Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC)
Board Meeting
April 23, 2025

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1. Approve CoC Board Meeting Minutes from March 26, 2025.
2. Receive and file list of agencies and jurisdictions approved for Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) Access for February 22, 2025, through April 17, 2025.

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Good News Story: Families Forward Rapid Rehousing for Families Program

Rosalinda Bermudez, Director of Data and Compliance, Families Forward

CoC Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

Sarah Jones, CoC Manager, and Felicia Boehringer, CoC Administrator, Office of Care Coordination

Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 CoC Program Funding Award Announcement

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FY 2024 CoC Program Funding Award Announcement

- On Friday, January 17, 2025, HUD announced nearly $3.6 billion in homeless assistance funding to communities nationwide, noting that this was the first of two FY 2024 CoC Program funding award announcements.
- On March 28, 2025, HUD announced over $53.1 million in the second award of FY 2024 CoC program awards. The states included in the second round of awards were Florida, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas.
- The FY 2024 Orange County CoC Program funding award includes:
  - 21 renewal housing projects
    - 2 joint transitional and rapid rehousing (Joint TH-RRH) projects
    - 2 rapid rehousing (RRH) projects
    - 17 permanent supportive housing (PSH) projects
  - 1 renewal Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry (SSO-CES) project
  - 1 renewal Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) project
  - CoC Planning grant

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Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC) Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 NOFO Award

FY2024 Estimated Annual Renewal Amount $32,801,1333
CoC Planning Application: $1,500,000

CA-602 FY 2024 Initial Award Amount: $33,089,770
CoC Planning Award: $1,500,000

Project Ranking	Applicant Name	Project Name	Project Component	Total Applied	Total Awarded
1	Interval House	Domestic Violence Transitional Housing- Rapid Rehousing Program	Joint TH-RRH	$1,018,919	$1,173,352
2	Interval House	Rapid Rehousing Program	RRH	$257,331	$302,387
3	Mercy House Living Centers	OC PSH Collaboration Project II - Expansion	PSH	$2,458,279	$2,755,224
4	Friendship Shelter, Inc.	Henderson House Permanent Supportive Housing	PSH	$670,222	$746,453
5	American Family Housing	Permanent Housing 2 FY2024 (Consolidation – Terminating)	PSH	$627,053	$697,542
6	Families Forward	Rapid Rehousing for Families	RRH	$615,485	$686,663
7	American Family Housing	Permanent Housing Collaborative FY2024 (Consolidation – Surviving)	PSH	$403,927	$446,521
8	Mercy House Living Centers	OC PSH Collaboration Project	PSH	$3,874,353	$4,328,557
9	Orange County Housing Authority	Jackson Aisle Continuum of Care TRA 2024 Renewal Project	PSH	$422,110	$478,138
10	Illumination Foundation	Stanton Multi-Service Center 2024	PSH	$502,365	$561,027
11	Pathways of Hope	PSH for Families	PSH	$371,107	$417,475
12	Orange County Housing Authority	#1 Consolidated Continuum of Care TRA 2024 Renewal Project	PSH	$4,910,855	$5,636,939
13	Mercy House Living Centers	Mercy House - CoC Leasing - Renewal	PSH	$575,240	$644,398
14	Human Options, Inc.	DV Bonus Project	Joint TH-RRH	$1,770,856	$2,003,427
15	Illumination Foundation	Street2Home OC Expansion	PSH	$2,060,842	$2,283,599
16	Orange County Housing Authority	#2 Consolidated Continuum of Care TRA 2024 Renewal Project	PSH	$2,129,192	$2,446,028
17	Mercy House Living Centers	Mills End and PSH Leasing Consolidation	PSH	$614,034	$689,061
18	Mercy House Living Centers	Aqua PSH	PSH	$304,429	$331,413
19	Orange County Housing Authority	#4 Consolidated Continuum of Care TRA 2024 Renewal Project	PSH	$2,529,678	$2,904,126
20	Pathways of Hope	FY24 Reallocation - PSH for Seniors (Reallocation)	PSH	$242,702	$258,988
21	County of Orange	Coordinated Entry System SSO Grant 2024	SSO-CES	$1,481,239	$1,576,249
22	Orange County's United Way	HMIS Consolidated Community Support NOFO 2024	HMIS	$650,575	$691,976
23	Orange County Housing Authority	#3 Consolidated Continuum of Care TRA 2024 Renewal Project	PSH	$1,030,227	$1,030,227
			Tier 1 Total	**$29,521,020**	**$33,089,770**
	Orange County Housing Authority	#3 Consolidated Continuum of Care TRA 2024 Renewal Project	PSH	$2,219,374	
24	Friendship Shelter, Inc.	Friendship Shelter Rapid Re-Housing	RRH	$392,481	
25	Serving People In Need	CoC Rapid Rehousing 2024	RRH	$668,258	
26	Human Options, Inc.	DV Bonus RRH Project (DV Bonus)	RRH	$1,358,595	
27	Mercy House Living Centers	OC PSH Collaboration Project II - Expansion 2 (CoC Bonus)	PSH	$3,775,254	
			Tier 2 Total	**$8,413,962**	**$0**
			CoC Application Total	**$37,934,982**	**$33,089,770**

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FY 2024 CoC Program Funding Award

- During the March 26, 2025, meeting of the CoC Board, the Office of Care Coordination provided an update on the FY 2024 CoC Program NOFO, and the CoC Board requested to understand the potential implications to the Orange County CoC should the Tier 2 projects not be awarded.
    - At the time, because the second FY 2024 NOFO award was pending, the Office of Care Coordination committed to follow up with an update as appropriate.
- Following the second FY 2024 CoC Program funding award announcement, the Office of Care Coordination as the Collaborative Applicant for the Orange County CoC concluded that HUD did not award funding for projects listed in Tier 2 of the Orange County CoC Application.

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- The Office of Care Coordination extended an invitation to the three (3) agencies whose renewal projects were impacted – Friendship Shelter, Inc. (Friendship Shelter), Orange County Housing Authority (OCHA), and Serving People In Need (SPIN) – to create a one-page project analysis document on potential implications of the reduced funding.
- The following attachments are included in the CoC Board agenda packet for review and discussion:
  - Friendship Shelter's analysis of the Friendship Shelter Rapid Re-Housing project is included in **Attachment A** (page 14)
  - OCHA's analysis of the #3 Consolidated Continuum of Care TRA Renewal project is included in **Attachment B** (page 15)
  - SPIN's analysis of the CoC Rapid Rehousing project is included in **Attachment C** (page 16)

FY 2024 and FY 2025 CoC Program NOFO Updates

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FY 2025 CoC Program NOFO: What We Know

- As noted in the FY 2024 and FY 2025 CoC Program NOFO, the application deadline for FY 2025 funding is **August 29, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. PDT**
- Collaborative Applicants will be required, at a minimum, to submit the following as part of their application to apply for FY 2025 CoC Program funding:
  - FY 2025 Renewal project applications for grants that were not funded in FY 2024 that have an expiration date in Calendar Year (CY) 2026 (between January 1, 2026, and December 31, 2026).
  - Applications for projects created through the reallocation of eligible CoC renewal (including DV Renewal) grants and through the replacement of eligible YHDP renewal grants which also includes YHDP Reallocation;
  - **FY 2025 Project Listing that includes all projects approved by the CoC to apply for FY 2025 funding**; and,
  - A signed HUD-2991. This form will be included as part of the FY 2024 - FY 2025 Consolidated Application and is not required to include projects that were awarded FY 2024 funding and are continuing in FY 2025.

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FY 2025 CoC Program NOFO Updates

- Intent to Renew survey for CoC-funded agencies was released on April 3, 2025.
- The Office of Care Coordination hosted an Orange County CoC NOFO Office Hours session on April 10, 2025, for agencies awarded FY 2024 CoC Program funding.
  - The Office Hours session served as a space to **highlight feedback** shared during individual CoC NOFO check-in sessions with agencies, **share updates** on communication received from HUD, engage in **peer sharing** between agencies on planning related to the FY 2024 CoC Program funding awards, and **voice questions** related to CoC Program funding and FY 2025 competition process.
- On April 15, 2025, the FY 2025 CoC Program NOFO Ad Hoc convened for the first ad hoc meeting.

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FY 2025 CoC Program Registration

- On April 10, 2025, the Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS) distribution list sent an email regarding the FY 2025 CoC Program registration for CoCs.
- The email shared that HUD is currently completing the FY 2025 Registration process on behalf of all existing CoCs by bringing forward CoC Program Registrations and Unified Funding Applications approved by HUD during the FY 2024 CoC Program Registration process.
- Though we are still awaiting further guidance from HUD on the 2-year CoC Program NOFO sequence of events, the Office of Care Coordination is working closely with contracted consultants to plan for the FY 2025 CoC Program competition process.

You can sign up for the HUD SNAPS mailing list here.

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FY 2024 and FY 2025 CoC Program NOFO Updates: HUD Website

- On Monday, March 31, 2025, HUD announced changes to the HUD.gov webpages.
- The website redesign broke existing links to familiar webpages.
- The Office of Care Coordination consolidated the most updated webpages:
  - HUD News: https://www.hud.gov/news
  - Continuum of Care Program: https://www.hud.gov/hud-partners/community-coc
  - HUD NOFOs: https://www.hud.gov/hud-partners/grants-info-funding-opps
  - FY 2024 CoC Program Competition Award Announcement: https://www.hud.gov/stat/cpd/fy2024-coc-competition
  - SNAPS Competitions Listserv Signup: https://www.hud.gov/subscribe/signup?listname=SNAPS%20Competitions&list=SNAPS-COMPETITIONS-L

University of Chicago's Revised HMIS Data Request and Memorandum of Understanding

Erin DeRycke, Director, Data Analytics, 2-1-1 Orange County (211OC), Orange County United Way;
Bruce D. Meyer, McCormick Foundation Professor, University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy; and
Angela J. Wyse, Assistant Professor of Economics, Dartmouth College

Background

- Data requests from organizations not participating in HMIS are required to be approved by the CoC Board prior to any data being released

- University of Chicago is requesting data from HMIS for two research projects
  - Increase understanding of homelessness in Orange County by considering questions related to income, employment, safety net programs, housing transitions, and demographics
  - Increase understanding of evictions in Orange County

Request Process

- At the December 18, 2024, meeting, the CoC Board reviewed the University of Chicago's HMIS data request and approved an amended recommended action, which included:
  - Preparing the data request and draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that involves all three parties: the Orange County CoC, U.S. Census Bureau and the University of Chicago
  - Ensuring the MOU includes a workflow and client data elements to be removed, as well as checks and balances that will be verified before data is sent to the University of Chicago
  - Commitment that upon completion of the data analysis and final report, the final report will be shared with the Orange County CoC, and a certification of data disposal and verification will be provided
- Following the meeting, 211OC and the Office of Care Coordination reviewed the proposed MOU and provided feedback to University Chicago and the Census Bureau
- 211OC and the Office of Care Coordination decided to bring the proposed projects from the MOU to the March PPS Committee meeting for review and feedback
- After the March PPS Committee meeting was cancelled, the item was added to the March 26, 2025 CoC Board meeting to provide an update to the CoC Board to address their initial concerns, but the item was postponed

MOU Feedback and Revisions

- After an initial review of the MOU, 211OC and the Office of Care Coordination identified the following concerns:
  - Attachment B included several research projects to the benefit of the Census Bureau that were not presented during the December CoC Board meeting
  - Attachments C and D included language to allow the CoC to participate in future projects that had yet to be identified
  - The MOU did not specify that the data provided would be deleted upon completion of the approved research projects

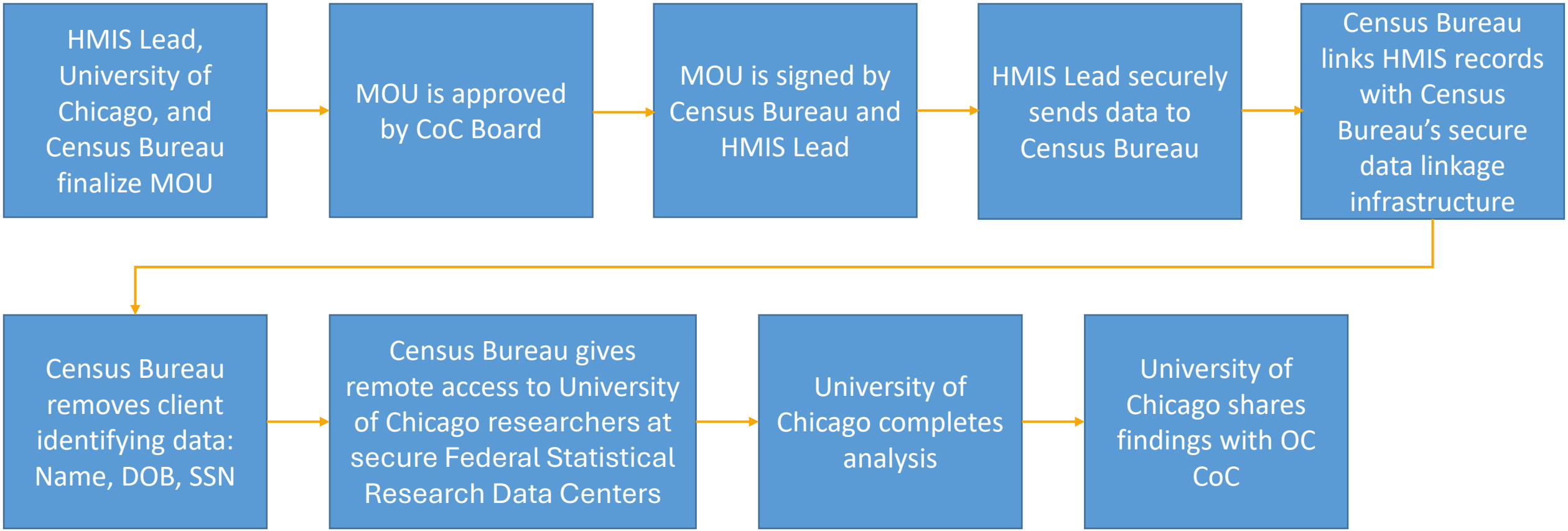
Updated MOU

- Attachments C and D, which would allow the CoC to participate in future projects, have been removed
- Projects that would be used by the Census Bureau to improve their internal processes, analysis, and data collection have been removed from Attachment B
- A new project to understand evictions has been added to Attachment B
- Language was added to delete OC data once the projects in Attachment B are completed

Data Request Specifications

- Reporting Period: 5/1/18 – 4/30/25
- All clients active during reporting period with an active Release of Information record as of the end of the reporting period
  - Approximately 79,600 clients and 246,800 enrollments
- Request includes names, Dates of Birth (DOBs), and Social Security Numbers (SSNs) in order to link clients with U.S. Census Bureau data; these fields are critical to ensure accurate record linkages to complete the analysis
  - Linkage is completed by a computer program
  - Once the linkage is completed identifying data is removed and is not available to researchers
- Similar requests previously approved:
  - Bringing Families Home Pilot Evaluation approved June 2019
  - CalOptima initially approved September 2022

Workflow


HMIS Lead, University of Chicago, and Census Bureau finalize MOU
MOU is approved by CoC Board
MOU is signed by Census Bureau and HMIS Lead
HMIS Lead securely sends data to Census Bureau
Census Bureau links HMIS records with Census Bureau's secure data linkage infrastructure
Census Bureau removes client identifying data: Name, DOB, SSN
Census Bureau gives remote access to University of Chicago researchers at secure Federal Statistical Research Data Centers
University of Chicago completes analysis
University of Chicago shares findings with OC CoC

Advancing Research on Homelessness by Incorporating the OC CoC's HMIS Records into the Census Bureau's Data Linkage Infrastructure:

Additional Information Requested by the Orange County CoC Board

(Updated March 17, 2025)

University of Chicago's Comprehensive Income Dataset (CID) Project:

https://cid.harris.uchicago.edu

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Project Overview

- This project aims to improve the lives of those experiencing or at risk of homelessness through a quantitatively rigorous examination of questions related to:
  - Formal income, employment, and connections to mainstream safety net programs;
  - Migration histories and transitions between homelessness, housing, and institutions;
  - Completeness and accuracy of the 2010 and 2020 Census homeless enumerations;
  - Differences in key outcomes by gender, race, age, and other characteristics.
- We propose to incorporate HMIS records into the Census Bureau's secure data linkage infrastructure, permitting researchers to link HMIS clients to administrative data on taxes, safety net programs, and decennial Censuses.
  - Administrative data contain information on individual histories (for up to 40 years) of earnings and the receipt of a dozen government programs (e.g., SNAP, HUD housing assistance, SSI, VA service-connected disability assistance), as well as mortality.
- Our team has in the past conducted similar analyses using HMIS data from Los Angeles, Houston, and Chicago, and we are in the process of expanding agreements to other localities.

Addressing the Orange County CoC Board's Concerns and Clarifying Our Approach

These slides address the following concerns raised during the December 2024 presentation to the Orange County CoC Board:

- Legal Framework and Data Protection
- Privacy and Confidentiality
- Project Timeline and Reporting
- Project Context and Other CoCs' Participation
- Planned Analyses and Benefits to CoC and Clients

The Census Bureau's HMIS Data Protection Framework

Legal Framework and Permissible Uses

- All HMIS data transferred to the Census Bureau will remain confidential under Title 13 of the U.S. Code
  - Stipulates severe penalties (up to 5 years' prison and $250,000 fine) for wrongful disclosure of confidential information
- Title 13 also stipulates that data "shall be used solely for statistical purposes and not for program or administrative enforcement"
  - Data will be used only for the specific research projects identified in the MOU, with any additional projects requiring written approval from both Census and the CoC Board
- The MOU also provides that the CoC can terminate the agreement with 30 days' written notice

Protecting Privacy and Confidentiality

- Access to data will be limited to minimum number of individuals necessary – only Census staff and Special Sworn Status researchers
  - Identifying information (name, DOB, SSN) will be removed before HMIS data is shared with researchers and will be attested in writing by Census POC
- Data will be accessed in Federal Statistical Research Data Centers (FSRDCs) with strict physical and technical controls
  - Researchers must work in private, secure rooms with no internet access, removable media, or printing capabilities
  - All activity in FSRDCs is subject to logging and audit trails
- All results undergo Census Bureau Disclosure Review Board (DRB) approval to protect confidentiality
  - The DRB applies statistical safeguards such as data suppression, swapping, and noise injection to protect individual privacy
- The MOU stipulates that original data will be deleted ("expunged from Census Bureau systems") at conclusion of approved projects
  - Deletion will be attested in writing by Census POC

Additional Details on Proposed Agreement

Project Timeline and Reporting

- We propose a five-year research collaboration, with intermediate results and findings to be regularly shared with the CoC Board:
  - Year 1: Complete data-sharing agreement and integrate OC HMIS data into Census Bureau infrastructure
  - Year 2: Complete initial analysis of housing status transitions and begin analyzing income/employment patterns
    - Present initial analyses of housing status transitions to CoC Board
  - Year 3: Refine housing transition analyses and complete initial analysis of income/employment and safety net program participation
    - Present initial analyses of income/employment and safety net to CoC Board
  - Year 4: Finalize analyses of income/employment and safety net use
  - Year 5: Prepare and submit final comprehensive report
    - Present final findings to CoC Board
- In addition to the presentations described above, project communication and reporting will include:
  - Annual written reports submitted every twelve months (first due one year after MOU signing)
  - Semi-annual meetings (twice per year or more frequently as requested) with designated CoC representatives to provide updates and receive feedback on research direction

Project Context and Other CoCs' Participation

- The OC CoC's participation would contribute to a growing national dataset that uniquely links Census records (2010 and 2020), American Community Survey data (2006-2024), HMIS records, and administrative datasets
- The team has already conducted similar analyses using Census and ACS data, as well as HMIS data from Los Angeles, Houston, and Chicago (see Appendix for key results)
- Previous findings from this research have been:
  - Cited in advocacy materials and congressional testimony
  - Featured in local and national media coverage
  - Presented to federal agencies including HUD, USDA, IRS, and the Census Bureau
  - Published in academic journals

Additional Detail on Planned Analyses and Benefits to CoC and Clients

Income, Employment, and Connections to Social Safety Net Programs

- **Research Question:** What are the long-term patterns of formal income, employment, and connections to the safety net surrounding a period of HMIS enrollment?
- **Objective:** This analysis aims to provide critical insights into how HMIS clients interact with economic support systems before, during, and after periods of literal homelessness to inform strategies that enhance economic stability and improve access to safety net programs.
- **Methodology:** We will link HMIS clients to longitudinal tax records as well as administrative data on Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Medicare, Medicaid, disability benefits, veterans' benefits, and housing assistance.
- **Benefits to the CoC and Clients:** This research will support the creation of data-driven strategies to enhance economic stability and help to streamline connections between homeless services and mainstream safety net programs.

Impact of Safety Net Programs on Health and Wellbeing

- **Research Question:** How do safety net programs like Medicaid, HUD housing benefits, and disability assistance affect the health and well-being of people experiencing or at risk of homelessness?
- **Objective:** This analysis seeks to evaluate the impact of mainstream safety net programs on health, housing stability, and well-being, with the goal of identifying strategies to enhance program effectiveness and accessibility.
- **Methodology:** Using natural experiments derived from benefit eligibility rules, we will analyze administrative data on Medicaid, HUD housing benefits, disability assistance, and other safety net programs to assess their effects.
- **Benefits to the CoC and Clients:** The findings will inform evidence-based strategies to strengthen program delivery and support advocacy for funding and policy changes that better serve individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

Long-term Patterns of Housing Transitions and Institutional Involvement

- **Research Question:** What are the long-term patterns of migration and transitions between housing, homelessness, and institutions like group homes and criminal justice facilities?
- **Objective:** This analysis will track housing status transitions over time, including movements between homelessness, housing, and institutional settings (e.g., correctional facilities, hospitals, nursing homes).
- **Methodology:** We will link HMIS clients to the 2010 and 2020 Censuses and 2006-2024 American Community Survey to obtain a panel dataset of housing status over time and analyses the types and rates of transitions between statuses.
- **Benefits to the CoC and Clients:** This research will enhance understanding of housing stability patterns, improve cross-sector collaboration, and inform targeted interventions to prevent and reduce returns to homelessness.

Disparities in Pathways to and Experiences of Homelessness

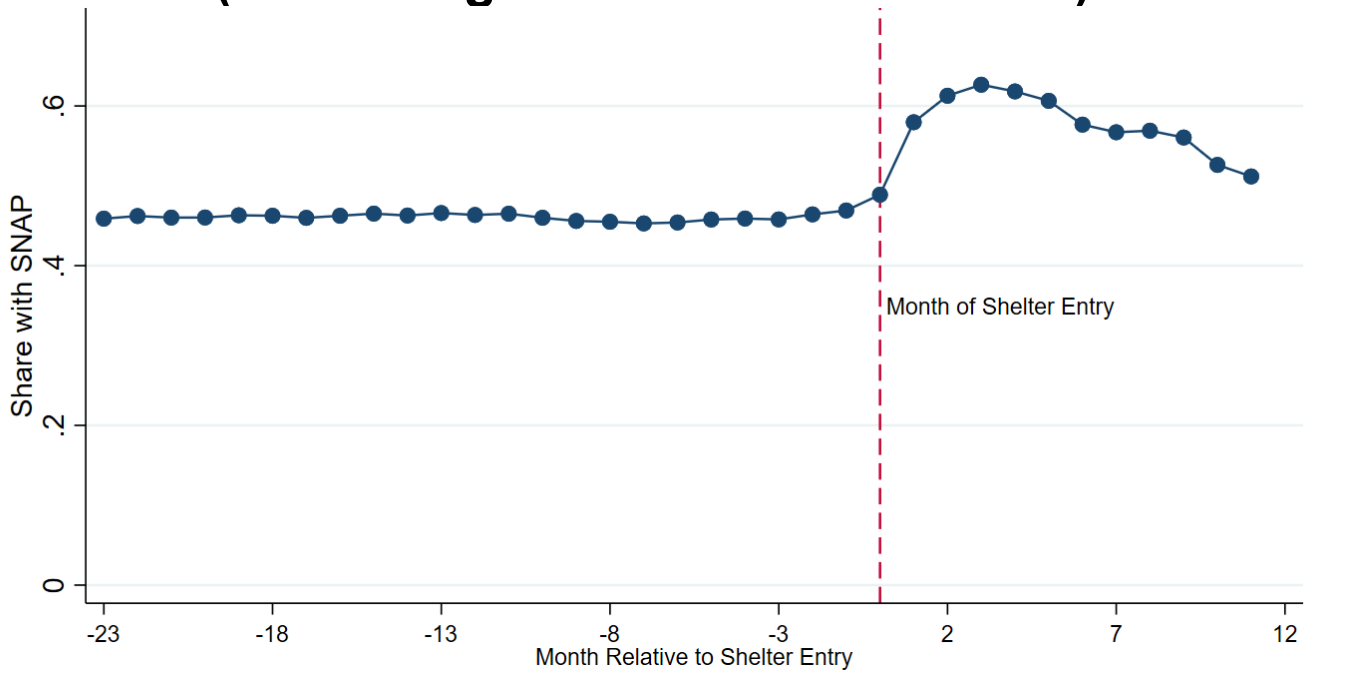
- **Research Question:** What do disparities in patterns of economic engagement and housing transitions tell us about pathways to and the experience of homelessness for marginalized communities?
- **Objective:** This analysis help us to better understand the unique pathways to and experiences of homelessness among marginalized communities and identify inequities that contribute to disproportionate rates of homelessness.
- **Methodology:** We will adapt the analyses described on preceding slides to examine differences by gender, race, age, ability status, and other characteristics indicated in HMIS data.
- **Benefits to the CoC and Clients:** This research will guide equitable resource allocation, support the development of strategies to address systemic inequities, and improve outcomes for historically underserved populations.

Thank you for your consideration!

Appendix

An Example of Past Analyses Using HMIS Data :

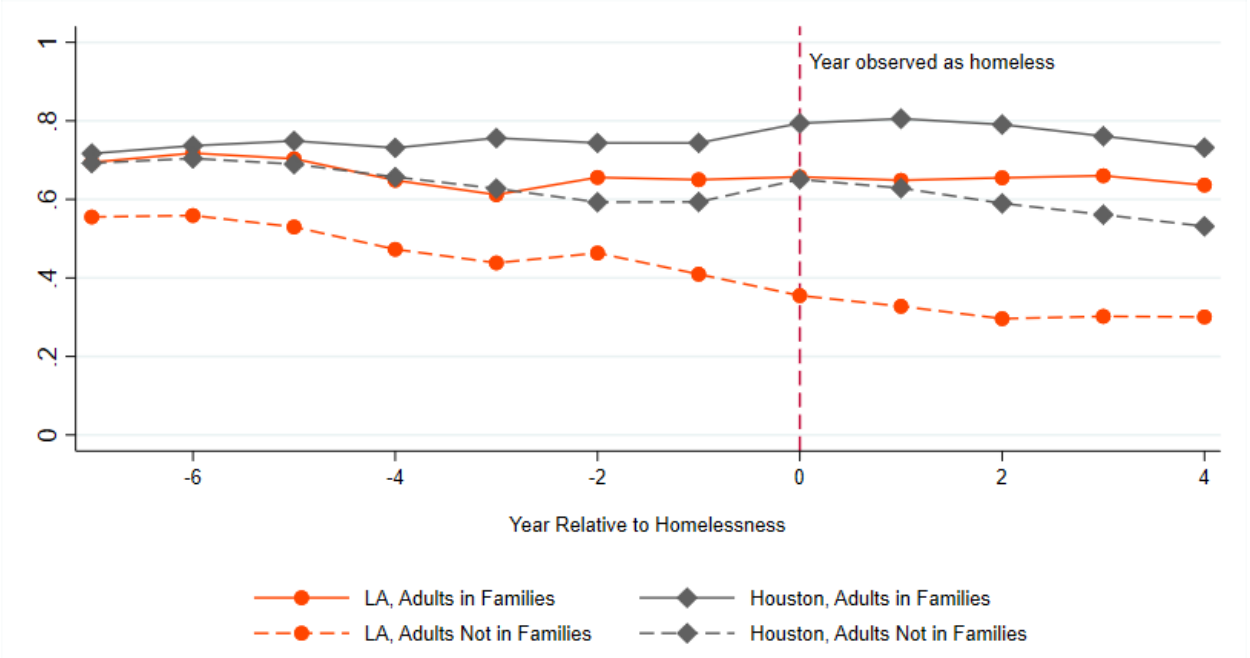
Share with SNAP in Months Surrounding First Shelter Enrollment (According to Administrative Data)



Key Takeaway: Chicago's service providers are highly effective in connecting clients to SNAP at shelter entry, but declining receipt over time illustrates difficulties in maintaining enrollment over time

An Example of Past Analyses Using HMIS Data :

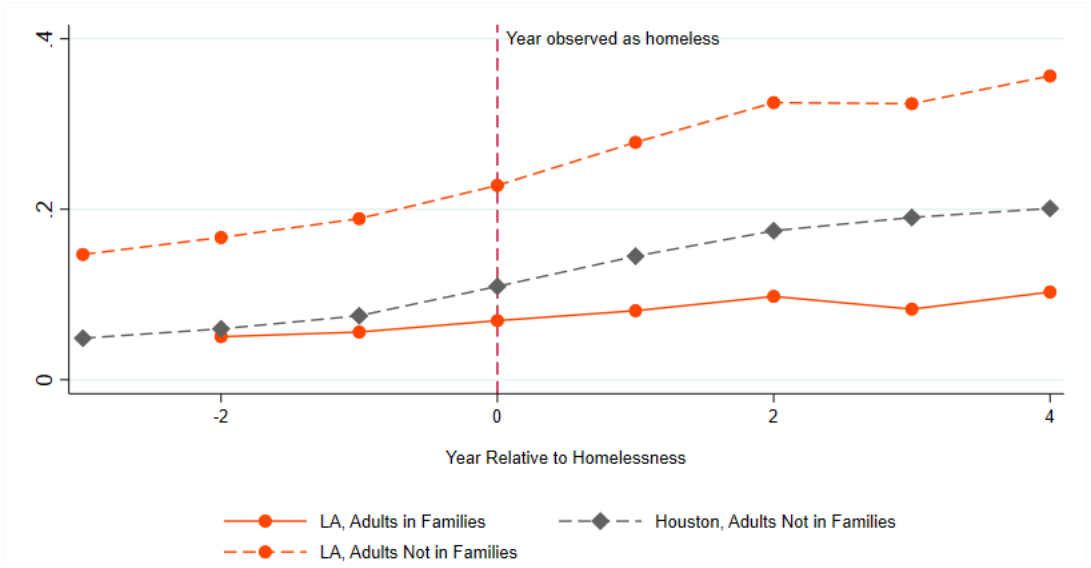
Share Formally Employed in Years Before/After Shelter Enrollment (According to Administrative Data)



Key Takeaway: Relative to adults in families, single adults appear to experience larger and more persistent declines in employment surrounding an observed period of homelessness, suggesting a longer-term deterioration in circumstances or health.

An Example of Past Analyses Using HMIS Data :

Disability Program Receipt (SSI or DI) in Years Before/After Shelter Enrollment (According to Administrative Data)

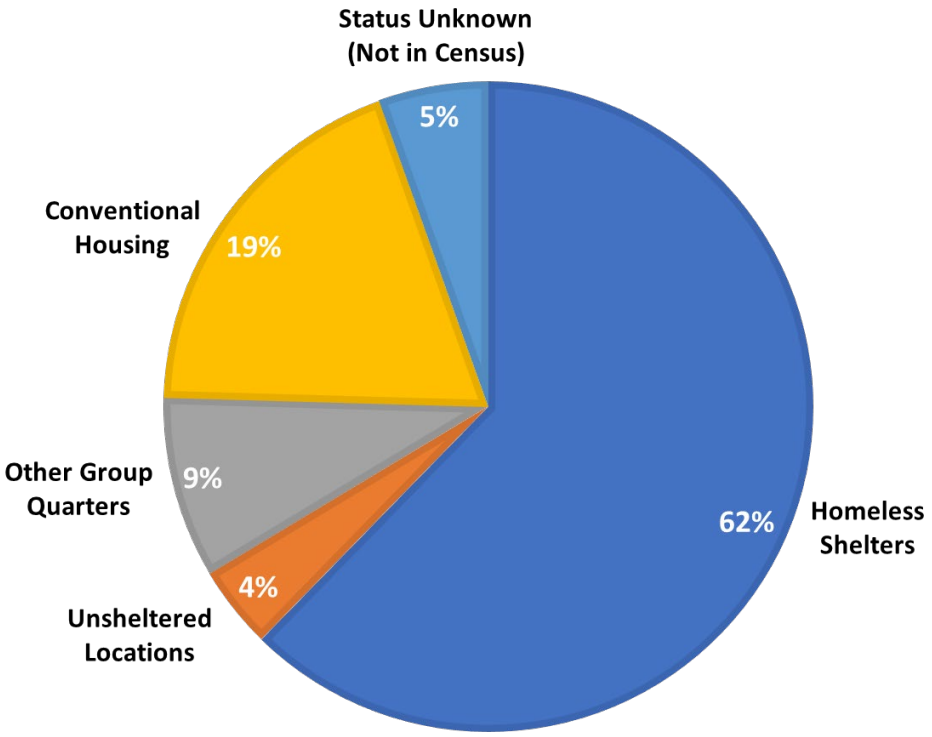


Key Takeaway: Disability programs are a major source of income, especially for single homeless adults, and receipt continues to rise following an observed period of homelessness, suggesting sustained and even increasing connections to these programs after shelter exit.

An Example of Past Analyses:

How well did the Census include people experiencing homelessness?

Coverage of L.A. and Houston HMIS Clients in the 2010 Census
(by Housing Status Recorded in the Census)



Key Takeaway:
The 2010 Census included about 95 percent of HMIS clients, although large shares were classified as being housed or in other congregate living facilities.

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Recommended Actions

a. Approve University of Chicago's revised HMIS data request for the period of May 1, 2018, through April 30, 2025, for a one-time export of data to be used for two research projects to increase understanding of homelessness and evictions in Orange County.

b. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the U.S. Census Bureau and Orange County United Way for the purpose of the University of Chicago's HMIS data request.

CoC Strategic Plan Updates

Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, Chair

Strategic Plan Structure: Feedback & Implementation Timeline

November 2024

- Shared current Vision Ad Hoc vision for the Strategic Plan
- CoC Board & Committee Feedback

December 2024

- CoC Board voted to adopt Strategic Aims & Objectives as overarching framework.
- This includes adopting the Strategies & Actions as drafts that may evolve in the first part of 2025.

January – June 2025

- Finalize SMARTIE Goals
- Finalize Strategies & Actions
- Assign Strategy / Action Leads & Roles
- Determine implementation Timelines, and Metrics for success, and Progress Reporting process

July 2025-End of Strategic Plan

- Implement Strategic Plan

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Orange County Homelessness Updates

Doug Becht, Director, and

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Office of Care Coordination

System of Care Update

Doug Becht, Director,
Office of Care Coordination

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2025 Orange County Supportive Housing Notice of Funds Availability

- Orange County Housing and Community Development (OCHCD) released the 2025 Supportive Housing Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) which makes available up to $12.05 million of Federal HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), HOME American Rescue Plan Program (HOME-ARP), Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), 15G Reserves and Housing Successor Agency (HSA) funds to promote the acquisition, new construction, and acquisition/rehabilitation of Supportive Housing and will also provide up to 150 Housing Choice, Mainstream, and/or Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Project Based Vouchers (PBVs) for extremely low-income households who are experiencing homelessness.
- Small-Scale Housing Units (SSHUs) are considered an eligible activity under the NOFA so long as the criteria and the guiding principles in the Commission to Address Homelessness SSHU Report are met.
- The full NOFA can be found on the OCHCD Website: https://www.ochcd.org/housing-development/developer/notice-funding-availability

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OC Same Day Solutions Fair

- The Office of Care Coordination engaged County departments, local jurisdictions and non-profits to coordinate the first ever OC Same Day Solutions Fair on March 27, 2025.
- This collaborative effort provided immediate on-site support to individuals experiencing homelessness by offering a range of services such as legal and document assistance, healthcare, housing resources, workforce development, and expanded access to Homeless Court.
- Representatives from the OC Social Services Agency, OC Health Care Agency, OC Child Support Services, OC Public Defender, OC District Attorney, OC Community Resources, OC Probation, Department of Motor Vehicles, Revival Hair, Salvation Army, and more were in attendance.

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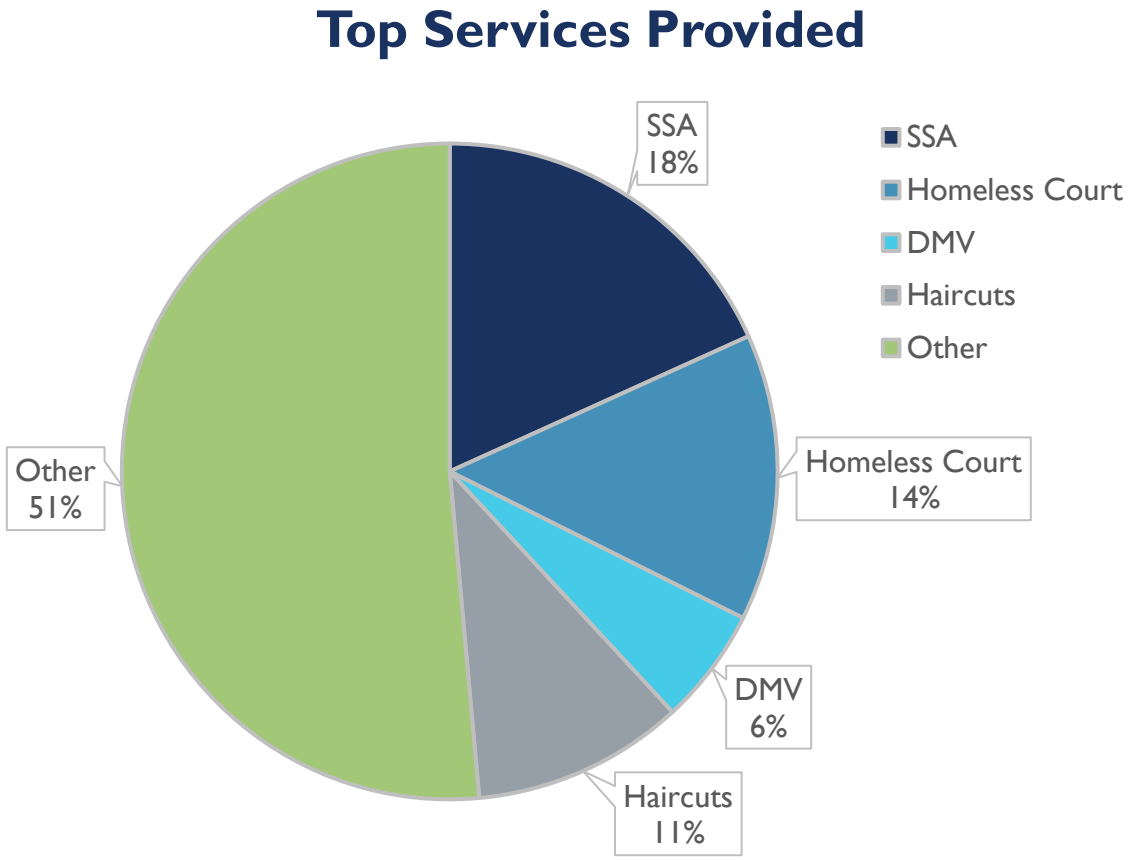
OC Same Day Solutions Fair

- 169 individuals checked-in to the event
- 488 services were provided during the event
- Top services provided Include:
  - 89 services provided by OC Social Services Agency
  - 69 services provided by Homeless Court, inclusive of OC Public Defenders and OC District Attorney
  - 28 services provided by the California Department of Motor Vehicles
  - 51 haircuts were provided by Revival Hair



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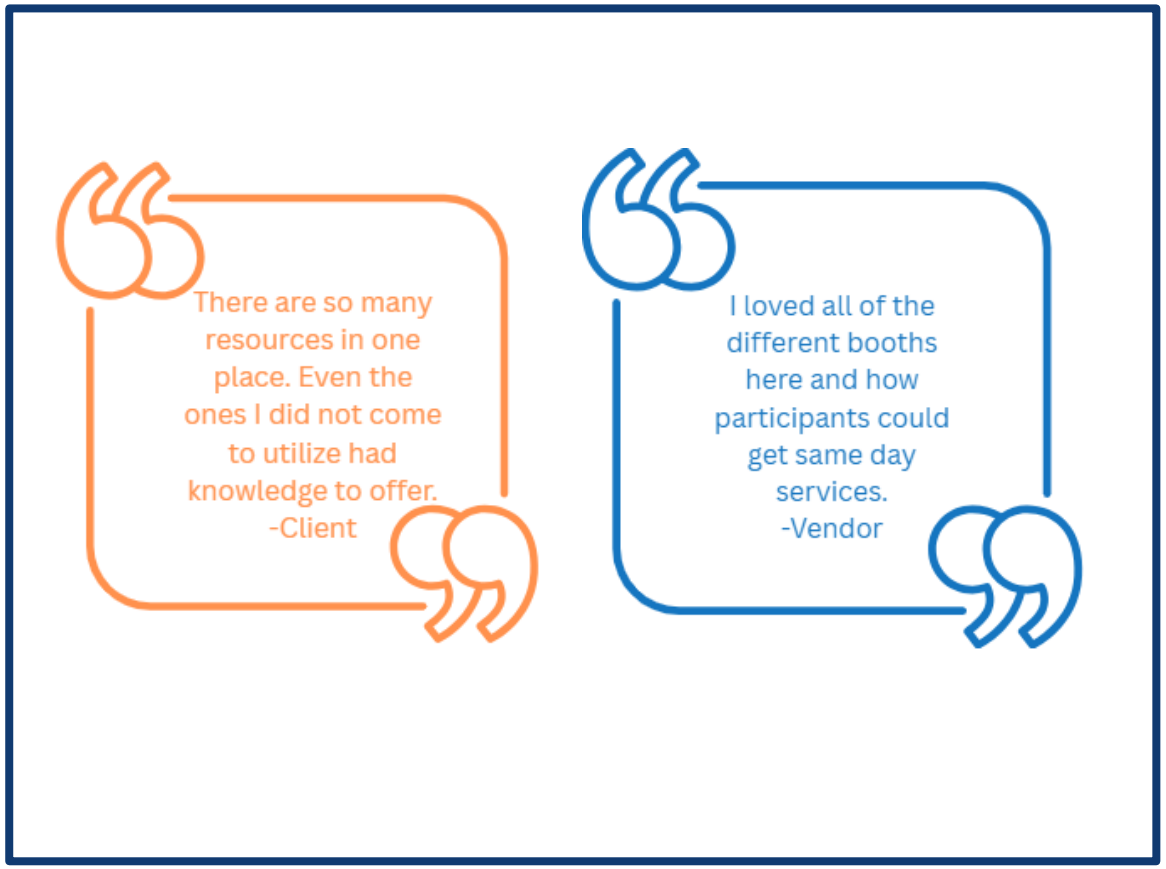
OC Same Day Solutions Fair



- Participating agencies and clients were encouraged to complete a survey regarding their experience at the OC Same Day Solutions Fair.
- The Office of Care Coordination is reviewing the feedback to determine what went well and what areas can be improved upon in the future.
- The Office of Care Coordination is working to hold another OC Same Day Solutions Fair in the coming months.

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2025 Homeless Survey

- The aim of the 2025 Homeless Survey is to explore the complex issues facing people who are experiencing homelessness for the first time, including what services and programs they may have accessed or attempted to access in efforts to remain housed, and the challenges they have faced as a result of unsheltered homelessness. The findings of the survey will be used to support with future planning and program development, as well as decision-making efforts specific to homeless prevention.
- The Office of Care Coordination worked closely with City Net to consolidate the feedback received from the Commission to Address Homelessness, the Continuum of Care Board, and the Lived Experience Advisory Committee into the survey.
- City Net completed the data collection phase of the survey throughout the month of March and has begun initial analysis.
- The Office of Care Coordination will be facilitating another Joint Special Meeting of the Commission to Address Homelessness and the Continuum of Care Board to discuss the findings.

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Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA)

- In March 2024, Proposition 1, consisting of two main components – the BHSA (SB 326) and the Behavioral Health Infrastructure Bond Act (BHIBA) (AB 531), passed.
- The BHSA provides ongoing funding for counties to assist people with serious behavioral health needs with housing and provides a path to long-term recovery, including ongoing capital to build more housing options.
- Housing interventions eligible for Behavioral Health Services Act funding are broad to help support the range of needs for target populations and help provide stable housing – in coordination with care – to improve health outcomes.
- Beginning in 2026 under the BHSA, 30% of each county's funding allocation must be used for housing interventions for Californians with the most significant behavioral health needs who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
    - Half of that amount is prioritized for those experiencing chronic homelessness.

CoC Update

Sarah Jones, CoC Manager,
Office of Care Coordination

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Continuum of Care Builds (CoCBuilds) NOFO

- On July 22, 2024, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced approximately $175 million in funding will be made available through the CoCBuilds NOFO – a first of its kind funding for new construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation of permanent supportive housing (PSH).
- On November 20, 2024, the Orange County CoC submitted the final CoCBuilds Application to HUD via Grants.gov.
- As of now, the CoCBuilds NOFO HUD webpage is not available and there has been no public communication from HUD on the status of the grant opportunity.
- The Office of Care Coordination will provide additional communication should further updates be made available.

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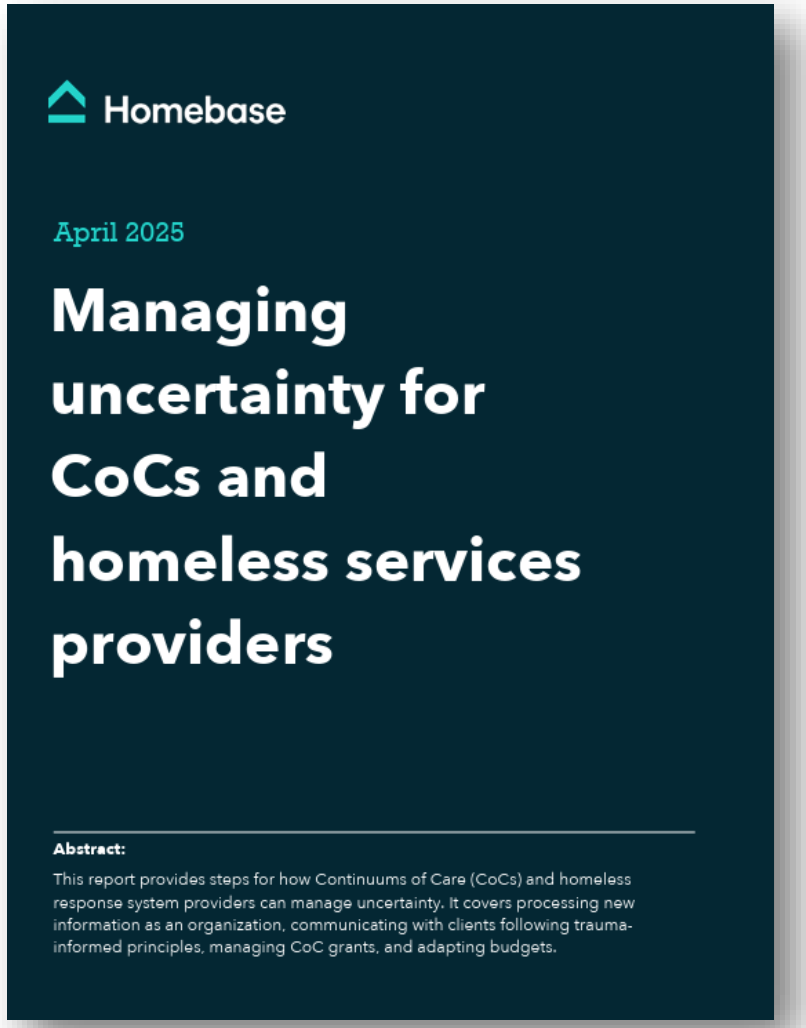
Report | Managing Uncertainty: Guidance for CoCs



- A **new report** from Homebase provides steps for CoCs and homeless response system providers can manage uncertainty.
- "Managing uncertainty for CoCs and homeless services providers" covers processing new information as an organization, communicating with clients following trauma-informed principles, managing CoC grants, and adapting budgets.
- Click here to access this resource.

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HHAP Program Ad Hoc

- At the February 26, 2025, meeting, the CoC Board approved the establishment of a HHAP Program ad hoc to support the Office of Care Coordination with the planning and programming of HHAP Program Round 5 funds allocated to the Orange County CoC.
- The HHAP Program ad hoc's responsibility is to assist the Office of Care Coordination in providing unbiased recommendations to the CoC Board regarding the programming of HHAP Round 5 funding.
- The Office of Care Coordination has worked with the CoC Board Officers to confirm the final ad hoc membership and has sent communication to those selected.

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HHAP Program Round 6 Changes and Updates

- On Monday, February 24, 2025, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) announced the release of the HHAP Round 6 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), making available $760 million to strengthen regional housing solutions.
- HHAP Round 6 Allocations for the Orange County Region are included below:
  - County of Orange – $8,355,062.07
  - Orange County CoC – $8,923,349.94
  - City of Anaheim – $5,947,854.53
  - City of Irvine – $5,947,854.53
  - City of Santa Ana – $5,947,854.53
- **Application Deadline**: August 29, 2025

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HHAP Program Round 6 Changes and Updates

Notable Changes in Round 6 NOFA include:

- Every proposed HHAP 6 funding activity must be included under **the System Performance Measures and Improvement Plan** as a key action
- **Purpose and Program Objectives**: Ensure all cities and counties in the region are addressing existing unsheltered homelessness, including encampments, and preventing future homelessness
    - Jurisdictions must adopt compliant housing elements and implement their respective housing element programs, resolve and avoid state housing law violations, and implement practices to utilize surplus land for the production of affordable housing.
- **Regional Partner's Roles and Responsibilities**: Identify the number of encampments identified within the region, with specific plans to address these encampments.
- **Housing Element**: Indicate that each city and county Eligible Applicant has implemented all programs in their adopted housing element on the timelines identified in the housing element, or if they have not, provide a timeline and plan to implement the past due programs.
- **Annual Progress Report**: Indicate that each Large City and county Eligible Applicant has submitted a timely and complete annual progress report for, at a minimum, the previous two years.

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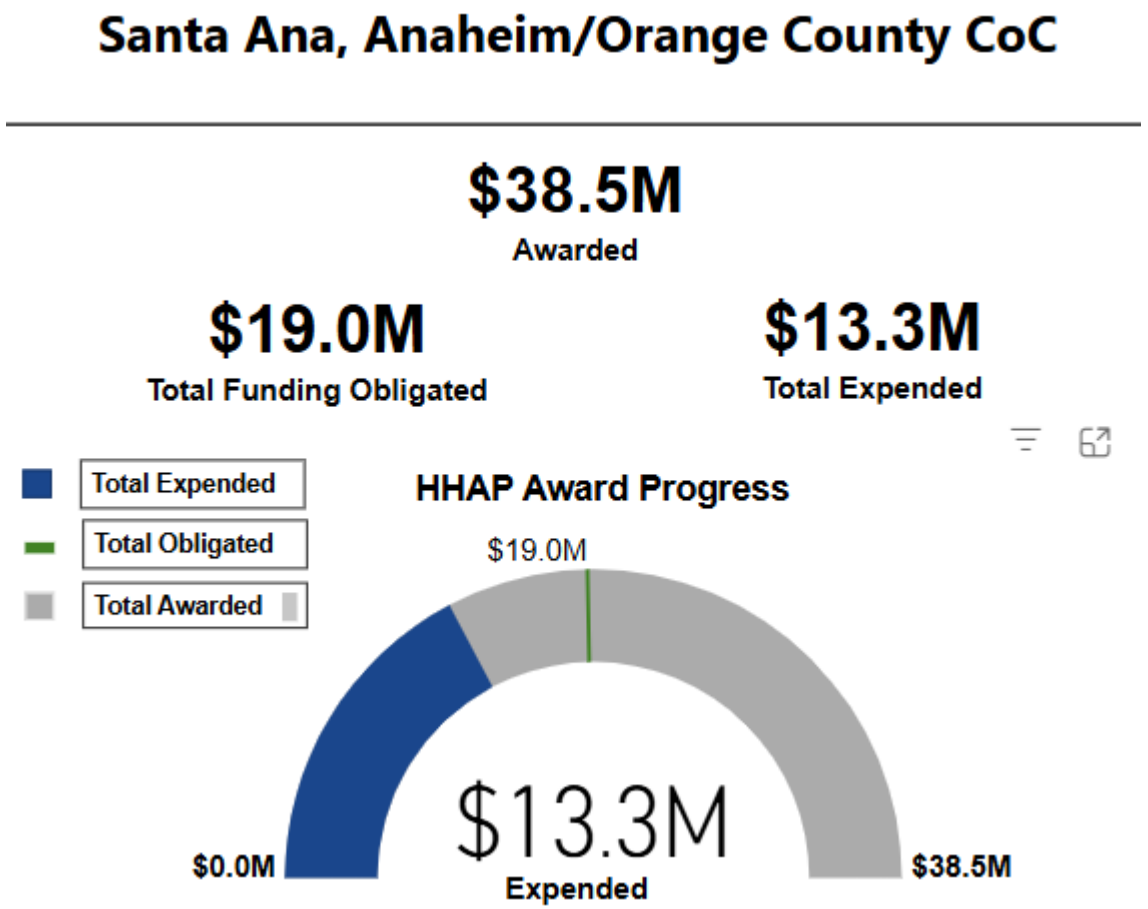
HHAP Program Funding Updates

- The HHAP Dashboard reflects the progress of grantees on their HHAP awards.
- Each jurisdiction must submit monthly reports that require them to self-report total obligations and expenditures against their HHAP awards. These reports are cumulative and represent all fiscal activity within each round of HHAP.
- The HHAP dashboard can be accessed at: https://www.hcd.ca.gov/planning-and-community-development/housing-open-data-tools/hhap-data-dashboard-and-downloads



Dashboard current as of 2/28/2025

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HHAP Program Funding Updates

- The HHAP dashboard also shows a breakdown of funds per round that have been obligated, expended, and remain to be obligated
- The screenshot below is reflective of all five (5) rounds of HHAP for the Orange County CoC.

Aggregate HHAP Funding across Rounds

HHAP Round	Awarded	Unobligated	Obligated	Expended
HHAP1	$8,081,115.98	$26,803.19	$8,054,312.79	$7,447,937.20
HHAP2	$3,823,692.00	$0.00	$3,823,692.00	$1,899,377.06
HHAP3	$10,267,303.85	$5,133,226.13	$5,134,077.72	$3,053,587.11
HHAP4	$7,600,841.88	$5,613,363.59	$1,987,478.29	$886,066.99
HHAP5	$8,699,841.23	$8,699,841.23	$0.00	$0.00
TOTAL	**$38,472,794.94**	**$19,473,234.14**	**$18,999,560.80**	**$13,286,968.36**

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HHAP Program Funding Updates

- HHAP-CoC funding programmed for the upcoming Request for Proposals (RFP)
- HHAP-CoC funding programmed for Rapid Rehousing and Emergency Shelter Operations and Services (ESOS) renewal contracts, pending approval from the Orange County Board of Supervisors
- HHAP Ad Hoc to focus on recommendations for programming of HHAP Round 5 funding

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2025 Annual Calendar of CoC Activities

- The Office of Care Coordination will provide CoC Board members with updates regarding upcoming CoC activities.
- Calendar Year 2025 Quarter 2 and the beginning of Quarter 3 activities are highlighted in this chart for reference.

May

- CoC NOFO Ad Hoc
- HHAP Program Ad Hoc convenes
- CoC Strategic Plan implementation planning
- Procurement process: Compensation for people with lived experience; YAB development technical assistance (TA); CoC fiscal and resource mapping TA
- Board meeting: FY 2023 System Performance Measures (SPM) Report

June

- CoC Program NOFO Ad Hoc
- HHAP Program Ad Hoc
- CoC Strategic Plan implementation planning
- Procurement process: Compensation for people with lived experience; YAB development technical assistance (TA); CoC fiscal and resource mapping TA
- Board meeting: Approve CoC Program NOFO policies and strategies (estimated)

July

- CoC Program NOFO Ad Hoc
- YAB planning and development
- YAB development technical assistance
- CoC Strategic Plan implementation
- Procurement process: Compensation for people with lived experience; YAB development technical assistance; CoC Vision technical assistance
- Board meeting: Approve recommended FY 2025 CoC Priority Listing (estimated)

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Upcoming Meetings

- **TAY Collaborative Committee**: Thursday, May 1, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
  - Location: Orangewood Foundation, Conference Room, 1575 E. 17th St., Santa Ana, CA 92705.
- **Lived Experience Advisory Committee**: Wednesday, May 7, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
  - Location: County Administration North (CAN) Multipurpose Room, 400 W. Civic Center Dr., Room 101, Santa Ana, CA 92701
- **Coordinated Entry System Steering Committee**: Wednesday, May 7, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
  - Location: Orange County Housing Authority (OCHA), Conference Room, 1501 E Saint Andrew Pl, Santa Ana, CA 92705
- **Policies, Procedures, and Standards Committee** : Tuesday, May 13, 2025, from 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
  - Location: County Administration South (CAS), County Conference Center, 425 West Santa Ana Blvd., Room 104/106, Santa Ana, CA 92701
- **Service Provider Forum**: Thursday, May 15, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
  - Location: Orange County Housing Authority (OCHA), Conference Room, 1501 E Saint Andrew Pl, Santa Ana, CA 92705
- **Domestic Violence Committee**: Tuesday, May 20, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
  - Location: The Village at 17th Street, Large Community Room, 1505 17th St., Santa Ana, CA 92705

HMIS Lead Update

Erin DeRycke, Director, Data Analytics,
211OC, Orange County United Way

HUD Update

- During the HMIS Leads webinar on April 16, 2025, there was an announcement that Gender and Sexual Orientation data elements will be retired October 1st
- Sex will be added as a new Program Specific Data Element
- Vendors have been instructed not to map Gender data to the new Sex data element

HMIS Lead Updates

- The System Performance Measures Report is required by HUD to be completed on an annual basis, and includes an analysis of how the CoC is performing as a whole. This submission was completed in April. Data will be presented at a future CoC Board meeting.
- The Data team has been working with 47 agencies and 200+ projects to finalize their data for the 2025 Housing Inventory County (HIC) and Sheltered Point in Time Count (PIT). These reports are also required by HUD to be completed on an annual basis. HUD has not released a due date for these reports, but data will be presented at a future CoC Board meeting.
- CoC-funded projects were sent draft Project Performance scores to allow them an opportunity to review and correct their data prior to the upcoming CoC NOFO process. Final Project Performance Reports will be published in May.
- The CoC Dashboard is currently published quarterly by the Data team, and is used by the CoC to understand the clients currently participating in HMIS. This dashboard is being transitioned to a new data visualization software called Quicksight, and will allow for the dashboard to be updated daily instead of quarterly. This will provide timely data to the CoC, and will reduce workload for the Data team.
- A Coordinated Entry Dashboard is also being developed in Quicksight. This will provide the CoC more comprehensive and standardized data on all components of the Coordinated Entry System (families, individuals, veterans, transition aged youth) to allow for analysis and data-driven decision making.

Upcoming Meetings and Trainings

- HMIS User Meeting
  - May 7, 2025; 10:00 – 11:00
  - https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89407247911
- Data and Performance Management Meeting
  - May 14th, 10:00 – 11:00
  - https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85778370017
- Intro to Looker Training
  - May 28, 2025; 11:00 – 12:30
  - https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81910712950
- Advanced Looker Training
  - May 29, 2025, 1:00 – 2:30
  - https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85807712322

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, May 28, 2025,

from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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