

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

Tuesday, February 17, 2026  
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

**Location:**  
The Village at 17<sup>th</sup> Street  
Downstairs Board Room  
1505 17<sup>th</sup> St., Santa Ana, CA 92705

**Virtual Meeting Option\*:**  
**Zoom Meeting Link:** [Click here for meeting link](#)  
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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  
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, City of Costa Mesa  
Katherine Tan, Individual  
Sharon Wie, Interval House

**AGENDA**

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**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Approve the DV Committee Meeting Minutes from September 18, 2025.
2. Approve the 2026 DV Committee Meeting Calendar.

**BUSINESS CALENDAR**

1. **State and Local Goals to Address Homelessness Amongst Survivors** – Maricela Rios-Faust, Chair and Shakoya Green-Long, DV Committee and CoC Board Member
  - a. Discuss the DV Committee focus and goals for 2026.
2. **Coordinated Entry System (CES) for Survivors Dashboard and Update** – Regjinay Tate, Survivor CES Administrator and Laura Alvarez, Individual CES (ICES) Program Manager, Friendship Shelter; and Daniel Garcia, CES Administrator, Office of Care Coordination
3. **DV Committee Membership Update** – Maricela Rios-Faust, Chair
4. **CoC Updates** – Felicia Boehringer, Interim CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination

**Adjournment to:** Regular meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. at The Village at 17<sup>th</sup> Street Large Community Room (1505 17th St, Santa Ana, CA 92705).

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Tianna Terry, Friendship Shelter, Individual Coordinated Entry System (CES)  
Cynthia Thouvenel, Ohlone Tribe Non-Profit  
Katherine Tan, Individual  
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**MINUTES**

Present: Brateil Aghasi, Lydia Nationalesta, Maricela Rios-Faust, Mark Lee, Patience Biosah, Shakoya Green Long, Sharon Wie, Tiana Terry and Wendy Seiden

Absent Excused: Deborah Kraft, Katherine Tan and Nishtha Mohendra

Absent: Barbara Burke, Jude Abusham, Sammie MarTínez and Cynthia Thouvenel

Patience Biosah and Tianna Terry arrived during roll call. Lydia Nationalesta left during Business Calendar Item 2. Brateil Aghasi left during Business Calendar Item 3. Tianna Terry left during Business Calendar Item 3.

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### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Approve the DV Committee Meeting Minutes from February 18, 2025.
2. Approve the DV Committee Meeting Minutes from May 21, 2025.

Mark Lee motioned to approve Items 1 and 2 on the Consent Calendar; Shakoya Green Long seconded the motion. Chair Maricela Rios-Faust issued a roll call vote. Brateil Aghasi voted yes, Patience Biosah, Shakoya Green Long, Mark Lee, Lydia Nationalesta, Maricela Rios-Faust, Wendy Seiden, Sharon Wie, and Tianna Terry voted yes. The motion passed unanimously.

### Committee Discussion:

- Wendy Seiden asked why presenter/staff responses are not included in the meeting minutes.

### **BUSINESS CALENDAR**

#### **1. PATH Rapid Rehousing Pilot Program: CES for Survivors – Daniel Garcia, CES Administrator, Office of Care Coordination**

Daniel Garcia presented on the PATH Rapid Rehousing Pilot Program, a time limited program which made nine opportunities for PATH's rapid rehousing program available directly to survivors. PATH's pilot program has enrolled two households, with five households declining the opportunity and two households not responding to the match opportunities. Daniel Garcia provided background on Survivor CES and the number of housing opportunities that are available directly to survivors outside of the Community Queue and discussed the next steps to collaborate with other providers to make additional opportunities directly available to survivors. Marisol Lara from PATH shared a success story of a survivor housed through the pilot program.

### Public Comments:

- Marisol Lara shared that the households that declined had declined as they were not a good fit for rapid rehousing due to concerns around increasing income.

### Committee Discussion:

- Wendy Seiden asked if the five denials were tracked to provide insight on why the households denied the opportunity and inquired about other types of housing opportunities which could be made available, such as permanent supportive housing.
- Chair Maricela Rios-Faust asked what attempts were made to connect with the two households that were unresponsive, and if transitional housing opportunities could be made available directly to survivors. Maricela Rios-Faust highlighted that the pilot program had doubled the designated housing opportunities made available for survivors.
- Tianna Terry highlighted the importance of victim service providers and housing providers collaborating and emphasized the need for permanent supportive housing (PSH) opportunities for survivor households, highlighting the recent partnership between WISEPlace and Friendship Shelter which allowed a PSH opportunity to be offered directly to survivors.
- Sharon Wie agreed that additional PSH opportunities are needed and discussed the difficulty that survivors face when they continue to move between transitional housing while waiting for long-term permanent housing opportunities.
- Brateil Aghasi discussed WISEPlace receiving 15 set-aside vouchers from the City of Santa Ana for survivors, the positive impact of removing chronicity requirements for those vouchers and offered assistance to anyone needing support for conversations surrounding advocacy. Brateil Aghasi shared barriers when survivors are prioritized in the same way as other populations, with restrictions such as city ties and chronicity having a large impact on those fleeing.
- Mark Lee asked if the WISEPlace opportunities had been matched through CES or if they were matched directly through a set-aside opportunity.

## **2. State and Local Goals to Address Homelessness Amongst Survivors – Maricela Rios-Faust, Chair and Felicia Boehringer, Interim CoC Manager, Office of Care ed**

Felicia Boehringer provided background on the California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH) goals to prevent and end homelessness among domestic violence survivors and their children and among unaccompanied women in California, as listed within Senate Bill (SB) 914 Homeless Equity for Left Behind Populations (HELP) Act Statute, and reviewed connections between Cal ICH goals and the CoC Strategic Plan. Felicia Boehringer revisited the DV Committee Vision and offered consideration on the desired areas of focus for the Committee. Maricela Rios-Faust emphasized the connection between the DV Committee Vision areas of focus, the Cal ICH, and CoC Strategic Plan goals. Maricela Rios-Faust discussed how improvements made with a focus on a specific sub-population can improve overall outcomes. Felicia Boehringer reviewed common barriers for survivors identified by Cal ICH and opened a discussion on current barriers and trends observed for survivors experiencing homelessness within the Orange County CoC.

### Committee Discussion:

- Mark Lee provided feedback on the need for improvements with data collection for survivors, as many survivors are working with traditional shelter/housing providers and not victim service providers, and unintentional get left out of data. Mark Lee discussed the importance of including these households in survivor data to ensure the needs of all survivors are being met and asked if WISEPlace is the only provider in Orange County which serves unaccompanied women exclusively.
- Tianna Terry discussed hearing from a high number of access points about a desire to help survivors but a general lack of knowledge amongst their staff on how to best serve households, emphasizing the need to work with access points on training for survivor safety, trauma informed care, and Survivor CES. Tianna Terry asked about the Cal ICH identified barrier mentioning assessment tools not accounting for the trauma and dangers faced by survivors.
- Lydia Nationalesta shared Waymakers' Domestic Violence Advocate training opportunity.
- Maricela Rios-Faust emphasized system collaboration as an important aspect of system improvement, shared barriers to employment for survivors, discussed the importance of embedding lived experience and thorough feedback mechanisms into the system, and asked if lived experience integration would be considered when future proposals are reviewed.
- Wendy Seiden shared concerns with access/safety of shelters and discussed the experience of the County of Orange's Yale Navigation Center emergency shelter opening. Wendy Seiden asked about opportunities for additional collaboration/feedback/training with victim service providers and the County of Orange on shelters and highlighted the need for everyone to be on the same page with pushing opportunities for collaboration forward.
- Brateil Aghasi discussed the importance of designing spaces specific to survivors, with SafePlace as an example, as typical shelters still have co-ed shared spaces which can be retraumatize survivors.
- Sharon Wie highlighted a need for more resources and opportunities for survivors across the board.

### **3. CoC Updates** – Jasmin Miranda, Interim CoC Administrator, Office of Care Coordination

Jasmin Miranda shared a virtual discussion being hosted by the Orange County Family Violence Council's (OCFVC) Homelessness Domestic Violence (DV)-Sexual Assault (SA) Task Force with Judge Baytieh to learn about CARE Court and provided an update on the Lived Experience Compensation Framework. Jasmin Miranda discussed federal news updates, including recent executive orders and the importance of focusing on reliable sources of information, the anticipated 2025 CoC Program Notice of Funding Opportunity, and 2026 Point in Time Count dates. Jasmin Miranda announced the Same Day Solutions Fair to be held on September 25, 2025, at the HUB Resource Center, reviewed upcoming CoC meetings, and issued a reminder on CoC general membership applications and employment opportunities.

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## Domestic Violence (DV) Committee 2026

Meetings are typically held quarterly on the third Tuesday of the month from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.

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County Holiday



Regular Meeting

Visit the CoC Webpage for meeting materials. Go to <https://ceo.oc.gov/continuum-care> and click on "Homeless Services" to navigate to the CoC webpage.

## Item 1. Attachment A

### Continuum of Care (CoC) Strategic Plan - Domestic Violence (DV) Committee Focus and Goals 2026

This document presents a coordinated effort to align the goals of the Domestic Violence (DV) Committee of the Continuum of Care (CoC) with the broader objectives outlined in the CoC Strategic Plan, as well as key legislative and regulatory frameworks including the HELP Act (Senate Bill 914, Cal ICH) and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). By strengthening connections between the DV Committee's priorities and these guiding policies, the CoC can enhance its response to homelessness among survivors of domestic violence, unaccompanied women, and their children.

This approach ensures that policy agendas, operational strategies, and funding mechanisms are unified to support equitable housing access, improve system performance, and meet critical data requirements. The document details how these strategic aims and legislative mandates will be embedded in CoC operations and presented for review and approval by the board, reflecting an ongoing commitment to evidence-based practices and the continual improvement of services for vulnerable populations

#### CoC Strategic Plan

##### 5 Strategic Aims of the Strategic Plan

**Strategic Aim 1:** Improve and expand the homelessness response system to permanently house people experiencing homelessness effectively, efficiently, and with dignity.

##### DV Committee key theme and areas of focus:

Enhance Coordinated Entry System for Survivors (SCES) policies and processes to better address prioritization, equitable housing access, and critical data gaps for survivors.

##### HELP Act Dashboard:

Decreasing barriers to services for victims and survivors through cross-system partnerships by developing TA focused on these barriers.

- Shelter access and safety
- Discrimination
- Lack of cross-system partnerships
- Access to Services
- Staff Training

**Strategic Aim 2:** Collaborate with leaders, providers, and community members across service systems to align practices, coordinate resources, and better support people experiencing homelessness.

##### CoC Strategic Plan Work Plan:

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Assess 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 treated with dignity and respect.

- DV Trainings (Safety Planning, Crisis Intervention, Violence Prevention, Housing Options for Survivors, etc.)

### DV Committee key theme and areas of focus:

Support the implementation of cross-system training grounded in best practices, alongside incorporating survivor-centered listening sessions to inform service improvements.

Foster collaborative, trauma-informed approaches that address the diverse and individualized needs of survivors across the system.

### HELP Act Dashboard:

#### Strengthening Cross-sector Partnerships

- Co-locate services to improve access and coordination
- Case conference and invest in joint training with staff across sectors
- Develop streamlines intake, assessment, and referral processes
- Establish MOU's and data sharing agreements across-sectors

**Strategic Aim 3:** Engage in ongoing data collection, analysis, and evaluation to promote transparency and hold the CoC accountable for its role in ending homelessness.

### CoC Strategic Plan Work Plan:

Develop and implement (this is slated for Years 2 and 3) 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. (consulted)

### DV Committee key theme and areas of focus:

Strengthen data tracking mechanisms for domestic violence cases not captured in HMIS to improve overall reporting accuracy and system accountability.

### HELP Act Dashboard:

#### Data Points for DV (Victims)

- **Goal 1: Reducing the number of people experiencing homelessness.**
  - Measure 1: Number of people accessing services while experiencing homelessness.
- **Goal 2a: Decreasing the duration of experiences of homelessness.**
  - Measure 2a: Average number of days accessing services prior to entering a permanent destination.

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- **Goal 2b: Reducing the frequency of homelessness.**
  - Measure 2b: Percentage of people who return to services after having exited from services in the prior 6 months.
- **Goal 4: Increasing exits to permanent housing.**
  - Measure 4: Percentage of people served who exit to permanent housing.
- **Goal 5: Increasing exits from unsheltered homelessness to sheltered locations.**
  - Measure 5: Percentage of people who move into sheltered settings from unsheltered homelessness.

Please note that this Strategic Aim also aligns with HHAP Measures and specifically ties to HHAP Measure 7 Breakout data for specific population groups

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**Strategic Aim 4:** Pursue and allocate funding to strategically address system inefficiencies and fill system gaps.

### CoC Strategic Plan Work Plan:

Inform the development of a policy agenda and priorities to support the work of the CoC. (Fiscal Mapping review and input)

**Strategic Aim 5:** Manage and ensure effectiveness of the CoC's operations and structure.

### CoC Strategic Plan Work Plan:

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

### DV Committee key theme and areas of focus:

Enhance Coordinated Entry System for Survivors (SCES) policies and processes to better address prioritization, equitable housing access, and critical data gaps for survivors.

## References:

**CoC Strategic Plan** strives to achieve its vision of “All people in Orange County experiencing homelessness and those at-risk will have fair access to navigation, housing, and supportive services in ways that ensure equitable outcomes including overall well-being and long-term housing stability” through its 5 Strategic Aims.

**The HELP Act (Senate Bill 914)** requires Cal ICH to measure progress towards ending homelessness among unaccompanied women, survivors of domestic violence, and their children. This dashboard makes the state's measures of progress publicly available. The goals and measures reported on the HELP Act Dashboard for these key populations are the following (see Section I.D. Data Limitations for information on the service providers not included in the data): Goal Description Measurement

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**Housing and Urban Development** – HUD provides significant funding for domestic violence (DV) programs through various grant programs and technical assistance initiatives. Here are some key points regarding HUD funding for DV programs: Continuum of Care (CoC) funds transitional housing, rapid rehousing, and permanent housing for individuals experiencing domestic violence and DV Bonus Funds specifically allocated for projects that assist survivors of DV, sexual assault, or stalking.

The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), among other things, provides housing protections for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. VAWA requires HUD to implement its housing provisions via regulations, notices, and other guidance.

VAWA applies to these HUD programs:

- [Public Housing](#);
- [Housing Choice Voucher](#);
- [Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation Single Room Occupancy \(SRO\)](#);
- [Section 202 Direct Loan](#);
- [Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities](#);
- [Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS \(HOPWA\)](#);
- [HOME Investment Partnerships \(HOME\)](#);
- [Emergency Solutions Grants](#);
- [Continuum of Care](#);
- Section 221(d)(3)/(d)(5) Below-market Interest Rate (BMIR), Multifamily Rental Assistance;
- [Section 236 Multifamily Assistance](#);
- [Housing Trust Fund](#)

**Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program** - HHAP makes available grant allocations to cities, counties, and Continuums of Care with flexible funding to prevent and end homelessness in their regions.