



**Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC)
Board Meeting
March 27, 2024**

Public Comments

Board Member Comments

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1. Approve CoC Board Meeting Minutes from February 28, 2024

Business Calendar

**Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 CoC Program Notice
of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)**

Sarah Jones, CoC Manager,
Office of Care Coordination

Business Calendar – Item #1

CoC Program NOFO

- Each year, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) releases a NOFO that allows CoCs nationwide to apply for the CoC Program, a competitive funding source.
- The FY 2024 CoC Program competition is expected to follow a similar timeline as the FY 2023 CoC Program competition. An estimated timeline is included below:

DATE	ACTIVITY
March 2024	CoC Program Registration submission to HUD
June 2024	Grant Inventory Worksheets (GIW) expected to be released by HUD
July 2024	Anticipated release of FY 2024 CoC Program NOFO
September 2024	Anticipated submission deadline of FY 2024 CoC Program NOFO, includes the Orange County CoC Consolidated Application and Priority Listing, inclusive of new and renewal projects applications

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Orange County CoC NOFO Office Hours

- Following the FY 2023 CoC Program NOFO competition, the Office of Care Coordination hosted one on one debrief sessions with each agency that applied for renewal and new funding.
- In preparation for the release of the FY 2024 CoC Program NOFO, the Office of Care Coordination as the Collaborative Applicant, will be hosting an Orange County CoC NOFO Office Hours session.
 - ❖ **Date:** Thursday, **April 4, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. via Zoom**
 - ❖ **Who's Invited:** Representatives from **CoC-funded agencies**, including executive leadership, grant writers, staff supporting the NOFO application process and/or other agency staff who may be interested in joining
 - ❖ **Purpose:** To **highlight feedback received** from agencies during the 2023 CoC NOFO Debrief Sessions and **share general updates** as the Office of Care Coordination prepares for the FY 2024 CoC Program NOFO competition.
- If you have questions about the meeting details, please email CareCoordination@ocgov.com with the subject line “CoC NOFO Office Hours”.

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FY 2024 CoC NOFO Ad Hoc

- Each year, the CoC Board is tasked with appointing a CoC NOFO Ad Hoc to support with the local competition process to evaluate renewal project performance, establish funding priorities for new and reallocated funding, establish policies for reallocation, and rating, ranking and tiering CoC new and renewal projects.
- The CoC NOFO Ad Hoc is to be comprised of non-conflicted members and will be tasked with providing unbiased recommendations to the CoC Board around the FY2024 CoC Program NOFO.
- Nadia Atalah and Larry Smith are included as recommended members to ensure further engagement of people with recent lived experience of homelessness in the decision-making process for CoC funding opportunities.
- Recommended membership for the FY2024 CoC NOFO Ad Hoc also includes Sandra Lozeau, Talesha Payne, and Jason Phillips.

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Recommended Action

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

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

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

HHAP Round 5 Update

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HHAP Round 5 Update

- The Office of Care Coordination as the Administrative Entity submitted the HHAP Round 5 grant application on the due date of March 27, 2024, on behalf of the CoC and County of Orange (County), alongside the Cities of Anaheim, Irvine, and Santa Ana as regions must apply together and submit a single Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan.
- The HHAP Round 5 application process requires a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Cities of Anaheim, Irvine and Santa Ana, Orange County CoC, and the County. Now that the application is finalized, the MOU is being drafted committing each signatory to participation in, and to comply with, the regionally coordinated homelessness action plan.
- The Office of Care Coordination expects to present the MOU to the CoC Board for approval in April 2024.

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HHAP Round 5 Update

- Following the February 28, 2024, meeting of the CoC Board, the Office of Care Coordination invited CoC Board members and members of the public to share additional feedback and recommendations towards the HHAP Round 5 application via the care coordination email inbox by March 8, 2024.
- The Office of Care Coordination met with the CoC Board Officers on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, to discuss feedback received (detailed in **Attachment A**) and determine any changes to the proposed HHAP Round 5 budget for the Orange County CoC allocation.
- Ultimately, it was recommended that the CoC Board determine what percentage of funding to allocate to special populations in addition to the allocations submitted within the application (i.e., Youth Set-Aside, survivors of domestic violence, etc.), to provide the CoC Board more flexibility to allocate funds to identified special populations.

HHAP-5 COC REVISED PROPOSED BUDGET

Eligible Use Category		Budget
Permanent Housing	Permanent Housing Delivery	\$1,739,968.25
	Rapid Rehousing	\$1,522,472.21
	Rapid Rehousing Youth Set-Aside	\$434,992.06
	Prevention & Shelter Diversion	\$1,304,976.18
Interim Housing	Operating Subsidies - Interim Housing	\$1,522,472.21
	Operating Subsidies - Interim Housing Youth Set-Aside	\$434,992.06
Service Provision & Systems Support	Services Coordination	\$869,984.13
	Systems Support	\$260,995.25
Administration		\$608,988.88
Total Budget		\$8,699,841.23

The proposed budget, previously allocated funding to “Permanent Housing Delivery Youth Set-Aside.” This was moved and evenly split between the “Rapid Rehousing (RRH)” and “Operating Subsidies Interim Shelter” categories.

HHAP Program Ad Hoc

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HHAP Program Ad Hoc

- At the February 28, 2024, meeting of the CoC Board, the Office of Care Coordination provided an update on the HHAP Program Rounds 1-4 funding allocations to the Orange County CoC, as well as an update on the remaining HHAP funds yet to be allocated.
- The HHAP funding remaining allocations for each round are detailed in the table below and further detailed in **Attachment D**.

Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
\$866,457.36	\$0	\$2,822,592.59	\$7,068,782.95

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HHAP Program Ad Hoc

- After the February 28, 2024, meeting of the CoC Board, a CoC Board Member provided feedback via email to the Office of Care Coordination, suggesting the creation of an ad hoc to help target 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.
- Below are additional details regarding the proposed HHAP Program ad hoc:
 - ❖ **Membership:** Non-conflicted CoC Board members, CoC Committee Members, CoC General Members and/or local partners, appointed by the CoC Board Officers.
 - ❖ **Purpose:** Assist the Office of Care Coordination in programming the remaining unspent HHAP Program Rounds 1-4 funds allocated to the Orange County CoC and provide unbiased recommendations to the CoC Board.
 - ❖ **Timeline:** Facilitate meetings in April and bring recommendations to the CoC Board for review and approval no later than the April 24, 2024, meeting. The Office of Care Coordination will support with bringing updates to the CoC Board should the timeline be adjusted.

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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.

CoC Committee Chair Appointment

Sarah Jones, CoC Manager,
Office of Care Coordination

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CoC Committee Chair Appointment

- **February 2024:** CoC Board approved recommended changes to the Policies, Procedures and Standards (PPS) Committee Charter, which removed the requirement for the CoC Board Vice Chair to serve as the designated PPS Committee Chair.
 - ❖ Nishtha Mohendra, has been serving on the PPS Committee as the Chair of the Service Provider Forum, was appointed as PPS Committee Chair.
- **March 2024:** Nishtha Mohendra communicated the need to resign as Chair of the Service Provider Forum to allow for full engagement in her new role as Chair of the PPS Committee.
- The CoC Board is being asked to nominate and appoint a CoC Board member to Chair the Service Provider Forum.

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Recommended Action

- a. Appoint a CoC Board member to Chair the Service Provider Forum.

Orange County Homelessness Updates

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

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

Business Calendar – Item #4

Homelessness Prevention and Stabilization Pilot Program Request for Proposals (RFP)

- The County of Orange'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 Office of Care Coordination is seeking programs that can be operationalized quickly and leverage additional funds to expand the reach and impact of the program upon the target population.
Proposers are encouraged to read the description of the project and all related information carefully.
 - ❖ **Bid Title:** Homelessness Prevention and Stabilization Pilot Program
 - ❖ **Bid Number:** RFP-017-2604003-CR
 - ❖ **Bid Starts:** March 21, 2024, at 5:28 p.m.
 - ❖ **Bid Ends:** April 11, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.
- For more information, visit the following link: [Homelessness Prevention and Stabilization Pilot RFP](#)

2023 Orange County Supportive Housing Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) First Amendment

- 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 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.

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 were provided a calendar of CoC activities for the year at the January meeting.
- The end of Quarter 1 and a portion of Quarter 2 highlighted activities and meetings are included in this chart for reference, as well.

March

- Appoint FY 2024 CoC NOFO Ad Hoc
- Establish HHAP Program Ad Hoc
- Rehousing and Coordinated Investment Planning Tool – Capital (RCIPT-C) Planning
- CoC Board Leadership Vision (continued planning)
- Submit HHAP Round 5 Application

April

- HHAP Program Ad Hoc to bring recommendations to CoC Board
- Meeting of the FY2024 CoC NOFO Ad Hoc
- RCIPT-C: Execute Technical Assistance contract
- Point In Time and Housing Inventory Count data due to HUD
- Estimated release of Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) NOFO Round 8
- CoC Board Leadership Vision (continued work)

May

- Meeting of the FY 2024 CoC NOFO Ad Hoc
- RCIPT-C: Implementation phase of strategic investment planning
- CoC Board Leadership Vision (continued work)
- Estimated 2024 Point In Time Count Data Summary to be released

Lived Experience Advisory Committee Recruitment: Youth Representative



YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE NEEDED!

The Orange County Continuum of Care's Lived Experience Advisory Committee is Recruiting

Who we are looking for:

- ✔ Youth ages 18 - 24 with lived experience of homelessness
- ✔ Desire to use lived expertise to impact system change

What to expect:

- ✔ Monthly Lived Experience Advisory Committee meetings
- ✔ Support and orientation to the Continuum of Care
- ✔ Inform changes in practices, policies and processes for the Continuum of Care
- ✔ Compensation at \$25 per hour for meeting attendance (currently through Visa gift cards)

Apply now!

View the opportunity description and complete an Interest Form on SurveyMonkey.



Interest Form Link:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YouthInterestForm>

For questions or support, reach out to the Office of Care Coordination:
CareCoordination@ocgov.com



- The Office of Care Coordination, on behalf of the Lived Experience Advisory Committee (LEAC), is facilitating the recruitment and selection process for a Youth Representative (ages 18 - 24) to serve on the LEAC.
- If you know of any youth who are interested in applying, please have them review the [Youth Representative Opportunity Description](#) and complete the LEAC Youth Representative Interest Form via SurveyMonkey at the following link:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YouthInterestForm>.
- Interest Forms received by **Friday, April 5, 2024**, will be prioritized but will connect with additional interested youth on a rolling basis until the position is filled.

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2024 Innovations and Solutions for Ending Unsheltered Homelessness Conference

- 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.



Trauma-Informed Data Collection in HMIS Webinar

Trauma- Informed and Equitable Data Collection

- Abt Associates, technical assistance provider, in partnership with the California Interagency Council on Homelessness (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](#)

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2024 VAWA and Survivor Housing Community Conversations

- 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.

Title	Date and Time
Building a Better Emergency Transfer Plan	April 18, 2024 1:00 - 2:30 PM EDT
HMIS and Data-Sharing for Victim Services Providers and Survivors	May 16, 2024 1:00 - 2:30 PM EDT
Coordinated Entry and Housing Problem-Solving for Survivors	June 27, 2024 1:00 - 2:30 PM EDT

- For any questions on the VAWA and Survivor Housing Community Conversations, please email trainings@hudexchange.info

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

