

ORANGE COUNTY  
CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD  
Wednesday, July 23, 2025  
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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## MINUTES

### Board Members

LaVal Brewer, South County Outreach  
Judson Brown, City of Santa Ana  
Dr. Kelly Bruno-Nelson, CalOptima Health  
Andrew Crowe, Scholarship Prep  
Nichole Gideon, Individual [Secretary]  
Shakoya Green Long, Thomas House Family Shelter  
Becks Heyhoe-Khalil, OC United Way  
Marisol Johnson, Dayle McIntosh Center  
Sandra Lozeau, City of Anaheim  
Sammie MarTínez, Individual  
Melanie McQueen, PATH

Dr. Tiffany Mitchell, Orangewood Foundation  
Nishtha Mohendra, Families Forward [Vice Chair]  
Robert “Santa Bob” Morse, Individual  
Talesha Payne, Individual  
Jason Phillips, Individual  
Dawn Price, Friendship Shelter  
Maricela Rios-Faust, Human Options  
George Searcy, Individual  
Tim Shaw, Individual  
Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, Individual [Chair]

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Office of Care Coordination during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday (excluding holidays).

**Call to Order** – Nishtha Mohendra, Vice Chair

Vice Chair Nishtha Mohendra called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

**Board Member Roll Call** – Nichole Gideon, Secretary

Present: LaVal Brewer, Judson Brown, Dr. Kelly Bruno-Nelson, Nichole Gideon, Marisol Johnson, Sandra Lozeau, Sammie MarTínez, Melanie McQueen, Dr. Tiffany Mitchell, Nishtha Mohendra, Robert “Santa Bob” Morse, Dawn Price, Maricela Rios-Faust, George Searcy and Tim Shaw.

Absent Excused: Andrew Crowe, Becks Heyhoe-Khalil, Shakoya Green Long, Jason Phillips, and Dr. Shauntina Sorrells.

Absent: Talesha Payne

Dawn Price arrived during Public Comments. George Searcy arrived during Consent Calendar. Judson Brown left during Business Calendar Item 4.

**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. Members of the public utilizing interpreter services will be given double the amount of time to provide public comment.

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- No public comments.

**Board Member Comments:** Members of the CoC Board may provide comments on matters not appearing on the agenda so long as the subject matter is within the jurisdiction of the CoC Board.

- Maricela Rios-Faust read the names of people who have passed away without fixed abode in May 2025.
- As someone with lived experience of homelessness and who has provided direct services across both Orange County and Los Angeles County and City, Sammie MarTínez expressed experience with both frontline knowledge and strategic insight into how systems operate — and how they often fall short of the people they are meant to serve. Sammie MarTínez expressed support for the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Round 6 budget and recognizes the urgency to move funding forward. Sammie MarTínez noted that money alone does not fix broken systems — it’s implementation, training,

and how we hold each other accountable that determines real impact. Sammie MarTínez named specific gaps and recommendations.

- Vice Chair Nishtha Mohendra announced that on June 27, 2025, the 2024-2025 Orange County Grand Jury (Grand Jury) released the report titled, “Homelessness: Is Orange County Moving in the Right Direction?” Vice Chair Nishtha Mohendra shared that there are many questions that must be responded to and there is a section that requests responses from the CoC Board should the CoC Board respond. Vice Chair Nishtha Mohendra stated that the CoC Board officers were made aware of the report and will bring the item for discussion at the August 2025 meeting to weigh in on the next steps as the CoC Board officers prepare responses to the questions. Vice Chair Nishtha Mohendra asked that if anyone on the CoC Board feels strongly about whether or not to respond, please contact the CoC Board Officers.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

#### **1. Approve CoC Board Meeting Minutes from June 25, 2025.**

Melanie McQueen motioned to approve Item 1 on the Consent Calendar. Maricela Rios-Faust seconded the motion. Judson Brown, Nichole Gideon, Marisol Johnson, Sandra Lozeau, Sammie MarTínez, Melanie McQueen, Dr. Tiffany Mitchell, Nishtha Mohendra, Robert “Santa Bob” Morse, Dawn Price, Maricela Rios-Faust, and Tim Shaw voted yes. LaVal Brewer and Dr. Kelly Bruno-Nelson abstained. The motion passed.

### **BUSINESS CALENDAR**

#### **1. Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program Round 6 – Zulima Lundy, Director of Operations, Office of Care Coordination**

Zulima Lundy provided a HHAP Round 6 application update. HHAP-6 funding allocations include the jurisdictions of County of Orange, Orange County CoC, City of Anaheim, City of Santa Ana, and City of Irvine. Regions must apply together and submit a single Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan that builds upon the state approved HHAP-5 Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan. For the development of the HHAP-6 application and the Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan, community listening sessions and presentations were planned and hosted by on the following dates: City of Santa Ana Community Listening Session: Monday, July 7, 2025, City of Anaheim Community Listening Session: Tuesday, July 8, 2025, and County of Orange’s Community Listening Session: Thursday, July 10, 2025.

The community listening sessions included a review of the Orange County CoC’s performance as it relates to the California System Performance Measures (SPM). Attendees were asked for feedback regarding key actions that the Orange County region should take to improve the Orange County CoC’s system performance within the California SPMs. Key actions from the community listening sessions, previous rounds of HHAP funding and the CoC Board’s feedback helped inform a draft HHAP-6 budget for the Orange County CoC funding allocation.

Recommended Action b: Approve recommended budget for inclusion in the HHAP Round 6 application.

Tim Shaw motioned to approve Recommended Action b. Dawn Price seconded the motion. During discussion, a substitute motion was introduced by Judson Brown.

Substitute Motion: Approve recommended budget for inclusion in the HHAP Round 6 application, with direction to CoC staff to return to the September 2025 meeting with a detailed analysis of the unobligated funds for

Rounds 1-5, including the administrative funds that are unexpended; provide a more user-friendly, transparent analysis of obligated funds for Rounds 1-5; and provide a more accessible presentation with a detailed process for requesting a budget modification with the California Housing and Community Development (HCD).

Judson Brown motioned to approve the Substitute Motion. Robert “Santa Bob” Morse seconded the motion. LaVal Brewer, Judson Brown, Dr. Kelly Bruno-Nelson, Nichole Gideon, Marisol Johnson, Sandra Lozeau, Sammie MarTínez, Melanie McQueen, Dr. Tiffany Mitchell, Nishtha Mohendra, Robert “Santa Bob” Morse, Dawn Price, Maricela Rios-Faust, George Searcy and Tim Shaw voted yes. The substitute motion passed.

#### Board Member Discussion:

- Maricela Rios-Faust asked the following questions: when will HHAP rounds 3-5 be fully obligated, what is the County vs CoC allocation, who is responsible for the Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan, who puts the Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan together, and would it be possible to see the Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan? Maricela Rios-Faust noted that potential impact of the CoC Program Notice of Funding Opportunity on staff time.
- Tim Shaw noted that for the term “region”, there is an assumption of incorporation of the entire CoC and cities which does not consider the nuances and size of the county as the work standpoint will be more difficult in some regions. Tim Shaw shared that the CoC Board put in hours of work and some of the commentary sounded like criticism. Tim Shaw expressed that there are multiple opportunities of bringing the listening sessions forward and other places where that can happen. Tim Shaw inquired if there would be enough time to convene the HHAP Program ad hoc and have an update by the August 2025 meeting.
- Dawn Price asked if there is a vetting process to ensure funding is equitable as some other jurisdictions have their own allocations and to prevent double dipping. Dawn Price asked if the summary of actions can go to the HHAP Program ad hoc first and have the HHAP Program ad hoc come forward with a report.
- Melanie McQueen asked if prevention is an eligible activity.
- Dr. Tiffany Mitchell asked the following questions: are any of the unobligated dollars youth set-aside dollars, are there thoughts of increasing the youth set-aside amount, how are decisions being made, and what was the rationale for the two buckets of youth. Dr. Tiffany Mitchell expressed concern about whether the right people were at the table for the HHAP Program ad hoc.
- Judson Brown asked the following questions: when will HHAP rounds 3-5 be fully obligated, how much of HHAP rounds 3-5 have been allocated for, what are the expenditure deadlines of HHAP rounds 3-5, where was HHAP rounds 3-5 funds budgeted, and what can the CoC Board do for the unobligated and unexpended funds. Judson Brown highlighted that there is an appropriate 24 million dollars of unexpended funds and 15 million of unobligated funds. Judson Brown emphasized that there needs to be a conversation and staff should come back with a detailed analysis.
- Dr. Kelly Bruno-Nelson expressed support for the action going to the September 2025 meeting as the application is due at the end of August 2025.
- George Searcy who is the chair of the HHAP Program Ad Hoc and asked Judson Brown if he were willing to chair the ad hoc to convene a meeting expeditiously to look at the questions raised during the meeting.

2. **CoC Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)** – Felicia Boehringer, Interim CoC Manager, and Zulima Lundy, Director of Operations, Office of Care Coordination

Zulima Lundy provided a follow up presentation on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 and FY 2025 CoC Program Competition Debriefing including information on the System Performance Measures (SPM) Report as it relates to system performance change throughout the years.

Board Member Discussion:

- Marisol Johnson inquired as to how the “Returns to Homelessness” data is being captured.
- Sandra Lozeau shared that in the National Alliance to End Homelessness conference, there was emphasis on highlight “glimmers” in the work and noted that there may be opportunities to highlight success stories throughout the year. Sandra Lozeau suggested that the SPM Report can be shared at the Service Provider Forum. Sandra Lozeau noted that in one of the strategic planning meetings, a suggestion came up of reviewing the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) with fresh eyes and the reviewer can be someone else that has previous experience of evaluating HMIS systems.
- Dawn Price asked for clarification on whether there is a narrative component for the “Length of Time Homeless–CoC’s Strategy to Reduce” measure of the CoC program NOFO. Dawn Price suggested that if there is a narrative then if a strategy is being copy-pasted, then that might be a reason to lose points.
- Melanie McQueen agreed that the Service Provider Forum can be a space to provide on the ground training and increased awareness and understanding of the SPM. Melanie McQueen noted that some of the measures, there is an increased need but decreased points and that is the wrong way to look at it, therefore, it would be good to have collective advocacy with other Coc Boards to advocate to HUD for consistent methodology. Melanie McQueen emphasized the importance of embedding SPM to contract monitoring focus and having an increased focus on that side will drive improvement.

**3. 2026 Point In Time Count – Felicia Boehringer, Interim CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires that Continuums of Care (CoC) across the nation complete a biennial unsheltered count and an annual sheltered count of all individuals experiencing homelessness in the community on a single point in time during the last 10 days of January. The Office of Care Coordination, as the Collaborative Applicant for the Orange County CoC, is recommending that a 2026 Point In Time (PIT) Count Planning Ad Hoc be established. Approval of a 2026 PIT Count Planning Ad Hoc will support the formation and planning of a 2026 PIT Count, including outreach to local providers, stakeholders, and system leaders, to ensure all populations experiencing homelessness are considered in the planning for the count.

Recommended Actions:

- a. Approve the Office of Care Coordination, as the Collaborative Applicant, to conduct the 2026 Point In Time Count of persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness in Orange County.
- b. Establish the 2026 Point In Time Count Planning Ad Hoc.

Maricela Rios-Faust motioned Recommended Actions a and b and Robert “Santa Bob” Morse seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Discussion:

- LaVal Brewer asked what is considered “enhanced data strategies”.

**4. FY 2024 Longitudinal Systems Analysis Report – Erin DeRycke, Director, Data Analytics, 2110C, Orange County United Way**

The Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA) report is produced from each CoC's HMIS and compiled to create the Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) report submitted to the United States Congress by the U.S.

Congress by HUD. The AHAR is a national-level report that provides information about homeless service providers, people and households experiencing homelessness, and various characteristics of that population. It also informs strategic planning for federal, state, and local initiatives designed to prevent and end homelessness. The LSA includes Emergency Shelter, Safe Haven, Transitional Housing, Rapid Re-Housing, Permanent Supportive Housing, and Other Permanent Housing projects that are participating in HMIS during the reporting period, which is October 1st through September 30th. The LSA report is submitted annually to HUD via the Homelessness Data Exchange (HDX) 2.0 and provides HUD and CoCs with critical information about how people experiencing homelessness use the homeless service system.

Board Member Discussion:

- George Searcy asked if it is possible to look at longitudinal trends of the LSA data in the future.
- Dawn Price asked if this data includes services being provided with CalAim and noted that many of the shelters services are coming through CalAim. As the CoC Board draws system conclusions, Dawn Price noted that a key piece of information is missing, including what kinds of support are available.
- Sammie MarTínez asked for the definition of what “rapid re-housing” is. Sammie MarTínez asked if rapid re-housing is an option for domestic violence services and asked if the community knows where they can go.
- Dr. Tiffany Mitchell asked for clarity on “children and youth” metric.

**5. Orange County Homelessness Updates** – Doug Becht, Director, and Felicia Boehringer, Interim CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination

- a. System of Care Updates – Doug Becht provided the following System of Care Update:
  - The Orange County’s Office of Care Coordination is seeking applications from Orange County residents to serve on the Commission to Address Homelessness and recruitment is being conducted to fill six (6) seats on the Commission to Address Homelessness.
  - The Office of Care Coordination is hosting a second Same-Day Solutions Fair on July 24, 2025, at Saddleback Church located at 1 Saddleback Pkwy, Lake Forest, CA 92630.
  - The Office of Care Coordination is drafting a response to the Grand Jury Report and will seek Board of Supervisors approval in September 2025.
- b. CoC Updates – Felicia Boehringer provided the following CoC Updates:
  - The National Alliance to End Homelessness provided information for local agencies and partners regarding recent changes to exceptions under a federal law called the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA). For further details, please visit the National Alliance to End Homelessness webpage: [CEO Corner | Week of July 21](#)
  - The OC Health Care Agency (HCA) is currently engaging in the Community Program Planning process for the BHS. As part of this process, HCA is facilitating focus groups and community forums for local community members and system partners. Community feedback gathered will directly inform the County’s first BHS Integrated Plan, which will go into effect on July 1, 2026. Two 90-minute Behavioral Health Services Focus Groups are being offered and specifically geared toward the Orange County CoC, including local services providers, advocates, community members, and people with lived expertise.
  - HCA will be hosting three regional, interactive community forums. These forums are an opportunity for individuals affected by mental health and substance use challenges – including community members, families, providers, advocates, and system partners – to provide valuable input into the development of Orange County’s Behavioral Health System of Care. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to HCA at [BHSA@ochca.com](mailto:BHSA@ochca.com).

- On January 15, 2025, the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) announced the HVRP Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA). HVRP is an employment-focused, competitive federal grant program intended to enable veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness reach their full employment potential and obtain high-quality career outcomes. The Orange County CoC Board leadership provided letters of support to Goodwill Industries of Orange County California (Goodwill OC), PATH, and The Salvation Army. On June 27, 2025, the DOL announced the award of more than \$23 million in grants to organizations that help veterans experiencing homelessness find meaningful employment and assist them in overcoming barriers to transition back successfully into the workforce. As part of the award announcement, Goodwill OC and The Salvation Army received awards for the Orange County service areas.
- The Office of Care Coordination has been providing CoC Board members with updates regarding upcoming CoC activities. Calendar Year 2025 Quarter 3 activities are highlighted in the CoC Board Presentation. Activities in bold require active participation from CoC Board members outside of normal meetings
- Upcoming meetings of the Orange County CoC can be viewed at: <https://ceo.ocgov.com/continuum-care>

**6. HMIS Lead Update** – Elizabeth Andrade, Executive Director, 211OC and Erin DeRycke, Director, Data Analytics, 211OC, Orange County United Way

Erin DeRycke provided the following HMIS Lead updates: HMIS User Recertifications started this month, results of the data request submitted by the UCI Capstone students in March have been provided in the CoC Board Meeting Materials, and the HMIS team is contacting the HMIS vendor and other CoCs to see how other communities are implementing the change of gender no longer being required to be collected in HMIS by HUD. Upcoming meetings and trainings can be viewed at: <https://ochmis.org/ochmiscalendar/>

Board Member Discussion:

- As a person of the public, Tim Shaw expressed wanting to go on record to state how pathetic it is that “we are erasing people”. Tim Shaw stated, “I personally see you and see that you exist, and I think it’s just pathetic to me that it has come to this point”. Tim Shaw noted that will not solve anything, but the action runs counter to personal values and wanted to go on record of saying that.
- Maricela Rios-Faust asked for clarification on the legal guidance received.
- Marisol Johnson agreed with Tim Shaw and shared about a workshop of inclusivity and accessibility that they provide. Marisol Johnson asked if the HMIS trainings are mandatory.
- Robert “Santa Bob” Morse asked for clarification on the gender ideology information.
- Dr. Tiffany Mitchell asked if it was required to remove historical data of gender and expressed that it is hard to sit with the idea of going back and removing data from older reports.
- Dawn Price noted that the CoC grant agreements reference the recent executive orders. By removing the gender data element, Dawn Price noted that frontline workers may be compromising their values and potentially their identities.
- Melanie McQueen acknowledged strong feelings around the issue and emphasized being mindful of the language being used in the public meeting. Melanie McQueen encouraged reframing to prevent getting hung up on the emotive aspect.

Meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

**7. Next Meeting:** Wednesday, August 27, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.