# ORANGE COUNTY
# CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD MEETING
# Wednesday, September 23, 2026
# 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Location:**

**County Administration South (CAS) Building**
**County Conference Center**
**425 West Santa Ana Blvd. Room 104/106**
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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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Call to Order – Maricela Rios-Faust, Chair

Chair Maricela Rios-Faust called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

Board Member Roll Call – Dr. Tiffany Mitchell, Secretary

Present: Judson Brown, Dr. Shelby Feliciano-Sabala, Kelita Gardner, Nichole Gideon, Becks Heyhoe-Khalil, Marisol Johnson, Sandra Lozeau, Melanie McQueen, Dr. Tiffany Mitchell, Nishtha Mohendra, Robert "Santa Bob" Morse, Jason Phillips, Maricela Rios-Faust, Tim Shaw, and Dr. Shauntina Sorrells.

Absent Excused: Dr. Kelly Bruno-Nelson

Absent: Andrew Crowe

Tim Shaw arrived during Public Comments. Becks Heyhoe-Khalil arrived during Business Calendar Item 1. Judson Brown left during Business Calendar Item 6 and did not vote on Business Items 6 and 7. Nichole Gideon left during Business Calendar Item 7 and did not vote on Business Item 7.

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.

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- No public comments.

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.

- Jason Phillips read the names of individuals who have passed experiencing homelessness in July 2026, in remembrance and recognition.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approve Commission to Address Homelessness and CoC Board Joint Special Meeting Minutes from July 21, 2026.
2. Approve CoC Board Meeting Minutes from July 22, 2026.
3. Approve CoC Board Special Meeting Minutes from July 30, 2026.
4. Approve CoC Board Special Meeting Minutes from August 7, 2026.
5. Receive and file the CoC Strategic Plan monthly updates for July and August 2026.
6. Receive and file list of agencies and jurisdictions approved for Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) access from December 12, 2025, to September 17, 2026.
7. Receive and file the Orange County Sheriff's Department 2024 Homeless Death Review Report.
8. Approve revised CoC Board 2026 Meeting Schedule Calendar amending the December meeting date from December 16, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.to December 17, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Robert "Santa Bob" Morse motioned to approve the Consent Calendar. Kelita Gardner second the motion. Chair Maricela Rios-Faust issued a voice vote. No nays, no abstention, the motion passed.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

1. Good News Story: PATH – Kassandra Munoz, Yale Associate Director, and Joshua Noble, Case Manager, PATH

Joshua Noble and Kassandra Munoz shared information and a good news story regarding PATH's Yale Navigation Center.

2. CoC Nominating Ad Hoc – Timothy Kirkconnell, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination

Timothy Kirkconnell provided an overview of the 2026 CoC Board member nomination and selection process. As outlined in the Orange County CoC Governance Charter, the Office of Care Coordination as the Collaborative Applicant for the Orange County CoC is recommending establishing a CoC Nominating Ad Hoc to support the review of the CoC Governance Charter and CoC Board election process for the seats expiring December 31, 2026.

Recommended Actions:

b. Establish the 2026 CoC Nominating Ad Hoc to support the nomination and election for the CoC Board, including the review of the CoC Board composition, qualifications, nomination and election process as detailed within the CoC Governance Charter.
c. Approve the Office of Care Coordination to work with the Vice Chair to finalize the 2026 CoC Nominating Ad Hoc membership.

Kelita Gardner motioned to approve Recommended Actions b. and c. Nichole Gideon seconded the motion. Chair Maricela Rios-Faust issued a voice vote. No nays, no abstention, the motion passed.

Board Member Comments:

- Vice Chair Nishtha Mohendra shared comments on the interest of the 2026 CoC Nominating Ad Hoc and confirmed that the membership will be finalized with the Office of Care Coordination.

3. Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program — Zulima Lundy, Director of Operations

At the October 22, 2025, meeting, the CoC Board authorized the Office of Care Coordination to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to program the remaining HHAP Round 5 funding under Operating Subsidies Interim Housing eligible use category. On May 27, 2026, the Office of Care Coordination issued an RFP to seek qualified providers for Emergency Shelter Operations and Services for Individuals, Families, Survivors and Transitional Age Youth (TAY) to be funded with HHAP. A total of nine proposals were received by the solicitation deadline of July 8, 2026. All nine proposals were deemed responsive.

In accordance with the County of Orange's Procurement Policy Manual, the Office of Care Coordination will be taking an Agenda Staff Report and attachments to the Orange County Board of Supervisor's at the September 29, 2026 meeting at 9:30 a.m. to seek approval for the model contract for emergency shelter operations and services for individuals, families, and survivors and transitional aged youth for an initial contract term of January 1, 2027, to June 30, 2028; renewable for three additional one-year terms; to select and approve respondents from solicitation results list from highest to lowest score, until all funding is exhausted.

Zulima Lundy provided an update on HHAP Rounds 3 – 6 obligations and expenditures, as detailed in Attachment D of the agenda packet.

On July 13, 2026, the Governor signed Assembly Bill (AB) 179, which finalized administrative changes to prior rounds of HHAP funding and established the framework for HHAP Round 7, including the application process and accountability measures. As part of HHAP Round 7, new requirements were introduced that are only applicable to 14 large cities and counties in which the cities are located. On August 7, 2026, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) announced the availability of over $829 million in HHAP Round 7 made accessible through the amended Round 6 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). Preliminary HHAP Round 7 allocations were published to assist regions with the planning for their HHAP Round 7 budget plans.

At the April 22, 2026, meeting, the CoC Board appointed Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, Josh Meyers, and Jason Phillips to a HHAP Ad Hoc to support the programming of HHAP funding allocated to the CoC. The HHAP Ad Hoc reconvened in September 2026 to review the remaining HHAP Rounds 4, 5 and 6 funding allocated to the CoC and met three (3) times to develop additional recommendations for CoC Board approval. The recommendations being presented build upon the CoC Board approved recommendations from the May 2026 meeting.

Recommended Actions:

d. Approve the following recommendations for the programming of HHAP funding allocated to the Orange County CoC, as recommended by the HHAP Ad Hoc.
    (1) Approve the obligation of $200,000 in HHAP Round 4 funding under the Systems Support eligible use category to partially fund the Compensation for People with Lived Experience Program contracted with Orange County's United Way dba Orange County United Way (OC United Way) in Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2027 and utilized previously awarded HHAP Round 5 for FY 2027-2028.
    (2) Approve the obligation of $89,707.81 in HHAP Round 4 funding under the Systems Support eligible use category to OC United Way to fund HMIS Lead activities such as licensing costs, staff for HMIS operations including the build out of CoC data dashboards and project performance activities for FY 2026-2027.
    (6) Approve the obligation of $89,233.50 in HHAP Round 6 funding under the HMIS eligible use category to OC United Way to fund HMIS Lead activities such as licensing costs, staffing, and project performance activities for FY 2027-2028.

Dr. Shauntina Sorrells motioned to approve Recommended Actions d. (1), (2) and (6). Nishtha Mohendra seconded the motion. Becks Heyhoe-Khalil and Tim Shaw recused themselves due to conflict of interest. Chair Maricela Rios-Faust issued a voice vote. No nays, no abstention, the motion passed.

(4) Approve the submittal of budget modification request for HHAP Round 5 to the California Interagency Council on Homelessness to move $1,528,029.39 in Delivery of Permanent Housing and Innovative Housing Solutions and $459,129.49 in Prevention and Shelter Diversion into the Services Coordination eligible use category to support the renewal of Service Coordination Contracts for FY 2027-2028.
(5) Approve the obligation of $1,987,158.88 in HHAP Round 5 funding under the Services Coordination eligible use category to renew the Services Coordination Contracts for FY 2027-2028, as detailed below:
    a. $928,993.86 for Services Coordination for Individuals and Families in the North and Central Service Planning Area with The HUB Orange County.
    b. $433,594.72 for Services Coordination for Individuals in the South Service Planning Area with Friendship Shelter, Inc.
    c. $416,380.47 for Services Coordination for Transitional Aged Youth in the North and Center Service Planning Area with Orangewood Foundation.
    d. $208,189.85 for Services Coordination for Transitional Aged Youth in the South Service Planning Area with Friendship Shelter, Inc.

Dr. Shauntina Sorrells motioned to approve Recommended Actions d. (4) and (5). Kelita Gardener seconded the motion. Nishtha Mohendra and Dr. Tiffany Mitchell recused themselves due to conflict of interest. Chair Maricela Rios-Faust issued a voice vote. No nays, no abstention, the motion passed.

(8) Approve the obligation of $1,534,979.75 in HHAP Round 6 funding under the Operating Subsidies – Interim Housing eligible use category to fund projects selected through the Emergency Shelter Operations and Services RFP, to award additional recipients and/or extend contracts for an additional one-year term.

Dr. Shauntina Sorrells motioned to approve Recommended Action d. (8). Melanie McQueen seconded the motion. Chair Maricela Rios-Faust issued a voice vote. Dr. Tiffany Mitchell was not in the room and did not vote. No nays, no abstention, the motion passed.

(3) Continue previously approved CoC Board commitments for HHAP Round 5 funding to support CoC Program-funded projects that may be impacted due to the FY 2026 CoC Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to be fulfilled utilizing HHAP Round 6 funding.
(7) Approve the obligation of $1,864,979.75 in HHAP Round 6 funding under the Rapid Rehousing (RRH) eligible use category to fund projects selected through the RRH Services Request for Proposals (RFP) released on September 4, 2026, to allow for an extended contract term of up to 30 months.
(9) Approve the obligation of $330,000 in HHAP Round 6 funding under the Operating Subsidies – Interim Housing Youth Set-Aside eligible use category to fund projects selected through the Emergency Shelter Operations and Services RFP, to award additional recipients and/or contracts for an additional one-year term.

Sandra Lozeau motioned to approve Recommended Actions d. (3), (7), and (9). Dr. Shauntina Sorrells seconded the motion. Chair Maricela Rios-Faust issued a voice vote. No nays, no abstention, the motion passed.

Public Comments:

- Hannah Shin-Heydorn, City Manager of Stanton, spoke about the North Service Planning Area (SPA) and its 12 cities with two navigation centers. Hannah Shin-Heydorn highlighted the key metrics of the navigation centers and the support they provide in terms of services, food resources, medical support and more. Hannah Shin-Heydorn asked the CoC Board to consider the impact on the North SPA navigation centers for future HHAP allocations.
- Gabriella Yap, Assistant City Manager of La Habra, shared background on the North SPA Homeless Collaborative and how the cities pooled in funds to build the two navigation centers. Gabriella Yap emphasized how Permanent Local Housing Allocation Program (PLHA) funds have declined 60% from five years ago and operating costs have increased 15-fold leading to cities paying funding gaps from the general funds of their cities. Gabriella Yap asked that the CoC Board consider HHAP funding for the navigation centers for today and for the future.
- Rosanna Ramirez, Acting City Administrator for Placentia, highlighted the investments the City of Placentia has made in street to treatment, outreach linkages, and interim housing solutions. Rosanna Ramirez emphasized that the Borth SPA cities are facing financial downtown and asked that the HHAP funds be used to fund the North SPA.
- Aaron France, City Manager of Buena Park, stated that the 5 North SPA city managers represent the other city managers that could not attend the meeting in-person. As mentioned by colleagues, Aaron France stated that there is a great cost to fund the navigation center and asked the CoC Board to consider funding the navigation center with past or future allocations of HHAP funding.
- Elizabeth Andrade expressed a sense of gratitude for the recommendation to further fund HMIS which helps support the funding gap of HMIS funding costs.

Board Member Comments:

- Dr. Shauntina Sorrells asked about the match requirements for HHAP Round 7.
- Marisol Johnson provided kudos on the recommendations and shared appreciation for the compensation program for individuals with lived experience. Marisol Johnson asked a question about the pro-housing designation requirements.
- Melanie McQueen asked about the budget modification request for HHAP Round 5 and whether it has an impact of potentially leaving unobligated funds.

4. CoC Committee Appointment – Timothy Kirkconnell, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination

At the February 25, 2026, CoC Board meeting, Shakoya Green-Long was appointed by the CoC Board to serve as the Chair of the Domestic Violence (DV) Committee. During that time, the Office of Care Coordination worked with past Chair Maricela Rios-Faust and Shakoya Green-Long to review and reestablish membership of the committee to align with purpose and the ability to obtain quorum to conduct business. In June 2026, the Office of Care Coordination was notified that Shakoya Green-Long had resigned from the CoC Board, providing a need for another CoC Board member to be appointed as DV Committee Chair. Maricela Rios-Faust, as the previous Chair, worked with the Office of Care Coordination to identify potential Board members who were well-positioned to step into the vacancy. As such, Nichole Gideon is being recommended for appointment as DV Committee Chair.

Recommended Action a: Appoint Nichole Gideon as Chair of the Domestic Violence Committee, to serve for the duration of her CoC Board member term.

Tim Shaw motioned to approve Recommended Action a. Sandra Lozeau seconded the motion. Chair Maricela Rios-Faust issued a voice vote. No nays, no abstention, the motion passed.

5. Coordinated Entry System (CES) Evaluation Update — Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, Strategy Owner, Nishtha Mohendra, Strategy Owner, and Tom Albanese, LSW, Project Lead, Element Consulting Group, LLC

Tom Albanese provided a brief presentation on the Orange County CES Evaluation, which was an independent evaluation conducted by Element Consulting Group with support from the Samueli Foundation.

Board Member Comments:

- Dr. Shauntina Sorrells stated that Samueli Foundation can provide some funding for implementation of recommendations and will be bringing a further plan in the future of the ideas. Dr. Shauntina Sorrells noted that the CES Evaluation is one checkpoint of the CoC Strategic Plan.
- Vice Chair Nishtha Mohendra shared support for the funding to implement recommendations.
- Tim Shaw shared that the CES Evaluation and implementation of recommendations is an exciting opportunity for innovation.
- Robert "Santa Bob" Morse gave a shout out to the Lived Experience Advisory Committee for their work on the CES Evaluation focus groups.

6. HMIS Data Request for the Orange County United Way and University of California, Irvine (UCI) Cost of Homelessness Study – Erin DeRycke, Director, Data Analytics, 2-1-1 Orange County (211OC), OC United Way; Rachel Goldberg, Ph.D. MPH Associate Professor of Sociology, UCI; and Becks Heyhoe-Khalil, Executive Director, United to End Homelessness, OC United Way

Becks Heyhoe-Khalil and Dr. Rachel Goldberg, Ph.D. MPH Associate Professor of Sociology with UCI presented an overview of the Cost of Homelessness Study.

In accordance with the HMIS Policies and Procedures, data requests for client-level data and Program Descriptor Data are approved by the Orange County CoC Board prior to any data being released. On July 28, 2026, 211OC received a data request from UCI to receive an export of client-level data, as well as additional monthly exports. In addition, UCI requested Program Descriptor Data Elements for projects active in HMIS as of September 2026 to gain a better understanding of provider participation and support communication with providers during the study.

Recommended Actions:

b. Approve UCI's HMIS data request for client-level data as detailed in the associated memo for the period of September 1, 2019, through September 30, 2026, with additional monthly HMIS data exports from October 1, 2026, through April 30, 2028, to support the Cost of Homelessness Study facilitated by UCI in partnership with OC United Way.
c. Approve UCI's HMIS data request for Program Descriptor data elements, as detailed in the associated memo, for a one-time export of HMIS data for projects active in HMIS on September 30, 2026, to analyze the cost of homelessness in Orange County.

Upon further discussion, a substitute motion was introduced by Marisol Johnson.

Substitute Motions:

b. Approve UCI's HMIS data request for client-level data as detailed in the associated memo and presentation, except for Custom Question: Phone Number and Custom Question: Country Born, for the period of September 1, 2019, through September 30, 2026, and with additional monthly HMIS data exports from October 1, 2026, through April 30, 2028, to support the Cost of Homelessness Study facilitated by UCI in partnership with OC United Way.
c. Approve UCI's HMIS data request for Program Descriptor data elements, as detailed in the associated memo, for a one-time export of HMIS data for projects active in HMIS on September 30, 2026, to analyze the cost of homelessness in Orange County.

Marisol Johnson motioned to approve the Substitute Motions. Kelita Gardener seconded the motion. Becks Heyhoe-Khalil recused herself due to conflict of interest. Chair Maricela Rios-Faust issued a roll call vote. Dr. Shelby Feliciano-Sabala, Kelita Gardner, Nichole Gideon, Marisol Johnson, Sandra Lozeau, Dr. Tiffany Mitchell, Nishtha Mohendra, Jason Phillips, Maricela Rios-Faust, Tim Shaw, and Dr. Shauntina Sorrells voted yes. Melanie McQueen abstained. Robert "Santa Bob" Morse voted no. The motion passed.

Public Comment:

- Alan Achterberg provided public comment via email in advance of the CoC Board meeting and asked the Board not to approve a multi-year, client-level HMIS export for the Cost of Homelessness Study unless the public record first shows exactly what data will be disclosed, who will receive it, what outside databases it may be linked with, and what enforceable safeguards prevent re-identification, secondary use, or onward disclosure. Alan Achterberg provided additional information and asked before approval, to require a public, redacted version of the data-use or research agreement; a complete data dictionary; the precise Privacy Notice and consent authority relied upon; data minimization and exclusion rules; UCI research-governance or IRB documentation; restrictions on linkage and re-identification; access logging and audit rights; retention and destruction terms; and a clear process for suspending future monthly exports. Alan Achterberg also requested that the approval record expressly state whether the released data may be used for AI or machine-learning development, predictive analytics, automated triage, profiling, or referral recommendations. Alan Achterberg shared support for rigorous research into homelessness costs, but people whose data make that research possible deserve transparency, meaningful privacy protection, and enforceable limits. Alan Achterberg asked to please defer approval until those materials and safeguards are available for public review.

Board Member Comments:

- Marisol Johnson asked the following questions: if there was written documentation of what would occur if data approved gets shared with someone else and what are the consequences of that, if there was capacity from 211OC to complete the data request, and why the question of Country of Birthplace was included. Marisol Johnson shared feedback and comments on the data element being requested.
- Dr. Shelby Feliciano-Sabala shared excitement for a new cost study. Dr. Shelby Feliciano-Sabala questioned when the final presentation or final report would be provided. Dr. Shelby Feliciano-Sabala commented that youth and family homelessness look different and emphasized that there is a need to ensure representation and disaggregated data for specialized populations. Dr. Shelby Feliciano-Sabala asked about accessibility of the report to ensure that the report is not only in an academic journal subscription.
- Melanie McQueen asked about the original HMIS consent form and whether contact information is included in that consent to ensure that clients are not getting unsolicited phone calls.
- Dr. Shauntina Sorrells asked if the United To End Homelessness' Lived Experience Council is looking at the study questions.
- Kelita Gardner asked about the 70-page cost study report.

- Vice Chair Nishtha Mohendra liked the suggestion of finding a balance and relying on the organizations of the systems. Vice Chair Nishtha Mohendra about the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI).

7. Coordinated Entry System (CES) 2 for 1 Match Policy – Maricela Rios-Faust, Chair, Nishtha Mohendra, Vice Chair, and Dr. Tiffany Mitchell, Secretary, CoC Board, and Timothy Kirkconnell, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination

At the June 24, 2026, CoC Board meeting, the Office of Care Coordination provided an update on the evaluation of the 2 for 1 Match Policy (Policy) pilot. The CoC Board clarified the status of the Policy, inquired about the overall use and engagement with the Policy, asked about how the providers and partners were communicated with about the Policy, and expressed support for the CoC Board Officers working with the Office of Care Coordination to prepare next steps related to the Policy implementation. The Office of Care Coordination met with the CoC Board Officers to understand the Officers' proposed next steps for the Policy. This discussion included consideration for the regular review of the CES Policies and Procedures as well as recommendations that may impact the CES Policies and Procedures as a result of the current CES Evaluation. Based on the discussion, the CoC Board Officers recommend incorporating the 2 for 1 Match Policy as part of the CES Policies and Procedures.

The goal of the 2 for 1 Match Policy Outreach and Communications Plan effort is to raise awareness of the Policy so that interested stakeholders understand both its purpose and the process for submitting a match request. Consistent outreach across the full period equips stakeholders to act on the Policy, and helps ensure that any low uptake reflects an informed decision rather than a lack of awareness.

Recommended Actions:

a. Approve the 2 for 1 Match Policy and incorporate the 2 for 1 Match Policy into the CES Policies and Procedures, as recommended by the CoC Board Officers.
b. Approve the 2 for 1 Match Policy Communications Strategy as developed by the Office of Care Coordination, CES Lead, as detailed in the associated memo.

Sandra Lozeau motioned to approve Recommended Actions a. and b. Marisol Johnson seconded the motion. Chair Maricela Rios-Faust issued a voice vote. No nays, no abstention, the motion passed.

Board Member Comments:

- Kelita Gardner asked for clarification on how "bi-weekly" is being defined within the communication plan.

b. CoC Program Update — Zulima Lundy, Director of Operations and Timothy Kirkconnell, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination

On September 18, 2026, at 2:20 p.m. PT, HUD reopened its FY26 CoC NOFO to accept applications with a new deadline of September 30, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. PT. The Orange County CoC will be utilizing the results of the FY 2026 local competition process to respond to the reissued FY 2026 CoC Program NOFO and will not be soliciting any additional proposals nor updating the project priority listing. The Office of Care Coordination as the Collaborative Applicant will work alongside the CoC Funded Agencies and New Project Applicants to finalize e-snaps applications. The Office of Care Coordination will also work to finalize the Consolidated Application and be ready to submit by the September 30, 2026, deadline.

On September 1, 2026, HUD released the FY 2027 Fair Market Rents (FMR). Public comments are due to HUD by October 1, 2026. Orange County is one of the areas where the FY 2027 FMR decreased when compared to FY 2026. The FY 2027 FMRs for the Orange County metro area decreased from 2026 by between 3-5.5%, depending upon bedroom size. The Office of Care Coordination reached out to CoC Funded Agencies to hear how agencies will be impacted by the changes in FMR and whether agencies will be providing public comment on this change The Office of Care Coordination is looking to provide an impact report to the CoC Board at a future meeting.

c. HMIS Lead Updates – Erin DeRycke, Director, Data Analytics, 211OC, Orange County United Way

Erin DeRycke provided the following HMIS Lead updates: the HMIS Policies and Procedures that will go to the Lived Experience Advisory Committee on October 7, 2026, for approval; published reports of Data Quality Report Cards, Emergency Shelter Project Performance Reports, and Street Outreach Project Performance Reports; active data requests that have new updates; and upcoming HMIS meetings and training opportunities.

Board Member Comments:

- Dr. Shauntina Sorrells asked about the CoC Dashboard timeframe of when it will be completed.
- Becks Heyhoe-Khalil highlighted United to End Homelessness' Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week which is coming up in November. United to End Homelessness will be partnering with PBS SoCal for various events.

Dr. Shauntina Sorrells motioned to adjourn the meeting. Nishtha Mohendra seconded the motion. Chair Maricela Rios-Faust adjourned the meeting at 4:47 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, October 28, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.