

**ORANGE COUNTY
CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD
Wednesday, September 23, 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 2:02 p.m.

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

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

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.

- R. Joshua Collins complimented the County of Orange Standards of Care for Emergency Shelter Providers.

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 August 23, 2020.**

Maricela-Rios Faust motioned to approve the item on the Consent Calendar. Matt Bates seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

1. Continuum of Care Manager Update – Zulima Lundy, Interim Continuum of Care Manager

- a. CoC Board Seat Nomination and Selection Process
Voting for the CoC Board seats commenced on September 21, 2020, and will close October 9, 2020, at 4 p.m. Nominees with the most votes will be presented to the CoC Board for ratification during the October meeting.
- b. COVID-19 Homelessness Response Funding
COVID-19 Homelessness Response funding must be fully expended by June 30, 2022. To date, 80 individuals and 76 family households have been served. This funding source has provided 5,659 nights of non-congregate shelter for people experiencing homelessness during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- c. Request For Proposals (RFP)
The COVID-19 Homelessness and Prevention Response RFP bid started on September 9, 2020 and will end on October 7, 2020. The COVID-19 Homelessness and Prevention Response RFP makes funding available for three project types: homelessness prevention, rapid rehousing and COVID-19 responsive services. The Coordinated Entry for Individuals RFP is anticipated to be released soon.
- d. Racial Equity Analysis
The Scope of Work for a racial equity analysis has been developed in partnership with the Office of Care Coordination and the Vice Chair, Tim Shaw. The Office of Care Coordination will be outreaching to potential consultants.
- e. Policies, Procedures and Standards Committee
The Office of Care Coordination will be working with the Policies, Procedures and Standards (PPS) Committee Chair to establish a meeting schedule. Topics to discuss include: Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Policies and Procedures, California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH) and Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) project evaluations and the CoC Board seat nomination and selection process.

Public Comments

- Elizabeth Andrade from Families Assistance Ministries asked a question regarding the Policies, Procedures and Standards Committee membership.
- Karen Williams from 2-1-1 Orange County asked a question the COVID-19 Homelessness and Prevention Response RFP.

2. Marching Home to End Homelessness Update – Zulima Lundy, Interim Continuum of Care Manager

- a. Zulima Lundy shared an overview on the Marching Home to End Veteran Homelessness initiative by local and federal partners to prevent and end homelessness among the veteran population in Orange County. The initiative develops a systemic, intentional and sustainable workflow that promotes coordination and collaboration of all partners to meet the needs of veterans. Marching Home to End Veteran Homelessness was adopted by the County of Orange Board of Supervisors on July 2019 and since then, there has been a 17 percent decrease of veteran homelessness.
- b. Becks Heyhoe and Natalie Bui provided an update and the progress to date on Orange County United Way's WelcomeHomeOC Veteran initiative. WelcomeHome OC assist veterans experiencing homelessness search for rental units that accepts HUD-VASH tenant-based vouchers. Forty-nine veteran households have been housed to date. See CoC Board Presentation slides 7-15 for additional information.

3. 2021 Point in Time Update – Zulima Lundy, Interim Continuum of Care Manager

- a. Zulima Lundy shared an overview and possible considerations of the 2021 bi-annual Point in Time count of persons experiencing sheltered and unsheltered homelessness. The Office of Care Coordination anticipates guidance from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in October to safely conduct a Point in Time Count given the current preventative measures related to COVID-19.
- b. Amended Action: Appoint an advisory committee to provide guidance and feedback during the 2021 Point In Time Count’s planning process. Recommended CoC Board Representation for the 2021 Point in Time Advisory Committee:
 - i. At large Representation – Becks Heyhoe
 - ii. Faith-Based Representation – Donald Dermit
 - iii. Veteran Services Representation – Natalie Bui
 - iv. School District Representation – Jeanne Awrey

Dawn Price motioned to approve the amended action. Jeanne Awrey seconded the amended action. The action passed by unanimous consent.

4. FY2020 CoC Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Update – Zulima Lundy, Interim Continuum of Care Manager

- a. Zulima Lundy shared an update on the FY2020 CoC NOFA process. The release of the FY2020 CoC NOFA is currently pending from HUD and is anticipated to provide guidance on the structure of this year’s competition. While HUD is currently exploring alternative approaches to distribute the FY2020 CoC NOFA funds, the Office of Care Coordination is preparing should a competitive process be released.
- b. Chair George Searcy nominated Maricela Rios-Faust, Natalie Bui, Becks Heyhoe and Jeanne Awrey to serve on the Ad Hoc for the FY2020 CoC NOFA process on behalf of the CoC and provide recommendations to the CoC Board for the FY2020 CoC NOFA.

5. Overview of the Standards of Care for Emergency Shelter Providers – Karen Betances, Shelter Manager, and Sarah Jones, Shelter Administrator

- a. Karen Betances and Sarah Jones shared an overview of the County of Orange Standards of Care for Emergency Shelter Providers for Homeless Services. The Standards of Care establishes minimum standard requirements designed to promote an environment that is conducive to supporting the complex needs presented by those experiencing homelessness within Orange County. The goal is to promote quality assurance practices for the operations of Emergency Shelters. The Standards of Care will be implemented in conjunction with the requirements of all applicable funding sources and all state and federal guidelines.
- b. Dawn Price stated that the Shelter Working Group did not participate in the development of the Standards of Care.
- c. Maricela Rios-Faust recommended establishing an annual review process on the Standards of Care.

Meeting Adjourned 3:32 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 28, 2020