

# SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES



## JOINT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ORANGE COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD AND THE COMMISSION TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS

Wednesday, September 10, 2025, 1:00 pm

County Conference Center  
Room 104/106  
425 West Santa Ana Boulevard, Santa Ana, CA 92701

Call to Order

**CHAIR SARMIENTO CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 1:03 P.M.**

Pledge of Allegiance

**CHAIR SARMIENTO LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Roll Call

**CLERK CALLED THE ROLL AND CONFIRMED QUORUM OF THE CONTINUUM OF CARE (COC) BOARD AND THE COMMISSION TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS (COMMISSION) FOR THE JOINT SPECIAL MEETING.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Steve McNally – provided public comment on the County of Orange (County) work to collect data related to homelessness and highlighted that having housing is what actually ends homelessness.

### **COMMISSION AND CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS**

None

### **DISCUSSION ITEM**

1. Falling Through the Safety Net: Understanding Individual's Journey and Contributing Factors to Homelessness  
**DIRECTOR OF CARE COORDINATION DOUGLAS BECHT PRESENTED THE KEY FINDINGS FROM THE 2025 SURVEY TITLED, "FALLING THROUGH THE SAFETY NET: UNDERSTANDING INDIVIDUALS' JOURNEYS AND CONTRIBUTING FACTORS TO HOMELESSNESS," INCLUDING HOW HIGHLY VARIED FACTORS LEAD TO HOMELESSNESS, INDIVIDUALS REPORTED HIGH VULNERABILITIES AND SYSTEM INVOLVEMENT PRIOR TO EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, SAFETY NET AND PROGRAMS WERE NOT ACCESSED PRIOR TO HOMELESSNESS AND FINANCIAL FACTORS WERE THE MOST SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTING FACTORS LEADING TO HOMELESSNESS. THE FINDINGS OF THIS STUDY ARE CONSISTENT WITH PREVIOUS AND OTHER STATE AND NATIONWIDE STUDIES.**

**ADJOURNED:** 3:02 P.M.