

ORANGE COUNTY
CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD
Wednesday, July 24, 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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AGENDA

Board Members

Judson Brown, City of Santa Ana
LaVal Brewer, South County Outreach
Dr. Kelly Bruno-Nelson, CalOptima Health
Andrew Crowe, Scholarship Prep
Nichole Gideon, Individual [Secretary]
Becks Heyhoe-Khalil, OC United Way
Sandra Lozeau, City of Anaheim
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, Individual
Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, Individual [Vice Chair]
Tim Shaw, Individual [Chair]
Christina Weckerly Ramirez, Health Care Agency

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Call to Order –Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, Vice Chair

Board Member Roll Call – Felicia Boehringer, Continuum of Care (CoC) Administrator

Public Comments: Members of the public may address the 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.

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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. 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 April 20, 2024, through July 19, 2024.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

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

- a. CoC Renewal Funding
 - i. Approve scoring and rating strategy for projects that have not yet operated for a full grant term, including first year renewal, Transition and Consolidation Projects, to be evaluated using only the applicable scoring criteria from the approved FY2024 CoC Renewal Scoring and Rating Criteria, as recommended by the CoC NOFO Ad Hoc.
- b. CoC Reallocation Recommendations
 - i. Accept the voluntary reallocation of \$242,702 in funding from Anaheim Supportive Housing’s Tyrol Plaza Senior Apartments project during the FY2024 CoC Program NOFO.
 - ii. Approve the CoC NOFO Ad Hoc recommendation to utilize the reallocated funding to solicit Permanent Supportive Housing projects that serve Older Adults (ages 62 and older).
- c. CoC Bonus and Reallocation Funding Request for Proposals
 - i. Approve the Office of Care Coordination as the Collaborative Applicant for the Orange County CoC to create and issue a CoC Bonus and Reallocation Request for Proposals to solicit new Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing projects that primarily serve households with severe service needs or designate a minimum percentage of units

to any of the following special populations, including Families (households with at least one minor child and one adult), Transitional Age Youth (ages 18 – 24), Individuals (adult only households) experiencing chronic homelessness and Older Adults (ages 62 and older) as recommended by the CoC NOFO Ad Hoc .

- ii. Establish a non-conflicted review panel to evaluate proposals received in response to the issued Request for Proposals.
 - iii. Approve FY2024 CoC Bonus and Reallocation Scoring and Rating Criteria to evaluate proposals as submitted in response to the Request for Proposals.
 - d. Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus Funding
 - i. Approve the Office of Care Coordination as the Collaborative Applicant for the Orange County CoC to create and issue a DV Bonus Request for Proposals to solicit new Rapid Rehousing and Joint Transitional Housing and Permanent Housing – Rapid Rehousing (Joint TH/PH-RRH) projects that primarily serve households with severe service needs as recommended by the CoC NOFO Ad Hoc.
 - ii. Establish a non-conflicted review panel to evaluate proposals received in response to the issued Request for Proposals.
 - iii. Approve the FY2024 DV Bonus Scoring and Rating Criteria to evaluate proposals as submitted in response to the Request for Proposals.
2. **Orange County CoC Youth Action Board Committee** – Sarah Jones, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination
- a. Establish the Orange County CoC Youth Action Board, as recommended by the Transitional Age Youth Collaborative Committee.
3. **Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Access Working Group Member Appointment** – Felicia Boehringer, CoC Administrator, Office of Care Coordination
- a. Appoint Amy Lazari to the HMIS Access Working Group.
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 Update
 - b. CoC Update
5. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, August 28, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Consent Calendar Agenda Item 1

Date: July 24, 2024

Subject: Agencies and Jurisdictions Approved for Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Access

Recommended Action:

- a. Receive and file list of agencies and jurisdictions approved for HMIS access from April 20, 2024, through July 19, 2024.

Background and Analysis

On June 23, 2021, the Orange County CoC Board approved the recommendation to appoint membership to a HMIS Access Working Group to support the implementation of the updated HMIS Access and Minimum Participation Policy. The HMIS Access Working Group meets monthly with the HMIS Lead and the Office of Care Coordination to review HMIS Access Applications and has continued to refine the process for facilitating equitable review of applications received.

At the May 25, 2022, meeting of the CoC Board, the CoC Board membership requested that the agencies and jurisdictions approved for HMIS access be reported to the CoC Board on a recurring basis. The following agencies and jurisdictions have been approved for HMIS access by the HMIS Access Working Group from April 20, 2024, through July 19, 2024:

- Family Health Matters – North Orange County Regional Health Foundation
- Celebrating Life Community Health Center
- City of Mission Viejo
- City of Fullerton
- April Parker Foundation
- City of Irvine

The Office of Care Coordination, in partnership with the HMIS Lead and the HMIS Access Working Group, will continue providing quarterly updates to the CoC Board to report on new agencies approved for HMIS access.

Date: July 24, 2024

Subject: Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

Recommended Actions:

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 - iii. Approve the FY2024 DV Bonus Scoring and Rating Criteria to evaluate proposals as submitted in response to the Request for Proposals.

Background and Analysis

[FY2024 CoC Program NOFO](#)

The upcoming FY2024 CoC Program NOFO is anticipated to be released by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in early Summer 2024. To support the CoC NOFO local competition process, the Office of Care Coordination, on behalf of the Orange County CoC, has facilitated eight meetings of the CoC NOFO Ad Hoc. On July 5, and July 17, 2024, the CoC NOFO Ad Hoc convened to discuss the strategy for evaluating renewal projects that have not yet completed a full grant term; determine priorities for the CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation projects; and recommend the CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Scoring and Rating Criteria.

The CoC Board is being asked to review and take action on the recommended items related to the CoC Renewal, CoC Bonus and Reallocation, and DV Bonus funding available through the FY2024 CoC Program NOFO.

CoC Renewal Funding

During the FY2023 CoC Program NOFO competition, the CoC NOFO Ad Hoc, in partnership with the Office of Care Coordination as the Collaborative Applicant, discussed the evaluation of Transition Projects in effort to promote an equitable evaluation of all CoC renewal projects. At the July 26, 2023, meeting, the CoC Board approved a scoring and rating strategy for Transition Projects that have not yet completed a full grant term to be evaluated using only the applicable scoring criteria from the approved FY2023 CoC Renewal Scoring and Rating Criteria. The strategy was applied beginning the FY2023 CoC Program NOFO with the commitment to amend year after year, reflecting the most updated scoring criteria. The Office of Care Coordination met with the CoC NOFO Ad Hoc to discuss expanding the evaluation strategy for CoC renewal projects to ensure project that have not yet completed a full grant term will be evaluated equitably. The amended CoC renewal project evaluation strategy would apply to the following project types: first year renewal projects, Transition Projects and Consolidation Projects.

- **First year renewal projects are** eligible renewal project(s) that were awarded funding through the most recent CoC Program NOFO competition.
- **Transition Projects** are eligible renewal project(s) that transition their original project component(s) to another eligible project component.
- **Consolidation Projects** eligible for renewal project(s) that combined two or more projects into a single renewal project upon award.

The Office of Care Coordination met with the CoC NOFO Ad Hoc to discuss a proposed amendment to the strategy to support the success of all projects that have not yet completed a full grant term and ensure fair evaluation against other renewal projects in the local competition. For the FY2024 CoC Program NOFO Scoring and Rating Criteria, this would mean that points allocated to the Unspent Funds criterion would be removed and non-applicable, a portion of the Project Effectiveness criterion point allocation would be reduced and non-applicable and the overall maximum number of points projects that have not yet completed a full grant term can receive would decrease. The CoC NOFO Ad Hoc would then look to the percentage score to assist with the overall rating and ranking of the projects. Additionally, only projects that receive a project performance score will be evaluated with the Project Performance criterion, however, this does not apply to any CoC renewal projects for the FY2024 CoC Program NOFO competition.

For the Orange County CoC, approval of this strategy would impact Pathways of Hope's Permanent Supportive Housing for Families project, Families Forward's Rapid Rehousing for Families project and Friendship Shelter's Friendship Shelter Rapid Re-Housing project. The CoC NOFO Ad Hoc recommends approving the above-described scoring and rating strategy for projects that have not yet completed a full

grant term, including first year renewal projects, Transition Projects and Consolidation projects, to be evaluated only on applicable scoring criteria from the approved FY2024 CoC Renewal Scoring and Rating Criteria. If approved, the recommendation would be applicable for the FY2024 CoC Program NOFO and amended year after year, reflecting the most updated scoring criteria.

CoC Reallocation Recommendations

Reallocation is a process that CoCs use to shift funds in whole or in part from existing eligible renewal projects to create one or more new projects without affecting the CoC's ARD. HUD incentivizes CoCs to evaluate project performance and gives points in the Consolidated Application to CoCs that either reallocate funding from lower performing projects to create new higher performing projects or have a process to review the performance of existing projects and reallocate funding from lower performing projects to higher performing projects. Voluntary reallocation of funding is also an option for CoC-funded agencies. Prior to the CoC Program NOFO competition process, CoC-funded agencies are asked to complete an Intent to Renew Certification survey, which includes the opportunity to indicate a potential desire to voluntarily reallocate renewal project funding – in whole or in part.

In May 2024, Anaheim Supportive Housing reached out to the Office of Care Coordination as the COC Collaborative Applicant to explore whether a voluntary reallocation of the funding for the Tyrol Senior Plaza Senior Apartments project was desired. The Office of Care Coordination supported with reaching out to technical assistance providers and exploring options to support the decision-making process for Anaheim Supportive Housing, centering the support and services for older adults within the Permanent Supportive Housing project. Ultimately, Anaheim Supportive Housing determined not to apply for renewal funding as part of the FY2024 CoC Program NOFO and has remained in conversation with the Office of Care Coordination to ensure housing stabilization and minimal disruption of services to current participants. The Office of Care Coordination provided an update to the CoC NOFO Ad Hoc to support discussion regarding the recommended priorities for the reallocated funding.

The Tyrol Plaza Senior Apartments project currently uses \$242,702 to fund 14 units of Permanent Supportive Housing for Older Adults, with 12 units/households receiving funding for supportive services only and two (2) units/households receiving rental assistance and supportive services. To support the stabilization of households for the project, which will end in September 2025, the Office of Care Coordination recommended that the CoC NOFO Ad Hoc consider reallocating the funds to a new Permanent Supportive Housing project with a similar design. Please note, a new project can also be an expansion project, which combines an existing eligible renewal project with up to two new projects that request funding to expand the existing project. The CoC NOFO Ad Hoc recommends that the reallocation funding be utilized to create a new scattered-site Permanent Supportive Housing project that serves Older Adults (ages 62 and older), to be solicited through the release of the CoC Bonus and Reallocation Funding Request for Proposals. This recommendation will support the Orange County CoC in ensuring current households receiving intensive supportive services and rental assistance will remain stabilized in housing.

CoC Bonus and Reallocation Funding Request for Proposals

The exact funding allocation available to the Orange County CoC for CoC Bonus projects will be announced when HUD publishes the Estimated ARD Report. New projects eligible to be created using CoC Bonus and/or Reallocation funding include:

- Permanent Housing – Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) projects.
- Permanent Housing – Rapid Rehousing (RRH) projects.
- Joint Transitional Housing and Permanent Housing – Rapid Rehousing (Joint TH/PH-RRH) projects.
- Dedicated HMIS project that can only be carried out by the HMIS Lead, which is the recipient or subrecipient of an HMIS grant and is listed on the HMIS Lead form in the CoC Applicant Profile in e-snaps. Additionally, if the CoC has organizations within its geographic area that are victim service providers, the HMIS Lead, or subrecipient, may request HMIS funds for a comparable database. Victim service providers may also request HMIS funds in their project application budgets to enter data into a comparable database.
- Supportive Services Only Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) project to develop or operate a centralized or coordinated assessment system.

The Office of Care Coordination met with the CoC NOFO Ad Hoc to further discuss recommended priorities for the CoC Bonus and Reallocation funding, presenting on potential options based on HUD's priorities outlined in the NOFO process and current needs presented through system data. The CoC NOFO Ad Hoc members present at the July 5, and July 17, 2024, meetings, reviewed the CoC Bonus and Reallocation funding priorities from the FY2023 CoC Program NOFO competition as a starting point. Due to HUD's continued emphasis on serving households with the highest need in the CoC, including households with severe service needs, the Office of Care Coordination recommended the CoC NOFO Ad Hoc consider prioritizing similar populations to be served through CoC Bonus and Reallocation funding. Members of the CoC NOFO Ad Hoc recommended including all households with severe service needs as eligible populations to be served, with an incentive for new CoC Bonus and Reallocation projects to consider designated units for Families (households with at least one minor child and one adult), Transitional Age Youth (ages 18 – 24), Individual (adult only households) experiencing chronic homelessness and Older Adults (ages 62 and older).

The CoC Board is being asked to approve the Office of Care Coordination as the Collaborative Applicant for the Orange County CoC to create and release a Request For Proposals to solicit new Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing projects, with a focus on serving households with severe service needs and/or designating a minimum percentage of units to any of the following special populations, including Families (households with at least one minor child and one adult), Transitional Age Youth (ages 18 – 24), Individual (adult only households) experiencing chronic homelessness and Older Adults (ages 62 and older). Approval of the creation and issuance of the CoC Bonus and Reallocation Request for Proposals will allow the solicitation of new projects into the Orange County CoC.

Additionally, with the release of a CoC Bonus and Reallocation Request for Proposals, there is a need to establish a non-conflicted review panel to evaluate proposals received. Establishing a Review Panel to review and recommend proposals submitted in response to the CoC Bonus and Reallocation Funding Request for Proposals for the FY2023 CoC Program NOFO will support the Orange County CoC in submitting applications that could bring additional housing resources to Orange County. The Office of Care Coordination will outreach to the CoC General Membership and local stakeholders, being intentional with involving members who are representative of those population within the homeless service system.

Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus Funding

The exact funding allocation available to the Orange County CoC for DV Bonus projects will be announced when HUD publishes the Estimated ARD Report. The DV Bonus can be utilized to create new Rapid Rehousing and Joint TH/PH-RRH component projects as well as SSO – CE projects. The CoC NOFO Ad Hoc is recommending that both Rapid Rehousing and Joint TH/PH-RRH component projects be solicited as part of

the local competition process. HUD evaluates Rapid Rehousing and Joint TH/PH-RRH component projects on several criteria, including the CoC's collaboration with victim service providers, need for the project, quality of the project applicant's experience, demonstration of inclusion of victim-centered practices and demonstration of plan to include survivors with lived expertise.

To support the solicitation of new DV Bonus Projects, the CoC Board is being asked to approve the Office of Care Coordination as the Collaborative Applicant for the Orange County CoC to create and issue a DV Bonus Request for Proposal to solicit new Rapid Rehousing and Joint Transitional Housing/Permanent Housing-Rapid Re-housing projects that primarily serve households with severe service needs as recommended by the CoC NOFO Ad Hoc. Approval of the creation and issuance of the DV Bonus Request for Proposal will allow the solicitation of new projects into the Orange County CoC. Additionally, with the release of a DV Bonus Request for Proposals, there is a need to establish an additional non-conflicted review panel to evaluate proposals received. Establishing a Review Panel to review and recommend proposals submitted in response to the DV Bonus Request for Proposals for the FY2024 CoC Program NOFO will support the Orange County CoC in submitting applications that could bring additional housing resources to Orange County that serve survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. The Office of Care Coordination will outreach to the CoC General Membership and local stakeholders, being intentional with involving members who are representative of those population within the homeless service system, specifically those with expertise in working with survivors.

Scoring and Rating Criteria for the CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and/or Reallocation projects

The FY2024 CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Scoring and Rating Criteria is to be utilized to determine the evaluation, tiering and Project Priority Listing for CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and/or Reallocation projects as part of the annual CoC Program grant application. Each year, HUD highlights homeless policy priorities and specific application components that are highlighted in the scoring criteria within the published NOFO. Utilizing the FY2023 CoC Program NOFO CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and/or Reallocation projects Scoring and Rating Criteria as a starting point, the CoC NOFO Ad Hoc and the Office of Care Coordination developed the FY2024 CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and/or Reallocation Scoring and Rating Criteria to evaluate new project applications received. As detailed above, the CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Scoring and Rating Criteria includes criteria informed by HUD's emphasis on serving households with the highest need in the CoC, including households with severe service needs. Additionally, because HUD is requiring the leveraging of housing and healthcare resources for new Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing projects to be funded through CoC Bonus and Reallocation funding, the proposed Scoring and Rating Criteria includes an allocation of 20 points for the leveraging of resources – which was first introduced in 2023's CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Scoring and Rating Criteria.

The CoC NOFO Ad Hoc also recommended evaluating new project proposals on the ability to center equity and accessibility in the project design and implementation and discussed prioritizing Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer or Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, and Other Gender or Sexual Identities (LGBTQIA+) populations to be served under the CoC Bonus and Reallocation funded projects. To reflect the CoC NOFO Ad Hoc recommendation, the Office of Care Coordination included a description for evaluation of a project's ability to address and eliminate barriers experienced by people disproportionately impacted by homelessness, including individuals and families who are within the Black or African American; American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous; Latina/e/o; and LGBTQIA+ communities, within the proposed project service plan and supportive services. Further, the CoC NOFO Ad Hoc considered feedback provided within CoC Board meetings related to additional resources needed for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking who are currently

unsheltered or sheltered and have severe service needs. The CoC NOFO Ad Hoc recommendation is reflected within the FY2024 CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Scoring and Rating Criteria, as new projects applying for DV Bonus funding will be scored for their ability to primarily serve survivors with severe service needs.

Attachment A provides a detailed overview of scoring criteria, description, and the maximum points available per criterion. Please note, that the Office of Care Coordination and NOFO Ad Hoc membership may propose an amendment to the approved FY2024 CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Scoring and Rating Criteria following the release of the FY2024 CoC Program NOFO, should HUD identify additional or different prioritized areas of evaluation for CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation projects.

Attachments

Attachment A – FY2024 CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Scoring and Rating Criteria

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FY 2024 Continuum of Care (CoC) Bonus, Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus and Reallocation Scoring and Rating Criteria

All proposed projects will be scored on a 150-point scale using the following criteria:

	Criterion	Points	Description of Basis for Assigning Points
1	CoC Participation	Up to 10 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant has demonstrated participation and involvement in the Orange County CoC and core activities of the CoC, such as Point In Time Count and Housing Inventory Count. • Applicant participates in the local HMIS and completes timely and accurate data submissions, as requested. • Applicant participates in the local Coordinated Entry System (CES).
2	Capacity of Applicant and Partner	Up to 10 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Past and current relevant experience in providing housing and services related to those in this solicitation, including evaluation of current and similar project types • Past and current relevant experience in effectively utilizing federal funds and performing the activities proposed in the application, including, administrative, financial, and programmatic components
3	Applicant Service Experience and Approach	Up to 20 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant has demonstrated experience in working with target population to quickly secure housing, make connections to supportive services, and promote housing stability. • Applicant described service delivery approach for serving people with severe service needs¹. • Applicant described service delivery approach to serving communities who are substantially overrepresented in the homeless population. • Applicant described data driven approach to service delivery.
4	Involving Persons with Lived Experience	Up to 20 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant has a member on Board of Directors with current and/or past lived experience of homelessness. • Applicant ensures perspectives of people with lived experience of homelessness are meaningfully and intentionally integrated into

¹ Severe Service Needs means any combination of the following factors: facing significant challenges or functional impairments, including any physical, mental, developmental or behavioral health disabilities regardless of the type of disability, which require a significant level of support in order to maintain permanent housing (this factor focuses on the level of support needed and is not based on disability type); high utilization of crisis or emergency services to meet basic needs, including but not limited to emergency rooms, jails, and psychiatric facilities; currently living in an unsheltered situation or having a history of living in an unsheltered situation; experiencing a vulnerability to illness or death; having a risk of continued or repeated homelessness; and having a vulnerability to victimization, including physical assault, trafficking or sex work.

			<p>the decision-making process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant practices meaningful involvement of people with lived experience in program design, delivery of services and program evaluation.
5	Proposed Project Service Plan and Supportive Services	Up to 30 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed project, including service plan and supportive services, is appropriate for the household type and/or subpopulation. • Proposed project includes strategies to assist participants to obtain and remain in permanent housing, increase their employment and/or income and maximum their ability to live independently. • Proposed project will implement a Housing first, client-centered approach; plan to address the housing and safety needs of survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking² by adopting victim-centered practices; and other evidence-based practices in program operations. To receive full points, applicants must clearly describe the evidence-informed practices that the project will use in policies, procedures, and operations. • Proposed project will have tailored approach to serve people with severe service needs and communities who are substantially overrepresented in the homeless population. • Proposed project will address and eliminate barriers experienced by people disproportionately impacted by homelessness, including individuals and families who are within the Black or African American; American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous; Latina/e/o; and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer or Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, and Other Gender or Sexual Identities (LGBTQIA+) communities.
6	Outcomes	Up to 10 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed performance outcomes (not outputs) that will be achieved by the project and how data will be used to measure those outcomes and determine success. • Proposed performance outcomes should focus on participants housing placement and permanent housing retention, as well as improved quality of life, rather than measuring the amount or types of services provided (not outputs).

² Inclusive of survivors protected under the [Violence Against Women Act \(VAWA\)](#)

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7	Project Readiness	Up to 5 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estimated schedule for the proposed project to begin operations, including housing services and supportive services activities. Full points will be given to projects that can begin soon after grant is awarded.
8	Budget and Match	Up to 10 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget is reasonable for type of project proposed, total number of households and participants to be served and clearly articulated. • Applicant can provide the required match of at least 25 percent and it is included and documented. • Applicant can demonstrate how leverage housing resources and/or health care resources contribute to the overall budget of the project proposed.
9	Leveraging of Resources³	Up to 20 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leverage Housing Resources – Project demonstrates that it will provide housing subsidies or subsidizing housing units not currently funded through the CoC or Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program for at least 25 percent of the program participants anticipated to be served by the project. Full points will be given to projects that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ (i) in the case of a permanent supportive housing project, provide at least 25 percent of the units included in the project; or ○ (ii) in the case of a rapid re-housing project, serve at least 25 percent of the program participants anticipated to be served by the project. ○ (iii) Attach letters of commitment, contracts, or other formal written documents that demonstrate the number of subsidies or units being provided to support the project. • Leveraging Healthcare Resources – Project demonstrates the use of healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Full points will be given to projects that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ (i) in the case of a substance abuse treatment or recovery provider, it will provide access to treatment or recovery services for all program participants who qualify and choose those services; or

³ Leveraging of Resources only applies to Rapid Rehousing (RRH) and Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) project types. Any Joint Transitional Housing – Permanent Housing: Rapid Rehousing (Joint TH/PH-RRH) project types will not be scored on the Leveraging of Resources. Note: Formal letters of commitment are required. Support letters will not be accepted.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ (ii) the value of assistance being provided is at least an amount that is equivalent to 25 percent of the funding being requested for the project, which will be covered by the healthcare organization. ○ (iii) Provide formal written agreements that include the value of the commitment and dates the healthcare resources will be provided.
10	Populations to be Served	Up to 15 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed project primarily serves (75 percent or more) households with severe service needs; or • Proposed Permanent Supportive Housing project type has minimum of 5 to 10 percent of units a designated to serve any of the following special populations, including Families (households with at least one minor child and one adult), Transitional Age Youth (ages 18 – 24), Individual (adult only households) experiencing chronic homelessness and Older Adults (ages 62 and older).⁴ • Proposed Rapid Rehousing project type has a minimum of 25 percent of units designed to serve any of the following special populations, including Families (households with at least one minor child and one adult), Transitional Age Youth (ages 18 – 24), Individual (adult only households) experiencing chronic homelessness and Older Adults (ages 62 and older).⁵
Total Points		150 Maximum Points Possible ⁶	

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⁶ Joint TH/PH-RRH project proposals will be evaluated on a 130-point scale, as Joint TH/PH-RRH project types will not be scored on the Leveraging of Resources.

Date: July 24, 2024

Subject: Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC) Youth Action Board Committee

Recommended Actions:

- a. Establish the Orange County CoC Youth Action Board, as recommended by the Transitional Age Youth Collaborative Committee.

Background and Analysis

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) continues highlighting the needs of youth and allocating resources for this subpopulation.

On June 6, 2024, the award of \$51.1 million in its first ever Youth Homelessness Systems Improvement (YHSI) grant to 38 Communities across 26 states, to further allocate resources to youth systems development. On the same day, HUD announced the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Youth Homelessness Demonstration Notice of Funding Opportunity Round 8 (YHDP NOFO) to support the implementation of coordinated community approaches in select communities, including providing direct assistance for tailored housing and services interventions for youth experiencing homelessness. The Office of Care Coordination, as the Collaborative Applicant for the Orange County CoC, previously applied for Rounds 6 and 7 of the YHDP NOFO. Though the Orange County CoC has not yet been awarded YHDP funding, the learnings from previous rounds of YHDP NOFO applications have supported the Office of Care Coordination to collaborate with the Transitional Age Youth Collaborative Committee, CoC Board and other local partners serving youth to lay the groundwork for a more competitive YHDP funding application in Round 8.

Given that HUD continues emphasizing the need to integrate people with lived experience in decision-making processes of the CoC, and specifically youth with lived expertise for communities applying for YHDP funding, the CoC Board is being asked to consider establishing a Youth Action Board (YAB). The YHDP NOFO describes that an established YAB under the CoC is required to apply for YHDP funding and the following requirements for the YAB must be met:

- The YAB must have at least 4 youth with voting power on policy decisions of the CoC
- At least two-thirds of the YAB members must be age 24 or younger and have lived experience of homelessness
- The YAB should be representative of the youth population experiencing homelessness in the community
- The YAB must be a formal committee within the CoC

For the YHDP NOFO, HUD will award up to 20 points out of 100 points to applicants that demonstrate that the CoC actively engages potential YAB members, ensures that YAB members represent a diverse range of backgrounds and that the YAB is fully integrated and prioritized in the CoC. To apply for the YHDP funding for the Orange County CoC, there is a need to formally establish a YAB under the CoC.

Recognizing the need to continue supporting youth resources, the Orange County CoC Board approved on May 22, 2024, to program remaining Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) funds which included additional call-outs for funding programmed towards housing, supportive services, and overall system support (i.e. compensation for youth partnering with the CoC) for youth and can be referenced beginning on page 38 of the [May 22, 2024 CoC Board Meeting Agenda](#). The following projects have received an allocation of CoC funding to specifically address homelessness among youth over the years:

Project Name	Project Term	HHAP Round	Funding Amount
Capital Improvements for Emergency Shelter - Youth Set Aside	10/2019-04/2021	R1	\$650,000
2022 Transitional Aged Youth Point in Time Count	10/2020-06/2021	R1	\$50,000
Rapid Rehousing for Transitional Aged Youth	09/2022-06/2024	R1	\$121,269
Emergency Shelter Operation Services	09/2022-06/2024	R2	\$305,895.36
Emergency Shelter Operations and Services for Transitional Aged Youth	10/2022-06/2025	R1 and R3	\$810,964.44*
TOTAL			\$1,127,164

*\$26,803.19 is currently pending approval from a Budget Modification with California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)

As continued youth funding opportunities and resources enter the homeless service system of the Orange County CoC, there is a need to further elevate the voices of youth in the CoC’s decision making processes. The CoC Board membership is being asked to consider establishing an Orange County CoC Youth Action Board, as recommended by the Transitional Age Youth Collaborative Committee, to ensure that the YAB is fully integrated under the Orange County CoC and support the Orange County CoC application for YHDP funding. If approved, the Office of Care Coordination will work closely with the Transitional Age Youth Collaborative Committee, local youth service providers, and technical assistance providers (if available), to ensure the Orange County CoC YAB composition, recruitment, compensation process, and governance structure is designed in partnership with youth with lived expertise.

Date: July 24, 2024

Subject: Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Access Working Group Member Appointment

Recommended Actions:

- a. Appoint Amy Lazari to the HMIS Access Working Group.

Background and Analysis

On June 23, 2021, the Orange County CoC Board approved the recommendation to appoint membership to an HMIS Access Working Group to support the implementation of the updated HMIS Access and Minimum Participation policy. The HMIS Access Working Group meets monthly or as needed with 2-1-1 Orange County (211OC), Orange County United Way as the HMIS Lead, and the Office of Care Coordination to review HMIS Access Applications and agencies not meeting the HMIS minimum participation requirements. The HMIS Access Working Group has continued to refine the process for facilitating equitable review of applications received. The HMIS Access Working Group, facilitated by the HMIS Lead and the Office of Care Coordination as the Collaborative Applicant, currently includes the following members: Nishtha Mohendra, Families Forward; Analisa Andrus, Friendship Shelter; and Linda Ly, City of Anaheim.

At the August 23, 2023, meeting of the CoC Board, the CoC Board approved the appointment procedure and desired qualifications for HMIS Access Working Group members to establish an appointment procedure following a vacancy and desired qualifications for the HMIS Access Working Group membership, which is reflected in the [HMIS Policies and Procedures pages 13 - 14](#). On May 29, 2024, the Office of Care Coordination, on behalf of the Orange County CoC, sent out an email via the CoC distribution list notifying the CoC General Membership of a vacancy in the HMIS Access Working Group. The HMIS Access Working Group Interest Form was made available on SurveyMonkey and open from May 29, 2024, through June 14, 2024, inviting interested CoC General Members to apply and complete an interest form.

On Wednesday, July 17, 2024, the HMIS Access Working Group, CoC Collaborative Applicant and HMIS Lead reviewed all interested candidates, using the approved HMIS Access Working Group desired qualifications as a guide, to select the most qualified member for the working group to be recommended to the CoC Board for appointment. Amy Lazari was selected as the recommended member, though the HMIS Access Working Group, CoC Collaborative Applicant, and HMIS Lead had a challenging decision to make given the variety of experience presented by individuals who expressed interest. As such, the CoC Board is being asked to appoint Amy Lazari from Mercy House to the HMIS Access Working Group to fill the current vacancy.