

**ORANGE COUNTY
CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD
Wednesday, October 28, 2020
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

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MINUTES

Board Member Names

Jeanne Awrey, OC Dept. of Education [Secretary]
Matt Bates, City Net
Judson Brown, City of Santa Ana
Natalie Bui, Veteran Affairs CRRC
Donald Dermit, The Rock Church
Curtis Gamble, Hope Lifted
Vacant
Vacant

Becks Heyhoe, OC United Way
Patti Long, Mercy House
Dawn Price, Friendship Shelter
Albert Ramirez, City of Anaheim
Maricela Rios-Faust, Human Options
George Searcy, Jamboree Housing [Chair]
Tim Shaw, Individual [Vice-Chair]

Call to Order – George Searcy, Chair

Chair George Searcy called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

Board Member Roll Call – Jocelyn Gaspar, Continuum of Care Specialist

Present: Matt Bates, Judson Brown, Donald Dermit, Curtis Gamble, Becks Heyhoe, Dawn Price, Patti Long, Albert Ramirez, Maricela Rios-Faust, George Searcy and Tim Shaw.

Absent Excused: Jeanne Awrey and Natalie Bui.

Public Comments: Members of the public may address the Continuum of Care (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 CoC Board member discussion. 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 CoC Board, members of the public are to enter their name and agenda item number in the GoToMeeting chat box to be placed in a queue. CoC Board staff will call your name in the order listed in the chat box.

- Pat Davis congratulated the nominated CoC Board candidates and commented on the County of Orange Standards of Care for Emergency Shelters.

CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters are approved by one motion unless pulled by a Board Member for discussion or separate action. The CoC Board requests that only pertinent information be discussed during this time.

1. Approve Continuum of Care Board Meeting Minutes from September 23, 2020.

Chair George Searcy pulled the CoC Board Meeting Minutes from September 23, 2020, for discussion. Dawn Price requested Agenda Item 5 in the meeting minutes be updated to include her CoC Board member comment.

Vice Chair Tim Shaw motioned to approve the recommendation. Patti Long seconded the recommendation. The recommendation passed by unanimous consent.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

1. Director of Care Coordination Update – Jason Austin, Director

- a. Jason Austin announced new staff updates for the Office of Care Coordination.
 - i. New staff includes Doug Becht, Director of Programs; Sara Jones, Shelter Administrator; Andrew Hong, ADA & Compliance Specialist; Rocio Palafox, Grievance & Appeals Specialist; and Mayra Vargas, Coordinated Entry System Specialist.
 - ii. Promoted staff includes Zulima Lundy, CoC Manager; Karen Betances, Shelter Manager; and Natalie Dempster, Data Integration Manager.
 - iii. Pending or open positions include Care Coordination Manager and CoC Administrator

2. Continuum of Care Manager Update – Zulima Lundy, Continuum of Care Manager

- a. Policies, Procedures and Standards (PPS) Committee
The PPS Committee held its inaugural meeting on October 19, 2020. The PPS Committee focused on establishing a Committee Charter and evaluating a proposed HMIS User License Fee Structure Policy. The PPS Committee will be meeting every second Tuesday of the month at 3:30 p.m.
- b. Longitudinal system Analysis (LSA)
The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is combining the 2019 and 2020 data collection process in an effort to simplify the process for the CoCs. The LSA will be submitted December 31, 2020, and will be presented to the CoC Board during the January 2021 meeting.
- c. Racial Equity Analysis
The Office of Care Coordination is in preliminary discussions with a consultant/researcher on the proposed framework for a Racial Equity Analysis. A proposed Scope of Work and feedback is pending from the potential consultant/researcher.
- d. 2021 Point in Time Count
The 2021 Point in Time Count Advisory Committee held its first meeting. Guidance on the 2021 Point in Time Count is pending from HUD, specific to COVID-19 considerations.
- e. COVID-19 Homeless Response Funding
The COVID-19 Homeless Response Funding for the Orange County CoC has served 84 individuals and 106 family households. The funding must be expended by June 30, 2022. To date \$950,000 has been spent.
- f. Homekey Projects
Two of the County of Orange's Homekey project submissions have been awarded by the State. Approximately \$23.1 million has been awarded for both the Tahiti Motel and the Stanton Inn and Suites. These two projects will create a total of 132 affordable housing homes for people experiencing homelessness who have been impacted by COVID-19 in Orange County.
- g. Request for Proposals (RFP) Updates
The Office of Care Coordination anticipates bringing funding recommendations for the Capital Funding for Homeless Service Projects RFP to the CoC Board during the November 2020 meeting. The COVID-19 Homelessness and Prevention Response RFP closed on October 7, 2020, and review is underway. The Coordinated Entry System for Individuals RFP bid started on October 14, 2020 and will end November 10, 2020.
- h. Funding Updates

The Federal Emergency Solutions Grant Program, Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act (ESG-CV) Round 1 funding allocated to the County of Orange will be utilized for the Cold Weather Shelter in Santa Ana from January to April 2021. The Federal ESG-CV Round 2 allocated to the County of Orange will be utilized for the Yale Navigation Center operations and Project Toolbelt expansion. The Notice of Funding Availability released by the State for ESG-CV Round 1 and 2 funding prioritizes assisting people experiencing homelessness and has a limited opportunity for homeless prevention assistance. Funding commitments to date includes Homekey Projects operations funding, COVID-19 Positive Non-Congregate Shelter, the Family Solutions Collaborative and COVID-19 Homelessness and Prevention Response RFP.

Public Comments:

- Lulu Hammad shared a question for the CoC Board and Office of Care Coordination staff.
- Elizabeth Andrade commented on the changes in Homeless Prevention funding, on sharing changes in funding to project applicants and urged on developing a plan for on evictions once evictions moratoriums are lifted.
- David Gillanders commented on the hours spent from staff writing an RFP response for Homeless Prevention, stressed the importance of communication to project applicants and advocated for the need for Homeless Prevention.

The Office of Care Coordination Recognizes that the COVID-19 Homelessness and Prevention Response RFP was released proactively with a greater amount allocated for Homeless Prevention, but given the State's feedback, the amount for Homeless Prevention has been reduced. Possible options for funding Homeless Prevention include funding left from Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round 1 and future funding opportunities from the State of California.

3. Presentations in recognition of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month – Zulima Lundy, Continuum of Care Manager

- a. Maricela Rios-Faust, Chief Executive Office and Sara Behmerwohld, Legal Advocacy Manager, Human Options presented on the intersection of domestic violence, homelessness, the impacts of COVID-19, keys to supporting survivors of domestic violence and policy recommendations.
- b. Sharon Wie, Director of Programs, Interval House presented on the importance of addressing DV and the purpose, implementation and progress of the Domestic Violence Bonus Project awarded through the FY 2019 CoC Program Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA).

4. FY2020 CoC NOFA Ad Hoc Recommendations – Maricela Rios-Faust, Human Options

Maricela Rios-Faust, a member of the FY2020 CoC NOFA Ad Hoc, shared details about the process and background on the recommended actions related to Project Performance Thresholds and Point Allocations being presented to the CoC Board. Zulima Lundy noted that HUD has not released guidelines or updates on the FY2020 NOFA as such the recommended action positions the Orange County CoC to appropriately respond should a FY2020 NOFA be released.

Recommended Action:

- a. Approve the FY 2020 CoC NOFA recommendations related to Project Performance Thresholds and Point allocation for Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing Projects.
- b. Recommend the project performance data reviewed by the Data and Performance Management Committee in February and April 2020 for rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing projects in the FY 2020 CoC NOFA submission.

Dawn Price motioned to approve the FY2020 CoC Ad Hoc recommendations. Donald Dermit seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Judson Brown commented on the utilization of funds and appropriate spenddowns. Zulima Lundy noted that the utilization of funds and appropriate spenddown would be discussed when reviewing the scoring rubric for the FY2020 CoC NOFA.

5. CoC Board Election Results – Zulima Lundy, Continuum of Care Manager

Zulima Lundy provided an overview of the process, timeline and communication shared for the CoC Board Election and presented the results from the election.

Recommended Action:

- a. Ratify the results from the 2020 CoC Board elections to appoint the following candidates to the seats available during the election:
 - i. Judson Brown for the Public Housing Agency Representative seat
 - ii. Tim Houchen for the persons experiencing homelessness or formerly homeless seat
 - iii. Maricela Rios-Faust for Domestic Violence Representative seat
 - iv. Christina Weckerly-Ramirez for the at-large seat prioritizing Behavior Health background and expertise
 - v. Donald Dermit for the at-large seat prioritizing Faith Based Representation
 - vi. Soledad Rivera for the at-large seat prioritizing Health Care background and expertise
 - vii. Matt Bates and Patti Long for the at-large seats prioritizing expertise on homeless services and/or representation of homeless service providers

Chair George Searcy shared his support for the process and the results of the election.

Vice Chair Tim Shaw motioned to approve the recommended action. Dawn Price seconded the recommended action. The motion passed. Judson Brown, Maricela Rios-Faust, Donald Dermit, Matt Bates and Patti Long abstained from voting.

Meeting adjourned: 3:43 p.m.

Next Meeting: November 18, 2020