

ORANGE COUNTY
CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, March 25, 2026
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location:

**County Administration South (CAS) Building
County Conference Center
425 West Santa Ana Blvd. Room 104/106
Santa Ana, CA 92701-4599
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MINUTES

Board Members

Judson Brown, City of Santa Ana
Dr. Kelly Bruno-Nelson, CalOptima Health
Andrew Crowe, Scholarship Prep
Dr. Shelby Feliciano-Sabala, Project Hope Alliance
Kelita Gardner, Second Baptist Church of Santa Ana
Nichole Gideon, Individual
Shakoya Green Long, Thomas House Family Shelter
Becks Heyhoe-Khalil, OC United Way
Marisol Johnson, Dayle McIntosh Center
Sandra Lozeau, City of Anaheim

Melanie McQueen, PATH
Dr. Tiffany Mitchell, Orangewood Foundation
[Secretary]
Nishtha Mohendra, Friendship Shelter [Vice Chair]
Robert "Santa Bob" Morse, Individual
Jason Phillips, Individual
Maricela Rios-Faust, Human Options [Chair]
Tim Shaw, Individual
Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, Individual

In Memoriam

Sammie MarTínez

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Call to Order – Maricela Rios-Faust, Chair

Chair Maricela Rios-Faust called the meeting to order at 2:11 p.m.

Board Member Roll Call – Dr. Tiffany Mitchell, Secretary

Present: Judson Brown, Dr. Kelly Bruno-Nelson, Andrew Crowe, Dr. Shelby Feliciano-Sabala, Nichole Gideon, Shakoya Green-Long, Becks Heyhoe-Khalil, Marisol Johnson, Sandra Lozeau, Melanie McQueen, Dr. Tiffany Mitchell, Nishtha Mohendra, Robert “Santa Bob” Morse, Jason Phillips, Maricela Rios-Faust, Tim Shaw, and Dr. Shauntina Sorrells.

Excused Absent: Kelita Gardner

Nishtha Mohendra arrived during Public Comment. Dr. Shauntina Sorrells arrived during Board Member Comments. Shakoya Green-Long left during Calendar Business Item 3. Dr. Kelly Bruno Nelson left during Business Item 4. Judson Brown left during Business Item 5.

Chair Maricela Rios-Faust offered a moment of silence and remembrance for CoC Board Member Sammie MarTinez. Marisol Johnson and Andrew Crowe shared words of remembrance.

Public Comments: Members of the public may address the CoC Board 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 CoC Board. Members of the public may address the CoC Board with public comments on agenda items in the business calendar 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. Members of the public utilizing interpreter services will be given double the amount of time to provide public comment.

To address the CoC Board, members of the public who are attending in person are to complete a Request to Address the CoC Board form prior to the beginning of each agenda item and submit it to CoC Board staff. Staff will call your name in the order received.

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- Steve McNally, informed the CoC Board about the Behavioral Health 3-Year Plan and raised concerns about how housing interventions are currently funded and administered. Steve McNally noted that approximately \$140 million in mental health funds remain unspent and could be allocated to various behavioral health services, including programs funded through the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA). Further, once funding allocations are finalized in the 3-Year Plan, it will be difficult to change. Steve

McNally reported that community feedback is currently being accepted and encouraged the CoC Board to review and provide public feedback, noting its significance as a major Orange County funding bucket.

Board Member Comments: Members of the CoC Board may provide comments on matters not appearing on the agenda so long as the subject matter is within the jurisdiction of the CoC Board.

- Judson Brown noted that only 15 public comments have been submitted on, which determines funding priorities for the next three years. Judson Brown encouraged the CoC Board members to participate in public feedback and shared that the City of Santa Ana, in partnership with the Kennedy Commission, will be providing a comment collectively towards the capital projects funding portion.
- Tim Shaw stated that the plan is difficult to navigate and lacks clear summaries and encouraged the CoC Board to convene to work on developing a coordinated feedback submission in line with the CoC Board.
- Chair Maricela Rios-Faust expressed support for Tim Shaw’s proposal.
- Jason Phillips read the names of individuals who have passed experiencing homelessness in February 2026, in remembrance and recognition.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Approve CoC Board Meeting Minutes from January 21, 2026.**
2. **Approve CoC Board Meeting Minutes from February 25, 2026.**
3. **Receive and file the CoC Strategic Plan monthly update.**

Robert “Santa Bob” Morse motioned to approve the Consent Calendar with amended corrections. Shakoya Green-Long seconded the motion. Chair Maricela Rios-Faust called for a voice vote. No nays, no abstentions, the motion passed.

Board Member Discussion:

- Tim Shaw noted that Dr. Shauntina Sorrells name was left off January 21, 2026, Meeting Minutes as a member of the approved Business Item 5, Recommended Action a. on the CoC Board and Collaborative Applicant/Administrative Entity Evaluation Ad Hoc.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

1. **CoC Program Funding Update** – Felicia Boehringer, Interim CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination

Felicia Boehringer provided a comprehensive update on the CoC Program Funding Litigation, outlining the status of preliminary injunctions, expected federal rulings, and the implications of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2026 on U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD’s) ability to release funds. Felicia Boehringer reviewed the progress of Quarter 1–4 CoC-Funded projects, noting that HUD must continue moving forward with non-competitive awards even amid litigation, and shared the FY 2024 CoC Program Funding Summary along with resources for staying informed. Felicia Boehringer also highlighted ongoing CoC-Funded Agency Meetings that support providers during this period of uncertainty and confirmed that preparations for the FY 2026 CoC Program Registration are underway.

Board Member Discussion:

- Judson Brown noted that going into certain CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) discussions, there was significant focus on the Orange County Housing Authority (OCHA), and although OCHA has one of the largest budgets, it represents a relatively small portion of overall CoC Funding. Judson Brown

emphasized that there needs to be ongoing and focused conversations on how the system will mitigate a shift from 90% Permanent Support Housing (PSH) to 60% and ensure effective coordination with nonprofits that might have fewer resources to shift resources.

- Nichole Gideon volunteered to support the CoC NOFO Ad Hoc process.

2. Abt Global’s Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Data Request – Erin DeRycke, Director, Data Analytics, 2-1-1 Orange County (211OC), Orange County United Way and Mary Schwartz, Sr. Associate for Abt Global and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Contractor

Erin DeRycke provided an update on the previously approved Abt Global HMIS Data Request, and the current proposal for ongoing data, including the updated required data elements and specification associated with the request.

Mary Schwartz reported on continued efforts to provide data from local jurisdictions to the Office of Veterans Affairs (VA) to support coordination, noting that the current process without approved data request requires significant manual work to bridge data systems. Mary Schwartz shared that based on the previously approved data request, several veterans identified as experiencing homelessness have been connected to VA resources and housing through this engagement method. Mary Schwartz also outlined the anticipated timeline should the new data request be approved, including processes for reporting back to the CoC Board findings and updates relevant to the ongoing process.

Recommended Action b: Approve Abt Global’s HMIS data request for monthly exports of data from April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2028, to be integrated with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) HOMES database for case conferencing and planning for permanent housing for Veterans experiencing homelessness in Orange County.

Becks Heyhoe-Khalil motioned to approve Business Calendar Item 2b. Melanie McQueen seconded the motion. Chair Maricela Rios-Faust called for a roll call vote. Judson Brown, Andrew Crowe, Dr. Shelby Feliciano-Sabala, Sandra Lozeau, Melanie McQueen, Dr. Tiffany Mitchell, Robert “Santa Bob” Morse, and Tim Shaw voted yes. Marisol Johnson voted no. Dr. Kelly Bruno-Nelson, Nichole Gideon, Shakoya Green-Long, Becks Heyhoe-Khalil, Nishtha Mohendra, Jason Phillips, Maricela Rios-Faust, and Dr. Shauntina Sorrells abstained. The motion passed.

It was initially announced during the CoC Board Meeting that Recommended Action b did not pass. However, following consultation with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors after the meeting, the Office of Care Coordination (OCC) confirmed that because the CoC Governance Charter adheres to Robert’s Rules of Order, voting outcomes are determined by the majority of voting members who cast a vote. Abstentions are not counted as vote cast, nor is the outcome based on the total number of members in attendance. Because of this, the minutes reflect the corrected outcome of the voting item.

Board Member Discussion:

- Becks Heyhoe-Khalil reported that the request originated from the ONE Team and represents an important first step to addressing Veterans Homelessness. Becks Heyhoe-Khalil noted that the VA’s ability to begin using HMIS data has improved efficiency and strengthened case conferencing through the ONE Team approach.

- Dr. Shauntina Sorrells asked for clarification on the estimated monthly staff time required, noting the importance of accounting for HMIS Lead workload. Dr. Shauntina Sorrells also raised the need to ensure cost recovery for data requests when appropriate for outside agencies requesting large amounts of data.
- Vice Chair Nishtha Mohendra expressed interest in reviewing the findings or targeted strategies from the previously approved data request for Abt Global, as well as any lessons learned that emerge from the data integration efforts.
- Melanie McQueen asked about the intent of the request as it related to case conferencing and whether any additional partners would receive access to the HOMES database.
- Sandra Lozeau noted that local-level data request will continue and emphasize the importance of clearly defining the scope of each request coming to the CoC Board regardless of internal or external agencies.
- Marisol Johnson raised concerns for individuals who may not want data shared, noting recent reports of veterans facing deportation and the caution with providing identifiable data to federal agencies.
- Dr. Kelly Bruno-Nelson highlighted the strain placed on HMIS staff to fulfill data requests and asked for clarity on the number of hours required relative to previously approved data request and those requesting approval.

3. Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program – Douglas Becht, Director, Office of Care Coordination

Douglas Becht provided an update on HHAP Round 6, noting the increasingly lengthy and complex process associated with each new funding round. Douglas Becht explained that while HHAP Rounds 1 through 4 allowed individual non-competitive application for eligible jurisdictions; HHAP Round 5 and 6 require a joint application from all five eligible jurisdictions in Orange County (Orange County CoC, The County of Orange, City of Irvine, City of Anaheim, and City of Santa Ana). Douglas Becht highlighted new expectations related to Housing Element compliance, encampment polices, and shelter funding, which have added additional hurdles to the process. Douglas Becht reviewed the HHAP Round 6 timelines and outlined the specific dates and revisions requested by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), including requirements related to a Youth Action Board, encampment policies, and housing cost-gap funding. Douglas Becht emphasized the intricacies of meeting these requirements within the established deadlines and although a lengthy process does not foresee the Orange County Region not being awarded HHAP Round 6 in the coming weeks.

Board Member Discussion:

- Dr. Kelly Bruno-Nelson asked for clarification regarding the issues identified with the encampment policies and expressed concerns about how these relate to Orange County’s existing policies.
- Tim Shaw noted the challenge for the CoC Board in navigating requirements tied to other jurisdictions’ decisions, such as those made by the Orange County Board of Supervisors and City Councils. Tim Shaw expressed concerns that the Orange County CoC funding may be held up for issues outside its control and emphasized the importance of CoC Board Members being included in relevant conversation rather than being informed about decisions made elsewhere.

- Nichole Gideon asked whether this year was the first time there had been extensive back and forth with HCD compared to previous HHAP rounds.
- Vice Chair Nishtha Mohendra asked, given that this level of review has become more common, whether there is any insight into the likelihood of not meeting the requirements for future HHAP funding.

Public Comment:

- Steve McNally requested a consolidated overview showing all Orange County Behavioral Health Funds alongside HHAP funds that have been allocated or returned to the State. Steve McNally noted that other counties, like San Diego and Alameda, appear to receive more favorable treatment in state process and emphasized the importance of understanding how Orange County’s HHAP allocations compare statewide, particularly in housing and healthcare, where the County is often less competitive. Steve McNally expressed concerns that decision-making bodies are largely composed of individual who do not directly use the system, while frontline staff who interact with clients daily are not a part of these bodies.

4. Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA) Report – Erin DeRycke, Director, Data Analytics, 211OC, Orange County United Way

Erin DeRycke provided an update on the FY 2025 LSA Report, explaining that the report analyzes HMIS data across Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, PSH, Rapid Rehousing (RRH), and other permanent housing project types. Key focus areas include first time homelessness, chronic homelessness, individuals with disabilities (non-chronic), and system pathways for individuals into various household types. Erin DeRycke noted several systems needs identified through the analysis, increased diversion resources for children and youth experiencing homelessness for the first time; expanded supportive services to meet the growing needs of individuals with disabilities; and stronger collaboration and permanent housing opportunities to improve placements into permanent housing.

Board Member Discussion:

- Becks Heyhoe-Khalil informed the CoC Board that Orange County United Way has a new youth-serving initiative, Whatever It Takes. Becks Heyhoe-Khalil noted that a training will be held on April 23, 2026, and invited anyone interested to contact them for details, emphasizing that youth and young adults can directly access available resources.

5. CoC Committee Updates – CoC Committee leadership

- a. Andrew Crowe provided an update on the Coordinated Entry System (CES) Steering Committee, including current provider participation and recent system activities.
- b. Maricela Rios-Faust and Shakoya Green Long provided an update on the Domestic Violence Committee, noting alignment with CoC Strategic Plan and California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH) strategic planning requirements. Additionally, discussed Survivor Coordinated Entry Systems (SCES) outcomes, pilot projects operating outside of SCES and efforts to expand RRH pathways for survivors.
- c. Judson Brown reported on the Housing Opportunities Committee, highlighting strong participation from the regional Public Housing Authorities.

- d. Robert “Santa Bob” Morse shared updates from the Lived Experience Advisory Committee (LEAC), noting recently assigned members to attend CoC Committees for further insight, and ongoing outreach from Element Consulting Group to bring in members with lived experiences for the CES Evaluation.
- e. Nishtha Mohendra provided an update on the Policies, Procedures and Standards (PPS) Committee highlighting the committees’ recent contributions to CES prioritization improvements, the 2-for-1 match policy, and new CoC Board term limits.
- f. Melanie McQueen and Jason Phillips reported on the Service Provider Forum, including collaboration with Patriots and Paws and recent progress on the data strategy for the CoC Strategic Plan. Melanie McQueen highlighted work related to data policy for the System Performance Measures (SPM), approximate date of homelessness measure, by working on targeted outreach with HMIS administrators and case managers, to provide robust feedback and discussion on data collection for this entry. Attendance remains strong, with the next meeting scheduled for May 21, 2026.
- g. Dr. Tiffany Mitchell provided an update on the Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Collaborative, noting that OCUW continues to support the development of the Youth Action Board (YAB) and is working with a consultant on youth leadership development for a potential CoC TAY Collaborative Co-Chair role. The committee also conducted a debrief on TAY Come and Be Counted sites for the 2026 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count, discussed system coordination, and reviewed the TAY Registry Dashboard to track provider engagement and system flow.

6. HMIS Lead Updates – Erin DeRycke, Director, Data Analytics, 211OC, Orange County United Way

Erin DeRycke provided an update on the upcoming HMIS Working Group, noting that members will support review of system processes and submit recommendations on the HMIS Policies and Procedures. The working group will conduct a comprehensive review with HMIS Administrators, with anticipated CoC Board action in the fall. Erin DeRycke also reported that the HMIS Team is working to submit Sheltered PIT Count data by April 30, 2026.

7. Orange County Homelessness Updates – Douglas Becht, Director and Jasmin Miranda, Interim CoC Administrator, Office of Care Coordination

Due to time restrictions, Business Calendar Item 7 was moved to Item 4 on the agenda.

Douglas Becht provided an update on the upcoming Same Day Solutions Fairs scheduled for March 2026 and April 2026. Douglas Becht also highlighted several key items, including the Behavioral Health Integration Plan, the 2026 Orange County Supportive Housing Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), and upcoming appointments to the Commission to Address Homelessness. Douglas Becht shared that the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) is partnering with the County on a comprehensive homeless-prevention model and reminded members that many participated in the initial kickoff meeting and encouraged broad participation in the accompanying survey, which is intended for individuals involved in prevention work but open to all. The survey link will be provided, and responses are requested by March 31, 2026. Douglas Becht noted that CSH will present a snapshot of key initiatives and is available to discuss how these efforts align with existing strategies. Douglas Becht emphasized ongoing projects that are being driven by the CoC Board, Office of Care Coordination and Element Consulting Group and staffing updates for the newly hired CoC Manager.

Jasmin Miranda provided an update on upcoming CoC Committee meeting schedules and reviewed the 2026 Annual Calendar of CoC Activities occurring over the next three months.

Board Member Discussion:

- Vice Chair Nishtha Mohendra recognized and expressed appreciation for Felicia Boehringer and Jasmin Miranda for their ongoing support in filling the interim roles.
- Chair Maricela Rios-Faust noted that many of the initiatives discussed are closely aligned with the ongoing CoC Strategic Plan.

Dr. Shauntina Sorrells motioned to adjourn. Nichole Gideon seconded the motion. Chair Maricela Rios-Faust adjourned the meeting at 4:34 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 22, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.