

**ORANGE COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE
HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, April 8, 2026
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location:
Orange County Housing Authority (OCHA)
1501 E. St. Andrew Pl., 1st Floor,
Conference Room A, Santa Ana, CA 92705
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Committee Chair: Judson Brown, City of Santa Ana

Committee Vice-Chair: January Johnson, Orange County Housing Authority

Committee Members

- Orange County Housing Authority
- Anaheim Housing Authority
- Santa Ana Housing Authority
- Garden Grove Housing Authority
- CalOptima Health
- Orange County Housing Finance Trust
- Orange County United Way
- Kennedy Commission
- Orange County Housing Advocacy Collaborative
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funded entitlement jurisdictions

Purpose: The Housing Opportunities Committee will function as an advisory group to the Continuum of Care (CoC) Board and the Policies, Procedures and Standards (PPS) Committee. The Housing Opportunities Committee assists in the overall coordination of efforts and information sharing to foster the development of housing opportunities for people experiencing homelessness. The Housing Opportunities Committee will facilitate regional and systemwide collaboration in the development and implementation of affordable housing programs and opportunities that provide permanent housing solutions, such as housing choice vouchers, short-term rental assistance and/or permanent supportive housing, to reduce homelessness and to increase the supply of affordable and permanent supportive housing in Orange County. In addition to the facilitation and regional collaboration of housing opportunities in Orange County, the Housing Opportunities Committee will align its efforts with the Orange County CoC Board Vision.

MINUTES

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and County Language Access Policy, those requiring accommodation and/or interpreter services for this meeting should notify the Office of Care Coordination 72 Hours prior to the meeting at (714) 834 – 5000 or email CareCoordination@ceo.oc.gov. Request received less than 72 hours prior to the meeting will still receive every effort to reasonably fulfill within the time provided.

Welcome and Call to Order – Judson Brown, Chair and January Johnson, Vice Chair

Chair Judson Brown called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

Public Comments – Members of the public may address the Housing Opportunities 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 Housing Opportunities Committee. 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 Housing Opportunities 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 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 at least 24 hours before the start of the meeting will be distributed to the Housing Opportunities Committee members and all comments will be added to the administrative records of the meeting. Please include “Housing Opportunities Committee Meeting Comment” in the email subject line.

1. Project Based Housing Updates

- a. Project-Based Voucher Pipeline – Public Housing Authorities (PHA) Representatives
- b. 2026 Successfully Completed Project-Based Housing – PHA Representatives

Chair Judson Brown, Vice Chair January Johnson, Thyana Phi, and Olga Tamayo provided updates on the current project-based voucher pipeline.

Vice Chair January Johnson highlighted the Orange County Housing Authority’s (OCHA) completed Oasis and Orion projects.

2. Funding, Program and Policy Updates

- a. Federal Budget Impact Discussion – PHA Representatives

Due to time constraints, Business Calendar Item 2 was moved to Item 3 on the agenda.

Committee Discussion:

- Chair Judson Brown shared that the Santa Ana Housing Authority had received technical assistance from and been in communication with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
- Vice Chair January Johnson discussed the President’s Budget for 2027, and also shared that OCHA is considering approach vouchers in the coming years due to the ongoing uncertainty surrounding CoC Program Funding.
- Olga Tamayo shared that the Anaheim Housing Authority had also been in communication with HUD.

- Thyana Phi noted that the Garden Grove Housing Authority had received technical assistance from and been in communication with HUD.
- Becks Heyhoe-Kahlil asked for information from each housing authority on the status of their Emergency Housing Voucher absorption.

3. Tenant-Based Housing Updates

- a. Special Purpose Voucher Update – Public Housing Authority (PHA) Representatives

Due to time constraints, Business Calendar Item 3 was moved to Item 2 on the agenda.

Committee Discussion:

- Chair Judson Brown shared that the Santa Ana Housing Authority anticipates having referrals opening for VASH vouchers. Judson Brown noted that Orange County hovers around 80% utilization for special purpose vouchers, which is consistent with state and national data, and that when vouchers are combined with housing navigation and deposit support, households average around 100 days to lease up, compared to 2.5 years to build new permanent supportive housing.
- Vice Chair January Johnson discussed OCHA utilizing their homeless set-aside funding for Project-Based Vouchers to maximize funding impact, a pending application for additional HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers, and the hope to submit for additional application cycles for Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) vouchers due to increased utilization rates.
- Thyana Phi shared that the Garden Grove Housing Authority is considering applying for FYI Vouchers. Thyana Phi stated there are no upcoming mainstream vouchers and that mainstream vouchers marked as “searching” are households that are relocating.
- Julia Bidwell highlighted that the disparity between vouchers allocated and issued can be caused by a lack of sufficient funding because of increasing costs. Due to this, the number of vouchers allocated may overrepresent what a housing authority is capable of offering. Julia Bidwell also referenced the Orange County Housing Funding Strategy which showed 2,396 units would be needed by 2029, but shared that to accomplish this, Orange County would need an increase of \$500 million in funding.
- Becks Heyhoe-Khalil provided background on FYI and Family Unification Program (FUP) vouchers and discussed the lack of funding for new mainstream vouchers.

Public Comments:

- Jason Mercado asked if there is funding for vouchers marked as “searching” and what happens after time-limited vouchers expire.
- A member of the public asked if any vouchers are earmarked for “move on” vouchers.
- A member of the public asked if PHAs track rapid rehousing programs and if there are move on vouchers allocated to rapid rehousing participants.
- Yvette Ahlstrom asked about the potential for additional Project-Based Vouchers in the future.

4. CoC Updates – Felicia Boehringer, CoC Administrator, Office of Care Coordination

Felicia Boehringer provided recent CoC updates, including an upcoming Same-Day Solutions Fair event, Fiscal Year 2025 CoC Program Awards for Quarter 1, CoC Program funding litigation updates, Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP) Round 6 Awards, and upcoming meetings.

5. Coordinated Entry System (CES) Updates – Daniel Garcia, CES Administrator, Office of Care Coordination

Daniel Garcia discussed inflow and outflow by month for Individual CES, Family CES, Survivor CES, and the Veteran Registry. Daniel Garcia reviewed the number of households on the community queue and households who had been permanently housed, along with data on amount of households experiencing chronic homelessness and subpopulations represented. For Family CES, Daniel Garcia highlighted a month-over-month decrease in the number of households experiencing chronic homelessness and on the community queue overall.

Committee Discussion:

- Olga Tamayo asked for additional information on the 2-for-1 Match Policy.
- Becks Heyhoe-Khalil asked for the number of households experiencing chronic homelessness to be presented as a percentage of the total subpopulation and requested a chart for Transitional Aged Youth CES inflow and outflow.
- Chair Judson Brown asked for additional information on the decrease in Veteran homelessness within the last year.

Chair Judson Brown adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 10, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at OCHA, 1501 East Saint Andrew Place, 1st Floor, Conference Room A, Santa Ana, CA 92705