



# A G E N D A

## REGULAR MEETING COMMISSION TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS

Wednesday, April 16, 2025, 1:00 P.M.

County Conference Center  
Room 104/106

425 West Santa Ana Boulevard, Santa Ana, CA 92701

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### COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP

**Vicente Sarmiento, Chair**  
*Supervisor, Second District*

**Janet Nguyen**  
*Supervisor, First District*

**Monique Davis**  
*Business Representative*

**Todd Spitzer**  
*Orange County District Attorney*

**Richard Afable**  
*Behavioral Health Representative*

**Lisa Kim**  
*Central Service Planning Area Representative*

**Susan Parks**  
*Philanthropic Leader Representative*

**Benjamin Hurst**  
*Faith-Based Community Representative*

**Kelly Bruno-Nelson**  
*Medi-Cal Managed Care Health Plan Representative*

**Robert Morse**  
*Continuum of Care Board Representative*

**Commission Director**  
Doug Becht, Director of Care Coordination

**Gina Cunningham, Vice Chair**  
*Affordable Housing Development Representative*

**Adam Hawley**  
*Chief of Police Representative*

**Cecilia Bustamante-Pixa**  
*Hospital Representative*

**James Vanderpool**  
*North Service Planning Area Representative*

**Debra Rose**  
*South Service Planning Area Representative*

**Jason Ivins**  
*Orange County Sheriff-Coroner Representative*

**Milo Peinemann**  
*At-Large Representative*

**Maricela Rios-Faust**  
*Continuum of Care Board Representative*

**Vacant**  
*Lived Experience Representative*

**Clerk of the Commission**  
Valerie Sanchez, Chief Deputy Clerk

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and with Clerk of the Board of Supervisors located in the County Administration North Building,  
400 West Civic Center Drive, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Santa Ana, California 92701  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

*At this time members of the public may address the Commission on any matter not on the agenda but within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission.*

## **COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS**

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Certificates of Recognition
2. Commission to Address Homelessness Update
  - a. Bylaw Revision Updates
  - b. Membership Ad Hoc
  - c. 2024 Commission Ad Hoc
3. Office of Care Coordination Update
  - a. 2025 Orange County Supportive Housing NOFA
  - b. 2025 Homeless Survey
  - c. OC Same Day Solutions Fair
4. Commissioner Spotlight – Commissioner Adam Hawley, Chief of Police, Brea

## **PRESENTATION**

5. Federal Legislative Update presented by Peter DeMarco, Director of Legislative Affairs, County Executive Office and Cori Takkinen, Vice President, Townsend Public Affairs, Inc.

## **ACTION ITEM**

6. Approve Commission to End Homelessness minutes from the February 19, 2025, regular meeting.

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING** June 18, 2025, 1:00 P.M.

# Agenda Item 6



# SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

## REGULAR MEETING COMMISSION TO END HOMELESSNESS

Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 1:00 P.M.

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**Paul Wyatt**  
*At-Large Representative*  
**Robert Morse**  
*Continuum of Care Board Representative*

**Jack Toan, Vice Chair**  
*Business Representative*  
**Todd Spitzer**  
*Orange County District Attorney*  
**Sean deMetropolis**  
*Municipal Fire Department Representative*  
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**ATTENDANCE:** Commissioners Afable, Bruno-Nelson, Bustamante-Pixa, Cunningham, Davis, Hawley, Hurst, Ivins, Kim, Morse, Nguyen, Parks, Peinemann, Rios-Faust, Rose, Sarmiento, Spitzer and Wyatt

**ABSENT:** Commissioners deMetropolis, Toan and Vanderpool

**PRESENT:** COMMISSION DIRECTOR Doug Becht, Director of Care Coordination  
CLERK OF THE COMMISSION Valerie Sanchez, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board

Call to Order

**CHAIRMAN SARMIENTO CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 1:02 P.M.**

Pledge of Allegiance

**COMMISSIONER NGUYEN LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Roll Call

**CLERK CALLED THE ROLL AND CONFIRMED QUORUM.**

## SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

### PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

### COMMISSION MEMBERS COMMENTS

Chair Sarmiento – Welcomed First District Supervisor Janet Nguyen to the Commission; updated the Commission on the Weather Activated Rooms for Families (WARM) Program which runs through the end of April.

Commissioner Ivins – Announced that Captain Christine Berryman of OC Sheriff's Behavioral Health Bureau will be presenting at the National Alliance to End Homelessness on Thursday February 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 a.m. in Los Angeles during a spotlight session with Doug Becht on creating strategic partnerships with the criminal legal system to reduce unsheltered homelessness.

Commissioner Rios-Faust – Shared that the Continuum of Care (CoC) Board is monitoring updates from the Federal Administration and reviewing their potential impacts. There is a lack of guidance around recent Executive Orders related to Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding, and if funding is eliminated, there is no other source of funding to continue the HUD-funded programs.

Commissioner Nguyen – Expressed appreciation for the WARM Program and noted previous cold weather shelters operations where families were required to leave the armories hours early in the morning before their children could be dropped off at school which demonstrated the need for families to have a more stable environment.

Commissioner Parks – Thanked Chair Sarmiento for participating in OC United Way's State of Homelessness Address on January 29<sup>th</sup> which also included Supervisor Foley, Tim Shaw, Nicole Gideon and Doug Becht; video of the event is on the United Way YouTube channel; the event was well attended with over 400 people online and 200 people have watched it since; also mentioned that February 11<sup>th</sup> was 2-1-1 Day and OC United Way hosted another successful event to mark the occasion.

Commissioner Morse – Commended the 2-1-1 Day event and WARM Program and reported 40 people were hosted by Lighthouse Church of the Nazarene in Costa Mesa during an inclement weather event.

Commissioner Wyatt – Shared that starting March 4<sup>th</sup> there is a certificate program for shared housing to source affordable housing more quickly available in the Bay Area and worth exploring if a similar program could work in Orange County.

Commissioner Bruno-Nelson – CalOptima Health has a current Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) currently open through the HHIP (Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program) focusing on system change grants and equity grants for non-profits with annual budgets of less than \$5 Million, the NOFO will be open until March 5<sup>th</sup>.

# SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Office of Care Coordination Update
  - a. Board of Supervisors Actions
    - i. Small-Scale Housing Unit Report
    - ii. Commission to End Homelessness Bylaws Revision
  - b. OC Same Day Solutions Fair
  - c. Homeless Prevention and Stabilization Pilot Program

**Commission Director Doug Becht updated the Commission on the Board of Supervisors action to receive and file the Small-Scale Housing Unit Report and the pending action to approve the Bylaw amendments on February 25<sup>th</sup>; the Office of Care Coordination will be hosting the OC Same-Day Solutions Fair, modeled after the event in San Diego, on Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at the Second Baptist Church at 4300 Westminster Ave in Santa Ana, the event will be co-hosted by the City of Garden Grove and City of Santa Ana and will include legal and document assistance, healthcare, housing assistance and workforce development; and update on the Homeless Prevention and Stabilization Pilot Program which has screened 1200 families, of which 197 were eligible and 69 enrolled in the program that offers case management, direct financial assistance and stabilization payments for up to one year.**

2. 2025 Homeless Survey

**City Net is working to incorporate the feedback received during the Joint Special Meeting of the Orange County CoC Board and the Commission in January; the survey will be conducted in March and after survey data review and analysis is completed, the Office of Care Coordination will schedule another Special Joint Meeting of the CoC Board and Commission to review the results.**

3. Commissioner Spotlight – Commissioner Gina Cunningham, HomeAid Orange County

**Commissioner Cunningham, executive director of HomeAid Orange County (HomeAid OC), highlighted the work HomeAid OC does in conjunction with various organizations to provide housing resources for individuals and families experiencing homelessness or at-risk of homelessness including projects such as the HomeAid Family CareCenter in Orange, Village of Hope in Tustin, Yale Navigation Center in Santa Ana, and Robyne’s Landing in Huntington Beach.**

## PRESENTATIONS

4. Federal Legislative Update presented by Peter DeMarco, Director of Legislative Affairs, County Executive Office and Ben Goldeen, Federal Advocacy Director, Townsend Public Affairs, Inc.

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Presentation provided information on the impacts to federal funding resulting from various executive orders, the confirmation of Scott Turner as HUD Secretary, HUD layoffs and the HUD "Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) Task Force"

On the motion of Commissioner Spitzer, seconded by Commissioner Morse, the Commission directed the Chair to convey to the full Board of Supervisors at their next meeting, the Commission's serious concern regarding jeopardy to federal funding, including HUD funding, used in the work of the County to address homelessness, including upstream and downstream impacts to the System of Care, and what position, if any, the County of Orange (County) should take to continue the work and goals of the Commission.

5. Orange County District Attorney (DA) Homeless Outreach and Recidivism Reduction Efforts presented by Todd Spitzer, Orange County DA, Suzie Price, Sr. Assistant DA and Tamika Williams, Assistant DA

Presentation provided information on achieving justice through intervention and programs like Stepping Up Initiative/OC Cares, collaborative courts including Mental Health Courts, Recovery Court/Opportunity Courts, Assisted Intervention Court, Drug Court/DUI Court, Veterans Treatment Court and Homeless Outreach Court and the resulting reduction in recidivism among participants in these collaborative courts.

### ACTION ITEMS

6. Nominate and appoint the 2025 Chair and Vice Chair to the Commission to End Homelessness

On the motion of Commissioner Peinemann, seconded by Commissioner Davis, the Commission nominated and approved the appointment of Commissioner Sarmiento as Chair of the Commission and Commissioner Cunningham as Vice Chair of the Commission.

7. Approve Commission to End Homelessness minutes from the December 11, 2024, regular meeting.  
On the motion of Commissioner Afable, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, the Commission approved as recommended.
8. Approve Orange County Continuum of Care and the Commission to End Homeless minutes from the January 16, 2025, joint special meeting  
On the motion of Commissioner Wyatt, seconded by Commissioner Bruno-Nelson, the Commission approved as recommended.

ADJOURNED: 3:18 P.M.

NEXT MEETING: April 16, 2025, 1:00 P.M.

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*Valerie Sanchez, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board  
Clerk of the Commission*

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*Supervisor Vicente Sarmiento  
Chair*