

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

Wednesday, September 2, 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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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.

AGENDA

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. Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Updates – Tim Kirkconnell, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination

Tim Kirkconnell provided background information on the Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Program. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 CoC Competition and Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) Grants NOFO on Monday, June 1, 2026. The County of Orange, Office of Care Coordination, as the CES lead, submitted a YHDP Project Application designed to create a new CES component for Transitional Aged Youth.

Member of the public inquired about the NOFO time frame.

2. CES Transition – Daniel Garcia, CES Administrator, Office of Care Coordination

Daniel Garcia provided background information about the CES Transition. The Office of Care Coordination (OCC) successfully completed contract negotiations with People Assisting The Homeless (PATH) to be the new CES Operator on June 1, 2026. PATH is the current CES Operator for CES for Individuals, CES for Families, and CES for Survivors.

Melanie McQueen expressed gratitude for the warm welcome as the new CES Administrators and recognized the PATH team and the hard work put into training staff and coordinating to prepare for the CES program transition.

Member of the public asked about CES services and housing support.

3. CES Dashboards

a. Individual CES – Daniel Garcia, CES Administrator, Office of Care Coordination

- i. As of July 31, 2026, there were 5681 adult-only households active in the Individual CES (ICES) program, with 3802 households on the ICES Community Queue. In the month of July, 183 households were exited, including 36 households that moved into permanent housing.

b. Family CES – Julia Davis, CES Administrator, Office of Care Coordination

- i. As of July 31, 2026, there were a total of 382 families receiving services from the Family CES (FCES) program. 261 families are on the Community Queue, 10 families were matched to a housing opportunity, 34 households were exited, and 13 families have moved into permanent housing.
- ii. Member of the public inquired about the turn-around time from being on the Community Queue to housing.

c. Survivor CES – Daniel Garcia, CES Administrator, Office of Care Coordination

- i. As of July 31, 2026, there were 94 active survivor households in the Survivor CES (SCES) program, with 74 households on the Community Queue. In the month of July, 3 households were exited, and 27 households have a pending referral. No housing opportunities were made available directly to SCES.
 - ii. Daniel Garcia provided some additional information about the Survivor CES program background.
 - d. **Veteran Registry** – James Bacon, CES Staff Specialist, Office of Care Coordination
 - i. As of July 31, 2026, there were 223 veterans experiencing homelessness on the Veteran Registry, with 96 veterans on the Community Queue. In the previous 12 months, 233 veteran households have moved into permanent housing.
 - ii. James Bacon shared that some veterans are only interested in Tenant-Based Vouchers and other alternative housing resources. The 12-month rolling total of permanent housing placement is ten more than the veteran households currently on the registry, so it shows progress.
 - iii. Member of the public inquired how individuals apply for CES, how someone can advocate assistance and connection, and if there is more information about the process of navigating through it, while sharing personal experiences.
 - e. **Transitional Aged Youth Registry** – James Bacon, CES Staff Specialist, Office of Care Coordination
 - i. As of July 31, 2026, there were 242 active TAY households on the TAY Registry, with 174 households on the Community Queue.
 - ii. James Bacon highlights that the TAY population does a lot of work with diversion and problem solving and many are able to identify resources.
 - f. **Virtual Front Door** – Delia Van Kampen, Director, Operations, 2-1-1 Orange County (211OC), Orange County United Way
 - i. Daniel Garcia shared data from the Virtual Front Door (VFD) dashboard and expressed that the VFD is a gateway for anyone experiencing homelessness to get connected to an access point or CES program.
 - ii. Member of the public inquired about the time frame for follow-through for these referrals and the time frame involved in connecting to an Access Point.
 - iii. Melanie McQueen inquired how to determine the category of crises in the call data for 211. CES will follow up and share information at the next CES Steering Committee.
- 4. **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 and shared information on the time limited program. The Office of Care Coordination is finalizing the outreach and communication plan.

Paul Kaiser inquired about the status of the policy.

Marisol Lara inquired if the 2-for-1 Policy is involved in the CES Evaluation.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 4, 2026, 2:00pm – 3:30pm., in-person at OCHA, located at 1501 E St Andrew Pl, 1st Floor, Conference Room A, Santa Ana, CA 92705