

# Lived Experience Advisory Committee Meeting December 3, 2025

## Welcome!



#### **Welcome and Meeting Overview**

#### Agenda

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Approve the Lived Experience Advisory Committee (LEAC) Meeting Minutes from October 1, 2025.

#### **BUSINESS CALENDAR**

- 1. Continuum of Care (CoC) Committee Representative Appointments Felicia Boehringer, Interim CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination
  - a. Discuss CoC Committee Representative Appointment Process
- 2. CoC and General Updates Nichole Gideon, CoC Board Secretary; Jasmin Miranda, Interim CoC Administrator, Office of Care Coordination and Cameron Pastrano, CoC Staff Specialist, Office of Care Coordination
  - a. October 22, 2025, and November 19, 2025, CoC Board Meeting Recap
  - b. CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Updates
  - c. Small-Scale Housing Summit Updates
- 3. LEAC Member Comments Robert "Santa Bob" Morse, Chair
  - a. Members of the LEAC may provide comments on matters not appearing on the agenda so long as the subject matter is within the jurisdiction of the LEAC.

## **Public Comments**

## **Consent Calendar**

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#### **Recommended Action**

1. Approve the LEAC Meeting Minutes from October 1, 2025.

## **Business Calendar**

## CoC Committee Representative Appointments Felicia Boehringer, Interim CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination

#### **Background**

- At the August 27, 2025, CoC Board Meeting, the Lived Experience Compensation Framework was approved, establishing standardized compensation rates for People with Lived Experience who actively participate in CoC Committees, Working Groups, Ad Hoc groups, and other CoC-led initiatives.
- Since some Orange County CoC Committees do not have formal membership structures, the Office of Care Coordination (OCC) is bringing this item forward for discussion to explore and develop a process for formally appointing People with Lived Experience to these non-member committees and initiatives. Examples of such committees include:
  - Coordinated Entry System (CES) Steering Committee
  - Housing Opportunities Committee
  - Transitional-Aged Youth (TAY) Collaborative Committee
  - Service Provider Forum
- At the September 3, 2025, LEAC meeting, OCC presented CoC Committee Appointmentships. While members expressed differing opinions on the length of appointments, there was unanimous agreement that individuals with lived experience should be meaningfully involved in all aspects of the CoC.

#### **Appointment Structure Options**

• To support flexibility across different committees, appointed can be structured in a variety of ways depending on the committee needs, workload and individual availability.

	Option	Description	Duration
1	Calendar Year	Appointed from January – December	12 Months
2	Quarterly Appointment	3-month blocks	3 months, renewable

#### **Appointment Process**

 To promote transparency and accountability, the appointment of members should follow a structured and consistent approach. This can be implemented in various ways, depending on how the LEAC chooses to establish the process.

	Option	Description	Process
1	Recruitment and Outreach	Post and recruitment for appointment opportunities	Interest Form, recruitment period, Ad Hoc/Chair Appointment
2	Nomination	LEAC members self-nominate or nominate fellow LEAC members	Business Calendar Item during LEAC meeting

#### **Questions and Discussion**

- Do you like a yearly or quarterly appointment?
- Should members need to apply, or would nominations work better?
- Are there different appointment options or processes that might feel more appropriate for the committee?



### **CoC and General Updates**

Nichole Gideon, CoC Board Secretary; Jasmin Miranda, Interim CoC Administrator, Office of Care Coordination and Cameron Pastrano, CoC Staff Specialist, Office of Care Coordination

## **CoC Board Meeting Updates**

#### CoC Board Updates (October 22, 2025, Meeting)

- 1. HomeAid Family Care Center Update
- 2. Policies, Procedures and Standards (PPS) Committee Recommendations
  - a. Approved revised CES Policies and Procedures, including the removal of shelter status from the prioritization schema, updates to formatting and other clarifying language.
  - b. Approved the recommended changes to the Orange County CoC Governance Charter
- 3. Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program
  - a. Approved recommendations for the programming of HHAP Round 5 funding allocated to the Orange County CoC.
- 4. Policies, Procedures and Standards (PPS) Committee Recommendations
  - a. Approved Orange County United Way's HMIS data request for the period of November 1, 2024, through October 31, 2025, for a one-time export of aggregate data to be used during its annual campaign for Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week.

#### CoC Board Updates (November 19, 2025, Meeting)

#### 1. Orange County CoC Fiscal and Resource Mapping Ad Hoc

a. Appointed Allison Davenport, Sandra Lozeau, Stacy Lumley, Sammie MarTínez, Melanie McQueen, Maricela Rios-Faust, Ami Rowland, Tim Shaw and Mishaun Watkins to the Fiscal and Resource Mapping Ad Hoc

#### 2. Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program

a. Approved recommended HHAP Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Orange County CoC, County of Orange, City of Anaheim, City of Irvine, City of Santa Ana for Round 6 of HHAP commitment to partnership and participation in a regionally coordinated homeless action plan.

#### 3. 2026 Orange County Point-In-Time Count

#### 4. Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 CoC Program Funding

- a. Approved recommended changes to CES Policies and Procedures to update the Prioritization Policy to include households enrolled in Permanent Housing programs that are at-risk of experiencing homelessness as a result of decreased CoC Program funding to be considered for other housing opportunities, with the goal of maintaining housing stability; and continue working with the CoC to improve upon the recommended changes to the Prioritization Policy and return to the CoC Board for additional approvals.
- b. Delegated authority to the Office of Care Coordination, as the Collaborative Applicant, with consultation from current and past CoC Board leadership to act in the best interest of the Orange County CoC based on the timeline of the NOFO, which requires an expedited submission process.

#### CoC Board Updates (November 19, 2025, Meeting)

#### 5. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Data Request

- a. Approved the Office of Chairman Doug Chaffee, Fourth District, HMIS data request for the period of November 1, 2024, through October 31, 2025, for a one-time export of aggregate data to be used for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) administered by District 4.
- b. Approved the Office of Care Coordination's HMIS data request beginning January 1, 2023, and ongoing, for client-level data for the purpose of conducing a cross-referencing analysis with records from the Orange County Sheriff's Departments to determine whether persons experiencing homelessness were engaged with the Homeless Response System prior to their death, to be reported aggregately.

#### **6.** Orange County CES Evaluation

- a. Authorized the Office of Care Coordination, as the CES Lead and CoC Administrative Entity, and Orange County United Way, as the HMIS Lead, to work with the selected consultant and provide all needed, relevant data to carry out the Orange County CES evaluation.
- b. Approved the final report and summary of the Orange County CES Evaluation be presented to the CoC Board

#### CoC Board Updates (November 19, 2025, Meeting)

- 7. Policies, Procedures and Standards (PPS) Committee Recommendations
  - a. Approved the proposed 2 for 1 Match Policy as recommended by the Coordinated Entry System (CES) Steering Committee and Lived Experience Advisory Committee, as a time-limited pilot for up to six (6) months, inclusive of a review at three (3) months, with a report of data evaluation returned to the LEAC and PPS Committee no later than March 2026.
- 8. 2025 CoC Board Nomination and Election Update

See the November 19, 2025, CoC Board meeting agenda and presentation for further details.

## **CoC NOFO Updates**

#### **CoC Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)**

- The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) formerly released an annual NOFO that allowed CoCs nationwide to apply for competitive funding.
- In 2024, for the first time, HUD issued a two-year CoC Program NOFO as authorize by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024.
- CoCs were only required to submit one CoC Consolidated Application to be applicable for FY 2024 and FY 2025 funds, along with the FY 2024 CoC Priority Listing.
- On July 3, 2025, HUD sent communication via the Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS) Competitions mailing list announcing the intention to publish a NOFO for 2025 CoC awards.
- On November 13, 2025, HUD released a FY 2025 CoC Program NOFO, which rescinds and supersedes any mention of FY 2025 CoC funds within the 2024 CoC Program NOFO.
- The Office of Care Coordination, as the Collaborative Applicant for the Orange County CoC, facilitates the local competition process and completes the Consolidated Application that is submitted to HUD, consisting of:
  - Final Project Priority Listing with the ranking and tiering of new and renewal projects
  - CoC Application, which includes responses to multiple narrative and data-related questions

#### **FY 2025 CoC Competition and YHDP Grants NOFO**

#### **NOFO** Release

HUD released the FY CoC Competition and YHDP Grants NOFO on Thursday, November 13, 2025.

#### **Funding Available Nationwide:**

- CoC Program \$3,918,000,000
- Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus \$52,000,000
- Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness Supplemental NOFO \$129,000,000
- Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) \$228,000,000
- A portion of funds will be available for CoC Renewal Projects and CoC Bonus Projects.

#### **Funding Available to the Orange County CoC:**

- Estimated Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) \$33,248,577
- CoC Bonus \$6,649,715
- DV Bonus \$3,060,976
- CoC Planning \$1,500,000

Application Due Date: Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. PT

#### FY 2025 CoC and YHDP NOFO: HUD's Goals and Objectives

- 1. Ending the crisis of homelessness on our streets. Citing a California Policy Lab study from 2019, HUD claims that 75% of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness report a substance use disorder (SUD) and 78% report a mental health condition. Therefore, CoCs should direct resources towards outreach, intervention, and assistance consistent with Executive Order on "Ending Crime and Disorder on America's Streets."
- 2. Prioritizing Treatment and Recovery. CoCs should prioritize projects that provide treatment and services needed to recover and regain self-sufficiency, including on-site treatment and participation requirements in services.
- 3. Advancing Public Safety. CoCs should cooperate with law enforcement to advance public safety. HUD cited the Supreme Court decision in Grants Pass v. Johnson as upholding the authority of local governments to prohibit public camping.

#### FY 2025 CoC and YHDP NOFO: HUD's Goals and Objectives

- 4. **Promoting Self-Sufficiency**. Highlighting that one of the primary purposes of the COC program is to optimize self-sufficiency, HUD indicates that CoCs should prioritize projects that help lead to long-term economic independence for individuals and families. This would allow them to exit homelessness and prevent future returns to homelessness.
- 5. Improving outcomes. CoCs should review all eligible projects to determine their effectiveness in reducing homelessness and prioritize those that promote self-sufficiency, increase employment income over government assistance, and promote treatment and recovery.
- **6. Minimizing trauma**. CoCs should encourage the use of trauma informed care, ensure safety of program participants, and access to 'safe, single-sex spaces' for women.

#### FY 2025 CoC and YHDP NOFO: Priority Listing Project Tiering

- A significant change in the FY 2025 CoC and YHDP NOFO is that Tier 1 of the Priority Listing is equal to 30% of the CoC's ARD.
- Compared to previous years:

Year	Tier 1 Percentage	ARD	Tier 1 Amount
FY2021	100%	\$28,231,737	\$28,231,737
FY2022	95%	\$29,942,953	\$28,445,805
FY2023	93%	\$30,555,374	\$28,416,498
FY2024 and FY2025	90%	\$32,801,133	~\$29,521,020
FY2025	30%	33,248,577	\$9,974,573

• Tier 1 is equal to 30% of the CoC's ARD which means 70 % of renewal funding will fall into Tier 2 and new project(s) will fall into Tier 2.

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#### FY 2025 CoC and YHDP NOFO: Estimated Timeline and Next Steps

DATE	ACTIVITY
Early December 2025	Release of the FY2025 CoC Renewal Projects Application
Early December 2025	Release of FY2025 RFP for CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Projects
Early December 2025	FY2025 CoC Renewal Project Applications due by 12:00 p.m. PT
Early December 2025	CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Project Applications due at 12:00 p.m. PT
December 15, 2025	Project Applications are required to be submitted to the CoC no later than 30 days before the application deadline
End of December 2025	CoC Board Special Meeting to approve final CoC Project Priority Listing and selection of projects for CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Funding
December 30, 2025	Agencies notified in writing of inclusion of project acceptance, rejection, reduction and/or ranking by the Orange County CoC (Per HUD 15 days before deadline)
January 14, 2026	CoC NOFO Submission Deadline of 5:00 p.m. PT, per HUD guidelines
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## **Small Scale Housing Summit Update**

#### **Small-Scale Housing Summit**

- On November 5, 2025, Supervisor Sarmiento hosted a Small-Scale Housing Summit to discuss innovative housing options.
  - The summit was framed as a starting point for future pilot projects aimed at tackling key barriers to housing development, including high costs, limited land availability, and community acceptance.
  - Panelists and speakers emphasized that smallscale modular housing units offer a way to bridge the gap quickly and affordably, providing transitional solutions while permanent housing is developed.
  - Many participants highlighted that pilot projects are essential for testing the feasibility and scalability of these approaches, laying the groundwork for long-term housing strategies.





#### **Small-Scale Housing Summit**

- Traditional permanent housing units are costly and slow to build, often requiring \$700,000—\$800,000 per unit and up to two years for completion, which makes scaling difficult.
- In contrast, tiny homes and modular small-scale units can be produced for \$75,000-\$100,000 per unit in just six to eight months, offering a faster and more affordable way to meet urgent housing needs.
  - Successful case studies demonstrated scalable solutions: Examples like the Placentia Veterans' Village and the Crossroads at Washington in Santa Ana showed how small parcels of land, when combined across agencies, can be transformed into impactful developments.
  - The Santa Ana project, jointly owned by the City and County, delivered an 86-unit community for people experiencing homelessness and extremely lowincome families, proving that collaborative approaches can yield tangible results.





## **CoC and General Updates**

#### National Lived Experience Leadership and Advocacy Board

- Homebase is now accepting applications from partners with people who have current or former experiences of homelessness to form a National Lived Experience Leadership and Advocacy Board (LEAB) in partnership with <u>Destination</u>: <u>Home</u>.
- The 15-member board will use their expertise to help share national decisions and systems so that people most affected by homelessness have a real voice in creating lasting change.
- The <u>application</u> is due **December 19, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.** Pacific Standard Time (PST). Board members will be compensated for their time.
- Please review the <u>Frequently Asked Questions</u>.
- If you need assistance with completing and submitting an application, please email voicesofleaders@destinationhomesv.org or call (408) 430-2829.



#### **OC Same-Day Solutions Fair**

- Out of an abundance of caution due to changing weather conditions, the OC Same-Day Solutions Fair scheduled for November 20, 2025, in Placentia in partnership with HIS-OC was canceled.
- The Office of Care Coordination is working to identify a new date and will share an update when information is finalized.



#### 2026 Point in Time (PIT) Count

- OCC is working with City Net, the lead agency for unsheltered count, to plan for the 2026 PIT Count, and is also facilitating meetings of the PIT Count Planning Ad Hoc.
- Details for the 2026 PIT Count are being finalized and further updates will be provided in the future.
- The count will take place across all Service
   Planning Areas (SPAs) on three separate days.



Central	North	South
Service Planning Area	Service Planning Area	Service Planning Area
Tuesday, Jan 27, 2026	Wednesday, Jan 28, 2026	Thursday, Jan 29, 2026

#### **CoC Board Nomination and Election: Timeline**

Date*	Timeline Activity
October 27, 2025	Nomination period opens
November 5, 2025	Nomination period closes
November 7, 2025	Candidate Interest Forms are due; New & updated CoC Board General Membership Forms due
November 13, 2025	CoC Nominating Ad Hoc to recommend candidates for election by CoC General Membership
November 17, 2025	Candidate Meet and Greet; Voting Period Opens
November 26, 2025	Voting period closes at 5:00 p.m.
December 2, 2025	CoC Nominating Ad Hoc to finalize election results; Candidates notified of CoC Board Election results
December 17, 2025	CoC Board Meeting: Selected candidates are presented to the CoC Board for ratification
January 2026	CoC Board seating takes place. Outgoing CoC Board members and CoC staff will provide training and orientation for incoming Board members.

<sup>\*</sup>Dates are subject to change, see continued updates on the <a href="CoC Board Nomination">CoC Board Nomination</a> and <a href="Election webpage">Election webpage</a>

#### **Upcoming Meetings**

- CoC Board Meeting (SPECIAL MEETING): Friday, December 5, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
  - Location: County Administration South (CAS) County Conference Center 104/105, 425 W. Santa Ana Blvd., Santa Ana, 92701

#### **LEAC Member Comments**

Robert "Santa Bob" Morse, Chair

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## Thank you for joining!

Next Meeting: To be determined, pending approval of the 2026 meeting calendar

