



**Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC)
Board Meeting
January 17, 2024**

Public Comments

Board Member Comments

WELCOME

To our new and returning CoC Board Members!

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

James Bacon
LaVal Brewer
Andrew Crowe
Frank Luna
Talesha Payne

RETURNING BOARD MEMBERS

Becks Heyhoe
Nishtha Mohendra
Dawn Price
George Searcy
Dr. Shauntina Sorrells
Tim Shaw

Consent Calendar

Consent Calendar

1. Approve CoC Board Meeting Minutes from December 20, 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 October 21, 2023, through January 12, 2024.

Business Calendar

2024 CoC Board Appointments

Sarah Jones, CoC Manager,
Office of Care Coordination

Business Calendar – Item #1

CoC Board Officer Election

- At the first CoC Board meeting of each calendar year, the CoC Board elects the CoC Board Officers – Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary – to serve one-year terms.
- CoC Board Officers are expected to attend a monthly planning meeting with the Office of Care Coordination, as well as commit to responsibilities outlined in **Attachment A**.
- The nomination and voting for the CoC Board Officers will take place during the meeting, with instructions provided by the current Chair.

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Recommended Actions

- a. Elect CoC Board Officers for the upcoming term:
 - i. Appoint the Chair
 - ii. Appoint the Vice Chair
 - iii. Appoint the Secretary

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CoC Committee Chair Appointments

- Committee governance charters, adopted by the CoC Board on January 25, 2023, identify the Chair and Vice Chair appointment requirements for each committee, including committee chairing responsibilities.
- CoC Board seat designations have been removed within the current CoC Governance Charter, which changed requirements for certain seats to Chair committees.
- Chair vacancies are to be filled by any nominated and elected CoC Board member.
- CoC Board Vice Chair is designated to serve as the Policies, Procedures and Standards (PPS) Committee Chair, as noted within the PPS Committee charter.
- All CoC Committee Chairs attend a planning meeting with the Office of Care Coordination prior to each committee meeting, and carry out additional responsibilities as outlined in **Attachment A**.

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CoC Committee Chair Appointments

- The reappointment of the Service Provider Forum's current Chair, Nishtha Mohendra, will formalize the Chair appointment with the start of her new CoC Board term.
- The nomination and voting for the Coordinated Entry System (CES) Steering Committee, Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) Collaborative Committee, and Veterans Committee Chair vacancies will take place during the meeting, with instructions provided by the current Chair.

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Recommended Actions

- a. Appoint CoC Committee Chairs to fill current vacancies:
 - i. Reappoint Nishtha Mohendra to Chair the Service Provider Forum
 - ii. Appoint CoC Board Vice Chair to Chair the PPS Committee
 - iii. Appoint a CoC Board Member to Chair the CES Steering Committee
 - iv. Appoint a CoC Board Member to Chair the TAY Collaborative Committee
 - v. Appoint a CoC Board Member to Chair the Veterans Committee

**OC Health Care Agency Behavioral Health
Bridge Housing (BHBH) Presentation**

Annette Mugrditchian, Director of Operations and
Anthony Padilla, Planning and Grants Manager,
Behavioral Health Services, OC Health Care Agency

Behavioral Health Bridge Housing Program

Request for Applications (RFA) Overview for
Round 2



MENTAL HEALTH
AND RECOVERY
SERVICES

Annette Mugrditchian
BHS Director of Operations
Anthony Padilla
Grants Manager
Continuum of Care Meeting
1/17/24

BHBH Overview



- Signed into law in September 2022 under Assembly Bill 179 (Ting, Chapter 249, Statutes of 2022).
- California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) will provide a total of \$1.5 billion in funding to county behavioral health agencies and Tribal entities to operate bridge housing settings to address the immediate and sustainable housing needs of people experiencing homelessness who have serious behavioral health conditions, including a serious mental illness (SMI) and/or substance use disorder (SUD).
- Builds on the California Health and Human Services Agency's (CalHHS's) Guiding Principles and Strategic Priorities.
- Enables DHCS and grantees to meaningfully contribute to the implementation of the California Interagency Council on Homelessness' Action Plan for Preventing and Ending Homelessness in California

Purpose and Priorities



- The primary focus of the BHBH Program is to help people experiencing homelessness who have serious behavioral health conditions that prevent them from accessing help and moving out of homelessness.
- The BHBH Program provides funding for **operational and supportive services, not covered under other funding sources, to expand bridge housing implementation.**
- The following priorities drive the implementation of the BHBH Program:
 - This is a critical need, and the focus is on immediate and sustainable solutions.
 - Collaboration will complement ongoing state, county, and tribal efforts to address homelessness.
 - BHBH Program settings will provide supportive services and housing navigation to assist people who have **serious behavioral health conditions** and are experiencing homelessness.

Possible Settings



- Bridge housing settings may be existing facilities, leased or owned by either a county BHA or a provider/partner, that can be converted for use faster than a new capital project.
- County BHAs are encouraged to explore innovative models using existing real estate that can be leased or quickly converted to create new BHBH Program settings.

Eligible Uses



- At least 75 percent of the BHBH Program funds must be used for the costs of operating bridge housing.
- Bridge housing will be established and provided based on community needs and Housing First principles and will include voluntary supportive services.
- Bridge housing must meet the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) habitability standards and, when possible and as applicable, should also meet CoC Housing Quality Standards (HQS).
- Support access to medication assisted treatment (MAT) for substance use disorders and psychotropic medications for the treatment of mental health disorders.
- Prioritize and ensure that eligible CARE Program participants receive BHBH Program services.

Eligible Uses (Cont.)



- County BHAs may implement outreach and progressive engagement strategies to offer and encourage individuals and/or families to enter the BHBH Program.
- Housing navigation and other supports will be made available to assist BHBH Program participants in accessing sustainable, affordable, permanent housing resources.
- Allow for choice, enable people to stay in their “home” communities to the extent possible, and provide for community integration in accordance with all applicable federal and state regulations.
- County BHAs must maximize all other funding sources, including Medi-Cal, to the greatest extent possible and should add new bridge housing beds to the system of care. **BHBH Program funds may not be used to pay for existing services or housing supports that are currently reimbursed, or eligible for reimbursement through Medi-Cal (including Enhanced Care Management, Targeted Care Management, and Community Support Services), funding sources such as Mental Health Services Act-funded programs, or other federal or local programs.**

BHBH Start-up & Infrastructure



- Complete all bridge housing start-up infrastructure activities and make beds available within one year of contract execution. Grantees that make beds available within 90 and 180 days will receive a competitive advantage in future rounds of BHBH Program funding, based on the number of beds made available within these time frames.
- Submit policies and procedures for Rental Assistance to DHCS for review.

Reporting Requirements



- Enter data on the individuals and families served by the BHBH Program into the local Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), as required by AB 977.
- County BH must submit quarterly narrative and data reports that document progress toward improved outcomes.
- County BH must participate in monthly calls, learning collaboratives, and other TTA activities.
- County BH must conduct financial review auditing and fraud prevention, and ensure appropriate uses of funds.
- County BH must Provide required program updates and participate in monitoring and reimbursement reviews with DHCS and/or AHP, as requested.

Allowable Uses of Funds: Operations (Minimum of 75%)



For BHBH Bridge Housing may include any or all of the following approaches:

- Interim Housing/Shelter
 - Could include tiny homes, emergency shelter, motel vouchers or motel-based sheltering efforts, navigation centers, peer respite, crisis housing, transitional housing, recovery housing, recuperative care models, and/or community-reentry and diversion housing programs
- Rental Assistance
 - Submit policies and procedures for review ☐ Short and mid-term rental assistance
- Auxiliary Funding in Assisted Living (commonly referred to as board and care patches)
 - Housing Navigation
 - Must be made available to all BHBH program participants ☐ Participant Assistance Funds
 - Landlord Outreach and Mitigation Funds

Allowable Uses of Funds: Flexible Funding (no more than 25%)



- Outreach and Engagement
- Start-Up Infrastructure
 - While the focus is operations, some BHBH Program funding can be used for start-up costs and to make facilities more available to individuals with serious behavioral health conditions.
 - Bridge housing start-up infrastructure funding is limited to \$75,000 per bed.
 - All bridge housing start-up infrastructure activities must be complete and beds made available within 1 year of contract execution.
 - Examples of allowable start-up infrastructure costs include:
 - contributing to the purchase of property
 - the initial purchase of furniture, equipment, and appliances
 - renovations
 - the purchase and placement of tiny homes and related utility hookups and supportive facilities
 - costs related to facility renovations, including allowable adaptive reuse

BHBH Round 1 Update



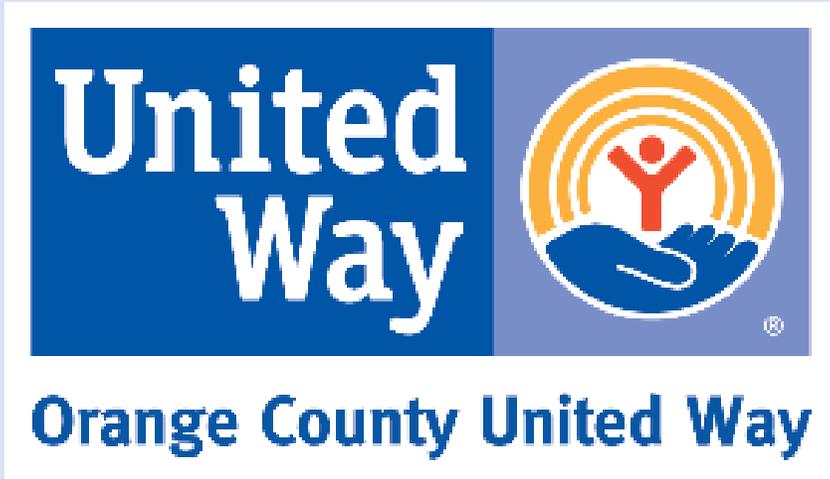
- Received \$31.6 million
- Created 122 new bridge housing beds in OC
 - Garden Grove, Santa Ana, Anaheim, Costa Mesa, Irvine/Dana Point
- Providers Include:
 - Project Kinship, City of Costa Mesa, Friendship Shelter, Grandmas House of Hope, City Net

BOS to approve contracts on February 6, 2024

Thank you!

HMIS Lead Update

**Elizabeth Andrade, Executive Director and Erin
DeRycke, Director of Data Analytics,
2-1-1 Orange County, Orange County United Way**



Get Connected. Get Help.™

Our Partnership

- Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS) Administrative Agency
- Coordinated Entry System (CES) Virtual Front Door for
- 2-1-1 is a three-digit dialing code creating access to 1,000+ agencies and 2,800 programs





GETHELPOC™

211 Connection Center

Provides a free, 24/7 service, easy to-remember 3-digit dialing code

Reliable and curated service information

Enhanced searchability using the Alliance of Information and Resources (AIRS) taxonomy

One stop access point to a comprehensive resource hub of community, health, social and disaster services

GetHelpOC: *a Community Information Exchange and Closed Loop Referral System*

An easy-to-use care coordination and collaboration platform

Increases efficiency and effectiveness of provider partners

Prioritizes a person-centered interventions and interactions across healthcare and human services

Provides access to comprehensive community data

HMIS Team Achievements

October-December 2023

- HMIS supports 77 agencies, 370 projects, and 979 users
- Supported the CoC by providing training, technical support, software updates, and report updates to comply with the HUD Data Standards released in October
- Published Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid Re-Housing, and Transitional Housing Project Performance Reports
- Worked with providers to correct data for Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA) and System Performance Measures (SPM) submissions
- Published Data Quality Report Cards
- Resolved 1067 Help Desk tickets
- Hosted 3 User Meetings with 200 attendees
- Completed 25 agency audits
- Promoted three staff to leadership positions
- Hired 1 HMIS Support Specialist



Opportunities

GOAL: Ensure our alignment and support of the CoC Leadership Vision.

- Data Maintenance
- Accessing and Assessing Data
- Innovation
- Stakeholder Collaboration

Questions?



**Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention
Program (HHAP) Updates and Recommendations**

Sarah Jones, CoC Manager,
Office of Care Coordination

Business Calendar – Item #4

HHAP – Round 5 Application Update

- HHAP Round 5 funding will be administered by the State’s Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency (BCSH) through the California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH).
- **Announcement date:** September 29, 2023
- **Application due date:** March 27, 2024
- More information on the funding opportunity, including all eligible activities, can be found here: [HHAP Round 5 Notice of Funding Availability \(NOFA\)](#)
- 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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HHAP – Round 5 Local Allocations

Entity	Allocation
Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC)	\$8,699,841.23
County of Orange (County)	\$8,346,726.98
Anaheim (City)	\$5,878,393.38
Irvine (City)	\$5,878,393.38
Santa Ana (City)	\$5,878,393.38

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HHAP Funding Recommendations for Emergency Shelter Operations and Services and CES for Individuals

August 2022

- CoC Board approved recommendations to provide funding to designated service providers to provide Emergency Shelter Operations and Services utilizing HHAP Round 1 and/or Round 3 funding.

June 2023

- CoC Board approved recommendations to provide funding for designated service providers to provide CES Administrator services utilizing HHAP Round 1 and/or Round 3 funding.

October 2023

- CoC Board approved additional funding to designated service providers for the ongoing provision of Emergency Shelter Operations and Services.

January 2024

- Recommendation to reallocate the previously committed HHAP-CoC Round 3 and State of California ESG funding for Emergency Shelter Operations and Services for Families to go towards HomeAid Orange County to support the ongoing operations of the HomeAid Family CareCenter and to go towards Friendship Shelter to support with ongoing operations of CES for Individuals .

HHAP Funding Recommendations for Emergency Shelter Operations and Services

Emergency Shelter Operations and Services

- The HomeAid Family CareCenter (FCC) supports families experiencing homelessness countywide access emergency shelter that focus on stabilization and robust supportive services to assist in obtaining permanent housing, increase income and ensuring a household's experience of homelessness is as brief as possible.
- Recently it was determined that the owner of the FCC, Shelter Providers of Orange County, Inc., dba HomeAid Orange County (HomeAid) will be issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) to identify an operator.
- The previously approved HHAP-CoC Round 3 and State ESG funding was to be provided to Mercy House for Emergency Shelter Operations and Services for Families to fund the operations of the FCC.
- As the FCC operator is to be determined following the RFP, it is being recommended to reallocate funding to HomeAid.

HHAP Funding Recommendation for CES for Individuals

CES for Individuals

- The Office of Care Coordination functions as the CES Lead for the Orange County CoC, overseeing three components of CES: Individuals, Families and Survivors of domestic violence.
- Friendship Shelter serves as the CES for Individuals Administrator.
- To support the ongoing expansion and need for increased capacity to operate CES for Individuals, the Office of Care Coordination is recommending the CoC Board approve utilization of HHAP Round 1, 3 and/or 4 CoC funding needed for CES in FY 2024-25.

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Recommended Actions

- b. Approve Shelter Providers of Orange County, Inc. dba HomeAid Orange County for Emergency Shelter Operations and Services for Families 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 of California Emergency Solutions Grant (State ESG).
- c. Approve Friendship Shelter, Inc. as the CES for Individuals Administrator to support with ongoing operations for the term July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, for an amount not to exceed \$63,000 to be funded through HHAP Round 1, 3 and/or 4 funding allocated to the Orange County CoC.

**Youth Homelessness System Improvement
(YHSI) Notice of Funding Opportunity
(NOFO) Update and Recommendation**

Sarah Jones, CoC Manager, Office of Care
Coordination and Becks Heyhoe, CoC Board Vice
Chair and Executive Director of United to End
Homelessness, Orange County United Way

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YHSI Grant 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 (YAB);
 - ❖ 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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YHSI 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

Business Calendar – Item #5

Orange County CoC Application

- As the designated Collaborative Applicant for the Orange County CoC, County of Orange's Office of Care Coordination identified the YHSI funding opportunity as important to establishing and implementing a YAB to further develop a youth homelessness response system.
- Seeking to partner with Orange County United Way to submit a competitive and collaborative application
- In preparing the application, local stakeholders desiring to carry out key proposed activities will be identified, and listening sessions will be hosted to receive public feedback in designing proposal
- Currently, there are plans to apply for funding in all the listed categories and have a community-wide response to addressing youth homelessness from a system level.
- Success of proposed activities is determined by the level that youth with lived expertise are engaged, leading and designing proposed project activities.
- A partnership with the Office of Care Coordination and Orange County United Way will support the engagement of local youth service providers to incorporate youth into the planning and application design process.

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YHSI Listening Sessions

YHSI Listening Session #1	YHSI Listening Session #2
Thursday, January 18, from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Tuesday, January 30, from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Join by Zoom meeting link: Click here Join by phone: +1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose) Meeting ID: 934 8213 6477 Passcode: 526140	Join by Zoom meeting link: Click here Join by phone: +1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose) Meeting ID: 987 8835 1611 Passcode: 275041

Business Calendar – Item #5

Recommended Action

- a. Approve the Office of Care Coordination, as the Collaborative Applicant for the Orange County CoC, to apply for the YHSI NOFO with Orange County's United Way dba Orange County United Way as a subrecipient.

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



EVERYONE
COUNTS
2024 Point In Time

Sheltered Point In Time Count

Date	Activity
Night of Monday, January 22, 2024	Sheltered Count
Wednesday, January 24, 2024	Deadline for data entry
Friday, January 26, 2024	All agencies provided HIC forms by HMIS participating agencies provided Sheltered Point In Time data
Wednesday, February 7, 2024	Agencies submit final HIC forms and Sheltered Point In Time data to 211OC

- 2-1-1 Orange County (211OC) is hosting a 2024 Housing Inventory Count (HIC) and Sheltered Point In Time Count Training today, January 17, 2024, from 2:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.
- 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



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



**EVERYONE
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2024 Point In Time

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
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2024 Point In Time

Subpopulation Efforts

“Come and Be Counted” Events for Families and Transitional Aged Youth (TAY)

- “Come and Be Counted” events will be held by local provider-run Access Points across Orange County to support with counting families and TAY experiencing homelessness.
- These events were implemented as part of the Point In Time methodology in 2019, understanding that families and TAY experience homelessness differently than unaccompanied individuals.
- Feedback from the Point In Time Count Ad Hoc, TAY Collaborative Committee members, local service providers and other stakeholders, supported the refining of the events
- Hosting of “Come and Be Counted” events provide an opportunity to obtain a more robust count of these two subpopulations.



Subpopulation Efforts

“Come and Be Counted” Events

These events will occur from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on the date that corresponds with the site SPA location.

Families

- Families Forward
- Serving People in Need (SPIN)
- HIS – OC
- Illumination Foundation
- Pathways of Hope
- Family Assistance Ministries (FAM)
- South County Outreach

TAY*

- Orangewood Foundation
- StandUp for Kids
- Covenant House
- HIS – OC

**pending confirmation of an additional site*



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 Tuesday, January 16, 2024, a total of **677 volunteers** have signed up for the 2024 Point In Time count.

Central Service Planning Area: 254 volunteers

- County Administration South: 157 volunteers
- Freedom Hall: 97 volunteers

North Service Planning Area: 229 volunteers

- Orange County SSA Anaheim Regional Center: 130 volunteers
- Fullerton Public Library: 99 volunteers

South Service Planning Area: 160 volunteers

- Laguna Niguel Library: 65 volunteers
- El Toro Library: 95 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

Virtual Training Sessions

- The final live, online training will be hosted today, 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:
 - Gift card or incentive donations
 - Other donations
- Contact Erin Kaufman, Community Resource Mobilization Manager, at info@EveryoneCountsOC.org if you are interested in supporting with donations.



www.EveryoneCountsOC.org

Email: Info@everyoneCountsOC.org

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

X (Twitter): [@OCPIP](https://twitter.com/OCPIP)

[#EveryoneCountsOC](https://www.facebook.com/EveryoneCountsOC)

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

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 #7

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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2024 Annual Calendar of CoC Activities

- The Office of Care Coordination will provide regular updates on the calendar of activities for the Orange County CoC.
- CoC Board members have been provided a calendar of CoC activities for the year, for reference today.
- Quarter 1 highlighted activities and meetings are included in this chart for reference, as well.

January

- CoC Board meeting
- 2024 Point In Time Count
- Coordinated Investment Planning Tool – Capital (RCIPT-C) Implementation
- Longitudinal Analysis due to HUD
- System Performance Report Due to HUD

February

- CoC Board meeting
- CoC Committee, working group and ad hoc meetings
- YHSI Grant Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) application due
- Coordinated Investment Planning Tool – Capital (RCIPT-C) Implementation
- CoC Board Leadership Vision (continued work)
- Service Provider Forum

March

- CoC Board meeting
- CoC Committee, working group and ad hoc meetings
- Coordinated Investment Planning Tool – Capital (RCIPT-C) Implementation
- CoC Board Leadership Vision (continued work)

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FY 2024 CoC Program Registration

- The FY 2024 CoC Program Registration process officially opened on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, as announced by HUD, with a submission deadline of 5:00 PM EST on March 7, 2024.
- CoC Program registration typically marks the start of the CoC Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) process for the year.
- The Office of Care Coordination, as the Collaborative Applicant for the Orange County CoC, will complete and submit the registration by the deadline.

Next Meeting:
Wednesday, February 28, 2024,
from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

