seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

6. Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 20, 2023, from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.