

**ORANGE COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING**

Wednesday, May 21, 2025
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Location:
County Administration South (CAS) Building
Multipurpose Rooms 103/105
601 N. Ross St., Santa Ana, CA 92701

Virtual Meeting Option*:
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Committee Chair: Maricela Rios-Faust, Human Options

Committee Members:

Jude Abusham, Student in Orange County
Brateil Aghasi, WISEPlace
Patience Biosah, Individual
Barbara Burke, Individual
Shakoya Green Long, Thomas House
Deborah Kraft, Lived Experience Advisory Committee, Orange County Family Violence Council's (OCFVC) Homelessness Domestic Violence (DV)-Sexual Assault (SA) Task Force, Housing is a Human Right OC (HHROC), Stronger Women United, DV Policy Advocate
Mark Lee, Radiant Futures
Sammie MarTínez, Individual
Nishtha Mohendra, Families Forward
Lydia Nationalesta, City of Lake Forest
Wendy Seiden, OCFVC Homelessness-DV-SA Task Force
Tianna Terry, Friendship Shelter, Individual Coordinated Entry System (CES)
Cynthia Thouvenel, Ohlone Tribe Non-Profit
Katherine Tan, Individual
Sharon Wie, Interval House

MINUTES

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Welcome and Introductions – Maricela Rios-Faust, Chair

Present: Chair Maricela Rios-Faust, Shakoya Green Long, Mark Lee, Nishtha Mohendra, Wendy Seiden, Tianna Terry, and Sharon Wie (Virtually)

Absent Excused: Patience Biosah, Deborah Kraft, and Lydia Nationalesta

Absent: Jude Abusham, Brateil Aghasi, Sammie MarTínez, Cynthia Thouvenel, and Katherine Tan

Shakoya Green Long left during Business Calendar Item 3.

Public Comments – Members of the public may address the DV Committee 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 DV Committee. Public 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.

To address the DV Committee, members of the public are to complete a Request to Address the Committee form prior to the beginning of each agenda item and submit it to Continuum of Care (CoC) staff. Staff will call your name in the order received. Members of the public may also submit public comment by emailing CareCoordination@ocgov.com. All comments submitted via email at least 24 hours before the start of the meeting will be distributed to the DV Committee members, and all comments will be added to the administrative records of the meeting. Please include “Domestic Violence Committee Meeting Comment” in the email subject line.

DV Committee Member Comments – Members of the DV Committee may provide comments on matters not appearing on the agenda so long as the subject matter is within the jurisdiction of the DV Committee. Comments will be limited to three minutes. If there are more than five members wishing to speak, this time will be reduced to two minutes.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approve the DV Committee Meeting Minutes from February 18, 2025.

**Committee did not have quorum and minutes were not approved*

BUSINESS CALENDAR

1. **CoC Strategic Plan** –Maricela Rios-Faust, Chair and Sarah Jones, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination

Chair Maricela Rios-Faust and Sarah Jones provided an update regarding the CoC Strategic Plan and shared that the CoC Board and Vision Ad Hoc members met for a working session to discuss implementation of the Strategic Plan on April 30, 2025. Further discussion is needed to determine specific action items for each committee, and updates will be provided as they come.

2. Coordinated Entry System for Survivors (SCES) Updates – Tianna Terry, Orange County Individual CES Manager, Friendship Shelter and Regginay Tate, Survivor CES Administrator, Friendship Shelter

Tianna Terry and Regginay Tate provided an overview of CES for Survivors, including an informational flyer. The presenters shared a dashboard including relevant data points such as number of survivors in CES, inflow vs. outflow by month, domestic violence housing opportunities, housing interests, and exit destinations. Sharon Wie shared updates from Interval House regarding SCES as a service provider.

Public Comment:

- Aisha Khan, Resident Director at Human Options, thanked Julia Davis, Tianna Terry, and Regginay Tate for their efforts, noting that CES represents not just community and action for survivors but hope. Aisha Khan brought prioritization into question, stating that while CES prioritizes highest needs, that does not necessarily translate to trauma informed care. Some survivors who have lower priority within CES may be ready and able to transition to permanent housing and have the capacity to seek that out. Aisha Khan recommends continued consideration and adjustments to the tool in order to best serve survivors.

Committee Discussion

- Nishtha Mohendra congratulated the team for housing 100 participants and inquired about the timeline of the data in the CES for Survivors Overview. Nishtha Mohendra asked if senior men or other demographics were captured in addition to senior women. Nishtha Mohendra noted that there may be crossover in who this information would be beneficial to, and asked about opportunities for it to be shared with other providers.
- Chair Maricela Rios-Faust asked if the 197 households referenced on the CES for Survivors Overview that expressed interest in ICES (Individual CES), FCES (Family CES), and SCES (CES for Survivors) housing opportunities would be willing to enter any of those opportunities. Chair Maricela Rios-Faust asked if the 100 participants housed were all part of SCES or if it was a mix, and if they could be broken down by where they were housed. Chair Maricela Rios-Faust clarified the meaning of the acronyms ICES, FCES, and SCES. Chair Maricela Rios-Faust complimented the presentation and noted desires to continue to improve SCES, identify best practices for FCES, revisit prioritization and open access points, and build awareness to the fact that there are limited housing options.
- Mark Lee echoed the congratulations for the impressive housing accomplishments. Mark Lee inquired whether the housing data could be broken down by household rather than individual participants. Mark Lee confirmed whether transitional housing and rapid re-housing are the only SCES housing opportunities currently and asked whether self-resolved exits are also included in the data.
- Wendy Seiden also congratulated the team and asked what type of housing the nine individuals that did not receive permanent housing received, and whether it was transitional housing.

3. Senate Bill (SB) 914 Implementation – Maricela Rios-Faust, Chair; Jennifer Willover, Housing Policy Analyst, California Partnership to End Domestic Violence; and Felicia Boehringer, CoC Administrator, Office of Care Coordination

Chair Maricela Rios-Faust, Jennifer Willover, and Felicia Boehringer shared an overview of the SB 914 Homeless Equity for Left Behind Populations (HELP) Act and explained the work completed so far, the work currently in place, barriers to cross-sector partnership, key recommendations to strengthen cross-sector partnerships, and impact on local work.

Committee Discussion:

- Wendy Seiden inquired how many counties have SCES or something similar.
- Nishtha Mohendra suggested staying in contact with Jennifer Willover, proposing a return at the end of the year as progress is made. Nishtha Mohendra shared appreciation for the presentation and commended the progress being made in Orange County.
- Chair Maricela Rios-Faust reiterated the benefit of the presentation, specifically with understanding overall goals and how they fit into our strategic plan, as well as any adjustments that need to be made, and encouraged continued contact.

4. CoC Updates – Felicia Boehringer, CoC Administrator, Office of Care Coordination

Felicia Boehringer announced the transition of OC Outreach and Engagement (OC O&E) to the Office of Care Coordination, provided information regarding Governor Newsom’s Prop 1 state funding announcement, and shared information regarding upcoming CoC Board and Committee meetings.

Committee Discussion:

- Chair Maricela Rios-Faust officially welcomed Sammie MarTínez and Shakoya Green Long to the DV Committee.

Adjournment to: Regular meeting on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. at The Village at 17th Street Large Community Room (1505 17th St, Santa Ana, CA 92705).