

ORANGE COUNTY
CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
Thursday, July 30, 2026
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Location:

**County Administration North (CAN) Building
Multipurpose Room 101
400 West Civic Center Dr.
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
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

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(CAN) Building, located 400 West Civic Center Drive, Santa Ana, CA 92701-4599, and request a copy of the meeting materials from the Office of Care Coordination during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday (excluding holidays).

Call to Order – Maricela Rios-Faust, Chair

Chair Maricela Rios-Faust called the meeting to order 9:03 a.m.

Board Member Roll Call – Dr. Tiffany Mitchell, Secretary

Present: Dr. Kelly Bruno-Nelson, Andrew Crowe, Dr. Shelby Feliciano-Sabala, Kelita Gardner, Nichole Gideon, Becks Heyhoe-Khalil, Marisol Johnson, Sandra Lozeau, Melanie McQueen, Dr. Tiffany Mitchell, Nishtha Mohendra, Jason Phillips, Maricela Rios-Faust, Tim Shaw, and Dr. Shauntina Sorrells.

Absent excused: Judson Brown and Robert “Santa Bob” Morse

Request for Virtual Participation:

The Brown Act allows exceptions for members of legislative bodies to participate remotely under two specified circumstances: (1) “Just Cause” or (2) “Emergency Circumstances”. At least a quorum of the committee must be participating in-person for the exception(s) to be voted on and enacted. Following the Call to Order, Chair Maricela Rios-Faust referenced a request for board member Dr. Shauntina Sorrells to join virtually due to “Just Cause”.

Recommended Action: Allow Dr. Shauntina Sorrells to participate in today’s CoC Board special meeting.

Nishtha Mohendra motioned to approve the Recommended Action to allow Dr. Shauntina Sorrells to participate remotely. Marisol Johnson seconded the motion. Chair Dr. Maricela Rios-Faust issued a voice vote. No nays, no abstentions, the motion passed.

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.

Members of the public, including those listening in via the virtual meeting option, 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 CoC Board meeting will be distributed to the CoC Board members for their consideration and all comments submitted prior to the meeting will be added to the administrative records of the meeting. Please include “CoC Board Meeting Comment” in the email subject line.

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.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

1. Youth Homelessness Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) – Zulima Lundy, Director of Operations and Timothy Kirkconnell, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination

Timothy Kirkconnell provided updates on the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) and local competition. Zulima Lundy provided an update on the proposed funding increase. The YDHP Review Panel discussed increasing the total funding amount to maximize the available eligible funding. Timothy Kirkconnell also provided a summary of the Transitional Housing and Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects.

Recommended Action a: Approve the selection of proposals submitted in response to the Request for Proposals (RFP) for Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) Projects for inclusion in the Orange County Continuum of Care's (CoC) Application in response to the Youth Homelessness NOFO for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 and FY 2025.

- (1) Covenant House California's Transitional Housing project proposal called Covenant House California's YHDP Transitional Housing for Orange County for \$1,962,694, or an amount not to exceed the maximum eligible funding.
- (3) Access California Services' Supportive Services' Only project proposal called Youth Bridge: Culturally Responsive Housing Stability and Support Services for \$2,000,000, or an amount not to exceed the maximum eligible funding.

Nishtha Mohendra motioned to approve recommended action a.1. and a.3. Kelita Gardner seconded the motion. Chair Maricela Rios-Faust issued a voice vote. No nays, no abstentions, the motion passed.

Recommended Action a: Approve the selection of proposals submitted in response to the Request for Proposals (RFP) for Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) Projects for inclusion in the Orange County Continuum of Care's (CoC) Application in response to the Youth Homelessness NOFO for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 and FY 2025.

- (2) Orangewood Foundation's Transitional Housing project proposal called Orange Bridge Housing Program for \$2,427,747, or an amount not to exceed the maximum eligible funding.

Dr. Shelby Feliciano-Sabala motioned to approve recommended action a.2. Kelita Gardner seconded the motion. Dr. Tiffany Mitchell recused themselves. Chair Maricela Rios-Faust issued a voice vote. No nays, no abstentions, the motion passed.

Recommended Action a: Approve the selection of proposals submitted in response to the Request for Proposals (RFP) for Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) Projects for inclusion in the Orange County Continuum of Care's (CoC) Application in response to the Youth Homelessness NOFO for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 and FY 2025.

- (4) Orange County United Way's Supportive Services Only project proposal called WelcomeHomeOC Foster Youth Voucher Initiative for \$3,370,666, or an amount not to exceed the maximum eligible funding.

Nichole Gideon motioned to approve recommended action a.4. Andrew Crowe seconded the motion. Becks Heyhoe-Khalil, Dr. Tiffany Mitchell and Tim Shaw recused themselves. Chair Maricela Rios-Faust issued a voice vote. No nays, no abstentions, the motion passed.

Recommended Actions b, c, and d:

- b. Approve the YHDP Project Ranking and Tiering Policy as recommended by the YHDP Review Panel.
- c. Approve the YHDP Project Priority Listing, including the CoC Planning, Supportive Services Only - Coordinated Entry, Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), and selected new project proposals, to be included in the Orange County CoC's YHDP Application for the Youth Homelessness NOFO for FY 2024 and FY 2025, as recommended by the YHDP Review Panel.
- d. Approve the Office of Care Coordination as the Collaborative Application to provide a Letter of Support to the YHDP Project Proposals as included in the YHDP Project Priority Listing in response to the Youth Homelessness NOFO for FY 2024 and FY 2025.

Sandra Lozeau motioned to approve recommended actions b, c, and d. Kelita Gardner seconded the motion. Chair Maricela Rios-Faust issued a voice vote. No nays, no abstentions, the motion passed.

Public Comment:

- Nahla Kayali of Access California Services said the organization primarily serves newcomers and refugees and highlighted the significant need for these services. The organization plans to provide culturally sensitive housing navigation, social services, including support for youth and individuals facing language, educational and cultural barriers. The organization expressed enthusiasm about the opportunity to serve this population and the application process.

Board Member Comments:

- Dr. Shelby Feliciano-Sabala asked how youth and community outreach would be handled and whether it would be part of the Coordinated Entry System (CES) system, involve referrals, or focus only on eligibility. Dr. Shelby Feliciano-Sabala discussed the administration's documentation requirements for prioritizing vulnerable populations. Further emphasizing the need for clear protocols for collecting required documentation, particularly when serving vulnerable youth.
- Dr. Shauntina Sorrells asked about the availability of CES funding for youth, including different prioritization policies and procedures if awarded YHDP funding.
- Nishtha Mohendra raised concerns about oversaturation and the risk of having multiple CES's. Further expressed interest in seeing how the system would work in practice and improving specialization for different populations. Nishtha Mohendra noted that the totals appeared different from those shown on the slides.
- Melanie McQueen asked how the budget was factored into the scoring criteria, including the number of units proposed, number of people served, total amount requested, and whether a per diem rate was considered.

Sandra Lozeau motioned to adjourn. Melanie McQueen seconded the motion. Chair Maricela Rios Faust adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Next Meeting: Special Meeting on Friday, August 7, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.