

**ORANGE COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE
COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM STEERING COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, March 4, 2026

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Location:
Orange County Housing Authority (OCHA)
1501 E. St. Andrew Pl., 1st Floor,
Conference Room A, Santa Ana, CA 92701-4599
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Virtual Meeting Option*:
Zoom Meeting Link: [Click here for meeting link](#)
Join by phone: +1 669 900 9128
Meeting ID: 981 5056 2103

****Listen-in option only****

Committee Chair: Andrew Crowe, Scholarship Prep

Purpose: The Coordinated Entry System (CES) Steering Committee will function as an advisory group to the Continuum of Care (CoC) Board and Policy, Procedures and Standards (PPS) Committee to align its efforts to those of the Orange County CoC Board Vision including but not limited to reviewing CES policies and procedures for process review, policy formation, assessment of current policies and procedures and formation and conduct of committees in the service of the CoC, CES and Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). The CES Steering Committee will support the CoC Board with policy development, supporting strategic implementation of the CES and evaluating the efficiency and effectiveness of CES.

MINUTES

Call to Order – Andrew Crowe, Chair

Public Comments – Members of the public may address the CES Steering 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 CES Steering Committee. Members of the public may address the CES Steering Committee with public comments on agenda items after the agenda item presentation. Comments will be limited to three minutes. If there are more than five public speakers, this time will be reduced to two minutes.

In order to address the CES Steering 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 Continuum of

Care (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 or at least 24 hours before the start of the meeting will be distributed to the CES Steering Committee members and all comments will be added to the administrative records of the meeting. Please include “CES Steering Committee Meeting Comment” in the email subject line.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

1. CoC Strategic Plan: Staff Training Survey Development – Andrew Crowe, Chair

a. Item to be presented at next meeting.

2. CES Dashboards

a. Individual CES – Laura Alvarez, Individual CES Manager, Friendship Shelter

- As of January 31, 2026, there were 5369 adult-only households active in the Individual CES (ICES) program, with 3473 households on the ICES Community Queue. In the month of January, 341 households were exited, including 51 households who moved into permanent housing.

b. Family CES – Jocelyn Morales, Family System Manager, Orange County United Way

- As of February 2, 2026, there were a total of 329 families receiving services from Family CES (FCES). 218 families are on the Community Queue, 13 families are matched to a housing opportunity, 5 families have moved into housing, and 16 families have reconnected to a support system to resolve homelessness.
- The data point for “Pending Referrals” is on the FCES snapshot, not on the dashboard.

c. Survivor CES – Laura Alvarez, Individual CES Manager, Friendship Shelter

- As of January 31, 2026, there were 147 active survivor households in the Survivor CES (SCES) program, with 132 households on the Community Queue. In the month of January, 1 household was exited, with 11 households pending a referral.

d. Veteran Registry – James Bacon, CES Staff Specialist, Office of Care Coordination

- As of January 31, 2026, there were 232 veterans experiencing homelessness on the Veteran Registry. In the previous 12 months, 180 veteran households have moved into permanent housing.
- There has been a lot of work in the past year with Veterans Affairs getting access to CES and efforts to connect more veterans in CES, especially with veterans identified during Point-In-Time Count and making sure they are connected to the Veteran Registry.

e. Transitional Aged Youth Registry – James Bacon, CES Staff Specialist, Office of Care Coordination

- As of January 31, 2026, there were 190 active TAY households in the TAY Registry, with 98 households on the Community Queue. As there are limited opportunities for the TAY subpopulation, there is an emphasis on utilizing other resources for housing.

f. Virtual Front Door – Jocelyn Morales, Family System Manager, Orange County United Way

- Jocelyn Morales shared data from the Virtual Front Door Housing Data Dashboard.
- There is a high request for emergency shelter referrals through December, and most people need housing expense assistance.
- For Access Point referrals, there were 818 referrals for individuals, 351 referrals for families, 79 referrals for survivors, 56 referrals for TAY, and 10 referrals for veterans.

3. **2-for-1 Match Policy Updates** – Daniel Garcia, CES Administrator, Office of Care Coordination

Daniel Garcia provided background information on the 2-For-1 Match Policy. The policy was presented to the CES Steering Committee in July 2025 and after receiving feedback from the public, the Lived Experience Advisory Committee (LEAC), and the Policies, Procedures and Standards (PPS) Committee, it was approved by the Continuum of Care (CoC) Board as a time limited pilot for up to six months, with a review at three months and a report of data evaluation returned to the PPS Committee by March 2026. As of the end of February 2026, there have been no formal requests submitted for a 2-For-1 match.

Committee Discussion:

- Laura Alvarez, from Friendship Shelter, inquired about the next steps for the 2-For-1 Match Policy.

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

Jasmin Miranda shared updates and information related to the Continuum of Care.

- a. **2026 Point-In-Time Count** was successful due to the efforts of the volunteers and partners involved. The Office of Care Coordination will continue to work closely with City Net to compile and review the data collected and this data will be finalized and released in the coming months.
- b. **FY 2024-2025 CoC Program NOFO** information was shared regarding reopening in January. The Office of Care Coordination has submitted the final FY2025 Project Priority Listing.
- c. **OC Same Day Solutions Fair** – The Office of Care Coordination recently hosted the fourth Same Day Solutions Fair last week in partnership with Homeless Intervention Services of Orange County (HIS-OC). The next event will be on March 30, 2026.
- d. **CES Request for Proposals** submission deadline was today, but has been extended to Friday.
- e. **National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate (NSPIRE)** has an extended compliance date of October 1, 2026, for HUD’s NSPIRE final rule for Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG), CoC, HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and the Housing Trust Fund (HTF) programs. This third extension of the compliance date will allow recipients and grantees additional time to implement HUD’s NSPIRE standards. HUD intends to publish standards specific to each of these programs before the compliance date.
- f. Jasmin Miranda shared information about upcoming CoC meetings.

Committee Discussion:

- Laura Alvarez, from Friendship Shelter, inquired when the CoC website will be updated with the calendars for the upcoming CoC meetings.
- Nichole Gideon and Paul Kaiser, from the Lived Experience Advisory Committee, introduce themselves as the appointed representatives of the LEAC for the CES Steering Committee.

- Paul Kaiser, from the Lived Experience Advisory Committee, inquired about why there is not a subpopulation for individuals with mental health issues and is interested to know the data points for those affected by mental health issues.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 6, 2026, 2:00pm – 3:30pm., in-person at OCHA, 1501 E. St. Andrews Pl., 1st Floor, Conference Room A, Santa Ana, CA 92705