



**Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC)  
Board Meeting  
December 20, 2023**

# Public Comments

# Board Member Comments

# Consent Calendar

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1. Approve CoC Board Meeting Minutes from November 15, 2023
2. Approve the 2024 CoC Board and Committee Meeting Calendar, including the extension of CoC Board meetings to three (3) hours to be scheduled from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

# Business Calendar

**CoC Board Recommendations**

Sarah Jones, CoC Manager,  
Office of Care Coordination and CoC  
Nominating Committee Membership

# Business Calendar – Item #1

## CoC Nominating Ad Hoc

- The 2023 CoC Nominating Ad Hoc (Ad Hoc), the Office of Care Coordination and CoC Board officers partnered with a technical assistance provider through California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH) Racial Equity Action Lab (CA REAL) to increase diversity and representation within the CoC Board
- Key activities to highlight the creation and work of the Ad Hoc include:
  - ❖ Invitation from CoC Board and Office of Care Coordination to apply for and participate in the Ad Hoc, emphasizing desire for diverse experiences and identities.
  - ❖ Targeted outreach to individuals interested in becoming CoC Board members prior to the nomination period.
  - ❖ Review of the Orange County CoC Governance Charter (Charter) to identify key goals for increasing diversity in the CoC Board membership.
  - ❖ Creation of a candidate interest form that intentionally requested information on identities, experiences, and backgrounds of candidates.
  - ❖ Stronger marketing and communication of CoC Board nomination period, including a video and flyer shared via social media, distribution lists and other platforms.
  - ❖ Development of standardized interview questions and candidate engagement process, including goals for “screening-in” candidates.
  - ❖ Facilitation of candidate interviews to review eligibility for the CoC Board.

# Business Calendar – Item #1

## CoC Governance Charter Revisions

- At the October 25, 2023, meeting, the CoC Board membership approved the Charter revisions, as recommended by the by the Ad Hoc.
- The approved revisions changed the total number of CoC Board seats from 19 to an odd number between 17 and 21, **removed designated seats and replaced with minimum number of people who have specified identities, experiences, and backgrounds**, 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.
- The Charter indicated that by January 2025, the makeup of the CoC Board shall include at least the minimum number of people of the identities, experiences, and backgrounds reflected in the CoC Board Governance Charter.

# Business Calendar – Item #1

## CoC Governance Charter Revisions

- Due to CoC Board seat designations being removed from the Charter, the CoC Board is being asked to approve removal of seat designations for the following CoC Board members, whose terms expire December 31, 2024:
  - i. Judson Brown
  - ii. Kelly Bruno-Nelson
  - iii. Sandra Lozeau
  - iv. Melanie McQueen
  - v. Robert Morse
  - vi. Jason Phillips
  - vii. Maricela Rios-Faust
  - viii. Ami Rowland
  - ix. Christina Weckerly-Ramirez

# Business Calendar – Item #1

## CoC Board Nomination and Election

- The Ad Hoc and Office of Care Coordination on behalf of the Orange County CoC facilitated the annual CoC Board nomination and election process.
- There are seven (7) CoC Board members whose term will expire on December 31, 2023.
- There are also two (2) vacant seats.

Board Member
Eric Richardson
Nishtha Mohendra
Dr. Shauntina Sorrells
George Searcy
Dawn Price
Becks Heyhoe
Tim Shaw
VACANT
VACANT

# Business Calendar – Item #1

## CoC Board Nomination and Timeline

DATE*	TIMELINE ACTIVITY
November 8, 2023	Nomination period opens
November 9, 2023	Orange County CoC Board Nomination and Election Process Informational Session for the CoC General Membership
November 17, 2023	Nomination period closes
November 20, 2023	Candidate Interest Forms are due New and Updated CoC General Membership Forms due
November 27 – December 1, 2023	Candidate Interviews facilitated by CoC Nominating Ad Hoc
December 5, 2023	CoC Nominating Ad Hoc to recommend candidates for selection by the CoC General Membership
December 6, 2023	Virtual Candidate Meet and Greet Voting period opens
December 12, 2023	Voting period closes at 12:00 p.m.
December 20, 2023	Selected candidates are presented to the CoC Board for ratification



# Business Calendar – Item #1

## CoC Board Election Process and Results

- The Office of Care Coordination provided email communication with a link to the online voting survey, as well as provided a link to the voting survey on the CoC Board Nomination and Election webpage.
- Following the voting period, the Ad Hoc convened with the CA REAL technical assistance provider to confirm and review election results utilizing a voting tool.
- The Ad Hoc identified the ability to meet all minimum requirements in this election cycle, even though the Charter provided benchmarks for building a more representative CoC Board membership through two election cycles by January 2025.
- Utilizing the voting tool, the Ad Hoc recommends **11 candidates** to be presented to the CoC Board for ratification to serve as CoC Board members, inclusive of the candidates with the highest number of votes, as well as the candidates who, in order of number of votes received, were the next candidates selected to meet the minimum representation of desired CoC Board composition noted in the revised Charter.
- The Office of Care Coordination communicated with all candidates via email after the Ad Hoc finalized the election results.

# Business Calendar – Item #1

## Recommended Actions

- a. Confirm removal of seat designations for the following CoC Board members whose terms expire on December 31, 2024, to be consistent with the approved changes to the CoC Governance Charter.
  - i. Judson Brown
  - ii. Kelly Bruno-Nelson
  - iii. Sandra Lozeau
  - iv. Melanie McQueen
  - v. Robert Morse
  - vi. Jason Phillips
  - vii. Maricela Rios-Faust
  - viii. Ami Rowland
  - ix. Christina Weckerly-Ramirez

# Business Calendar – Item #1

## Recommended Actions

- b. Ratify the results from the CoC Board election to appoint the following candidates to the CoC Board.
  - i. James Bacon
  - ii. LaVal Brewer
  - iii. Andrew Crowe
  - iv. Becks Heyhoe
  - v. Frank Luna
  - vi. Nishtha Mohendra
  - vii. Talesha Payne
  - viii. Dawn Price
  - ix. George Searcy
  - x. Dr. Shauntina Sorrells
  - xi. Tim Shaw

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

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

# Business Calendar – Item #2

## CES Policies and Procedures

### Review and Approval Process

- Beginning **May 2023**, the Office of Care Coordination worked closely with Homebase, a national technical assistance provider in the field of housing and homelessness, to facilitate a Domestic Violence (DV) Survivor Stakeholder ad hoc and listening sessions with survivors to draft Coordinated Entry System (CES) policies and procedures for DV survivors.
- 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 sessions and in writing.
- The proposed changes to the CES Policies and Procedures were presented and approved at the PPS Committee on **Tuesday, October 10, 2023**.
- On **October 25, 2023**, proposed changes to the CES Policies and Procedures were presented to the CoC Board.
- The CoC Board received public comment related to the recommended action and voted to continue the agenda item regarding approval of the draft CES Policies and Procedures to allow time for the Office of Care Coordination to engage with Victim Service Providers (VSP) on additional feedback.

## CES Policies and Procedures

### Updated Revisions

- Following the additional feedback provided by the VSP, the Office of Care Coordination met with the VSP to receive further feedback and edits to the draft CES Policies and Procedures.
- The Office of Care Coordination provided an additional three weeks for VSP to share additional feedback. Feedback received from the public and VSP is included as an attachment in the agenda packet ([see Attachment C](#)).
- Additionally, as approved by the CES Steering Committee, the Office of Care Coordination convened a Survivor Assessment Tool Ad Hoc for three meetings in November to recommend revisions to the Survivor Assessment Tool. The updated assessment is included as an attachment in the agenda packet ([see Attachment D](#)).
- The Office of Care Coordination worked to integrate the feedback and update the revised CES Policies and Procedures accordingly through each stage of the review and feedback process.

## CES Policies and Procedures

### Updated Revisions

- Following feedback received, a draft CES Policies and Procedures detailing the recommended changes were presented at the special meeting of the DV Committee on **November 28, 2023**.
- The DV Committee reviewed the changes to the CES Policies and Procedures, specifically the inclusion of CES for Survivors and the Survivor Assessment Tool, offering integral insight and discussion to the review process.
- Changes to the CES Policies and Procedures then returned to the PPS Committee on **December 12, 2023**, for review and recommendation to the CoC Board.
- The PPS Committee approved the recommendation to return the updated CES Policies and Procedures to the CoC Board for final approval.

# Business Calendar – Item #2

## 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.

# Business Calendar – Item #2

## Recommended Action

- a. Approve the recommended changes to the CES Policies and Procedures including CES for Survivors, assessment updates, a disaster prioritization policy and clarifying language, as recommended by the CES Steering Committee, DV Committee and PPS Committee.

# **CoC Strategic Investment Planning Tool**

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

### CoC Strategic Investment Planning Tool

- As part of the strategic vision for the Orange County CoC, the CoC Vision Ad Hoc and CoC Board membership have elevated the need for fiscal and/or resource mapping to better understand what resources are present in the Orange County homeless response system and how to strategically invest in housing resources through future funding opportunities.
- At the November 16, 2022, meeting of the CoC Board, Dusty Olson, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Technical Assistance Coach from Abt Associates, provided an overview presentation of two strategic investment planning tools created by HUD: Stella M and Rehousing and Coordinated Investment Planning Tool (RCIPT).
- CoC Board members expressed the value found in both tools; however, it was noted that the RCIPT tool appeared to best meet the CoC Board's desire to assess current system performance and resources available within the Orange County CoC.

### Rehousing and Coordinated Investment Planning Tool – Capital (RCIPT-C)

- RCIPT now has an updated Version 2.0 called **Rehousing and Coordinated Investment Planning Tool – Capital (RCIPT-C)**.
- RCIPT-C is a framework for communities to define and quantify their need for housing supports and services considering the COVID-19 pandemic, and to plan to fulfill these needs with existing and newly available funding sources.
- According to HUD, **successful implementation of RCIPT-C is dependent on identifying a planning group to develop the Coordinated Investment Plan**, inclusive of people with lived experience of homelessness, representatives of populations disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 and homelessness (including, but not limited to, considerations of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, people with Limited English Proficiency, etc.), decision-makers from each of the funding sources the community is including in the Coordinated Investment Plan and leadership from the private philanthropy sector.
- Additional details on the tool can be referenced in [Attachment A](#), the RCIPT-C User Guide.

# Business Calendar – Item #3

## Implementation and Next Steps

- Potential funding to support implementation of tool:
  - ❖ CoC Planning dollars, or
  - ❖ Homelessness Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) grant dollars
- The Office of Care Coordination will identify a consultant to support with coordination of this activity and local planning group
- Identify and engage local planning group and needed stakeholders
- Determine timeline that allows for project to be completed by end of Calendar Year 2024

# Business Calendar – Item #3

## Recommended Action

- a. Approve the implementation of the Rehousing and Coordinated Investment Planning Tool – Capital (RCIPT-C) to support the Orange County CoC's strategic planning for current and future investment of resources.

**CalOptima Health's Housing and Homelessness  
Incentive Program (HHIP) Update**

**Danielle Cameron, Director of Program  
Development, CalAIM, CalOptima Health**



# CalOptima Health

## Housing and Homeless Incentive Program (HHIP) Update

December 20, 2023

Danielle Cameron  
Director of Program Development

### Our Mission

To serve member health with excellence and dignity, respecting the value and needs of each person.

### Our Vision

By 2027, remove barriers to health care access for our members, implement same-day treatment authorizations and real-time claims payments for our providers, and annually assess members' social determinants of health.

# CalOptima Health's CalAIM Strategy

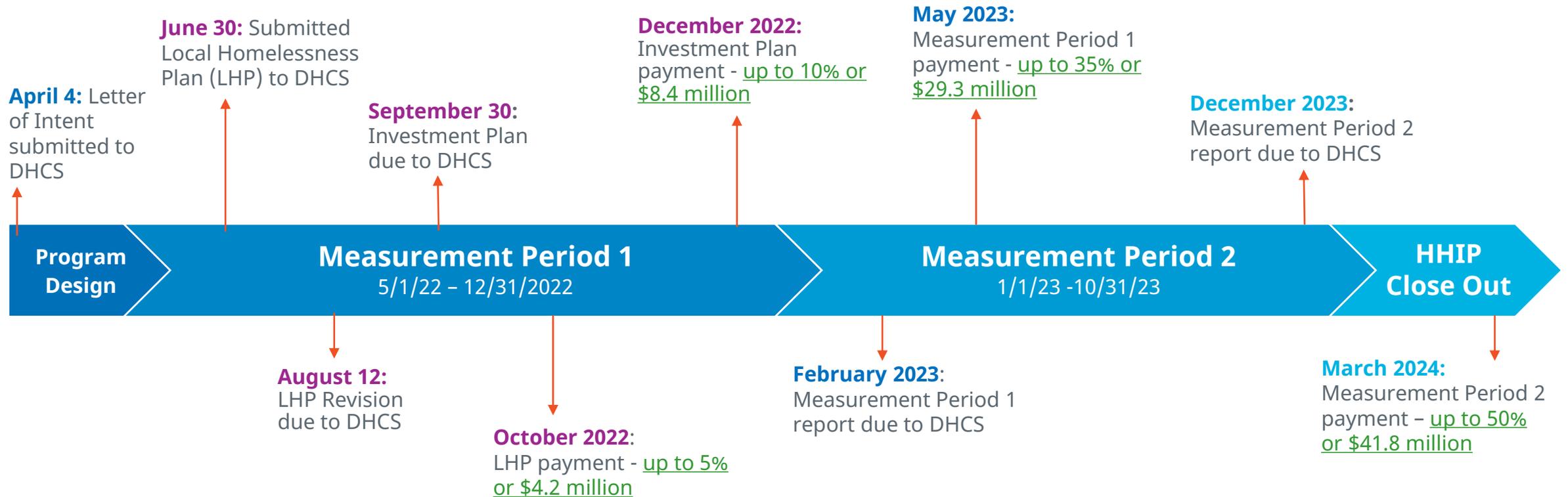
- Work toward eliminating health disparities and provide an expanded vision health care:
  - Create a comprehensive, county-wide approach to caring for people experiencing homelessness, and
  - Fill gaps in service provision for special populations of focus such as the aging and justice-involved individuals.
- The values at the foundation of our strategy are:
  - Centering the lived experience
  - Prioritize projects and programs that are trauma-informed, dignified, sustainable, inclusive, harm reduction, non-residency restricted, low barrier, and aligned with housing-first principles
  - Building up the capacity of providers operating at all levels
  - Champion strategies and best practices with data sharing

# Component of CalAIM: HHIP

- Housing & Homelessness Incentive Program

HHIP is a voluntary incentive program that will enable Medi-Cal managed care plans (MCPs) to earn incentive funds by addressing homelessness and housing insecurity as social determinants of health.

# HHIP Timeline



# HHIP Earnings & Commitments

Timeline	Source	Amount
Sept 2022	CalOptima Health's <i>Board of Directors</i> made an initial investment to launch HHIP.	\$40.1M
Oct 2022	CalOptima earned <i>DHCS</i> Incentive dollars for the Local Homelessness Plan.	\$4.2M (of \$4.2)
Dec 2022	CalOptima earned <i>DHCS</i> Incentive dollars for the Investment Plan.	\$8.4M (of \$8.4)
May 2023	CalOptima earned <i>DHCS</i> Incentive dollars for the Submission 1.	\$22.3 (of \$29)
June 2023	CalOptima Health's <i>Board of Directors</i> committed reserves to support capital projects.	\$22.3
Dec 2023	CalOptima Health's <i>Board of Directors</i> committed additional support for capital projects.	\$25M
	TOTALING	\$122.3M

CalOptima Health will submit the final element "Submission 2" to DHCS by the end of December this year. This is an attempt to earn the remaining \$41.8M.

# Grant Awards And Expected Outcomes

	<b>Priority 1: Delivery of services and member engagement</b>	<b>Priority 2: Infrastructure to coordinate and meet member housing needs (equity and infrastructure)</b>	<b>Priority 3: Partnerships and capacity to support referrals for services (capital)</b>	<b>Priority 4: Innovation and implementation of strategic interventions (systems change)</b>
Amount Committed (\$122.3M)	\$3.6	\$9.85	\$98.4	\$10.53
Granted Out in 2023	\$3.6	\$8.85	\$73.4	\$.35
To Be Granted in NOFO Round 3	--	\$1	\$25	\$10.18

Future earnings will be granted out in future NOFO Rounds.

# Challenges We Heard

- Affordable housing inventory continues to be limited
- Resources for CBOs/providers are finite; significant strategic investment is needed to build capacity

# Approach We Took

- 84 Grants and Contracts totaling \$86M in 2023; an effort to spread the resources
- Focus on capital projects (\$73M) and capacity building (\$13M)
- Dovetailed with Incentive Provider Program funding

# HHIP Investments To-Date

INITIAL INVESTMENTS			
Priority 1. Delivery of Services/Engagement	Priority 2. Infrastructure	Priority 3. Partnership, Capacity and Services	Priority 4. Systems Change
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Direct Contracts with Orange County CoC and Pulse for Good to support:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual PIT</li> <li>Lived experience advisory committee</li> <li>Connect and better integrate with HMIS</li> <li>Pulse for Good kiosks</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12 Equity and 14 Capacity Building Grants</li> <li>Landlord incentives</li> <li>ADU Loan Program</li> <li>Operating support; staff expansion and development</li> <li>Programs serving under-resourced populations (e.g., LGBTQIA+, families, TAY, older adults)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>23 Capital investments in affordable and permanent supportive housing projects.</li> <li>Supporting 1120 units in development, rehabilitation or ground-up construction.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nonprofit Healthcare Academy</li> <li>Launched with 20 nonprofits; second cohort TBD</li> </ul>

PIT: Point in Time Count

HMIS: Homeless Management Information System

CES: Coordinated Entry System

# HHIP NOFO Round 3: Jan 16, 2023

## Future Investments: NOFO Round 3

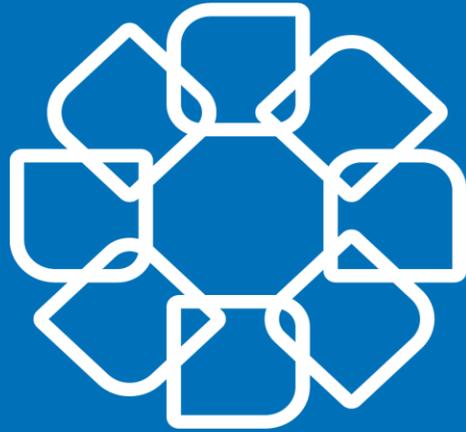
- \$25M for Transitional Housing
- \$10.18M for Systems Change
  - Equitable access to HMIS and CES;
  - Pilot projects that demonstrate increased access to CalAIM benefits or integration of benefits into continuum of homeless services
- \$1M for Equity Grants
  - For programs serving populations that historically experience health inequities

# Key Dates & Next Steps

- Final Submission to DHCS – Dec 29, 2023
- NOFO Round 3 Release – January 16, 2024
- Anticipated final DHCS drawdown – March 2024
- Planning underway for NOFO Round 4 anticipated for July 2024
  
- Also note, CalOptima Health has two other active funding opportunities:
  - Workforce Development  
<https://www.caloptima.org/en/About/CurrentInitiatives/WorkforceDev>
  - CHW Academy and Capacity Building  
<https://www.caloptima.org/en/About/CurrentInitiatives/CalAIM/FundingOpportunities>

# Feedback Needed!

- Have you seen evidence of our infusion of resources? What has been the impact?
  - What continue to be your biggest challenges?
  - What should we consider when designing NOFO Round 4?
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- You can always reach out to me at [Danielle.Cameron@caloptima.org](mailto:Danielle.Cameron@caloptima.org)



# CalOptima Health

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**2024 Orange County Point In Time  
Count Update**

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



**EVERYONE**  
**COUNTS**  
2024 Point In Time

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# Sheltered Point In Time Count

- **Sheltered Count:** night of Monday January 22, 2024
- Orange County United Way (211OC HMIS Team) as the HMIS lead agency will be primarily responsible for facilitating the Sheltered Point In Time Count.
- The 211OC HMIS Team has held two focus group sessions to receive feedback from agencies on how to streamline the process and what additional training may be needed.
- To prepare for the Sheltered Point In Time Count, all entries and exits that occurred on or before January 22, 2024, should be entered into HMIS or the agency's comparable database.
- Deadline for data entry: January 24, 2024.
- If your agency is required to participate in the Sheltered Point In Time Count, please note that **data entry into HMIS must be completed by the deadline**, due to a change in how data is required to be submitted to HUD this year.

# Unsheltered Point In Time Count

## Everyone Counts OC Dates

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



# Subpopulation Efforts

- **Families**
  - ✓ Family service provider participation
  - ✓ Supporting hotspot data collection
  - ✓ Specialized efforts – “Come and Be Counted” events at Family Access Centers during event
- **Veterans**
  - ✓ CoC Committee participation
  - ✓ Supporting hotspot data collection
- **Domestic Violence**
  - ✓ CoC Committee participation
  - ✓ Supporting hotspot data collection
- **Transitional Age Youth**
  - ✓ CoC Committee and TAY service provider participation
  - ✓ Supporting hotspot data collection
  - ✓ Specialized efforts – exploring “Come and Be Counted” events



# Morning Timeline

- 3:30 am: **Set-Up Deployment Center Volunteers arrive**
    - Check-in, support with setup processes
  - 4:15 am: Parking lot attendants set for arrivals
  - 4:30 am: **Team Captain & Field Surveyors arrive**
    - Support with assignments
  - 5:00 am: Survey Teams deploy into the community
  - 5:30 am: **Set-Up Deployment Center Volunteers end shift**
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- 8:00 am: Clean-Up Deployment Center Volunteers arrive
    - Check-in, prepare for return of Survey Teams
  - 8:45 am: Survey Teams begin returning to Deployment Center
  - 9:00 am - 9:30 am: **Survey Teams check out at Deployment Center**
  - 10:00 am: All remaining Deployment Center Volunteers and Survey Teams – **Shift Ends**



# Evening Timeline

- 5:30 pm: **Set-Up Deployment Center Volunteers arrive**
    - Check-in, support with setup processes
  - 6:15 pm: Parking lot attendants set for arrivals
  - 6:30 pm: **Team Captain & Field Surveyors arrive**
    - Support with assignments
  - 7:00 pm: Survey Teams deploy into the community
  - 7:30 pm: **Set-Up Deployment Center Volunteers end shift**
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- 8:00 pm: Clean-Up Deployment Center Volunteers arrive
    - Check-in, prepare for return of Survey Teams
  - 10:45 pm: Survey Teams begin returning to Deployment Center
  - 11:00 pm - 11:30 pm: **Survey Teams check out at Deployment Center**
  - 12:00 am: All remaining Deployment Center Volunteers and Survey Teams – **Shift Ends**



# Deployment Centers – Central Service Planning Area

Tuesday, January 23, 2024



County Administration South  
601 N Ross St, Santa Ana, CA 92701



Freedom Hall  
16801 Euclid St, Fountain Valley, CA 92708

# Deployment Centers – North Service Planning Area

Wednesday, January 24, 2024



Fullerton Public Library  
353 W Commonwealth Ave  
Fullerton, CA 92832



Orange County Social Services Agency (SSA)  
Anaheim Regional Center  
3320 E La Palma Ave, Anaheim, CA 92806



**EVERYONE  
COUNTS**  
2024 Point In Time

# Deployment Centers – South Service Planning Area

Thursday, January 25, 2024



El Toro Library  
24672 Raymond Way,  
Lake Forest, CA 92630



Laguna Niguel Library  
30341 Crown Valley Pkwy,  
Laguna Niguel, CA 92677



**EVERYONE**  
**COUNTS**  
2024 Point In Time

# Volunteer Opportunities

## Team Captains:

- Responsible for building and leading a team of two to three surveyors in the field.
- Responsible for navigating maps, knowing emergency and safety protocols, and understanding the Survey123 smartphone application and survey forms.
- Required to attend a two-hour live or video conference training.

## Field Surveyors:

- To be placed within a team consisting of a Team Captain and up to three additional Field Surveyors.
- Required to complete training either live or via pre-recorded training.

## Deployment Center Volunteers:

- Will assist with setting up or cleaning up the Deployment Center in increments of two-hour shifts.
- Will assist with greeting field volunteers and guests, providing vehicle traffic control, distributing T-shirts and mapping supplies, receiving supplies when field volunteers return from their shift and help with clean-up duties.



# Volunteer Sign-Ups

As of Monday, December 18, 2023, a total of **191 volunteers** have signed up for the 2024 Point In Time count.

## Central Service Planning Area: 73 volunteers

- County Administration South: 61 volunteers
- Freedom Hall: 12 volunteers

## North Service Planning Area: 61 volunteers

- Orange County SSA Anaheim Regional Center: 35 volunteers
- Fullerton Public Library: 26 volunteers

## South Service Planning Area: 57 volunteers

- Laguna Niguel Library: 18 volunteers
- El Toro Library: 39 volunteers

**The goal is 1,000 volunteers, please sign up to volunteer!!!**

- To volunteer to count in the Central Service Planning Area count: [Click here](#)
- To volunteer to count in the North Service Planning Area: [Click here](#)
- To volunteer to count in the South Service Planning Area: [Click here](#)



**EVERYONE  
COUNTS**  
2024 Point In Time

# Live, In-Person Training Sessions

## South Service Planning Area

**Date:** Wednesday, January 10, 2024

**Time:** 12:00p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Location:** El Toro Library – 24672 Raymond Way, Lake Forest, CA 92630

In-person trainings will be hosted in each Service Planning Area.

## North Service Planning Area

**Date:** Thursday, January 11, 2024

**Time:** 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Location:** Fullerton Public Library – 353 W Commonwealth Ave, Fullerton, CA 92832

## Central Service Planning Area

**Date:** Saturday – January 13, 2024

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Location:** Norma Hertzog Community Center – 1845 Park Ave, Costa Mesa, CA 92627



# Virtual Training Sessions

- Live, online training will be hosted on the following dates and times.
  - Tuesday, January 16, 2024, 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
  - Wednesday, January 17, 2024, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- The online training sessions above will be recorded and posted for volunteers to access via the [Everyone Counts OC website](#) beginning Thursday, January 18, 2024

# How You Can Help

## Volunteer Recruitment

- Spread the word about the event
- Encourage your staff to volunteer during the event
- Sign up early

## Donations

- We are looking for the following donations:
  - Snack or hygiene kit donations
  - Gift card or incentive donations
  - Other donations
- Contact Erin Kaufman, Community Resource Mobilization Manager, at [info@EveryoneCountsOC.org](mailto:info@EveryoneCountsOC.org) if you are interested in supporting with donations.



[www.EveryoneCountsOC.org](http://www.EveryoneCountsOC.org)

Email: [Info@everyoneCountsOC.org](mailto:Info@everyoneCountsOC.org)

Instagram: [@EveryoneCountsOC](https://www.instagram.com/EveryoneCountsOC)

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**Orange County Homelessness Updates**

Doug Becht, Director and  
Sarah Jones, CoC Manager,  
Office of Care Coordination

**System of Care Update**  
Doug Becht, Director,  
Office of Care Coordination

# Business Calendar – Item #6

## Commission to End Homelessness

- The Orange County Commission to End Homelessness met on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, and recommended the appointment of the following membership to serve on the Commission to End Homelessness to the Board of Supervisors for approval:
  - ❖ James Vanderpool, City Manager for Anaheim, as the North Service Planning Area Representative for a two-year term.
  - ❖ Kelly Bruno-Nelson, Executive Director, CalOptima Health, as the Medi-Cal Managed Health Plan Representative for a two-year term.
  - ❖ Lisa Kim, City Manager for Garden Grove, as the Central Service Planning Area Representative for the balance of the two-year term ending August 8, 2024.

## Homelessness Prevention and Stabilization Pilot Program

- At the December 13, 2023, meeting, the Commission to End Homelessness received and filed the Homelessness Prevention and Stabilization Pilot Program as proposed by Supervisor Vicente Sarmiento. The item will go before the Board of Supervisors for approval on January 9, 2024.
- The goal of the Homelessness Prevention and Stabilization Pilot Program is to target households who face imminent eviction and provide financial support to keep them stably housed.
- The following are eligible expenses under the Homelessness Prevention and Stabilization Pilot Program:
  - Households are eligible to receive a maximum assistance of \$10,800 through Direct Financial Assistance and Stabilization Payments.
  - ❖ **Direct Financial Assistance** – includes rental arrears, past due utility bills, and forward rent and/or utility bills based on financial need. The maximum direct financial assistance for rental arrears and past due utility bills is \$6,000 per household.
  - ❖ **Stabilization Payments** – recurring financial allocations of \$400, for up 12 months to support eligible households. These direct payments aim to cover essential living expenses, such as rent, utilities, and other crucial needs, fostering stability and preventing homelessness for the recipients.

# Business Calendar – Item #6

## Office of Care Coordination Contract Management

- The Office of Care Coordination is working closely with the County Procurement Office to ensure continued oversight of contracts and respective funding.
- Using expenditure and revenue reporting tools, the Office of Care Coordination will be conducting a detailed review to identify current spend down of funding as well as projected expenditures.
- The Office of Care Coordination will continue supporting providers with spending down funding and managing each contract.

## Cold Weather Shelter Update

- Following the discussion on the Cold Weather Emergency Shelter at the Commission to End Homelessness meeting on August 16, 2023, the County of Orange's (County) Office of Care Coordination reached out to all 34 cities through a letter to explore options for a Cold Weather Emergency Shelter program in each city.
- The letter indicated that the County was open to exploring and funding different operational models. The Office of Care Coordination is currently working with a few cities on potential models that could serve the people experiencing homelessness in their community.
- The County is working on a plan to ensure expanded access to year-round shelters during upcoming inclement weather.

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

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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. The application is due on **March 27, 2024**.
- 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.
- The Office of Care Coordination as the Administrative Entity will complete the HHAP Round 5 grant application on behalf of the CoC.

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## 30-Day Rule for Rent-Related Eviction Notice

- HUD published a proposed rule in the Federal Register, which, if finalized, would **require public housing agencies to provide tenants with written notification** at least 30 days before filing in court for eviction due to nonpayment of rent.
- The proposed rule would affect an estimated 3.9 million people in 2.2 million households – 1.7 million people in 840,000 households in public housing and 2.2 million people in 1.4 million households in Project-Based Rental Assistance (PBRA) programs.
- The rule would be **applicable to tenants in public housing and owners of properties participating in HUD multifamily project-based rental assistance programs**. It would also require that the 30-day notice include instructions on how tenants can cure lease violations for nonpayment of rent and information on how to recertify their income and request a minimum rent hardship exemption if applicable to avoid eviction.

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## Youth Homelessness System Improvement (YHSI) Grant Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) published the YHSI grants funding opportunity on **November 8, 2023**.

- **Purpose:** to support selected communities in either improving existing or establishing and implementing a response system for youth homelessness, focusing on systemic change to either improve or create response systems for youth homelessness by funding projects that
  - ❖ Create and build capacity for Youth Action Boards;
  - ❖ Collect and use data on at-risk youth 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.
- HUD is incentivizing collaborative applications that cover large geographic areas (i.e. statewide and across multiple CoCs) and encourages applications that cover multiple funding activities with leveraged partnerships.

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## Youth Homelessness System Improvement (YHSI) Grant Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

- **Eligible applicants:** State and local government entities, CoC collaborative applicants, Native American tribal governments and organizations, public housing authorities, nonprofit organizations, faith-based organizations, and others listed in NOFO
- **Funding available:** \$50,000,000
- **Per project award amount available:** \$200,000 - \$2,000,000
- **Grant term:** 30 months (funding estimated to be awarded in April 2024)
- **Submission Deadline:** **February 15, 2024**

Funding Category	Maximum Award*
Planning and Partnerships	\$400,000
Data	\$300,000
Coordinated Entry	\$200,000
Racial and Gender Equity	\$200,000

\*Maximum amounts doubled applications that cover geographic areas in two or more CoCs or the entire state.

More information, including a recorded webinar that introduces YHSI, can be found on the YHSI website:

[https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/comm\\_planning/yhsi](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/yhsi)

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## Housing Inventory Count

- The Housing Inventory County (HIC) is a point-in-time inventory of housing programs within a CoC that provide beds and units dedicated to serve people experiencing homelessness (or for permanent housing projects, were experiencing homelessness at entry).
- Project types included in the HIC: Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, Rapid Re-housing, Safe Haven, and Permanent Supportive Housing.
- Orange County United Way (211OC HMIS Team) is primarily responsible for the facilitating the HIC on an annual basis.
- The 211OC HMIS Team has held two focus group sessions to receive feedback from agencies on how to streamline the process and what additional training may be needed.
- To prepare for the HIC, the 211OC HMIS Team sent all agencies that participated in the HIC in 2022 their program descriptor, funding source, and bed inventory data.
- Agencies should review this data and submit a ticket to the HMIS Help Desk if any data needs to be updated.
- Additionally, agencies are encouraged to update data now, to reduce the amount of back and forth between the HMIS team and the agencies during the review process in February.

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## Rental Assistance Program Operator Request for Proposals (RFP)

- The City of Garden Grove’s Economic Development and Housing Department issued the Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program Operator Request for Proposals (RFP) for case management and housing providers to operate the Rental Assistance Program (Program).
- The Program will provide a combination of stabilizing support services and rental assistance to eligible individuals exiting the Central Cities Navigation Center.
- The City of Garden Grove is accepting proposals from qualified providers and the submission deadline is today, December 20, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. PST.
- Proposers are required to submit 5 hard copies of their proposals before this deadline, as well as an electronic submission at the following location: <https://ggcity.org/neighborhood-improvement/request-proposals>

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## Affordable Housing and Permanent Supportive Housing Development RFP

- The City of Garden Grove is accepting proposals from qualified firms (developers/proposers) to develop affordable housing and permanent supportive housing units within the city. Proposed developments can be new construction or acquisition and rehabilitation of existing multi-family rental units and be designed to serve low-income or at-risk populations within Garden Grove.
- Proposers should have a minimum of five (5) years of experience in the development and operation of affordable housing projects similar to the proposed project.
- The City of Garden Grove is accepting proposals from qualified providers and the submission deadline is **Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. PST.**
- Proposers are required to submit 5 hard copies of their proposals before this deadline, as well as an electronic submission at the following location: <https://ggcity.org/neighborhood-improvement/affordable-housing-and-permanent-supportive-housing-development-rfp>

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## 2023 Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR): Part 1

- On December 15, 2023, HUD released the 2023 AHAR Part 1, which compiles data from Point in Time (PIT) counts conducted nationally in January 2023.
- The National Alliance to End Homelessness highlighted key data points related to the severity of the rising homelessness crisis:
  - ❖ **653,104** is the **number of people who were experiencing homelessness** during the 2023 PIT Count. This figure represents a record high since homelessness data collection began in 2007.
  - ❖ **12 percent** is how much **homelessness increased** over the course of one year (between the 2022 and 2023 PIT Counts).
  - ❖ **64 percent** of Continuums of Care (CoCs) reported **increases in unsheltered homelessness**.
  - ❖ **46 percent** of **older adults** experiencing homelessness (age 55 and over) live unsheltered.
  - ❖ **60 percent** of CoCs reported an increase in homelessness among **unaccompanied youth** between 2022 and 2023.
  - ❖ **40 percent** is the amount **Asian/Asian American** homelessness increased between 2022 and 2023. This growth is the largest among all other racial and ethnic groups. **Latinos** follow this group with another notable increase in homelessness (28 percent).
- The 2023 AHAR Part 1 can be referenced [here](#).



Thank you to our CoC Board Members  
who have completed their terms!

We are grateful for your commitment  
to the Orange County CoC.

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## **Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, January 17, 2024,  
from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

