

ORANGE COUNTY
CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD
Wednesday, March 27, 2024
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 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

Judson Brown, City of Santa Ana
LaVal Brewer, South County Outreach
Kelly Bruno-Nelson, CalOptima Health
Andrew Crowe, Scholarship Prep
Nichole Gideon, Individual [Secretary]
Becks Heyhoe, OC United Way
Sandra Lozeau, City of Anaheim
Frank Luna, Individual
Melanie McQueen, PATH
Nishtha Mohendra, Families Forward

Robert “Santa Bob” Morse, Individual
Talesha Payne, Jamboree Housing
Jason Phillips, Individual
Dawn Price, Friendship Shelter
Maricela Rios-Faust, Human Options
Ami Rowland, Covenant House California
George Searcy, City of Irvine
Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, Individual [Vice Chair]
Tim Shaw, Individual [Chair]
Christina Weckerly Ramirez, Health Care Agency

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Call to Order – Tim Shaw, Chair

Chair Tim Shaw called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

Board Member Roll Call – Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, Vice Chair

Present: Judson Brown, LaVal Brewer, Kelly Bruno-Nelson, Becks Heyhoe, Sandra Lozeau, Frank Luna, Melanie McQueen, Robert “Santa Bob” Morse, Talesha Payne, Jason Phillips, Dawn Price, Ami Rowland, Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, and Tim Shaw.

Absent Excused: Andrew Crowe, Nichole Gideon, Nishtha Mohendra, Maricela Rios-Faust, George Searcy, and Christina Weckerly Ramirez.

Talesha Payne arrived during Public Comments.

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 24 hours 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.

- Jason Phillips read the names of people who have died without a fixed abode in February 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 February 28, 2024

Robert “Santa Bob” Morse motioned to approve item 1 on the Consent Calendar. Melanie McQueen seconded the motion. Judson Brown, LaVal Brewer, Kelly Bruno-Nelson, Becks Heyhoe, Frank Luna, Melanie McQueen, Robert “Santa Bob” Morse, Talesha Payne, Jason Phillips, Dawn Price, Ami Rowland, Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, and Tim Shaw voted yes. Sandra Lozeau abstained. The motion passed.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

1. Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 CoC Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) – Sarah Jones, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination

Each year, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) releases a NOFO that allows CoCs nationwide to apply for competitive funding. The upcoming FY 2024 CoC Program NOFO is anticipated to be released by HUD in Spring or Summer 2024. In preparation for the release of the FY 2024 CoC Program NOFO,

the Office of Care Coordination as the Collaborative Applicant for the Orange County CoC is seeking approval from the CoC Board to appoint the recommended FY 2024 CoC NOFO Ad Hoc.

Recommended Action a: Appoint Nadia Atalah, Sandra Lozeau, Talesha Payne, Jason Phillips and Larry Smith to the FY 2024 CoC NOFO Ad Hoc.

Becks Heyhoe motioned to approve Recommended Action a. Robert “Santa Bob” Morse seconded the motion. Judson Brown, LaVal Brewer, Kelly Bruno-Nelson, Becks Heyhoe, Sandra Lozeau, Frank Luna, Melanie McQueen, Robert “Santa Bob” Morse, Talesha Payne, Jason Phillips, Dawn Price, Ami Rowland, Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, and Tim Shaw voted yes. The motion passed.

Public Comments:

- Dibool shared concerns regarding the Yale Navigation Center (Yale) operated by People Assisting the Homeless (PATH) as there has been multiple deaths at Yale. Dibool stated that PATH is not addressing the issue of homelessness and that many people experiencing homelessness are not treated well. Dibool asked the CoC Board what they are doing to address homelessness.

2. Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program – Zulima Lundy, Director of Operations and Sarah Jones, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination

The HHAP Program is a grant administered by the State’s Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency (BCSH) through the California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH). The HHAP Program Round 5 provides local jurisdictions with funds to support regional coordination to expand or develop local capacity to address their immediate homelessness challenges as well as prevent and end to homelessness in their communities, including but not limited to projects related to permanent housing, interim housing, and services and system support. Sarah Jones provided an update on HHAP Program Round 5 application, which includes a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Cities of Anaheim, Irvine and Santa Ana, Orange County CoC, and the County of Orange (County). The Office of Care Coordination tentatively expects to present the MOU to the CoC Board for approval in April 2024.

After the February 28, 2024, meeting, a CoC Board Member provided feedback via email to the Office of Care Coordination suggesting the creation of an ad hoc to help with the programming of the remaining HHAP Program Rounds 1-4 funds allocated to the Orange County CoC. This suggestion was shared with the CoC Board Officers, who supported the recommendation to move forward to the full CoC Board. The Office of Care Coordination as the Administrative Entity for the Orange County CoC is seeking approval from the CoC Board to establish the HHAP Program ad hoc to be appointed by the CoC Board Officers to support the Office of Care Coordination with the planning and programming of HHAP Program Rounds 1-4 remaining funds allocated to the Orange County CoC.

Recommended Action b: Establish a HHAP Program ad hoc to be appointed by the CoC Board Officers to support the Office of Care Coordination with the planning and programming of HHAP Program Rounds 1-4 remaining funds allocated to the Orange County CoC.

Sandra Lozeau motioned to approve Recommended Action b. Talesha Payne seconded the motion. Judson Brown, LaVal Brewer, Kelly Bruno-Nelson, Becks Heyhoe, Sandra Lozeau, Frank Luna, Melanie McQueen, Robert “Santa Bob” Morse, Talesha Payne, Jason Phillips, Dawn Price, Ami Rowland, Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, and Tim Shaw voted yes. The motion passed.

Public Comments:

- Elizabeth Hansburg, Co-Founder and Director of People for Housing OC, asked the CoC Board to consider system changes when programming HHAP Program funds and a countywide approach to

access low-income tax credits for units. Elizabeth Hansburg suggested the idea of having an informational campaign to let people know of their tenant rights given recent legislation that has been approved. Elizabeth Hansburg stated that there is a deficit of information sharing and the Orange County CoC has the opportunity to highlight the good work that is already happening.

- Dibool stated that when working on long term permanent housing, people should be aware that shelter is not a good place.

CoC Board Member Discussion:

- Judson Brown inquired if the CoC Board officers and staff took into consideration the unexpended HHAP Program funds and referenced Attachment D.
- Becks Heyhoe thanked the CoC Board officers and Office of Care Coordination who received HHAP Program feedback. Becks Heyhoe confirmed her understanding of the Youth Set Aside for HHAP Program Round 5 and Recommended Action b. Becks Heyhoe requested for clarification on the definition of non-conflicted for the HHAP Program ad hoc.

3. CoC Committee Chair Appointment – Sarah Jones, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination

The Orange County CoC committee governance charters, adopted by the CoC Board on January 25, 2023, identify the Chair and Vice Chair appointment requirements for each committee. Committee Chair appointments are approved by the CoC Board annually during the first meeting of the calendar, following the ratification of the CoC Board membership in December 2023. Nishtha Mohendra communicated the need to resign as Chair of the Service Provider to allow for full engagement in the new role as Chair of the PPS Committee. As such, the CoC Board is being asked to nominate and appoint a CoC Board member to Chair the Service Provider Forum.

Recommended Action a: Appoint a CoC Board member to Chair the Service Provider Forum.

Nishtha Mohendra motioned to nominate Melanie McQueen to Chair the Service Provider Forum via email received in advance of the CoC Board meeting. Dawn Price seconded the motion. Melanie McQueen accepted the nomination. Judson Brown, LaVal Brewer, Kelly Bruno-Nelson, Becks Heyhoe, Sandra Lozeau, Frank Luna, Melanie McQueen, Robert “Santa Bob” Morse, Talesha Payne, Jason Phillips, Dawn Price, Ami Rowland, Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, and Tim Shaw voted yes. The motion passed.

Public Comments:

- Dibool shared that participants at PATH have been mistreated and questioned as to how PATH came to Orange County.

4. Orange County Homelessness Updates – Doug Becht, Director of Office of Care Coordination and Sarah Jones, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination

- a. System of Care Updates – Doug Becht provided the following System of Care Update:
 - The County's Office of Care Coordination is seeking proposals from qualified organizations to provide a Homelessness Prevention and Stabilization Pilot (HPSP) Program. HPSP Program services will be provided countywide for eligible households made up of individuals or families at-risk of homelessness or experiencing a housing crisis and assist with short-term (no longer than 12-months) financial intervention and robust case management. The solicitation closes on April 11, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. For more information, visit the following link: [Homelessness Prevention and Stabilization Pilot RFP](#)
 - OC Housing and Community Development (OCHCD) announced the release of the [2023 Supportive Housing Notice of Funding Availability \(NOFA\) First Amendment](#) making available up to \$32.7

million dollars of Federal HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), HOME American Rescue Plan Program (HOME-ARP), Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) and 15G Reserves, to promote the acquisition, new construction, and acquisition/rehabilitation of Supportive Housing and will also provide up to 218 Housing Choice, Mainstream and/or Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) Project Based Vouchers for extremely low-income households who are experiencing homelessness. OCHCD will accept applications via electronic submittal per the terms of the NOFA. Funds are available until the NOFA closes, is replaced by a new NOFA, or until all available funds are committed via Board of Supervisors action, whichever occurs first. The NOFA is available on OCHCD's website: <https://www.ochcd.org/housing-development/developer/notice-funding-availability>

b. CoC Updates – Sarah Jones provided the following CoC Updates:

- The Office of Care Coordination provides regular updates on the calendar of activities for the Orange County CoC. For the end of Quarter 1 and a portion of Quarter 2, highlighting activities and meetings.
- The National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) hosted a conference in San Francisco from March 4 – 6, 2024. The conference brought together service providers, system leaders, advocates, and people with lived experience of homelessness to learn from each other, discuss best practices, and share new innovations in the field. Presentations for the conference are available on the NAEH website [here](#) for those interested in further learning.
- Abt Associates, technical assistance provider, in partnership with the Cal ICH have developed a webinar on Trauma Informed and Equitable Approaches to Data Collection for grantees and other entities that collect information from people served by the homelessness system and enter data into Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS). This webinar introduces grantees of California state-funded homelessness programs to concepts related to trauma and its presentation, defines trauma-informed and equitable approaches, and applies this perspective to inform best practices in data collection for HMIS. The webinar is available to view at the following link: [Trauma-Informed and Equitable Data Collection in HMIS](#)
- HUD is hosting a series of community conversations focused on successfully implementing the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and survivor-centered housing at the system, project, and human levels. Each conversation will feature a diverse panel of system leaders, project staff, and people with lived experiences from both the homelessness response and victim services worlds.

Public Comments:

- Dibool shared the belief that there is no serious organization that is addressing homelessness and questioned as to why the Office of Care Coordination does not exercise an open-door policy where people can speak to someone from the office directly. Dibool stated that Orange County needs to change their ways.

CoC Board Member Discussion:

- Becks Heyhoe asked if the 218 housing choice vouchers included in the 2023 Supportive Housing NOFA First Amendment are from the Orange County Housing Authority.
- Judson Brown asked for an update on the 2024 Point in Time Count.
- Dawn Price shared information regarding the CoC Program NOFO providing additional funding for changing program types. Dawn Price stated that the information will be shared with the Office of Care Coordination.
- Robert “Santa Bob” Morse provided words of affirmation regarding Melanie McQueen.

Sandra Lozeau motioned to adjourn the meeting. Becks Heyhoe seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous consent. Meeting adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

5. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, April 24, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.