

**ORANGE COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE
HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, August 13, 2025
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location:
Orange County Housing Authority (OCHA)
1501 E. St. Andrew Pl., 1st Floor,
Conference Room A, Santa Ana, CA 92705
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Committee Chair: Judson Brown, City of Santa Ana

Committee Vice-Chair: January Johnson, Orange County Housing Authority

Committee Members

- Orange County Housing Authority
- Anaheim Housing Authority
- Santa Ana Housing Authority
- Garden Grove Housing Authority
- CalOptima Health
- Orange County Housing Finance Trust
- Orange County United Way
- Kennedy Commission
- Orange County Housing Advocacy Collaborative
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funded entitlement jurisdictions

Purpose: The Housing Opportunities Committee will function as an advisory group to the Continuum of Care (CoC) Board and the Policies, Procedures and Standards (PPS) Committee. The Housing Opportunities Committee assists in the overall coordination of efforts and information sharing to foster the development of housing opportunities for people experiencing homelessness. The Housing Opportunities Committee will facilitate regional and systemwide collaboration in the development and implementation of affordable housing programs and opportunities that provide permanent housing solutions, such as housing choice vouchers, short-term rental assistance and/or permanent supportive housing, to reduce homelessness and to increase the supply of affordable and permanent supportive housing in Orange County. In addition to the facilitation and regional collaboration of housing opportunities in Orange County, the Housing Opportunities Committee will align its efforts with the Orange County CoC Board Vision.

MINUTES

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and County Language Access Policy, those requiring accommodation and/or interpreter services for this meeting should notify the Office of Care Coordination 72 Hours prior to the meeting at (714) 834 – 5000 or email CareCoordination@ceo.oc.gov. Request received less than 72 hours prior to the meeting will still receive every effort to reasonably fulfill within the time provided.

Welcome and Call to Order – Judson Brown, Chair and January Johnson, Vice Chair

Public Comments – Members of the public may address the Housing Opportunities 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 Housing Opportunities Committee. 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 Housing Opportunities 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 CoC staff. Staff will call your name in the order received. Members of the public may also submit public comment by emailing CareCoordination@ceo.oc.gov. All comments submitted via email at least 24 hours before the start of the meeting will be distributed to the Housing Opportunities Committee members and all comments will be added to the administrative records of the meeting. Please include “Housing Opportunities Committee Meeting Comment” in the email subject line.

Chair Judson Brown called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

- 1. Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) Focus Group** – Tracy Lacey, Consultant, Tracy Lacey Consulting; Melinda Konoske, Consultant, Charitable Ventures; Lisa Woods, Client Lead, Charitable Ventures; and Carolina O’Neal, Health Program Specialist, Orange County Health Care Agency (HCA)

Melinda Konoske emphasized the importance of strategic planning in aligning behavioral health efforts with community needs, noting that community input is both legally required and essential. Melinda Konoske introduced the plan for the focus group discussions that would be held to gather feedback from members through facilitator-led questions. Three smaller breakout groups were facilitated in person, and one virtually, for 90 minutes before Melinda Konoske concluded the focus group portion of the meeting.

- 2. Federal and State Legislation Updates** - Cesar Covarrubias and Matthew Kempfer, The Kennedy Commission

Cesar Covarrubias provided federal and state updates. At the federal level, there was an increase in the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit, which could result in an additional 5,000 Permanent

Supportive Housing (PSH) units in California. However, federal funding alone is insufficient, local and state investments are also needed. At the state level, the legislature is in recess. A housing bond currently in the California Senate requires support to qualify for the 2026 ballot, potentially unlocking \$10 billion for affordable housing development

3. Coordinated Entry System (CES) Updates – Daniel Garcia, CES Administrator, Office of Care Coordination

Daniel Garcia provided updates to the CES Policies and Procedures, highlighting both minor and major proposed changes, and updates to the 2-for-1 Match Policy. The draft policy was released for public feedback, and the current language reflects input received so far, with additional feedback still being reviewed. Additionally, Daniel Garcia presented CES inflow and outflow data and subpopulation dashboards, noting a significant improvement in data quality from the Office of Care Coordination (OCC) and providers, particularly regarding chronic homeless households and the community queue data.

Committee Discussion:

- Chair Judson Brown inquired about the Veterans Registry, noting that the homeless veteran count was previously around 220 but is now reported at 135, and asked whether this reflects a true reduction or simply data cleanup. Chair Judson Brown also mentioned that Estrella Spring has housed 34 veterans, and OCHA has also made placements. Chair Judson Brown emphasized the importance for OCC or OC Community Development to recognize and build on these successes while addressing data accuracy.
- Michelle Zebeda clarified that the CES data pertains only to individuals within the CES and requires coordination with access points.
- Julia Bidwell added that most veterans are served through Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) and referenced the previous OCC functional zero efforts, questioning if those goals are still being met.

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

Felicia Boehringer provided information about the CoC Nominating Ad Hoc committee, including its purpose, expectations, and participation deadlines; and further outlining the CoC work with upcoming federal changes and updates to funding and requirements.

Chair Judson Brown adjourned the meeting at 11:59 a.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 8, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at OCHA, 1501 East Saint Andrew Place, 1st Floor, Conference Room A, Santa Ana, CA 92705