

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

Tuesday, February 17, 2026
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Location:

**The Village at 17th Street
Downstairs Board Room
1505 17th St., Santa Ana, CA 92705**

Virtual Meeting Option*:

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Committee Chair: Maricela Rios-Faust, Human Options

Committee Members:

Jude Abusham, Student in Orange County
Brateil Aghasi, WISEPlace
Patience Biosah, Individual
Shakoya Green Long, Thomas House
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
Sammie MarTínez, Individual
Nishtha Mohendra, Families Forward
Lydia Nationalesta, City of Lake Forest
Wendy Seiden, OCFVC Homelessness-DV-SA Task Force
Tianna Terry, City of Costa Mesa
Katherine Tan, Individual
Sharon Wie, Interval House

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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.

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

DV Committee Member Comments – Members of the DV Committee may provide comments on matters not appearing on the agenda so long as the subject matter is within the jurisdiction of the DV Committee. Comments will be limited to three minutes. If there are more than five members wishing to speak, this time will be reduced to two minutes.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approve the DV Committee Meeting Minutes from September 18, 2025.
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.

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.

Adjournment to: Regular meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. at The Village at 17th Street Large Community Room (1505 17th St, Santa Ana, CA 92705).