



**Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC)
Domestic Violence (DV) Committee
April 16, 2024**

Meeting Agenda

1. Coordinated Entry System (CES) For Survivors Update – Sarah Jones, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination
2. Funding Updates – Sarah Jones, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination and Maricela Rios-Faust, Chair
 - a. Overview of CoC and State funding updates as it relates to addressing the needs of domestic violence survivors in Orange County
3. CoC Updates – Sarah Jones, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 18, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at The Village at 17th Street Large Community Room located at 1505 17th St, Santa Ana, CA 92705

Public Comments

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Recommended Action

1. Approve the DV Committee Meeting Minutes from February 20, 2024.

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CES for Survivors Update

Sarah Jones, CoC Manager,
Office of Care Coordination

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CES for Survivors Update

- The Office of Care Coordination as the CES Lead began implementing CES for Survivors on January 1, 2024, which allows CES access points and the Virtual Front Door (211) to identify survivors experiencing homelessness and offer them a warm handoff to a victim service provider (VSP) that specifically serves this population, if they choose.
- Additionally, the Office of Care Coordination began trainings in January for CES partners on how to identify survivors through the Pre-Assessment tool as well as with participating VSPs on how to refer to CES for Survivors.
- As of February 2024, the VSP partners can refer survivors to both CES for Survivors for survivor-specific housing resources, as well as offer the choice to refer them (completely anonymized) to the general CES Community Queue.

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Discussion: CES for Survivors

- Would anyone like to share their experience with CES for Survivors?
- How can the DV Committee best support the success of CES for Survivors?



Funding Updates

**Sarah Jones, CoC Manager, Office of Care
Coordination and Maricela Rios-Faust, Chair**

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Background

- At the February 20, 2024, meeting, the DV Committee reviewed the updated CES policies and procedures for survivors and the following updates were provided:
 - VSPs are reporting that **housing funds have largely been exhausted** for the current program year, therefore, survivor dedicated housing resources are extremely limited
 - A **limited number of VSPs are serving as access points** for CES for Survivors
- The DV Committee also reviewed the following policy recommendations from the University of California, San Francisco Benioff Homelessness and Housing Initiative (BHII) report on the relationship between intimate partner violence and homelessness in California:
 - **Promote policies and programs** that center violence and homelessness prevention
 - Promote **equity** in responses to intimate partner violence
 - Increase **access to affordable permanent housing options** for survivors
 - **Increase support for survivors** currently experiencing homelessness

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Background

- Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding is the backbone to California’s response to crime victims’ needs and supports nearly 400 organizations to provide funds for critical services and programs such as counseling, housing services, crisis response, and direct legal services, along with a range of other responses to address trauma and support their healing.
 - In FY 21-22, VOCA funds supported housing for domestic violence survivors and their children, including 354,227 emergency shelter nights; providing transitional housing 180,628 times throughout the year; and supporting 6,882 individuals with housing services through a Housing First approach.
- In March 2024, the United States Congress finalized the FY 23-24 funding bills and California’s crime victim services will receive \$87 million for FY 24, which equates to a 43% reduction from the allocation in FY 23.
- VSPs across California are experiencing a 30% reduction in state funding because of VOCA budget cuts.

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Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program

- 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)
- HHAP provides local jurisdictions with funds to support regional coordination to expand or develop local capacity to address homelessness, as well as prevent and end homelessness in communities.
- At the February 28, 2024, meeting of the CoC Board, the Office of Care Coordination held a presentation and listening session regarding HHAP Round 5 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) application which was made available in September 2023 and due March 2024.
- 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 by Friday, March 8, 2024, with a plan to discuss feedback with CoC Board Officers.

Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program

- The Office of Care Coordination met with the CoC Board Officers on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, to discuss feedback received 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.
- At the March 27, 2024, meeting, the CoC Board approved to 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.
- The Office of Care Coordination will convene the HHAP Program ad hoc to prepare recommendations for allocation of unspent funding from HHAP Program Rounds 1-4, to bring to the CoC Board for approval.

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CoC Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (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.
- At the National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) conference, HUD’s Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS) held a Q&A session and shared that DV Bonus funds are to be made available for FY 2024 CoC Program competition.
- The previous CoC Program competition DV Bonus funds that the Orange County CoC was eligible to apply for is detailed in the table below:

FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
\$2,736,456	\$1,984,683	\$2,076,061

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Analysis

- The VOCA budget cuts are impacting VSPs ability to respond to the needs of survivors and their families in Orange County.
- Having access to funding for a range of housing options (emergency shelter, transitional housing and permanent housing) that is offered by VSPs who understand the trauma, barriers and safety needs of survivors is critical.
- Having resources to ensure that the providers who are serving as CES access points have the staffing needed to appropriately screen and connect survivors to housing options is also critical.
- There is an urgency to advocate for funding allocations for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking to address the funding gaps created by the VOCA budget cuts.

CoC Updates

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

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Upcoming Meetings

- **Commission to End Homelessness (IN PERSON):** Wednesday, April 17, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 - ❖ Location: County Administration South (CAS) County Conference Center, 425 West Santa Ana Blvd. Room 104/106, Santa Ana, CA 92701-4599
- **CoC Board (IN PERSON):** Wednesday, April 24, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 - ❖ Location: CAS County Conference Center, 425 West Santa Ana Blvd. Room 104/106, Santa Ana, CA 92701-4599
- **Coordinated Entry System Steering Committee (IN PERSON):** Wednesday, May 1, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 - ❖ Location: 1501 E. St Andrew Pl., Santa Ana, CA 92705
- **Transitional Age Youth Collaborative Committee (IN PERSON):** Friday, May 10, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 - ❖ Location: Orangewood Foundation, 1575 17th St, Santa Ana, CA 92705
- **Policies, Procedures and Standards Committee (IN PERSON):** Tuesday, May 14, 2024, from 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 - ❖ Location: CAS Multipurpose Rooms 103/105, 601 N Ross St, Santa Ana, CA 92701

Development and Operations of a People with Lived Experience of Homelessness Financial Compensation Coordination Program Request for Information (RFI)

- The Office of Care Coordination as the Collaborative Applicant and Administrative Entity of the Orange County CoC has issued a RFI for the Development and Operations of a People with Lived Experience of Homelessness Financial Compensation Coordination Program.
- The CoC is seeking meaningful engagement with people with current or former lived experience of homelessness, which can include partnering with the CoC as members of the CoC Board or committees, and other relevant CoC initiatives.
- The Office of Care Coordination is seeking a partnership to support in coordination of financial compensation, program operations and development. The RFI could result in a partnership with one or more respondents providing one or more of the requested program activities.
 - ❖ **Project Title:** Development and Operations of a People with Lived Experience of Homelessness Financial Compensation Coordination Program
 - ❖ **Project ID:** RFI-017-2552105-JM
 - ❖ **Release Date:** April 1, 2024, at 5:11 p.m.
 - ❖ **REVISED Due Date:** April 26, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.
- For more information, visit the following link: [Development and Operations of a People with Lived Experience of Homelessness Financial Compensation Coordination Program RFI](#)

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County Procurement Office Supplier Outreach Event

- The County Procurement Office is hosting an annual Supplier Outreach Day and is encouraging all interested vendors and service providers to attend.
- Attendees will gain knowledge on County of Orange procurement and contracting processes and will learn how to better partner with the County to serve the community.
 - ❖ **Date:** Thursday, May 16, 2024
 - ❖ **Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 - ❖ **Location:** Freedom Hall at Mile Square Park
 - ❖ **Address:** 16801 Euclid Street, Fountain Valley, CA 92708
- Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2024-supplier-outreach-event-registration-758041531627>

You can also request to have a table for your organization through the registration link!

OC Procurement

SUPPLIER OUTREACH EVENT

MAY 16, 2024

10 am - 2 pm

MILE SQUARE PARK, FREEDOM HALL

PARTNER WITH THE COUNTY TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY

- Over 4,800 County contracts worth almost \$13.3 Billion
- Over 22 County Departments, 34 Cities/Special Districts and Neighboring Agencies
- Learn how to successfully secure a contract with the County and better understand procurement and contracting processes
- Learn how to leverage the County's Preference Policies

**LIMITED SUPPLY OF
VENDOR TABLES AVAILABLE**

Questions, please contact
vendorinfo@ocgov.com

Scan QR Code to RSVP



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Anti-Trafficking Housing Solicitation Applications Now Being Accepted

- The Office of Victims of Crime (OVC), an office in the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), is now accepting applications for the FY2024 Anti-Trafficking Housing Assistance Program.
- This program aims to develop, expand, and/or fortify funded organizations to enable them to provide housing and related support services to victims of human trafficking.
- Eligible applicants include:
 - State governments
 - City or township governments
 - Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
 - County governments
 - Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities
 - Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)
 - Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
 - Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- The deadline to apply is May 20, 2024, however for [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) an earlier deadline of May 6th, 2024, must be met.
- For more information, visit the following link: [OVC FY24 Anti-Trafficking Housing Assistance Program](#)

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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:

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Location: The Village at 17th Street

Address: 1505 17th Street,

Santa Ana, CA 92705

CoC Board and CoC Committee Materials can be found
on the CoC webpage located at:

<https://ceo.ocgov.com/continuum-care>

For other inquiries, please contact the Office of Care
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