

ORANGE COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD CANDIDATE INTEREST FORM

INTEREST FORM: PART ONE

1. Name *

Cameron Geringer-Pate

2. If you represent a specific organization in Orange County, please list your organization & role: *

The Hub OC

3. Pronouns (for example: she/her, he/him, they/them, xe/hir):

he/him

6. What qualities, skills, and experience do you bring that would help the CoC Board to further its work in ending homelessness and furthering effectiveness and collaboration within the work of the Orange County CoC? *

As the Grants and Strategic Partnerships Director for The Hub OC and The Hub Resource Center (HRC), I bring a blend of systems-level strategy, cross-sector collaboration, and frontline program understanding that aligns closely with the mission of the Orange County CoC. My work centers on building partnerships, securing sustainable funding, and aligning local efforts with countywide strategies to reduce homelessness and improve housing outcomes.

At HRC, I oversee initiatives that connect over 4,000 unhoused and at-risk residents each year to coordinated services, behavioral health care, and permanent housing pathways. Through partnerships with more than 250 agencies, including CalOptima, Be Well OC, and city departments, we've helped streamline access to care and housing while maintaining one of the most cost-efficient models in the region.

I bring experience in data-driven program design, grant and policy development, and collaborative resource leveraging, all grounded in trauma-informed, zero-barrier service delivery. I also work closely with municipal partners to align city investments with regional CoC goals, ensuring that local innovation complements the county's broader homelessness response system.

Above all, I believe collaboration and shared accountability are key to progress. My goal as a board member would be to help strengthen coordination between grassroots providers, municipalities, and funders, ensuring that every dollar and partnership moves us closer to lasting housing stability for Orange County residents.

7. While having a conflict of interest does not make you ineligible to serve on the CoC Board, it helps CoC staff for record keeping purposes. Do you have any current conflicts of interest or previous ties to any agency that is a recipient or sub-recipient of CoC funding in the Orange County CoC?

Examples of conflicts might include: Current or former staff, Board member, volunteer or client/participant at a CoC-funded agency, etc.

For further information on what constitutes a conflict of interest, please visit this link: <https://ceo.oc.gov/sites/ceo/files/2024-06/CoC%20Conflict%20of%20Interest%20Policy%20and%20Form%20Final.pdf>.

*For a current list of CoC-funded agencies, please visit this link: <https://ceo.oc.gov/sites/ceo/files/2025-10/FY2024%20CoC%20Program%20NOFO%20Awards.pdf>. **

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No
- ☐ I'm not sure

8. If yes or not sure, please describe the potential conflict(s) of interest:

9. Are you able to commit to attending at least 75% of CoC Board meetings each year? The CoC Board meets monthly, in person, currently every fourth Wednesday from 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., though that time is subject to change. *

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I'm not sure

10. Are you able to commit to serving on at least one CoC committee, working group, or ad-hoc committee, and to attend at least 75% of that committee, working group, or ad-hoc's meetings each year? This is usually 1-2 hours per month for in-person or virtual meetings, though, depending on the group you choose to participate in, the time commitment could be higher. *

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I'm not sure

11. We want to make sure that people who are elected to the Board have the support from their employer, agency, or group they represent (if applicable) to fully participate in the CoC Board.

If applicable: is your employer, agency, or the group you represent aware that you plan to run for a CoC Board seat? *

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not Applicable (N/A): I'm not affiliated with or representing a specific employer, agency, or group. I would be participating in the CoC Board on my own time.

12. If applicable: does your employer understand the full commitment that you're making to the CoC Board, including time commitments to meetings, potential time away from work, and responsibilities you'll hold? *

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ Not Applicable (N/A): I'm not affiliated with or representing a specific employer, agency, or group. I would be participating in the CoC Board on my own time.

13. Do you currently live or work in Orange County? Please select all that apply. *

☒ I live in Orange County

☒ I work in Orange County

☐ I do not live or work in Orange County

14. As part of the CoC Strategic Plan, the CoC Board adopted the following strategies to accomplish in Year 1 of implementation, which occurs from October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026 (see September 24, 2025, CoC Board meeting agenda on the CoC webpage <https://ceo.ocgov.com/continuum-care>):

a. Assess Staff Training Needs (Objective 1A)

- Asses the staff training landscape and needs to develop a plan to fill gaps, align practices, ensure accountability in using best practices, and deliver on the promise to ensure people feel like they're being treat with dignity and respect.

b. Update Written Standards (Objective 1B)

- Review and update Written Standards to more intentionally embed key principles, align with evidence-based approaches, and support achieving system performance goals.

c. Elevate Lived Experience Leadership (Objective 1D)

- Embed deeper support for people with lived experience to get compensated, gain expertise, and hold decision-making power.

d. Develop a Policy Agenda (Objective 2D)

- Develop or adopt a policy agenda to measurably improve the resources and performance of the CoC.

e. Improve Data Collection and Analysis (Objective 3A)

- Develop and implement data collection and analysis processes that seek to hear people's experiences in the system, understand holistic system performance, and address gaps in our understanding of people's experiences and outcomes.

f. Plan for Coordinated Investments (Objective 4B)

- Conduct a strategic coordinated investment planning process to map current funding resources, analyze current funding impacts, and identify gaps.

g. Evaluate Coordinated Entry System (CES) (Objective 5B)

- Conduct a Coordinated Entry System evaluation.

Which of these strategies resonates with you most, and where would you like to contribute to supporting these strategies? *

The strategies that interest me most are Improving Data Collection and Analysis and Planning for Coordinated Investments. This is the kind of work I really enjoy, turning data into insight and using it to make funding decisions that actually move the needle.

In my role as Grants and Strategic Partnerships Director for The Hub OC and The Hub Resource Center (HRC), I spend a lot of time connecting the dots between outcomes, funding, and collaboration. I get to work with over 250 partners across the county, and I've seen how clear, shared data can bring people together and make our resources go further.

I'm especially excited about helping the CoC look at data in a way that reflects both results and real experiences. Coordinated investment planning is the next step, using what we learn to target funding where it's most effective! I'd love to bring a practical, partnership-focused perspective to that process.

15. Please discuss one (1) significant challenge to addressing homelessness in Orange County. If you could wave a magic wand to address this challenge, what would your solution be? *

If I could wave a magic wand, I'd create more housing in Orange County, especially permanent supportive housing for people exiting homelessness. That's ultimately what we need most.

But in the meantime, I think a key step is expanding transitional housing programs that provide stability and full wraparound care. Too often, we take individuals who've been living on the street for 8 to 10 years and move them directly into permanent supportive housing, where they may not yet be ready for that level of independence. Transitional programs that focus on daily living skills, behavioral health, and community connection can make a huge difference.

By building more of these stabilizing spaces, we'd see stronger long-term housing outcomes and fewer people cycling back into homelessness. It's a realistic, high-impact way to bridge the gap between street homelessness and successful permanent housing.

INTEREST FORM: PART TWO

It is important to the Orange County CoC to ensure that the CoC Board is representative of the people in our community who tend to experience homelessness. To that end, we would like to know more about your personal/professional identities, experiences, and background.

This form will be viewed by the CoC Nominating Ad Hoc members and CoC staff helping to facilitate this process (10 total people). Please only share what you feel comfortable disclosing to this group. Note, however, that any information provided to the County through this form could be required to be disclosed if someone were to file a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request.

The CoC Nominating Ad Hoc will review all completed interest forms and will determine the full list of qualified candidates who will run for election to the Board. The full CoC general membership will then vote to elect new Board members, and information about those candidates will be posted publicly on the CoC Nomination and Election webpage. If you are included in the list of qualified candidates to participate in the election, you will have an opportunity to choose and consent to the information shared about you publicly. We will not publicly disclose any information included on this form without your consent.

Personal Identities & Experiences

16. Have you experienced homelessness? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

17. If you answered "yes" to the question above, please check all of the following that apply and that you feel comfortable disclosing.

- ☐ I have experienced homelessness in the last 5 years.
- ☐ I have experienced homelessness as a person under 25 years old in the last 5 years.
- ☐ I have experienced homelessness as an adult on my own or with a partner, but without children in my household.
- ☐ I have experienced homelessness as an adult with at least one child in my household.
- ☐ I have experienced homelessness as an older adult (age 62 or older)
- ☐ Prefer not to answer
- ☒ Not Applicable (N/A)

18. What is your race and/or ethnicity? Please select all that apply. *



- ☐ Black or African American
- ☒ Indigenous or Native American
- ☐ Person of Color (including but not limited to people who are: Asian, Asian-American, Pacific Islander, Native Hawaiian, Latino/a/e/x, Central American, South American, Caribbean, Middle Eastern, North African)
- ☐ Mixed race
- ☐ White
- ☐ Prefer not to answer
- ☐ Other

19. Are you 2SLGBTQQIA+ (2-spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer, questioning, intersex, asexual/aromantic, +)? Please check all of the following that apply and that you feel comfortable disclosing. *

- ☐ Yes - I'm 2SLGBTQQIA+ based on my sexual and/or romantic orientation (e.g., I'm lesbian, gay, bi, pan, queer+)
- ☐ Yes - I'm 2SLGBTQQIA+ based on my gender identity and/or expression (e.g., I'm trans, non-binary, intersex, gender fluid, 2-spirit, gender non-conforming+)
- ☒ No, I'm not 2SLGBTQQIA+
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

20. Do any of the following identities or experiences apply to you? *

- ☐ I have a disability or disabling condition (could be any type of disability including mental, physical, etc.)
- ☐ I'm neurodivergent (e.g., I have ADHD or am autistic)
- ☐ I have served in the military or armed forces
- ☐ Someone in my immediate family has served in the military or armed forces
- ☐ I have experienced domestic violence or intimate partner violence
- ☐ I'm an older adult (age 62 or older)
- ☐ I'm a young adult (age 18-25)
- ☒ No, none of these apply to me
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

Personal or Professional Background & Experiences

We are seeking people with an array of meaningful connections, whether personal or professional, to key partners and systems in our community. For example, you could be currently employed by one of these types of partners, or you could be currently participating in services/programs or previously participated in services/programs from one of these types of partners.

21. Please select all of the entities or areas with which you have **past and/or current** personal experience or **current professional** experience. *

- ☐ Veteran/military service-focused agency or programming
- ☐ Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program funded agency or recipient agency
- ☐ Public Housing Agency (PHA)
- ☐ Domestic violence agency or programming
- ☐ Education field / McKinney-Vento liaison
- ☐ Behavioral health field
- ☐ Health care field
- ☐ Transition-Aged Youth (TAY) Agency
- ☐ Family Agency
- ☐ Homeless system programs: Diversion
- ☒ Homeless system programs: Street Outreach
- ☐ Homeless system programs: Prevention
- ☐ Homeless system programs: Emergency Shelter
- ☐ Homeless system programs: Rapid Rehousing
- ☐ Homeless system programs: Permanent Supportive Housing
- ☒ Faith-based organization or community
- ☐ Affordable housing development background
- ☐ I have no personal or professional connections to any of these