

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

Tuesday, September 15, 2026
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Location:
The Village at 17th Street
Community Room
1505 17th St., Santa Ana, CA 92705

Virtual Meeting Option*:
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Acting Committee Chair: Nichole Gideon, Individual

Committee Members:

Brateil Aghasi, WISEPlace
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
Wendy Seiden, OCFVC Homelessness-DV-SA Task Force
Tianna Terry, City of Costa Mesa
Sharon Wie, Interval House

AGENDA

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Welcome and Introductions – Nichole Gideon, Acting Chair

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CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approve the DV Committee Meeting Minutes from September 18, 2025.
2. Approve the DV Committee Meeting Minutes from February 17, 2026.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

1. **Leadership and Committee Membership Updates** – Nichole Gideon, Acting Chair; Brateil Aghasi, WISEPlace; and Felicia Boehringer, CoC Administrator, Office of Care Coordination
2. **State and Local Goals to Address Homelessness Amongst Survivors** – Maricela Rios-Faust, Chief Executive Officer, Human Options
 - a. Discuss the California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH) Barrier Reduction and Cross-System Partnerships: Best Practices Checklist, to support Senate Bill (SB) 914 Homeless Equity for Left Behind Populations (HELP) Act.
3. **Coordinated Entry System (CES) Dashboard and Update** –Daniel Garcia, CES Administrator, Office of Care Coordination
 - a. Survivor CES Updates
4. **CoC Updates** – Timothy Kirkconnell, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination
 - a. Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 CoC Program DV Bonus NOFO Updates

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Brateil Aghasi, WISEPlace
Patience Biosah, Individual
Barbara Burke, Individual
Shakoya Green Long, Thomas House
Deborah Kraft, Lived Experience Advisory Committee, Orange County Family Violence Council's
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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, Friendship Shelter, Individual Coordinated Entry System (CES)
Cynthia Thouvenel, Ohlone Tribe Non-Profit
Katherine Tan, Individual
Sharon Wie, Interval House

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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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Welcome and Introductions – Maricela Rios-Faust, Chair

Chair Maricela Rios-Faust called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Present: Brateil Aghasi, Shakoya Green Long, Nishtha Mohendra, Maricela Rios-Faust, Wendy Seiden, and Tianna Terry

Absent Excused: Mark Lee and Sharon Wie

Absent: Jude Abusham, Patience Biosah, Deborah Kraft, Sammie MarTinez, Lydia Nationalesta, and Katherine Tran

Nishtha Mohendra arrived during Business Calendar Item 1.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

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2. Approve the 2026 DV Committee Meeting Calendar.

The DV Committee did not reach quorum, therefore no action was taken on the Consent 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

Maricela Rios-Faust provided background on the Homeless Equity for Left Behind Populations (HELP) Act and California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH) requirements for CoC goals for survivors in their communities. Maricela Rios-Faust discussed the DV Committee areas of focus and how these align with current CoC Strategic Goals in 2026.

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Committee Discussion:

- Wendy Seiden asked when work within the committee will begin on these goals, and if members will have more flexibility to support work outside of standing Committee meetings.
- Nishtha Mohendra discussed the importance of the language used around evidence-based practices and highlighted the connection between the DV Committee and the CoC Strategic Plan owners/working group

2. Coordinated Entry System (CES) for Survivors Dashboard and Update – Regginay Tate, Survivor CES Administrator and Laura Alvarez, Individual CES (ICES) Program Manager, Friendship Shelter; and Daniel Garcia, CES Administrator, Office of Care Coordination

Daniel Garcia provided background information on the development of the Coordinated Entry System for Survivors (SCES), including the SCES Parallel System that launched in December 2025. Regginay Tate reviewed data from the reporting period March 2024 through December 2025, including the number of households exited, exit types, households enrolled, total match opportunities, and subpopulation demographics. Daniel Garcia reviewed SCES data for calendar year 2025, including the number of pending matches, households on the Community Queue, monthly opportunities, total enrollments, and monthly inflow/outflow. Daniel Garcia provided updates on PATH SCES Pilot Program, which ran from August to November 2025, highlighted the number of matches and match outcomes, and discussed the decision to sunset the pilot program.

Committee Discussion:

- Nishtha Mohendra asked why the language “parallel system” was used and praised the number of matches and exits to permanent supportive housing, highlighting the need to reconsider the structure being used for rapid rehousing programs to increase overall success.
- Chair Maricela Rios-Faust asked about the declined SCES opportunities.
- Tianna Terry asked what types of opportunities are included under permanent housing and requested the numbers for permanent supportive housing and project-based vouchers. Tianna Terry discussed households from outside the county who move between cities/counties and may “fall through the cracks” due to insufficient ties to new cities/counties.
- Wendy Seiden asked about survivors being declined due to being outside of the county and discussed advocating with state and federal agencies for more flexible funding criteria for survivors.
- Brateil Aghasi discussed how victim service providers typically handle continuing to support survivors outside of their county.

3. DV Committee Membership Update – Maricela Rios-Faust, Chair

Maricela discussed membership, charter, and representation. Maricela Rios-Faust highlighted the potential pros of decreasing membership numbers, including regularly meeting quorum, and informed members that committee members who want to continue serving would need to confirm their continued interest. Maricela Rios-Faust announced resignation as committee chair

and recommended Shakoya Green Long as the next committee chair, to be voted on by the CoC Board.

Committee Discussion:

- Wendy Seiden advocated for allowing virtual participation as a way to lower barriers to membership and asked if Maricela Rios-Faust would still be present as a member of the DV Committee.
- Chair Maricela Rios-Faust stated desire to still attend DV Committee meetings to share the statewide perspective on addressing needs for Survivors experiencing homelessness.

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

Felicia Boehringer provided an update on the submission of the CoC Program funding application, including Interval House and Families Forward expansion projects. Felicia Boehringer highlighted the upcoming Same Day Solutions Fair, the open CES Request for Proposals, upcoming CoC meetings, and virtual training opportunities.

Chair Marciela Rios-Faust adjourned the meeting at 11:20 am.

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